QUEEN ESTHER CHAPTER PLANS CENTENNIAL

by P.M. Addie L. Adams

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1 is making extensive plans for the observance of its 100th Anniversary. The historical event will begin with a Divine Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 12, at 3:00 P.M. at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1225 R Street, N.W. Dr. E. C. Smith, Pastor of the church will deliver the Anniversary Sermon. Refreshments will be served, and a coffee hour on Tuesday morning, May 14, following the service, will culminate in the gala reception, banquet and dance on Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 25, 1974. A Queen Esther woman, the Most Reverend James G. Goodwin, Assistant Bishop of the District of Columbia and diocesan archbishop, will be the keynote speaker.

GRAND MASTER HENRY A. DOVE INAUGURATES HIS SECOND ADMINISTRATION

The Honorable Henry A. Dove, recent Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in the District of Columbia, is beginning his second term in office at the beginning of his administration in 1973 and re-employment, which this year will bring the Masons to its 200th anniversary. The most significant fact about the Masons is that they are going to expand their activities to increase their membership.

The Reverend James D. Pair, son of the late Rev. Harmon and Alie Lassiter Pair, was born on August 31, 1873 near Raleigh, N.C.

After graduating from the North Carolina public schools, he studied at Howard University, graduating in 1893 with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree. Following his graduation, he taught in the schools of that state until coming to Washington, D.C. to work in the U. S. Post Office Department. In 1902, he moved to Washington, D.C.

From 1940 to 1968, he served as a member of the D.C. Selective Service Board and as Chairman of the D.C. Board #12 during World War II. For meritorious service to his nation while associated with the Selective Service System, he received citations from Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson. Added to those citations were numerous other honors which he received in recognition of his outstanding service to his country and community in which he lived.

In 1899 he married Miss Lula N. Thornton of Warren, N.C. and from that union were born six children: Clarence, James, Hubert, Lois, Virginia and Harriet.

He resides at his home - 745 Grant St. N.W., where he has lived for 56 years.

TEXT OF THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS

"Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worship Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, President of the Officers of the Appendant Bodies, Grand Cabinet Officers, elected and appointed, Past Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, Brothers of the Prince Hall Masonic Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, We now have the faith, the confidence and the financial stability required to enjoy the fruits of our labors. "

Greetings.

"It seems that it was rather re-

cent that I stood in this very spot and solicited your full cooperation, confidence and support. The times pass so quickly when something seemingly happens. Since that time, the pieces of deceit, pettiness, jealousy, mistrust, dishonesty, hypocrisy and selfishness have been picked up and buried in the sea of forgetfulness. Your response has been wonderful. Even though I have been encountered, your fine spirit of cooperation and affiliation has brought forth a new spirit of oneness of thought and social togetherness has facilitated our encouraging each other to the extent that we have learned how to disagree with others without losing our common faith, confidence and dignity. We have placed the welfare of the organization ahead of our personal grievances and individual advancement. Even though I have been a individualism raises its ugly head, it is readily identified by the members of the organization to their best interests and the mutual reaction against the situation is evident immediately. This, my brethren and sisters, is a healthy climate -

To speak plainly, we have made many friends and there is no place for favoritism, falsehoods, selfishness, jealousies or pettiness in our busy fraternal and religious life. Can we say amen to this assertion? Let the word go forth, therefore, that we will not be satisfied with anything less than high quality and unselfish performance. For, at last, the satisfaction, experience and pleasure of success has become a part of our beloved jurisdiction's ongoing, stated objective. There are a few exceptions which have been identified, must enjoy the satisfaction of purpose. However, they are in the minority and I would suggest that we always keep in mind that we are leaders of ruse, confusion or as fraternal liabilities. It may be of our own making and our difficulty does not come from those who are down the road rather, from individuals in whom we have failed to show our confidence by selecting them for position of leadership, perhaps mistakenly, and in the search for those of self-sufficiency or other negative characteristics has revealed a time for the membership and to the public, much too long. Your respect, semen have been exposed to such evildoers and workers of iniquity and we must, if possible, identify them by simply listening and observing. Usually, they fail to practice what they preach.

Let me clear the air once and for all regarding the aforementioned statements. I was invited by G.W. Matron Yearwood to attend her keynote address meeting Monday, December 23, 1973. I listened with great amazement as she announced her proposal to have a major fund-raising activity on September 13, 1974, just two weeks prior to the Grand Master's annual Fund Raising Activity scheduled for September 27, 1974. You may recall that I took exception to this proposed operating procedure on the previous meeting, stating, in my opinion, it was not in the mutual interest of the jurisdiction. Those who were present remember the response. Later in the evening, I called the Grand Matron of the District of Columbia to her home to advise her that my statement was official to provide all misunderstanding of my position on her part. I also informed her that I would confirm our telephone conversation in writing. Accordingly, I sent her a letter discussing the issue. It was changed because it was not in the best interests of the jurisdiction. In the case of theעמבר refund, the members of our fraternal membership could not effectively support two major activities within 30 days of each other. My original letter was mailed via Registered Mail.
O.E.S. --- NEWS

Ruth Chapter No. 8

WORTHY MATRON
ELIZABETH F. SUTTON - RUTH CHAP. No. 8, is to express her sincere appreciation to the officers, committee members, and all of the members of Ruth Chapter, St. John Lodge No. 12 and Acacia Lodge No. 25 for their cooperation and support, and dedicated service during her term of office. Because of their support she was able to raise over $2000.00 from which her sister-in-law and she paid the following children’s Hospital: $100.00, Howard University’s Sickles Program: $100.00, Stoddard Baptist Home: $50.00 and the Alcuin Program $150.00.

P. M. Eloise Bland, Sister Vastra Thompson and Emma McRae, made an extensive ten day tour of London, Paris, and Brussels in October. Sister Moezil is recuperating from major surgery in Sibley Memorial Hospital.

Sister Anna Mae Thomas was elected worthy Matron, Ruth Chapter No. 8. Compiling her cabinet are the following officers: Anna Mae Thomas, Worthy Matron, Bertha Adair, Deputy Matron, Alexander Parker, Associate Secretary, P. M. Ruth D. Smith, Treasurer, P. M. Vastra Thompson, Librarian.

Conductor Ruby Funches, Associate Conductors, Annie Stuller, P. M. Eloise Bland, Chairwoman, P. M. James W. Thompson, P. M. Ematha Red Warder, Katherine Jones, Sentinel, Shedrick Foreman, Assistant Sentinel, Mattie H. Davis, Marshall, Lois H. Massenbury, Chaplain, Emma McRae, Musician, P. G. M. Ruth D. Buckett, Assistant Musician, Marguerite Duckett, Christian Flag Bearer, Mary Pegues, American Flag Bearer, Sylvia Brown, O. E. S. Flag Bearer, Jeanette Ciburn, Ada Mary Bryant, Ruth Dunn, Esther, Grace Vowell, Martha Willie Mae Bayley, Electra, Ruby Brown.

The Worthy Matron-elect announced that her tentative program for 1974 would be as follows: January 9th - The Inaugural Meeting; February 13th - The Eastern Star Degree; March 13th - The Queen of the South Degree April 30th - The Amaranth Degree; and 27th Special Activity, May 8th Regular Meeting, June 12th Sixtieth Anniversary (1914-1974), June 15th Worthy Matron's Activity; A trip to the Virgin Islands, July 8th & 9th (vacation), September 11th Past Matron's and Matron's Night - New Members on appointed station, September 29th - Joint Divine Service, October 20th Cabaret Dance with Brother Lodge, November 13th Annual Visitations of the Grand Chapter and Show amusing of the J. P. M. Elizabeth, December 11th - Election of Officers and Tribute, December 16th South Degree - Margaret Bonham.

P. M. Mattye S Holmes Staff Reporter

A WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1974, the Worthy Matron, Anna S. Thomas, assisted by Worthy Matron Ruth Chapter, instructed the new officers to inaugurate their administration as the presiding officers of Ruth Chapter No. 8 for the year 1974.

THREE WISE MASTERS -- How a New Concept is Impacting on the Masonic world.

Metro Station to be Installed at Tenth & You

Metro has announced plans for the construction of a Subway Station to be located adjacent to the Masonic Temple at Tenth and You Street, N.W.

Metro officials have decided to expand efforts of Grand Master Henry A. Dove, residents and businessmen of the area to enable the establishment and location of the station which has been accepted by the Subway Commission and plans have been approved. Construction will begin in the latter part of the facilities during the summer of 1976.

The announcement by Metro officials of the recommendation of members and businessmen of the community is an indication of the importance of recognizing our responsibility of community involvement and participation in its affairs.

E. J. C. T. O. - Growth in Membership

We refer to the official T.O. of the T.O. of the T.O. for the month of October 1974.

The chapter has increased its membership by 10%. This is a major milestone for the chapter. The T.O. of the T.O. is proud to be a part of this growth.

Various lodges and approximately 100 new members were added to the chapter roster — the chapter is progressing. We must continue to work hard to ensure that this trend continues.

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ADDRESS - Cont'd. from Pg. 1 with Return Receipt Requested - copies of which were sent to the Grand W. Priests of the Chapter, doing the members and others whose names are listed below. This was done as a precautionary measure, as per my experience in handling such situations similar to this one. We wish to assure our members that we are doing our best to resolve the situation.

The chapter is working on a plan to provide better service to our members. We appreciate the cooperation of all members and hope that we can continue to improve our service.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

P. M. Eloise Bland, Worthy Matron, and Ruth Chapter No. 8, are proud to announce that they have been awarded the highest honor conferred upon a sister by the chapter. Their efforts toward making the chapter's sixtieth anniversary a success will be commended.

We are grateful for the support we have received from our members and the community. We are looking forward to a successful year ahead.

P. M. Eloise Bland, Worthy Matron, Ruth Chapter No. 8

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Hubert Turner, Manager

Wishing all of our members and friends a Happy New Year and a prosperous year ahead.

The staff of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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THE REVEREND HENRY C. GREGORY, III DELIVERS ANNIVERSARY SERMON

The Rev. Henry C. Gregory, III, Pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, delivered a soul-searching sermon to the Craft on Sunday, November 17, 1973 during the observance of the 125th Anniversary of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 9th & S Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

In his stirring and uplifting message Reverend Gregory heralded the hosts of brethren and sisters attending the service. "Walk uprightly, with your head high — with your hand in God's hand and you'll never — never walk alone.

Featured on the program were selections rendered by the Church choir and the Masonic Choir, a warm welcome by P. M. Abraham Betha responded to by a member of the Grand Cabinet, and the reading of the Scriptures by the W. Grand Organist, the Rev. Ernest B. Cummings.

The Hon. Henry A. Dove, Grand Master, after being introduced by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, John D. Howard, expressed his appreciation to the visiting dignitaries, members of the Craft, Order of the Eastern Star, and affiliated bodies attending the service and introduced the members of his Cabinet. Following his remarks the Grandmaster introduced the Grand Worthy Matron and Patron of the Georgianas Thomas Grand Chapter, O.E.S. who introduced and recognized the representatives of the Grand Chapter and subordinate chapters present at the observance.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO SPONSOR TOUR OF PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH COUNTRY

Gethsemane Commandery No. 3 announces a wonderful and relaxing trip to the beautiful Pennsylvania Dutch Country on Saturday, June 15, 1974. The Commandery extends a cordial invitation to members of the Craft, their families and friends to join them on their tour and enjoyment of a wonderful trip that will include a meal. For ticket information please contact Percy Collins, 832-6264 or Walter F. Hackley - 726-3706.

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Worshipful Master of the Year

Worshipful Master Robert Vinson, presiding officer of Acacia Lodge No. 25, was awarded the "Worshipful Master of the Year Award." For administration of his lodge and distinguished service to the Jurisdiction during the year 1973.

The presentation was made by Grand Master Harry A. Dove at the Annual "Awards Banquet" on Thursday, December 13, 1973.

Under his leadership, Acacia Lodge made many invaluable contributions toward the progress and success of the Grand Master's program and activities of the Grand Lodge. Among noteworthy achievements accomplished during his administration was a contribution of $1,500 to the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge for the Sickle Cell Anemia Research Program at Howard University. During his administration, the lodge published Acacia News, an ongoing newsletter available within the jurisdiction.

The addition to presenting the award to the Junior Past Master, Grand Master Dove announced outstanding individual and group activities as the Co-Chairman of the Second Sunday Forum Meeting in the year 1974.

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Mavolie continues her timely suggestions for solving the food crisis resulting from ever soaring food costs. Chicken continues to be a favorite and semi-intensive food and she offers the following recipes for tickling the discerning palate and balancing the food budget.

PERFECT FRIED CHICKEN
To achieve perfect fried chicken, try the following recipe:
2 1/2 - 3 lbs chicken (washed & patted dry)
3 tsp Season-All* 1/3 cup All-Purpose Flour
1 tsp paprika (optional) 1 tsp baking powder
Salt and pepper
Shortening for frying
Combine flour, paprika, salt, and pepper in a plastic bag; add 2 or 3 pieces of chicken at a time and shake. Heat shortening in a deep (in skillet) until a drop of water sizzles. Brown chicken, about 15-20 minutes, reduce heat and cover tightly. (If cover isn't tight, add 1 tbsp of water). Cook until tender, about 30-40 minutes. Uncover during the last 10 minutes of frying.
NOTE: Add 1/2 cup of dry, fine bread crumbs to flour for a more crusty coating.

BARBECUED CHICKEN
Wash and pat cut-up chicken parts. For the following barbecuing results, marinate chicken-using lemon juice and season all. Place chicken either a covered dish or plastic bag and refrigerate over night. Place chicken down on grill and brush lightly with the barbecue sauce. Repeat several times. Cook until chicken is tender and no longer red at the bones.

BARBECUE SAUCE (Texas Style)
The following recipe may be used for barbecued chicken & ribs served as a sauce for broiled or grilled chicken or ribs:
1 cup vinegar
1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
1 large onion, diced
1/2 cup ketchup
6 cloves minced garlic
1/4 tsp pepper
1 1/2 cups sugar
Combine ingredients; stir and summer for 15 minutes. Serve with broiled chicken or ribs.

STEWED CHICKEN
1 1/2 to 2 lbs ready to cook stewing chicken (cut up)
1 large onion, sliced
2 green peppers, sliced
2 carrots, sliced
1 cup water
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp sugar
1/4 tsp pepper
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp sugar
Mix all ingredients; simmer for 4 hours. Serve over rice or noodles.

*NOTE: If using dry chicken, the time may need to be reduced. If using raw chicken, the time may need to be increased.

CHICKEN WITH DUMPLINGS
Stewed Chicken 1 cup chopped onion 2 tsp minced garlic 1/2 tsp salt 1/4 tsp pepper 1/4 tsp sugar 1/4 tsp paprika 1/2 tsp dry mustard 1 1/2 cups flour 1/2 cup milk 2 cups milk
Combine chicken, onion, garlic, salt, pepper, sugar, paprika, mustard, and flour in a saucepan. Add milk and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour. Remove dumplings and chicken to hot platter; keep hot while preparing dumpling sauce. Mix flour, milk, sugar, pepper, and salt. Remove dumplings; no need to refrigerate. Garnish with parsley. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

For a delectable dessert — try the following recipe:

STRAWBERRY CAKE
Use the Pound Cake mixture from the previous article published in the November issue. Line bottom of a 9 x 9 pan with miniature marshmallows. Pour cake batter over marshmallows. Put strawberries, fresh or frozen, on top of cake. Bake for 1 hour at 300 degrees.

CHICKEN GRAVY
To prepare Chicken gravy: strain broth from Stewed Chicken. Measure 1 quart into medium saucepan. Heat to boiling. Combine 1/2 cup all-purpose flour with 1 cup milk and water. Gradually add to broth, mixing well. Cook, stirring constantly, till mixture is smooth and bubbly, season with 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Pour over chicken and dumplings. Garnish with parsley. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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GRAND MASTER REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CRAFT

The Honorable Henry A. Dow recommended the unsupervised probation of the jurisdiction with his re-election as Grand Master of Prince Hall Masonic Lodge No. 18 in the District of Columbia during the recent Annual Communication held at the Masonic Temple on December 12-14, 1972.

In his address to the Craft on that occasion, the Grand Master pointed out that the record of progress and achievements of the jurisdiction since the inception of the "Right Eight Program" in 1967 and which will end with his administration.

"TEXT OF GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS"

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Right Worshipful and Worshipful Brothers, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests and Brethren of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and District of Columbia, Greetings.

It is my profound pleasure, as your honored senior, to welcome you with an account of the stewardship of this administration and the state of the Craft. To the Craft, a sense of responsibility has always been a part of our daily lives. We, the officers of this Lodge, have gathered up the pieces of pettiness, jealousies, mistrust, obsessions, hate, racism, and selflessness and buried them in the sea of forgiveness. We were aware of the challenge and we represented the final year of the eight-year plan. DO IT YOURSELF CONCEPT was courageously implemented by Past Grand Master Joseph N. Yearwood in 1967 and 1968 and so vigorously pursued by the late Past Grand Master Rupert J. Smith in 1969 and 1970. Visualizing our mission as a two-fold one, we not only had to overcome unprecedented opposition, but also had to develop long-range plans for the future. The Petitioner of Prince Hall Masonry in the District of Columbia, in 1963, we painstakingly established our goals. It was the five Ps as our ground rule--"Petition, Preparation, Performance." Our philosophy was and still is entwined in the following phrases:


The THE PRINCE HALL DIGEST

The reactivating of the Prince Hall Masonic Digest became a reality and has served as a useful communication tool thanks to the untiring efforts of the Grand Editor-in-Chief Grafton J. Daniels and the Services of the Executive Officer, Brother Roscoe Ayers. Their professional ability and dedication have been most conspicuous when we encountered difficulty with the former publisher. His credibility became somewhat questionable wherein it was decided that we should express our interest to terminate our contract with him. Many complaints were received from many of our subscribers and the Commonwealth Attorney of Alexandria, Va. A new contractor was identified via invitations to bid and a new contract signed without interruption to business. We commend Brothers Daniels and Ayers for their contribution to Prince Hall Masonry.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

The establishment of the Department of Public Relations and its effective promotion by Past Grand Master Thomas and Worshipful James L. Martin, Grand Director and Assistant Grand Director, respectively, have put Prince Hall Masonry back in the mainstream of the community. They have had something publicized on the average of every third week throughout the year. Our Public Relations load almost alone as Past Master Henson had a heart attack and was hospitalized at the same time and in the same room with Past Grand Master Hendershott.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PRINTING

The Department of Printing was established to facilitate our keeping the membership well informed. It has helped, but the enthusiastic use of the facility has not reached its full potential and its usefulness is contingent on the use the memberships, makes it.

LITIGATION

After we had organized and the spirit of new enthusiasm and cooperation surfaced, we were faced with the unexpected. On December 12, 1972, a civil action was filed in District court against the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge for damages of $5,000.00 and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. The action was filed by Thomas J. Carter, a member of Coninitian Lodge No. 18 who had been harassed because of, according to the record, his refusal to comply with the edict issued by Grand Master Hendershott and sustain the precedent of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge. What was even more perplexing was that our investigation revealed that there was correspondence from an attorney representing the plaintiff dated August 1972 and an unopened letter from the plaintiff addressed to Grand Master Joseph N. Yearwood, Jr. and delivered to the Grand Master on December 12, 1972 which was not reported at the last Grand Lodge Session and we had no knowledge of until the summons was delivered to me as Grand Master on December 14, 1972.

Upon receipt of the summons, I immediately advised Grand Lodge trustees and the elective officers and turned the matter over to our Legal Counsel who was advised at the next regular Cabinet meeting which was the first Saturday in February. The case has been scheduled on three dates: May 24, September 4 and November 19. It could not be heard because of the crowded schedule of the courts. On my first appearance before the Court, I was represented by Howard R.W. Junior Grand Stewards, R.W. Grand Treasurer Patterson, R.W. Grand Secretary Farrow, R.W. Grand Trustee Chuck Lynch, Worshipful Appointees Thomas Johnson, Matthew Ellis, Henry Carpentier and others, including those sub-poenaed Past Grand Masters--Hendershott who issued the edict, EFV, Grand Master who was the Grand Master to whom the preliminary two pieces of legal paper were addressed, we observed that Thomas J. Carter, the plaintiff, was apparently being assisted by Past Master Applewhite of Cornitian Lodge No. 18 and Past Master Jenkins of Coninitian Lodge No. 18. On our third appearance before the Court, after Past Grand Master Hendershott's death, we were represented by Howard R.W. Grand Stewards, R.W. Grand Treasurer Patterson, R.W. Grand Secretary Farrow, R.W. Grand Trustee Chuck Lynch, Worshipful Appointees Thomas Johnson, Matthew Ellis, Henry Carpentier and others, including those sub-poenaed Past Grand Masters--Hendershott whose condition had worsened and he passed the following Wednesday and was buried the Saturday before Labor Day.

Let us resolve that their labor was not in vain in us but in us, and answer ourselves to the task of giving our best efforts to the cause that they gave their lives for themselves. May the memories of their contributions live long in our lives and may we be inspired by the example of their dedications and by the example of the welfare of Prince Hall Masonry. We pray that their souls will rest in peace in the shadows of the Almighty who doth all things well. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; Be the Name Of The Lord. So Mote It. - Be AMEN

MECCA TEMPLE No. 10

In February of 1973, our attention was directed to a

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A Scene From The New Year's Day Reception

Funeral Services For The Late P.G.M S. Matthew Hendershott

in eight years has carried the Masonic Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia from insolvency of approximately $28,000 in past due bills and a mortgage of approximately $352,000 in 1967 to Quick Assay of approximately $1,000,000, an increase of approximately $198,000 on its Masonic Home which is being liquidated at the rate of approximately $2,250 per month and will be paid off in full October 1979. My dear Brother, I would prefer not to document this because I am not proud of it. But you have placed your confidence in this administration by your active support and cooperation. And I feel I have an obligation to tell it like it is as Henry A. Dove, your Grand Master, has no double standards and I am not a phony. I think it was Pogo who said "We have found the enemy and the enemy is us.

NECROLOGY

We were saddened on our return from the Grand Lodge sessions in New Jersey to learn of the passing of Grand Chaplain Emeritus, the Rev. John A. Franklin. We were scheduled to go on to Wilmington, Delaware for the following Tuesday. However, the Senior Grand Warden Dr. Marshall had finalized the Saturday arrangements with the family and we attended the service on Saturday to pay homage to our beloved Grand Chaplain Emeritus. On our return from the Shriner’s Convention in Detroit, we found Past Grand Master Hendershott’s condition had worsened and he passed the following Wednesday and was buried the Saturday before Labor Day.

A Scene From The New Year's Day Reception

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Grand Master Greets New Year's Reception Guests

Masonic & Eastern Star Choir Perform at January Second Sunday Forum

III. Potentate Rufus Mitchell Extends Greetings From Mecca #10 at New Year's Day Reception

Grand Master Congratulates R.W. Deputy Grand Master Howard and Grand Cabinet at New Year's Day Reception

Most Worshipful Grand Master Henry A. Dove and Cabinet of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge

Acacia #25 Awards Life-Membership Certificates

Grand Master Dove Congratulates P.M. Curtis Dudley of Acacia #25 Upon Receiving Distinguished Service Trophy

Grand Worthy Matron Verl N. Yearwood Pledges Support of the Georgianna Thomas Grand Chapter, O.E.S. at Second Sunday Forum Meeting

D.C. Planning Commission For Metro Presents Architectural Plans for Proposed Subway Station at 10th & You Streets, N.W.

Grand Master Observes Blood Donor on Prince Hall Blood Bank Day

Masonic & Eastern Star Committee for 1974

Grand Master Dove Greets Guests At the Grand Master's Ball - 1973

P.G.M. Curtis Blakely Officiates At Cornerstone Laying For the 2nd New St. Paul Baptist Church
The Sound of Music
by Malcolm J. Taylor
W. Minister of Music

The Prince Hall Masonic Family Choir has been blessed with three sisters of the Eastern Star that have shown this distinct interest in making their choir one of the greatest in this jurisdiction.

They bring with them talents that your choir will be hearing for the near future for they are Chapeters well known for their great ability in their work previously.

The choir needs more interested girls, willing to give the ability to further the work of the choir. We sincerely wish that more sisters and Students will unite with the choir so that the Jurisdiction with the support of those who do not have a little support from you along the line.

The male section of the choir is singing along with the male section of the Jurisdiction in the annual Men's Day at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church on Sunday, February 10th at 3:00 p.m. Come and hear this male choir of at least 75 voices in the direction of the WGGM M. Taylor.


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REVIEW OF FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS - TEXAS

GRAND MASTER I. H. CLAYBORN OF TEXAS stated that the Jurisdiction was in a very sound condition and doing an excellent job. Keeping the new ideas advanced this year was combining the masonic district into regions, which enable more Master Masons to see a large number of Grand Lodge Officers without traveling a long distance to the annual sessions.

The Jurisdiction has seven Prince Hall sponsored apartment complexes that are demonstrating to masonry throughout the world the fine management of our Lodges as instituted by the Grand Lodge of Texas.

LOUISIANA

The John H. Lewis, Jr. OF LOUISIANA stated in his Annual Address, that masonry must extend beyond the boundaries of the lodge halls and temples become involved in the Community if it is to have any effective organization. The programs of masonry cannot be limited to the Masonic Order alone, but must be designed to assist as many people as possible in one form or another, including the victims, stating that to do our best is not enough. We must now do what we are required to give the people a new start.

One of the highlights of the 1973 Sessions was the report on the camp for underprivileged youngsters. Camp Chicot.

Investor's Guide
by Richard Roberts
Financial Editor

 cmdline pastors
should relieve our depending upon
our nations.

 Railroads
Trains are more efficient users of land and fuel and are more democratic than automobiles.

 Domestic Companies
Domestic Oil Companies should do well since they are not primarily dependent on the Middle East for the major source of oil.

 Roberts will answer all pertinent
inquiries.

 On Sunday, January 20, 1974, the M.W. Grand Master Hector José L. Camacho attended the First Divine Service of the year as guests of Charles Datcher. After the service ended, Mr. Porter congratulated the M.W. Grand Master on his attendance. The event was thrilled by music presented by the Atlanta Branch of the Masonic Youth Association at the Atlanta Baptist Church and the William Minor Singers. After a stirring message by an always admired Pastor of Israel Baptist Church, remarks were made by W.M. Grand Master Derrick, W.G. Grand Master Edgar, W.M. Grand Master D. E. Jackson and W.G. Grand Master W. C. Williams.

 Mr. Lewis is an agent with Prudential Insurance Company of America, District of Columbia Agency, Washington, D.C. He has received the Honor on the basis of his sales performance in 1973, in which he sold over $1 million of dollars of life and health insurance and qualified to attend Prudential Sales Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

 Mr. Roberts who joined Prudential in November 1972, attended Morehouse College, Atlanta. He has received several company honors for sales achievements, including the coveted "Most Appreciated Person" award.

 A resident of West Hyattsville, he is a member of the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, and the Mecca Temple Shrine. Mr. Lewis is the father of four children.

 Discussion of the grand convocation was the Annual Award’s Banquet held on Thursday, November 15, 1973 in the Ballroom during which the Grand Master presented fifteen citations. The District Grand Lodge Services, to fifteen recipients in recognition of their outstanding services during the year.

 Animated line of Masons and W G dwellers send to the choir voices that are heard in thunderous applause.

 The choir will present on Palm Sunday, Doublo Seven Last Words. Your support by attending this Easter Cantata will inspire the choir and let them know that you are behind them in their efforts. Won’t you come? You will be most welcome to come with you and then you will see first hand what your Prince Hall Lodge can do with a little support from you along the line.

 The male section of the choir is singing along with the men section of the Jurisdiction in the annual Men’s Day at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church on Sunday, February 10th at 3:00 p.m. Come and hear this male choir of 75 voices in the direction of WGGM M. Taylor.

 Within the Craft
(A Digest of Fraternal News)

 James L. Martin, Jr.
 "The" Ass’t Director of Public Relations
COMING IN NEXT ISSUE

"Letters to the Editor"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1974

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
March 31: Grand Matron's Recital, 5th Floor Masonic Temple 4:00 p.m.
April 4: Grand Matron's Breakfast Dance, 10:00 p.m. until Ramada Inn at Thomas Circle.
May 8: Grand Master's Conference, Indiana
May 23: OES Birthday, 7:00 p.m.
May 24: Operational Renewal
May 26: Queen Esther Day
June 8: OES Gala Awards Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. at Shoreham Americana Blue Room
June 23: St. John's Day, 3:00 p.m.
Shiloh Baptist Church
June 26: OES Semi-Annual Session
September 8: Prince Hall Grand Lodge 4:00 p.m.
September 27: Grand Master's Ball, 9:00 p.m.
October 4: Masonic Memorial Service Easter Star Room 6:00 p.m.
October 27: OES & Thornton A. Jackson Founder's Day, 4:00 p.m.
November 10: Lodge of Sorority, 7:00 p.m.
November 17: OES Annual Session, 7:00 p.m.
Ashbury Methodist Church
November 24: 126th Annual Grand Lodge Divine Service Shiloh Baptist Church 7:30 p.m.

THE MEANING OF FREE MASONRY
by Grafton J. Daniels
Editor in Chief

The Meaning of Free Masonry

presented by the Elders of the Society with a white garment symbolic of the purity of life to which the candidate is dedicated and similar to the Lambkins or White Leather Apron. The first gift bestowed upon the candidate as an "Apprentice" — an emblem that was considered more honorable than any the accolade conferred by human hands.

Upon his admission, an oath was administered to which he bound him, irrevocably to secrecy and pledged him to making improvements on the established usages of the society. The Pythagorean philosophy seems to have obtained much if not all of the culture and ceremonies characterizing that school of esoteric thought and teaching. It is believed by many of our Masonic writers that the presentation of Masonic symbols, legends, and material in Europe can be attributed to Pythagoras. The eminent Locke, who wrote "The Wisdom of the Ancients," states that the Manuscript among papers of the Bodelian Library which is believed to be the original handwriting of King Henry the Sixth, who was a Mason, states that the "Great Light of Egypt from Egypt and Syria into Europe was as a result of cross-fertilization."

John 14:6. He is a "The presence of his existence, Freemasons enjoyed for a long time the protection and tranquility of the Church, for in the former, became alarmed at the continued growth of the order, and privileges enjoyed by its members. Some Masonic lodges, however, already established in Great Britain and Europe, helped the order, and continued to spread the doctrines of the order throughout England and Scotland and preserved its ancient landmarks. From this period the institutions extended rapidly and established a definite permanence. The dignity of the order was elevated and the beauty of its principles more widely known.

THE PRINCE HALL MASONIC DIGEST
announces the Appointment of the Following JUNIOR CITIZEN'S CORPS TRAINEES

THE STAFF

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Secretary
Mr. James A. Taylor
Layout Specialist

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Division of the Shrine Parade. As a matter of fact the courtesies extended to the III. Potentate left nothing to be desired. There was perhaps the slightest hint of a touch of that old 

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Grand Master Howard and Asst. Grand Chaplain Cumberlidge accompa-

nied me to visit Mrs. Tilman in the hospital there and Rev. Cur-

ningham was also there, providing comfort and con-

fidence to the sick. In the same room was Mrs. Thorne, the sister-in-law of Past Grand Master Roswell Taylor of Virginia City. Past Grand Master Peyton Thomas of Maryland, and Capt. Eads, Master of the Yuma Lodge, of transportation and personally drove us to the hospital and we are all due to thank him for his thoughtfulness.

METRO CONSTRUCTION

In the spring of this year, we could see the progress of the Acacia Masonic Hall Association and other interested property owners were being informed of the plans by officials of Metro to attend a hearing at Garnett-Patterson JHS regarding the construction of a new Metro Subway System on U Street. Five members of the City Council were present at the meeting. The plans Metro presented at that time did not provide for an access to the Masonic Temple. We were told that the original plans had been changed, and that there would be no access near the temple, but it was deleted from the plans with the approval of the City Council. We pointed out that as far as we were concerned it was a mistake to have the space taken away from the Masonic Temple. We were told that the original plans had been changed, and that there would be no access near the temple, but it was deleted from the plans with the approval of the City Council. We pointed out that as far as we were concerned it was a mistake to have the space taken away from the Masonic Temple.

MASONIC HOME

As was one of the first acts of this administration was to meet with the officers of the Acacia Masonic Hall Association to find out what the status of the Masonic Home was as of January 2, 1973. They were advised that the integrity, credibility, and good name of the Masonic Home was left much to be desired and they were put on notice to improve their management. Several suggestions were offered to facilitate their efforts to cover all aspects of the building. The raised the question as to whether or not space in the basement had been rented over the past four to six years. It was discovered that there was over several thousands of dollars monthly. We even suggested that they utilize their facilities for more space to accommodate the ever increasing activities of this Jurisdiction. Further, as the officers of the Masonic Home were interested in making some positive action to make certain obviously needed changes, this was discussed with them. Our suggestions were: One, a proposed posi-

tion of one of the officers to manage with full authority and respon-

sibility for managing the building, and also for reducing the number of shares of stock required for membership on the Board of Directors. All resolutions were submitted at the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Home on January 10, 1973. Also, there were several questions concerning the ac-

curacy of the financial report.

I think it is reasonably ac-

ceptable to the Masonic Home, but the satisfaction of the meeting that it resulted in a change of management was not approved by the stockholders direct-

ing the Hall Association to have another meeting of the stockholders within sixty days at which the new officers would be notified of the proposed changes resulting from the rules. At two meetings the stockholders would act on the aforementioned resolutions as they saw fit.

The stock situation is deplorable, and we need to determine the accuracy of their records and we have been ad-

vised that an audit of the financial report is being conducted. We are not receiving stock for monies available for mortgage bonds, and being gotten IOUs evidencing advanced payments.

Some time ago, on the actions of the Hall Association are almost un-

avoidable in light of the fact that when the Masonic Home was built, we saw with great elation Presi-

dent Brown of the Hall Association, the amount of $500.00 to the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Home Association sometime ago without interest. We were shock-

ed, sive, we learned that, even after our meeting with the President and his of-

ficers, and reviewing the entire status of their operation, they had held no public meetings, had not paid personal income taxes, and were in default in September 1972. This action obviously resulted in the loss of a substantial capital. The type of conduct is inadmissible and cannot be tolerated, and because of the inadequacy of the financial report there is no question regarding its validity, it had to be paid and common sense tells me to honor first those obligations where there is no personal penalty. It's just that simple.

Another incident was the attempt to sell the building during the summer months. When it comes to the building, as President Brown did not bother to tell me. I immedi-

ately contacted the Grand Lodge and pay his salary in full during the months of July and August, otherwise no one will be here at the temple.

It is quite obvious we need to improve the management and capac-

ity of the area of our opera-

tion. In spite of the short-

comings of the building, we would like to take over and build it out. We would like to take over and build it out. When I say we, I mean we the Lodge.

In the end, we have not been chosen to serve with you and we shall try to render that service in a high professional manner, but let us not enter into a real relationship of the type that you may have. We invite you to join us, as we have no other team effort to provide you with the best possible instruments of peace. Where there is hatred, we will show love. Where there is coldness, we will warm the heart; where there is despair, hope; where there is doubt, faith; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sorrow, joy. Let us be your railroad to Masonry, and let us be your railroad to Masonry.

We are hopeful that we will be chosen to serve you and we shall try to render that service in a high professional manner, but let us not enter into a real relationship of the type that you may have. We invite you to join us, as we have no other team effort to provide you with the best possible instruments of peace. Where there is hatred, we will show love. Where there is coldness, we will warm the heart; where there is despair, hope; where there is doubt, faith; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sorrow, joy. Let us be your railroad to Masonry, and let us be your railroad to Masonry.
GRAND VISITATIONS AND DIVINE SERVICES

The Grand Master is to be commended for its support and cooperation in accompanying the Grand Master or his designee to twenty-four divine services, approximately thirty shows, eighteen luncheons, and fifteen dinners. However, I am requesting the lodges and chapters to group their activities to preclude the unnecessary use of energy and effort as only a small percentage of these activities resulted in an effective operation.

UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL

The Masonic Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia hosted the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in its Annual Session. It was the largest ever and the new Deputy P.M. Aubrey E. Ballant, P.M. Chairman P.M. Lawing and the Director of Reflections Brother Robinson deserve tremendous credit for the performances in providing leadership that resulted in an effective operation. The Grand Lodge co-sponsored the get acquainted social along with the Jonathan Davis Consistory. Several of the local members, PGM Farrar, Past Grand Secretary Emeritus Ming and your Grand Master were recipients of Awards which have already been published. Also, your Grand Master was appointed Grand Coordinator of Annual Conventions for the United Supreme Council. This is

1973 Scholarship Award & Tuition Grant Winners

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a new position created to gear the organization with today's needs.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

In May the Deputy Grand Master, the R.W. Senior Grand Warden and the R.W. Grand Secretary accompanied me to the Conference of Grand Masters in New Haven, Connecticut. We joined there by Past Grand Masters Blakely and Yearwood and Grand Secretary Emeritus Mingo. The Conference of Grand Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star met there also. It was a very rich and rewarding experience. The great thrust for a new era was quickly identified as claiming our immediate attention, i.e., providing a program for a well-informed and shall I say more enlightened membership: impressive public appearances, effective community involvement, stimulating leadership and the compliance with the provisions of the Tax Act of 1969. It was somewhat surprising to know that the main subjects of the conference were areas we have identified as having priorities and that they are all a part of our on-going program.

While there this Jurisdiction was honored as the first in the conference. Grand Masters elected your Grand Master President of the Eastern Region which includes, Penna., Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Please note we were exposed to real fraternal brotherhood in action. We visited the new hospital there and saw evidence of all the fraternal organizations, white and Black uniting in the tangible support of the building, i.e., the various rooms were furnished by these various fraternal organizations. I understand it did not happen by chance as it was a well-planned program wherein all the various fraternal Heads met and agreed to jointly put forth extra effort to support the program. As I said it was a rich and rewarding experience. Need I say more.

MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION

The records indicate that this Jurisdiction took in more than four hundred new members. We now have on the roll 4,700 members. The Order of the Eastern Star took in 100 new members. This is most encouraging in light of the problems we have overcome over the last six years. However, we must not become complacent as the challenge remains. For us to continue the team concept of togetherness by pooling our best efforts toward a vibrant, strong spiritual, financially stable and enthusiastic Grand Lodge is a climate that permits continuous growth. All I am saying is that if Masonry is as good as we say it is, i.e., the number of hours we spend here at the temple in full participation, then why not feature your friends in your church, your community and your work environment to the opportunity for Masonic membership? In today's highly sophisticated society, it is considered by many to be in bad taste to ask you. The more effective way is to ask them if they had ever thought about joining the Masonic Fraternity. If they show interest, then you are in business. Those lodges that have not shown any appreciable increase in membership over the years, look out, you are getting older each year and if you don't bring in some new young blood in a few years you'll be out of business as no intelligent individual wants to join a dying organization. It's just that simple.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The conduct of some of our members associated with the work leaves much to be desired. To speak plainly the unnecessary roughness observed and being reported to me must be stopped now and forever. The work must be done according to the ritual and the Masters are held accountable for the activity in their respective Lodge. The Worshipful Grand Lectures have been directed to monitor this activity carefully and report to me any cases in which in their opinion the best interest of Prince Hall Masonry is not being served. Further, if in their judgment immediate corrective action is needed and the Grand Master is not available and the Worshipful Master fails to take said action; then they have the authority from the Grand Master to act for the Grand Master and have those members and or visitors restrained for taking part in the ceremonies or even removed from the room if in their judgment it is in their best interest. Also, it should be noted that recently, a candidate was injured to the extent that he had to be carried to the hospital as the result of conduct unbecoming a masonic ceremony. This type of situation could result in a civil action, i.e., law suit that could be most distasteful. In this same connection, I am directing a study of the possibility of getting the candidates to sign a waiver that would preclude them taking civil action in the event of an injury. Brothet, all I am doing here is trying to protect your interests.

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Grand Master Greets Consistory At New Year's Day Reception

R.W.G.J.W. Vowels, W.G.M.O.M. Taylor and Brother Fields Render Sing Along During Grand Master's Inaugural Address

Mr. William Fauntroy, D.C. Planning
Commission for Metro Addresses February Second Sunday Forum

the Perpetual building & Loan Association where it currently earns 5 1/2% to a higher interest-paying certificate account.

4. I recommend that approval be granted for the hiring of a C.P.A. to prepare our records for full compliance with the Tax Act of 1968, install, maintain and supervise an accounting system that is consistent with current day needs.

CONCLUSION

Finally, let me take this opportunity to state for the record of this Grand Lodge that the performance of this administration was not that of a popularity contest. Our actions were geared to the needs of the organization as we saw them and, if, by chance, they become popular — so be it. However, our objective was and still is one of service wherein the DO IT YOURSELF CONCEPT has carried us onward and upward to a new degree of financial stability, fraternal enthusiasm and continuous growth.

When this Administration assumed the responsibility of leadership, I stated and I quote: "The Honorable Brothers elected to serve with me and the

Distinguished Brothers I have appointed to work with us have pledged to you, through me, their best efforts toward providing an enthusiastic, enlightened leadership and, together, we shall endeavor to make this Jurisdiction spiritually strong and vibrant, financially stable with a commanding image and involved in community-based actions that make Masonic membership attractive and thus provide a climate for continuous growth by implementing fully the team effort concept in action." From where I sit, the Jurisdiction is to be commended for its beautiful spirit of cooperation, support, and leadership, however, as Grand Master, the leader in whom you placed your confidence, may I suggest that you be the Judge of our progress and let history record the success of our efforts. The Cabinet has been truly magnificent.

Let us not seek the service of the Fraternity, but let us seek to be of service to the Fraternity. It is in this spirit that I have rendered to you this account of my stewardship as your Grand Master.

So let it be written.
So let it be done.
So mote it be.