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## SPECULATIVE FREE MASONRY

It is universally claimed that Freemasonry as practiced today is a "Beautiful system of morality, veiled in Allegory and illustrated by symbols;" that it is a "Speculative Science founded upon an Operative Art." It is all and more. It is truly a Philosophy of Life. It is a Holy Religious Society of men who are Friends—whose foundation is Truth—whose object is the service of God, love for mankind; obedience to established authority, and whose doctrine is the erection of an Allegorical Temple, dedicated to the virtues which we teach through certain symbols.

Dr. A. G. Mackey goes us one better in this connection. He says that Speculative Freemasonry as practiced today is the "scientific and religious application of the rules, principles, the language, the implements and the materials of Operative Masonry to the veneration of God, the purification of the heart and the inculcation of the dogmas of a religious philosophy."

The express object of Freemasonry is to practically carry out to their fullest extent those lessons of mutual love and mutual aid that are such essential features of a brotherhood. The socialism of Freemasonry like that of Christianity, has a high ideal. It is a community of sentiment, of principle and of design which gives to Masonry all its social and hence its general moral character

Freemasonry was given to the world in three forms of religion: (1) The Patriarchal form given by Abraham. (2) The Jewish form given by Moses. (3) The Christian form given by Jesus Christ.

Its fundamental philosophy is set forth in three distinct and Christian Ideals: namely (a) A belief in God, without which there can be neither morality nor philosophy. (b) A belief in the resurrection to a future state, and (c) A belief in the immortality of the Soul. Hence our Freemasonry is not a man-made institution.

It is of "Divine Origin." For when the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God said "Let there be Light" the lips of Deity breathed Masonry into existence—and it must live forever, being founded upon Truth, an attribute of God and the foundation of every virtue.

The "E. A." may be termed a Materialistic Degree, the "F. C." is religious and mystical; while the "M. M." is occult or philosophical. Each is a degree in the unfolding of a connected life.

However, there are thousands of Masons who are brethren in name only, for they never exemplify the ideals of the Craft. And of course, they are unresponsive to the teachings and purposes of Freemasonry. Such brethren were not first prepared in their hearts to become Masons.

The moral design of the Institution, its social aspect is to cultivate brotherly love and to perpetuate and practice those social and moral virtues which characterize our brotherhood. Before we can rightly estimate and appreciate Universal Brotherhood we must know and feel the Universality of the Fatherhood of God.

Before Adam, Seth, Abraham, Lamech, Norah,  
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# MASONRY AT WORK AND PLAY

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF GRAND  
MASTERS TO MEET IN CHICAGO

Decatur, Ill., Nov. 15, 1942.

Mr. John W. Dobbs,  
Most Worshipful Grand Master,  
Herndon Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

My Dear Grand Master Dobbs:

I am very pleased to inform you that the Grand Lodge of Illinois instructed the Grand Master to issue an official invitation to the International Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and I am inclosing the official invitation.

We had a very fine and largely attended Grand Lodge session and hope to send you a copy of the Proceedings within the next few days. We will welcome a word from you concerning any item which may attract your attention.

I will be very pleased to arrange a place of meeting for the International Conference and attend to any other matter which you may desire in connection with the official meeting of the Council. Our Grand Lodge intends to pay the expenses of a meeting place for you and I have some other funds at my disposal which can be used to make your conference here with us a pleasant one. Will thank you for any information and at the same time will offer you any assistance I may be able to render you in this matter.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Fraternally yours,  
Jno. C. Ellis, M. W. G. M.,  
M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
of Illinois.

## SUPREME COUNCIL 33° MASONS

The 56th Annual Session of the United Supreme Council 33° Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction U. S. A., met October 18-19, 1942.

The sessions were held in the \$100,000.00 Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1633 Eleventh Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The deliberations were presided over by the Honorable Willard W. Allen, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.

In his annual allocution the Sovereign Grand Commander declared "Second only to the church Freemasonry has accomplished more for the uplifting of the human race and the upbuilding of what is known as society than any other institution. Throughout the history of the Order, it has marshalled its forces against evil."

He charged the Masons to retain democracy in America and fight for it, despite its imperfections, stating "as long as it exists, we can strive to perfect it, and there will be hope, not only for us as a minority group, but for all minority peoples."

At this session a total of nineteen men had conferred upon them the Honorary 33° of Masonry and added to the roll of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General.

Receiving this Honorary Degree were Howard P. Styles, Key West, Fla.; Royal W. Bailey, George Francis, Melvin J. Key, David P. Highley, Clifford O. Smith, O. E. Peters and Robert E. Anderson, Washington, D. C.; H. E. Walden, Simon Williamson, John H. Mitchell, William McDaniel, Charles A. Singleton and E. A. Haynes, Baltimore, Md.; W. D. Feister, Columbia, S. C.; Martin Thomas and Wallace Webster, Hampton, Va.; William Douglas, Norfolk, Va., and C. C. Hart, Atlanta, Ga.

M. W. Grand Masters present at this session were: Willard W. Allen, Maryland; J. S. Stanback, South Carolina; John L. Webb, Mississippi; F. L. Brewster, Tennessee; T. K. Anderson, Virginia; C. V. Hendley, Alabama; Royal W. Bailey, Washington, D. C., and John W. Dobbs, Georgia.

Officers of the United Supreme Council 33° for the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., are: Willard W. Allen, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, Baltimore, Md.; Cicero A. Lee, Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander, Washington, D. C.; J. E. Dixon, Grand Chancellor, Columbia, S. C.; John L. Webb, Grand Minister of State, Hot Springs, Ark.; George H. Fitzhugh, Grand Treasurer General, H. E., Baltimore, Md.; James T. Beason, Grand Secretary General, H. E., Washington, D. C.; John W. Barnes, Grand Auditor General, H. E., Portsmouth, Va.; B. F. Arrington, Washington, D. C., and P. Morton Chase, Baltimore, Md., Assistant Auditors General; W. S. Jackson, Grand Grand Prior; Chas. Stewart, Grand Chorister, General Prior, Chas. Stewart, Grand Chorister, Baltimore, Md.; J. A. Jackson, New York, Deputy at Large, and J. W. Dobbs of Atlanta, Deputy for the State of Georgia.

WITH THE CRAFT IN KENTUCKY  
THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICA-  
TION M. W. GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY,  
F. & A. M. HELD AT LYNCH, KENTUCKY,  
AUGUST 4-5, 1942

The 75th Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., was held in Lynch, Kentucky, August 4-5, 1942, with St. Luke Lodge No. 125 as host, with the cooperation of Morgan Lodge No. 102, of the neighboring city of Benham. Even though the place of meeting was distant from many of the lodges, the session was well attended. As is customary, the opening of the Grand Lodge was preceded by a Lodge of Instruction, presided over by Deputy Grand Master J. Everette Jones and Grand Lecturer Garrett H. Wilson, and with Brothers J. W. Finley as senior warden, S. L. Childs as junior warden, G. F. Weathers as senior deacon, and Uzell Johnson as chaplain. There was a general discussion of ritualistic work, in harmony with the idea of the Grand Lecturer that all such work should be uniform throughout the Jurisdiction. The Lodge of Instruction was closed before noon.

This 75th Anniversary Session of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, one of the best in its long history was marked by some very interesting features. The first was the Annual Address of Grand Master Howe. This address dealt constructively with the problems of his Jurisdiction and contained several recommendations for the improvement of conditions in the same. These recommendations were later approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and their reports adopted by the Grand Lodge. The Reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were good and gave full accounting of all funds handled in their respective offices.

The election of officers evoked lively interest which is always a healthy sign. But brotherly love prevailed. M. W. Grand Master Chas. H. Howe was re-elected Grand Master by a 78 to 70 vote over Bro. J. Everette Jones. Bro. J. Everette Jones was unanimously re-elected Deputy Grand Master. Bro. J. W. Finley was elected Senior Grand Warden by a 75 to 67 vote over Bro. Uzell Johnson.

Five brethren were nominated for Junior Grand Warden. Two declined. Finally Bro. Scott Jameson was elected by an 88 to 51 vote over Bro. Arthur Brooks. Grand Treasurer C. E. Jones and Grand Secretary W. H. Perry, Jr., were unanimously re-elected to their respective offices.

Other very interesting features of this Diamond Jubilee Session of this Grand Lodge were an outline of the formation of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky by Past Grand Master W. H. Perry, Sr., and a history of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky by Grand Secretary W. H. Perry, Jr. Both of these are very interesting reading and are carried below.

## THE FORMATION OF THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY, F. & A. M.

(Extracts from speech of Past Grand Master W. H. Perry, Sr., 33°, made as a part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration at Lynch, Ky.)

It is my purpose to lay emphasis upon the legitimacy and historical correctness of Masonry among Negroes in Kentucky, and to stress the antiquity and universality of the splendid institution, and to stress the antiquity and universality of the splendid institution of which we are a part. I wish to center attention upon Prince Hall as the connecting link between our Masonic organization and the Free and Accepted Masonry of the world.

Prince Hall, a substantial American citizen, and the first colored Mason in America, was born in Barbadoes, British West Indies, of an English father and French mother, in September, 1748. In 1765, at the age of seventeen, he worked his way on a ship to Boston, Mass., where he secured employment, saved money, bought property, and was a leader in many community projects. In 1775 he was made a Mason by General Gage at Copps Hill in travelling British Lodge No. 58. He was the first colored man made a Mason in America, and significantly, was made by a lodge working under a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of England. On July 3, 1775, he set up African Lodge No. 459. Thus the first Negro Masonic Lodge set up in America traces its lineage through Prince Hall directly to the Grand Lodge of England and all our lodges subsequently established share the common ancestry and are lodges of "Prince Hall Affiliation." From this root lodges were established in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Ohio, and ultimately Grand Lodges were established in these Jurisdictions. The charter of African Lodge is now in a vault at Boston, Massachusetts, and its presentation as evidence of the regularity of Negro Masonry caused the Supreme Court to give legal approval of this regularity when, in 1920, white Shriners of Texas attempted to prevent Negroes from using the shrine name and insignia. Prince

Hall Masonry is universally recognized as legitimate and historically correct. An interesting recognition of this fact is shown by a letter written by Edward, former king of England, and Past Grand Master of England.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., P. H. A., traces its origin to lodges established in Kentucky by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio. In the year 1850 Reverend Bird Parker, of the A. M. E. Church (Quinn Chapel) met a number of gentlemen at the house of Jesse Merriweather, in Louisville on Walnut Street, between Ninth and Tenth. The object of the meeting was to consider the propriety of organizing a Masonic lodge. After several such meetings it was finally arranged to have several Masons from Cincinnati to meet with them. They debated earnestly as to the advisability of attempting such a move in Louisville while the prejudice was so strong against free Negroes, as none but such could be accepted. The question caused a split of opinion on this course of action, and the majority decided to locate the lodge at New Albany, Indiana, for a while at least. The necessary number for institution was secured and they went to Cincinnati, and received their warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Richard H. Gleaves, Grand Master of Ohio, set Mount Moriah No. 1 to work June 12, 1850. For three years they continued to meet at New Albany, Indiana. These Masons had to risk their lives by crossing the high water amidst heavy drifts in the Falls of the Ohio River to attend meetings, and walking five miles up the river road to their homes in the city. They finally concluded to move to Louisville, Kentucky, though there was a nucleus of the lodge left at New Albany for the brothers who lived in that city. Things went well with the lodge in Louisville until the year 1859, about the time of the "John Brown Raid." The excitement caused by the raid in Virginia and the Southern states adjacent thereto affected Kentucky also. All free Negro assemblies were closely watched. At one of the Masonic meetings in Louisville the police made a raid and marched the entire body of Masons assembled to jail. They ordered the secretary to bring the records along so they could see what such gatherings were doing. The jailer, knowing some of the brethren, allowed them to be held in the court room. He sent for the police judge who interrogated the brethren and after inspecting their records, permitted them to go to their homes and report in the morning, without any bond save that of their honor. The brethren went to the court the following morning, but were not called for trial, and the case ended. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was organized in 1866 under

the "National Compact," but shortly afterward state sovereignty was established.

The following lodges were warranted in Louisville: Mt. Moriah No. 6, 1852; St. Thomas No. 20, 1858; Merriwarher No. 13, 1866; David Smith Lodge No. 15 was warranted at Lexington in 1866. Representatives of these four lodges met in convention in Louisville on August 18, 1866, and organized a Grand Lodge under the name and style of the Grand Lodge (colored) of the State of Kentucky. The Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky was organized with the ceremonies of installation January 30, 1867, by the M. W. National Grand Master Richard Howell Gleaves, with the following Grand Officers: Brother Jesse Merriweather, G. M.; Brother Levi Evans, D. G. M.; Brother W. Spradling, S. G. W.; Brother F. Robertson, J. G. W.; Brotsler William Butcher, G. T.; Brother George A. Schaefer, Grand Secretary.

This, briefly, is the story of the formation of our Grand Lodge. Lack of space prevents mentioning the names of many honored Masons who made history, and whose deeds are on record in our archives. I trust this sketch has directed your attention to the worth of Prince Hall as a man and a Mason, and his strategic importance to the legality of our status as regular Masons. I trust the correctness of our procedure in separating from our mother Jurisdiction, Ohio, with her good will and assistance, has been properly outlined. The statements made have been substantiated by documentary and historic evidence (Minutes of M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, furnished by Grand Master Casterman; written recollections of Past Master W. H. Ballard, Lexington; Minutes of St. Thomas Lodge No. 2, loaned by Past Master J. W. Gilbert; records of our own Grand Lodge)

I urge that every Entered Apprentice, every Fellow-Craft, every Master Mason be taught, and made thoroughly familiar with (a) the life and the times of Prince Hall, (b) the original charter granted African Lodge No. 459, (c) the authentic history of Masonry in Kentucky, (d) the history of his own lodge. Thus there should be built up in every Master Mason a background of appreciation of Masonry, which should make it easy to stimulate him to understand and exemplify its highest ideals.

#### HISTORY OF THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY, F & A. M.

(Extracts from speech of W. H. Perry, Jr., 32°, made as part of 75th Anniversary Celebration at Lynch, Kentucky.)

I should like to use this occasion, not to give a

series of dates and events, but rather to give a point of view, to suggest that our history during the seventy-five years of our existence as a Grand Lodge should be viewed as a period of trial and error—or trial and success—as our Masonic fathers sought to understand and interpret the profound principles of Free-Masonry. Masonry is so comprehensive and so challenging, its principles so fundamental, it need not surprise us that men spend years, even three quarters of a century, in learning to adjust their living and their thinking to it. I would therefore suggest that our predecessors in this Grand Lodge be viewed not as ancestors, but as pioneers, whose experience should be valuable for us.

The records, and they are not too complete—show that the 25th anniversary celebration of our Grand Lodge was held in Louisville, Ky., in 1892, and the fiftieth was held in the same city in 1917. Happily, the latter was the occasion of the dedication of the Masonic Home, near Louisville, and the Grand Lodge was opened by the Grand Master, Brother J. M. Mundy, at the Masonic Home, although the business sessions were held at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church. Our Grand Lodge has had during its existence, twenty-two Grand Masters, beginning with Brother Jesse Merriweather. All are deceased except Past Grand Masters J. M. Mundy, R. F. White, E. J. Martyn, L. A. Bryant and W. H. Perry, Sr., the two latter are present at this Communication to support our present Grand Master, Brother Charles H. Howe. Seven Grand Treasurers and seven Grand Secretaries have served the Craft since the organization of our Grand Lodge. Brother W. H. Mayo made an enviable record as Grand Secretary and died from a nervous break-down brought on by overwork in connection with establishment of the Relief Fund.

Our early history was handicapped by the existence of the "National Grand Lodge," operative because of a misconception of Masonic organization, and many valuable opportunities for the advancement of our Order were lost because of its influence directly and indirectly. However, Kentucky declared its sovereignty, and withdrew from the national compact, to the happiness and advantage of Kentucky. The absence of complete records makes it impossible to outline the work of the early Past Grand Masters. Three major projects which have given benefits and experience during the years, were inaugurated during the administration of Past Grand Master J. M. Mundy (a) The first issue of the Masonic Herald was published on December 1, 1912, and continued for a period of fifteen years without missing an issue. The Journal attained national recognition, and was so successful finan-

cially a subscription fee was no longer needed and it was issued free to members of the Craft in the state. (b) The Masonic Home, a dream among Kentucky Masons for thirty-five years, became a reality in 1916, when a building and site of liberal acreage at Beuchel, Kentucky, were acquired at a cost of \$8,000.00. For many years the Home did a splendid service for the widows and orphans of the state. However, a disastrous fire presented a financial problem which was solved by the borrowing of money from the Relief Department. Thus the fire affected both the Home and the Relief Department, and influenced subsequent history of these departments. (c) The third major project was the organization of the Relief Department. There was always a moot question as to whether such a department should be organized. It prospered for years, but was never entirely popular. Under the guidance of Grand Master Mundy the Grand Lodge reached its peak in numbers and finance. The lodges increased from 84, with a membership of 2,615 to 113, with a membership of 6,000, and a financial balance of \$35,412.03.

The administration of Grand Master R. F. White was characterized by an excellent spirit of progress throughout the Jurisdiction, and the paying off of the balance due on the Masonic Home. Grand Master E. J. Martyn, during his two years of service, contributed to the continuation of the spirit of growth, and did Grand Master Kuykendall. During the depression, Kentucky Masonry suffered heavily in numbers, the Masonic Home became a problem to operate and was closed, the Relief Department found itself facing a number of serious problems. Past Grand Master Mundy was recalled and elected again as Grand Master to attempt to improve the situation. Kentucky Masons found themselves face to face with many problems which challenged their best thought and their spirit.

But the dark clouds had a silver lining. It was realized that Masonry could not die; there was nothing wrong with it, and short-comings that existed were on the part of the membership. The large numbers of which we had been proud fell away as the treasury became depleted, and the small group that remained active in the Grand Lodge was composed of genuine and loyal Masons. They studied the situation carefully, and in 1935 elected as Grand Master Brother L. A. Bryant, and a sincere and earnest group of officers. One of the first acts of his administration was the holding of a Thanksgiving service in the city of Louisville, to invoke spiritual guidance on the Craft. He ordered discontinuance of the tax on the Widows' and Orphans' Home and the two years of his administration were

characterized by the gradual return to the fold, or the entrance into Masonry of men who were attracted by Masonry itself. Payment on the indebtedness to the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star for money borrowed was begun.

Grand Master W. H. Perry, Sr., succeeded to the helm in 1937, and one of his early official acts was the returning of the deed of the long closed Masonic Home to the original holders, in order to relieve the Craft of the heavy burden of indebtedness it was causing. His program stressed making it mandatory for Masters and Wardens to make adequate provisions for the efficient instruction and dissemination of Masonic teachings, principles and practice for the improvement of the brethren of the lodges, urged that all officers be provided with copies of the Kentucky Code, and asked that immediate steps be taken to compile a history of our Grand Lodge from its organization to the present time. He recommended, further, greater use of the Grand Lecturer in training to proper Masonic tradition, greater preparation on the part of brethren aspiring to leadership as masters or wardens, and that the birthday of Prince Hall, the founder of Negro Masonry in America, be recognized. This comprehensive program strongly stimulated the revival and conformity to fundamental Masonic principles, and laid the foundation for a long time program.

Three years ago our present Grand Master, Brother Charles H. Howe succeeded to the helm, to carry on the program begun at the revival of Masonry in Kentucky seven years ago. During his administration the growth of our Grand Lodge has continued splendidly, and it now seems well on the road to continued success and progress. During the past year a substantial increase in membership has occurred, and six lodges have re-instated and one charter granted. Payments on indebtedness to the Eastern Star have not only continued, but increased and our treasury shows a substantial balance for the first time in several years. A liberal voluntary contribution in connection with the 75th Anniversary Celebration is strong evidence of the sincerity and loyalty of the Masons of the Jurisdiction. Significantly, present plans of Grand Master Howe look forward to fulfillment of our obligation to the widows and orphans which has existed since the failure of the Relief Department.

The history of our Grand Lodge reflects credit upon the Masons and the Jurisdiction. Weighty problems have eben, and attacked, many solved. The Masonic Home and Relief Department made strong efforts to meet Masonic obligations. The effort, not the failure, is significant. Certainly valuable expe-

rience has been gained. The present Burial Funds, existing in two districts are the outgrowth of this experience, and are doing well. The present determination of the Grand Lodge to meet its obligation to the widows, and its present payment to the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star on indebtedness show the true spirit of Masons. The most important things cannot be a matter of record. No scribe can record the influence of Masonry on its members, or measure its influence on them and their actions. The experiences of the years have taught that the outcomes of Masonic influence are not to be sought in numbers or wealth, but in the intangible spiritual values. Masonry since the depression, particularly during the past seven years, with the program outlined herein, is stressing these values.

#### MILLEN DISTRICT GRAND LODGE MEETS

On Sunday, September 20th, the Millen District Grand Lodge of Masons A. F. & A. M. held its quarterly communication in the city of Millen with Millen Lodge No. 556 as host, Bro. George Melvin, Worshipful Master. At three o'clock P. M. the District Grand Lodge was called on with Bro. Donald Thomas, District Deputy Grand Master, in charge. After an impressive opening service a lodge of instruction was given by Bro. Thomas, D. D. G. M. These instructions were enjoyed by all with much information. The opening address by the Grand Deputy was interesting and encouraging. In his address he gave an excellent report of the proceedings and accomplishment of the Grand Lodge Session at Macon, Georgia, in June. He reports that peace and harmony prevailed and the old order is still holding on. Encouraging reports were heard from the various lodges of the district. Expressions of encouragements and faith in the Masonic Order were made by several members of the district meeting in which special praises were given to Bro. Thomas for his interest and love he has for the Millen District. The meeting closed in due form and the members of the D. G. L. all repaired down stairs where a bounteous dinner was served and highly enjoyed by all.

The meeting of the O. E. S. was held with Grand Associate Matron, Minnie Devaun presiding. A very impressive meeting with the members of the local lodges of the district was conducted for encouragement of building up Eastern Star Chapters by adding new members and reviving old chapters. With the Grand Associate Matron were Mrs. Nancey Prince, P. M. Mt. Mariah, Savannah, and Mrs. Rosa McGill, Secretary to Mrs. Mary L. Ayers, Secretary and Treasurer, O. E. S.

## A. E. A. O. N. M. S. NOTES

Proclamation No. 1 of the Imperial Potentate Noble Raymond E. Jackson 33°, has come to hand. This Proclamation carries a complete outline of the transactions of the 42nd Annual Session of the Imperial Council A.E.A.O.N.M.S., which met in the Oasis of Wilmington, Desert of Delaware, August 16 to 19, 1942.

There was a large attendance of Nobles present at the opening roll call. Fine reports were rendered by all elected officers and deputies and the amount of work accomplished during the year showed that the Nobility is growing by leaps and bounds.

At this Session Deputy Imperial Potentate Noble Zach Alexander, 517 South Caldwell Street, Charlotte, N. C., was authorized to issue all dispensations. The Illustrious Potentates, Records and Deputies of all Temples were notified to contact his office when necessary to have a dispensation for some function of the Temple.

Proclamation No. 1 reviews the work done in the offices of Imperial Recorder Noble Charles C. Quander and Imperial Treasurer Noble Chas. D. Freeman and commends them for their fidelity to their trusts and asks full cooperation and gives full instruction to the officers of the Temples how to conduct the business with the Imperial Recorder's office.

The review of the Charity Fund Department shows that Fund to be in a healthy condition.

The Imperial Potentate in his Proclamation No. 1 touches on the Membership Drive and urges greater efforts to bring in worth-while candidates to build up the membership.

He reviews the work of the Patrol Department and commends the efforts of the Imperial Commander of Patrols, Noble John Edgar Smith, 1812 Ninth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., in doing all in his power to raise the standards of the Patrol Department.

He reviews the work of the Daughters of Isis and recommended many changes be made in their interest. As wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of the Nobles, he urges them to have no fear and

pledges them the protection of the Nobility.

He concludes this Proclamation No. 1 with these significant words.

#### CONCLUSION

"In the coming days, all of us will be called upon to lend our support to the program of our government and the country of our love, and, while we must perhaps do without many of the necessities of life, let us all feel that by doing so, we are protecting our homes, our country, and serving the needs of our boys abroad who are defending our interests and fighting to preserve democracy throughout the world. However, with it all, let us not lose sight of the fact that OUR GRAND OLD ORDER must carry on, and as we carry on we must lift as we climb. Every Temple should do all in its power to work with all the various Masonic Departments, that we might continue to enjoy the benefits of Masonry and its appendent branches since it is true that our country is one of the few wherein one may practice Masonry and Shrinedom unmolested. We must, therefore, appreciate the rich heritage bequeathed us, and so conduct ourselves that we shall hand down to posterity an organization that will continue to live on and on, and one that future generations shall dwell with delight within its portals; just as the ancient traditions teach us the Moslems and Mohammedans gave to the ancient world. Gird well your loins and be up and doing. I pray that Allah will guide and bless you all of the Nobility through these troublesome times, and carry you all safely over the rough and rugged road to the fountain of Mecca, there to enjoy the happiness and peace of the World as Allah alone can ordain.

Done by my hand this first day of the month Ramadan, Hegira 1361, which corresponds to the 11th day of September, 1942, and under the Great Seal of the Imperial Council.

Yours in the Faith,  
Raymond E. Jackson, 33°,  
Imperial Potentate.

Attest:

Chares C. Qunder, 33°,  
Imperial Recorder.

## O. E. S. NOTES

### BON VOYAGE

*Go "History of the Eastern Star,"  
Where e'er its wandering children are;  
Recall to those who hailed its birth  
Their toilsome struggle 'mid the dearth  
Of cheering words, or sunny ways;  
And tell to those of later days  
How great the triumph it has met—  
Lest they forget—lest they forget.*

*So gladly forth, and may thy pages  
Suffice to keep for future ages  
The record of the care and strength  
Which nursed and fostered, till at length  
The Order of the Eastern Star  
Is known and loved the world afar.  
With naught set down in malice vile;  
Even unkind facts wear friendship's smile,  
For though our Order had its battle,  
It's grown above war's den and rattle,  
And chasity's broad mantle red  
Is cast about those days, instead.*

As we approach the Yule-tide season this year, amidst the greatest upheaval history has known; we still yearn and pray for peace

While our men are in the armed forces, our women are doing their bit behind the lines on the home front. Many of us are engaged in Civilian Defense, A. W. V. S. and Red Cross activities—others are carrying out details in our several homes.

Atlanta's five Eastern Star Chapters are working harmoniously and pressing toward the goal for a larger membership. Ruth Chapter No. 48, Mrs. Phoebe Simmons, W. M., reports enthusiastic workers and eight new members recently initiated into the chapter. New members all working to make Ruth Chapter lead. Mrs. Marie Taylor is much improved, to the delight of the chapter.

Gate City Chapter No. 48, Mrs. P. B. Eichelberger, W. M., had a Harvest Home-Coming November 17. Six new members were indicated into the order, and took on the different degrees.

Mrs. Eva Davis was hostess serving appetizing regreshments after close of the meeting. Many were the kind Thanksgiving expressions during the social.

Peace Chapter No. 146, Mrs. A. M. Chandler, W. M.; Arena Chapter No. 29, Mrs. N. B. Wilkinson, W. M.; Capitol Star No. 148, Mrs. Ruby Johnson, W. M., send greetings. They report they are holding their own and carrying on the work. Will report on the Membership Drive in our next issue.

May the light of Bethlehem's Star illumine all our chapters near and far

Fraternally yours,

MRS. P. B. EICHELBERGER, G. L.

Can you define friendship?

Neither can I.

It's when you're tired and weary

And the old chum passes by—

Ah, the world seems so much brighter

The stars shine in your sky,

Your heart renews its singing,

When your old chum pases by.

Can you define friendship?

Neither can I.

'Tis when someone forsakes you

But the dear old pal stands by—

Then you hear the birds a-singing

Away up the tree,

And life grows so much sweeter,

You're as happy as can be.

Can you define friendship?

Neither can I.

It's when you're a bit down-hearted--

Perhaps you'd like to cry,

But ah—the sun comes forward—

The way seems much more dear—

Your heart is so much lighter—

When your good old pal walks near

This gift so dear and precious

Cannot be bought nor sold.

Given us free from heaven,

Is worth much more than gold.

No, money cannot buy it,

'Tis sent from heaven above.

The way to purchase friendship

Is with a bit of love.

—Edna E. Hood, Racine, Wis.

### LEWIS HAYDEN LODGE NO. 6

On Wednesday night, October 14, 1942, M. W. Grand Master J. W. Dobbs accompanied by Past Masters Joseph Crawford, Secretary-Treasurer M. R. A., W. S. Hollomon of W. C. Thomas Lodge No. 112 and M. M. Dowdell of Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 86 journeyed to Columbus, Ga., where they met District Deputy Grand Master Dr. R. H. Cobb of the Columbus District. Brother Cobb had invited the Grand Master with the object in view of reviving Lewis Hayden Lodge No. 6 which had lain dormant for several years. This is one of the oldest Lodges on the Georgia Grand Lodge Roster Named for Lewis Hayden, an associate of the first Grand Master of Colored Masons in America, Prince Hall, it was felt that a Lodge bearing so honored a name should not be allowed to lie dormant and inactive. So Dr. Cobb, with his accustomed diligence, bestirred himself, rounded up the old members of Lewis Hayden Lodge who had allowed themselves to become unfinancial and had them apply for re-instatement. He also found a number of strong, vigorous young men who desired to become members of the Order. So on the night of October 14 Grand Master Dobbs accompanied by the above named members of his "Wrecking Crew" journeyed to Columbus, Ga., where under his special power and authority, he re-instated 15 of the old members and entered, passed, and raised thirteen young men and added them to the roll of Lewis Hayden Lodge. It was a great night in Columbus and Dr. Cobb is deserving of special commendation for his good work in reviving this honored Lodge.

Grand Master Dobbs named the following officers to serve the Lodge for the next year: Dr. R. H. Cobb, W. M.; Samuel Sapp, S. W.; Wm. McCoy, J. W., C. B. Marshall, Treas.; K. H. Terry, Sec.; R. Hendley, S. D.; M. Turner, J. D.; H. Williams, S. S.; John Gunn, J. S.; S. A. Bostic, Chaplain; C. W. Wright, Marshall; and Wm. Moore, Tyler. A bountiful luncheon was served and enjoyed by all. It was indeed a great night for Lewis Hayden Lodge, and it is thus started again under brilliant auspices and gives promise of keeping up the good work.

### GRAND MASTER JOHN L. WEBB, OF MISSISSIPPI

H. R. Butler Lodge No. 23 of Atlanta, Ga., was honored on their meeting night October 16, by a visiting Grand Master, M. W. Grand Master John

L. Webb of the M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge of Mississippi. Grand Master Webb sat through the entire business of the Lodge. He witnessed the passing of six strong young men to the Fellow Craft Degree and saw the Lodge ballot for and elect five more young men to the first Degree. Grand Master Webb thoroughly enjoyed the work and complimented Worshipful Master Joseph Crawford and his able corps of officers for the splendid manner in which the work was done. Grand Master Webb then treated the Lodge to one of the most eloquent and able disquisitions on Masonry and the real secrets of Masonry that was ever their lot to hear

Grand Master Webb is a member of the Committee of Research of the Grand Lodge of England, a member of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and one of the best informed and prepared Masons among Prince Hall Masons. His Jurisdiction, the M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge of Mississippi, is one of our strongest Prince Hall Grand Lodges. They have over 9,000 financial members on their rolls and are doing a great work for Masonry in Mississippi.

### CORNER STONE LAID

Thursday, October 29th, 1942, the Corner Stone of Brown Avenue Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., Rev. R. H. Milner, Pastor, was laid with impressive ceremony by the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia, convened in Special Session for that purpose by the M. W. Grand Master. The following officers filled the Stations at this Special Session:

M. W. John W. Dobbs—Grand Master.  
R. W. M. M. Dowdell—Deputy Grand Master.  
R. W. Joseph Crawford—Senior Grand Warden.  
R. W. Frank B. Brown—Junior Grand Warden.  
R. W. Rev. J. E. Garnett—Grand Chaplain.  
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R. W. Leon T. Harper—Grand Secretary.  
R. W. W. S. Holloman—Grand Master Architect.  
R. W. W. H. Ragan—Grand Marshall.  
W. E. H. Green—Senior Grand Deacon.  
W. William Paschal—Junior Grand Deacon.  
W. I. H. Foley—Senior Grand Steward.  
W. L. T. Beard—Junior Grand Steward.  
W. J. H. Hightower—Grand Tyler

The procession was formed and the Grand Lodge marched in a body to the church where the stone was laid in ample form by the M. W. Grand Master who also delivered the principal address of the occasion.

Pastor Milner and his congregation were profuse in their thanks to the Grand Lodge for the impressive manner in which this work was done.

Also on November 18 the Corner Stone of St. Peters Baptist Church, Rev. Solomon Randolph, Pastor, was laid in ancient and ample form. The special Session of the Grand Lodge raised a substantial sum for the benefit of the church and thereby earned the profound gratitude of the Pastor and good people of this church. Rev. Randolph is an active member of W. C. Thomas Lodge No. 112 of which Brother W. S. Hollomon is Worshipful Master

#### DALTON DISTRICT GRAND LODGE MEETS

The Dalton District Grand Lodge, Bro. H. H. Jackson, District Deputy Grand Master, held a very interesting meeting September 20, 1942, at Chicamauga, Ga.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form by D. D. G. M. Jackson, who in turn tendered the gavel to M. W. Grand Master J. W. Dobbs, who conducted the meeting. The reports of the various Lodges were good and showed their officers and members were actively at work.

A large number of members from the several Lodges were present and enjoyed the meeting, especially the address of Grand Master Dobbs.

Other visitors present were Bro. Jas. Crawford, Secretary-Treasurer of the M. R. A., Bro. W. H. Ragan, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Georgia and Bro. Raymond Simmons, Treasurer of Nabbar Temple No. 123, A. E. A. O. N. M. S., of Atlanta, Ga.

Each of these visitors brought interesting greetings to the District Grand Lodge. A bountiful repast was served. Thus ended a great day for the Dalton District Grand Lodge.

#### THE PANORAMA

By W. B. GLASS, P. M.

St. James Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M

#### "BROTHER LOTT"

Brother James R. Lott, who died recently, was not only known in Atlanta by all Masons, but throughout the state as well.

He was a great character. We used to call him "Grand Chief" as he was at one time head of the Order of Good Samaritans of Georgia and was Grand Chief in fact.

The first time I saw "Bro. Lott" was down on Auburn Avenue, when we had nineteen Lodges and

half of them meeting on Ivy Street, and the other half on Auburn Avenue.

On St. John's Day we would gather at our respective halls and meet in one common body or phalanx on Auburn Avenue and march from thence to the church.

Well, it was at this hall on Auburn Avenue where I first saw "Bro. Lott." I had just been made a Mason and was visiting the different Lodges to "find out what it was all about."

First impressions are said to be lasting and I think it proved true in this case. "Bro. Lott" was initiating some candidates. He had on some boots or leggins covered with mud and I thought to myself: "Who is this Country Squire?" I found out later that he was only Acting Master of this Lodge (ELITE) placed in charge by the late Grand Master, Dr. H. R. Butler

Later, I found that he was Master of his Lodge, Pride of Atlanta, and Acting Master of North Atlanta Lodge and Alexander Harris Lodge as well.

Brother Lott was a man who really loved Masonry and he never failed to visit the sick and give them consolation.

And in his declining years he served as Junior Warden of his Lodge, Plymouth Rock No. 86, where he could render official service to the sick and distressed.

In fact nine times out of ten whenever you saw Bro. Lott he was on some mission of mercy, going to see some sick Brother or to relieve one in distress.

He was tolerant, yet intolerant; humorous, yet cynical, hard and yet he was soft. He would tolerate the Brother who worked with him and tried to make the Lodge go, but was intolerant of the Brother who held himself aloof on a higher intellectual plane and refused to see "The Light."

In a humorous vein he would tell the story about a cat going through a wheat field and mewing: "I know my way, I know my way" till a mischievous boy threw a rock and she screamed: "I'm lost, I'm lost." Then moralizing on this he would explain that a lot of people think they know their way until something happens, then they holler: "I'm lost, I'm lost."

And on another occasion he would say: "Some folks get down on their knees and pray to the Lord 'to move 'way the hinderin' cause.' If the Lord answered their prayers he would move them 'cause they're the hinderin' cause."

He could be hard on the brother who tampered with the funds of the Lodge by removal from office or suspension, but he was generous to the Brother in need—giving him assistance, clothing,

shelter and food until he could get a job or get on his feet.

His was a useful and valuable life in Masonic circles. I used to love to visit his Lodge, Pride of Atlanta, and there was always something happening to attract your attention and keeping you on the alert.

Always there was a large attendance—more than any other Lodge in the city.

Brother Lott was not an educated man, therefore, several Brethren who envied his success and long tenure of office would form cliques or coalitions in an attempt to embarrass or displace him.

Though he wasn't educated in the school of books, he WAS educated in the school of experience. He was witty, humorous and had plenty of good common sense—"mother-wit."

And though some of the Brothers would try to hamstring him he always had a way of coming out ahead. Sometimes he would see some Brothers huddled together in whispered conversation and, rapping his gavel, would exclaim: "We ain't gonna have no caucusin' in here. If you Brothers don't kep quiet I'll 'spend the last one of you." And then you could hear a pin fall.

Sometimes while initiating he would say something funny, and I, acting as Senior Deacon, would involuntarily laugh out before thinking and he would say: "What you laughin' at Brother Glass?" "I'll 'spend you t'rectly"

But it was always a pleasure to assist him in the initiation, because I knew he meant well and really loved the Order

He was honest and sincere, and he carried more money to his Lodge than any other Brother in the city, as they all trusted him and felt safe in sending their dues by him.

I am glad to pay this tribute to a worthy Brother, and if we only had more like him the old spirit of Masonry could be revived.

#### SPECULATIVE FREE MASONRY—WHAT?

(Continued from page 1)

Enoch or Solomon, Jehovah reigned.

Before the hills and mountains were brought forth, before the earth was framed The Divine Architect *Was* and reigned. When the earth was chaos and void "The Great I am that I am" existed. And in His mind were the tenets of our Institution hidden.

The Masonic Student realizes that taking of degrees does not make him a Mason. Neither does the wearing of a watchfob, lapel badge or other insignia: nor does the Ritual ordain him such. Masons are evolved through the self-conscious effort to live up to the highest ideals within themselves. Their lives are the sole insignia of their rank. Greater by far than any visible tangible credentials.

B. F. Adams, P. G. L.,  
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Died October 17, 1942—Bro. Lonnie Reid, of Chicago, Ill. Bro. Reid, a member of H. R. Butler Lodge No. 23 of Atlanta, Ga., was buried with Masonic Honors October 25, 1942, at Atlanta, Ga., with M. W. Grand Master J. W. Dobbs in charge.

Died November 6, 1942—Past Master York Waters, of St. James Lodge No. 4, Atlanta, Ga. Buried with Masonic Honors November 8th; M. W. Grand Master J. W. Dobbs in charge.

Died November 10, 1942—Bro. M. L. Walker, Secretary of Purity Lodge No. 93, of Shellman, Ga. Buried with Masonic Honors November 15th, with Past Master W. B. Riley in charge.

Died November 2, 1942—Bro. P. H. Denegal, of Pythagoras Lodge No. 11 of Savannah, Ga.

Died September 5th, 1942—Bro. Will Branick, of Cornerstone Lodge No. 8, of Brunswick, Ga.

Died October 10, 1942—Bro. Will Marsh, Secretary of Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 68, of Rochelle, Ga.

Died August 26, 1942—Bro. A. B. Kelly, W. M. of T. A. Mill-edge Lodge No. 97, of Girard, Ga.

Died August 17, 1942—Bro. A. J. Jackson, Secretary of Elisha Lodge No. 194, of Harrison, Ga.

Died August 28, 1942—Bro. Jettie Evans, of Roberta Lodge No. 202, of Roberta, Ga.

Died August 28, 1942—Bro. David Thrash, of Forsyth Lodge No. 425, of Forsyth, Ga.

*"Sleep on ye dead; and when that sleep  
Becomes our portion, too,  
May others, calling up the past  
Speak well of us, as we of you."*

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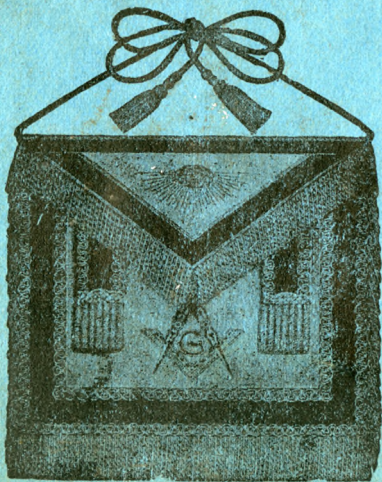


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