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Notice

The Eightieth Annual Meeting of The United Supreme Council of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (Prince Hall Affiliation) Northern Jurisdiction U.S.A. Inc. will convene at Chicago, Illinois, May 7-8, 1961.

The usual and formal notice will reach all Inspectors General on or before April 1, 1961. With the same will be mailed a complete outline of the new arrangements for the meeting. In certain particulars the plans for accommodations etc. will be drastically different from those heretofore followed.

The "Jack-Leg" Preacher

(Editorial)

THIS piece is about two kinds of Preachers. One is the dedicated minister of religion to whom people may look for spiritual guidance and leadership. The other is the faker who is too lazy or unwilling to work and lives by making a racket out of religion.

Prince Hall was a minister. In his early days in Boston he followed the trade of a leather worker taught him by his father in Barbadoes. Responding to the persistent call for spiritual leadership of his people, he left the workbench and prepared for the Christian ministry. From this vantage point he was drawn naturally into the Masonic Fraternity; for then even as now the life of the masses of the Negro people was largely organized around two centers—the church and the fraternal organization. The first Negro Grand Lodge of Negro Freemasons was organized under the leadership of Prince Hall in Boston, Massachusetts, June 24, 1791.

The second Grand Lodge of Negro Freemasons was organized in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1815. The leaders in that enterprise were Absalom Jones, an Episcopal priest, and Richard Allen, a Methodist minister who founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church in his fight against segregation in that denomination.

There are over three hundred thousand Prince Hall Masons in this country today. Prominent in the building of that great organization are the honored names of many christian ministers who are held and deserve to be held in grateful esteem. This tribute to Masons of the cloth is our method of separating the sheep from the goats and to make it possible to speak plainly concerning a certain species of rascals who plunder the unfortunate among their own people. This reference is to the class of racketeers who, like the rest of their ilk, live on their wits. Their techniques are well established and uniformly followed. Take the typical illustration of "Rev." "Dr." Jackleg: First by self-ordination he becomes overnight a "prophet" of the "Holy Live Forever Saints." Next he secures a tabernacle—usually an empty and unrentable store which he dedicates with a smear over its show windows to blank out the peering and curiosity of the "great unwashed." One day he receives through the mails an offer like the circular letter addressed to "preachers" from which the following excerpt is taken:

"[] MASONS, beside having a Christian Program, is asking every Religious Leader to help us maintain a clean Christian Program the year round.

To help in this, we offer every Pastor a *Free Membership*, and an opportunity to earn \$\$\$'s while bringing a clean Fraternal Program to the community to co-operate with the Church.

Here is what we will pay you:

1. Just for calling a meeting to organize a club for a Lodge, you as the Pastor will receive 50¢ for each person attending.
2. You will receive \$1.00 for each person attending who will join and pay at least \$1.00 on his application, (if 10 persons join, you will receive \$10.00).
3. For each person paying his joining fee in full, you will receive one-half of it in cash.

This is the greatest opportunity ever afforded for you to make some real money. The Deputy will pay the Minister, and the Supreme Office will repay the 50¢ for each member attending."

He accepts this opportunity "to make an easy buck." And so recruiting for bogus masonry becomes a profitable adjunct to his "Church." Eventually he capitalizes on the experience thus acquired and organizes a "Masonic" order of his own.

This brief sketch explains the fact that so large a percentage of clandestine masonic outfits are organized or manned by "Jack-leg" preachers. And what is a "Jack-leg preacher?" Answer: A "Jack-leg" preacher is a shrewd, semi-illiterate racketeer who preys upon the underprivileged members of his own group in the name of religion, adding thereto any other accompaniments which he finds profitable. Clandestine Masonry is one of these other accompaniments.

The Sovereign Grand Commander Retires as Corporation Counsel Of The City Of New Haven

In the middle of his fourth term the Sovereign Grand Commander has retired as the head of the Legal Department of the City of New Haven. This action brings to a close a half century of almost continuous public service to his adopted home city. In his own language he feels that the time has come "to simplify his life," and to give greater devotion to his first love—the practice of the law. Below is re-printed from New Haven's leading newspaper the story of his retirement:



George W. Crawford 33°
M.:P.:S.:G.:C.:

The New Haven Register

Wednesday, December 2, 1960

GEORGE W. Crawford, New Haven's corporation counsel the past seven years and active in city affairs for over half a century, has retired and has ended his duties as city legal adviser. Officially, he leaves the office December 31.

Crawford, who is 83 years old, made his intentions known in a letter to Mayor Richard C. Lee, saying:

"I feel that the time has come when I must simplify my life. I can measurably do this by giving my entire attention to my private practice."

Mayor Lee, accepting the retirement and resignation with regret, announced Crawford's decision publicly today. Crawford noted also that he had accepted with reluctance appointment to a fourth term as city counsel a year ago.

It is anticipated that Harold M. Mulvey, presently an assistant corporation counsel, will be designated as the city's top legal advisor.

Commenting on his reluctance to accept reappointment in December, 1959, Crawford said in his letter to Lee:

"You will recall that when I received your letter in December, 1959, appointing me to a fourth term as corporation counsel of the city, I indicated my reluctance to accept the same and only did so because of difficult problems then confronting your administration.

"Many of these were making heavy and insistent demands upon this office, and it seemed to me that to withdraw at that time would be less than conscientious.

"As a result of subsequent developments, these problems are now considerably less urgent and it is possible therefore for me to withdraw without embarrassment."

Among the difficulties confronting the city at the time of Crawford's last reappointment was an upheaval in the city assessing office, which required protracted investigation by Crawford's office.

Mayor Lee, in announcing Crawford's retirement, called the counsel "one of the most distinguished public servants ever to occupy any position in our city."

Crawford's experience and background in municipal affairs, said Lee, "have given him a reputation justly deserved as one of the outstanding authorities on municipal law in America."

Lee called Crawford "one of the very real advisors" to his Administration and noted "I have drawn on his wisdom and background as I have drawn on no other man's."

He called Crawford's desire to retire to private practice "not only deserving, but as well understandable." He said Crawford has assured him he will always be available for consultation on city affairs.

Widely recognized as an authority on municipal law, Crawford, over the years, has been a member of or counsel for four city charter commissions studying and making suggestions for improving the legal basis of the government. He has also served as charter revision consultant for numerous Connecticut towns.

The Wind of Change Is Blowing

By DR. LESTER B. GRANGER, 32°

[At the Bulletin's request Dr. Granger wrote for it this strictly personal and brief comment on the recent meeting in Rome of The International Conference of Social Work.]

WHEN I returned from Rome in mid-January as the newly elected president of the International Conference of Social Work I was irritated as well as amused by the emphasis placed by the New York press on my election. The headlines ran something like this, "First Negro To Head International Body," thereby following the lead of the *Daily American* published in Rome and the overseas wire services which immediately followed suit.

The editors missed the point entirely. It was not my race but my nationality that made the election newsworthy, for the Conference's first president thirty years ago was Dr. Rene Sand, the distinguished medical scientist of France. He was followed by Dr. George Haynes, the leader of British Social Service and most recently by the Honorable George Davidson, Minister of Social Affairs for Canada. It was not to be expected that an American would be elected for the four-year term beginning in Rome since for twenty years the staff leadership has been located in this country. It would be only natural for the Europeans to bring the presidency back to their continent where half of the Conference's voting strength is to be found.

Possibly my selection as top man out of three candidates (the other two being Europeans) was another example of the wind of change that blows with gusty frequency out of Africa and Asia. For as recently as ten years ago, with the exception of India and Pakistan, the "international" nature of the Conference's membership depended upon its European and North American composition.

Two-thirds of the National Committees came from European countries.

Suddenly in 1952 the character of the Conference began to change. Its biennial meeting for that year was held in India. Not only Indians, Pakistani and Ceylonese were present, but also Philipinos and Indonesians, Sudanese and Egyptians; a few Latin Americans made the trip and a group of 150 North Americans journeyed as a delegation from the United States and Canada.

I remember that Conference very clearly because I was the chairman of the American group, chosen for the responsibility because I had just stepped down as president of our own National Conference of Social Work. I remember also the deep skepticism with which many Indians greeted me. They simply did not believe that a Negro would have been chosen by Americans to head their own National Conference and a delegation visiting India. It was several days before some of them finished their probing and were satisfied that I was indeed the duly elected head of the American delegation.

How different Rome was. There 2,500 delegates greeted me as a familiar Conference officer, and as an American not a Negro—as a professional colleague not a cultural curiosity. And in the Conference meetings were to be seen not only the now familiar brilliant saris and other colorful costumes of South and East Asia, but also the stately robes of West and North Africans who moved with smiling dignity and made themselves completely at home among Europeans, Latin Americans, West Indians, Asians and North Americans.

The talk in Executive Committee meetings was not of developing national interest in Asia, for such interest was already strongly established. In fact, the Asians were making plans for a regional conference of their own in 1963. The focus of organizing attention was Africa—how to set up National Committees most quickly in Nigeria and Ghana, in Somaliland and Morocco, in Tunisia and Liberia. For only Committees representing independent countries can become formally affiliated with the Conference.

The next Conference will be in 1962 and in Brazil's metropolis of Rio. One Brazilian delegate said to me after my election, "I can hardly wait for 1962 when you will open the Conference's session in our Rio!" I knew what she meant. She had reference to the strong infiltration of the African blood into the Brazilian population. She was thinking of the tremendous emotional impact that would result from the experience of an American of African descent presiding in Afro-Indian-Portuguese Brazil at an international gathering bringing together people from literally every quarter of the globe. Here is the wind of change blowing not from Africa and Asia into Europe, but gathered in Rome from those continents and blowing across the ocean through the United States into a resurgent Latin America with the promise of new inter-cultural and international understanding that comes from people forgetting race and working together merely as people. It will be a fine thing when American public opinion begins to feel and respond to that wind.

A Distinction With A Difference

Judge George E. Bushnell 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Supreme Council (White) A.A.S.R., testified in a recent case in Philadelphia brought by this Supreme Council and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania against a group of Fitzpatrick bodies. On cross-examination Judge Bushnell, after pointing out the difference between social recognition and acknowledgment of legitimacy, testified as follows in response to questions by the defendants' counsel:

Q—Judge Bushnell, you have already defined and distinguished the word "Clandestine." Is there any other Negro Masonic body in the United States that the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States or the Supreme Council recognizes as being legitimate other than Prince Hall?

A—No, sir. * * * * We know that Prince Hall is legitimate.

Q—Are you in a position at this point, Judge, to tell me why?

A—We know that they are legitimate in their origin. We know that they are right in their philosophy. We know that they are trying to benefit mankind. We know that a lot of these other groups are just commercializing Masonry and preying on their fellow citizens and adding to the misery of the world and we don't want to have any part of it.

News From The Front

The past twelve months have witnessed a series of important successes in the war on spurious Masonry. In seven cases the Prince Hall forces have scored the notable successes here listed:

In Connecticut

Grand Lodge of Connecticut (P.H.A.)

vs

King Solomon Grand Lodge
(and six subordinates)

Grand Lodge of Connecticut (P.H.A.)

vs

King David Lodge

Grand Lodge of Connecticut (P.H.A.)

vs

King Ezra Lodge

Grand Lodge of Connecticut (P.H.A.)

vs

Seven Bodies International F. & A.M. (Banks)

In New Jersey

Grand Lodge of New Jersey F. & A.M. (P.H.A.)

vs

Globe Free & Accepted Masons

In State of Washington

Grand Lodge of Washington (P.H.A.)

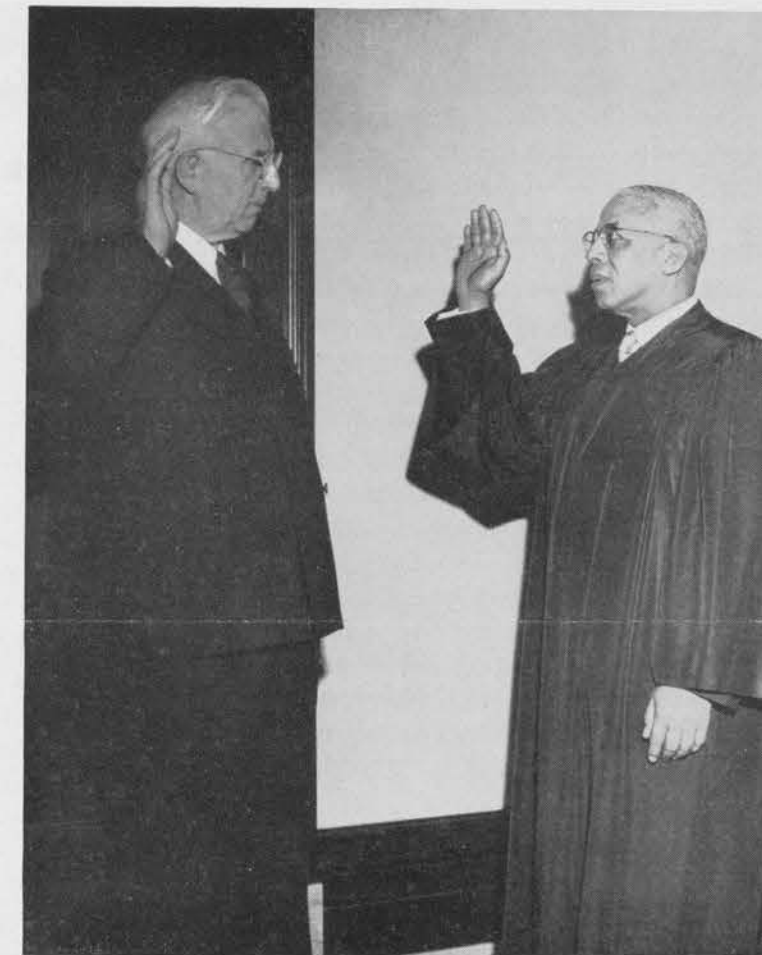
vs

Universal Grand Lodge (Jones)

Grand Lodge of Washington

vs

John A. Bell Grand Lodge (Bell)



"You Solemnly Swear"

Judge Jackson taking the oath as a Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Cleveland Ohio.

Honorable Perry B. Jackson 33° Moves Up in the Ohio Judiciary

THE Honorable Perry B. Jackson, 33° moves up in the Ohio Judiciary. In the last election Judge Perry B. Jackson of Cleveland, Ohio, was elected to the bench of the Common Pleas Court after serving three consecutive terms of six years each as a judge of the Municipal Court of that city.

The judge is a native of Zanesville, Ohio, was graduated Magna Cum Laude from Adelbert College and received his law degree from Western Reserve University.

His interests are wide and varied. He is a trustee of St. John's AME Church and a former superintendent of its Sunday school.

He is a member of the advisory board of the county welfare department and YMCA camp board, vice president of the Greater Cleveland Council Boy Scouts of America and secretary of Schauffler College.

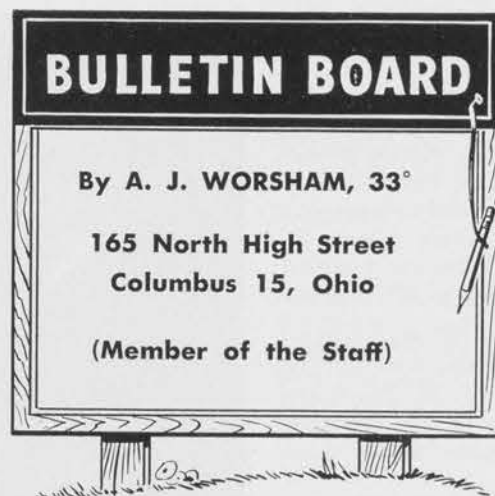
Aided Fund Drives

He has been active in the United Fund, Protestant Big Brothers, department of social work of the Cleveland Area Federation, Cleveland Center on Alcoholism, Urban League of Cleveland, Goodwill Industries and Ohio Boys' Town.

DEMOLAY Consistory No. 1 of Philadelphia held its Annual Banquet and Awards Convocation at Philadelphia on October 28, 1960. This was the seventy-ninth anniversary of the Consistory. An elaborate and interesting program with many features followed a beautifully served dinner. There were presentations to various members of the Consistory for outstanding services during the Masonic year. Following its established custom this Consistory chooses an outstanding non-masonic citizen for an Award of Merit. This year the honoree was Dr. James H. Duckrey, Jr. President of the State Teachers College of Pennsylvania. Dr. Duckrey has a long educational history which began in the public school system of the city of Philadelphia. He made a fitting and interesting response to the award. The Sovereign Grand Commander was among the guests.

THE Grand Master of Ohio, M. W. Carl L. Wilson, assisted in the corner-stone laying ceremony for the new half million dollar Grand Lodge Building for the Republic of Liberia on December 27, 1960. Grand Master and Mrs. Wilson were guests of the retiring Grand Master, M. W. Richard A. Henries, who is well known and much beloved in this country. The corner-stone ceremony was taped and re-broadcast locally and beamed to the U. S. A. via the Voice of America. Grand Master and Mrs. Wilson returned to America on January 8, 1961.

ILL. Corneal A. Davis—Western #28 has been re-elected to the General Assembly of Illinois House of Repre-



sentatives for the 10th consecutive term and has broken all records for tenure. At present he is chairman of the Commission on Licenses and Miscellaneous, and because of his seniority, is in line for Chairmanship of the Public Aid Committee which expends more money than any other State Agency.

ILL. Vernon B. Williams, Jr. 33° Western #28 has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the South Branch of the American Cancer Society. He served this board for the past two years both as Lay-vice Chairman and Crusade Chairman and is a member of the Chicago Council of the American Cancer Society.

THE consistories of New Jersey gave a testimonial banquet to Illustrious C. Morris Cain 33° the deputy of that state at the Stacy Trent Hotel in Trenton, New Jersey, October 30, 1960. The affair was a deserved and beautiful trib-

ute to this outstanding member of the Supreme Council and deputy of one of the more important jurisdictions. A large and representative list of guests and members were present and an interesting program followed the dinner with Grand Master Robert W. Gwaltney 33° as toastmaster. Illustrious Cain made an effective speech of appreciation. The Sovereign Grand Commander was among the invited guests.

A BIRTH CERTIFICATE

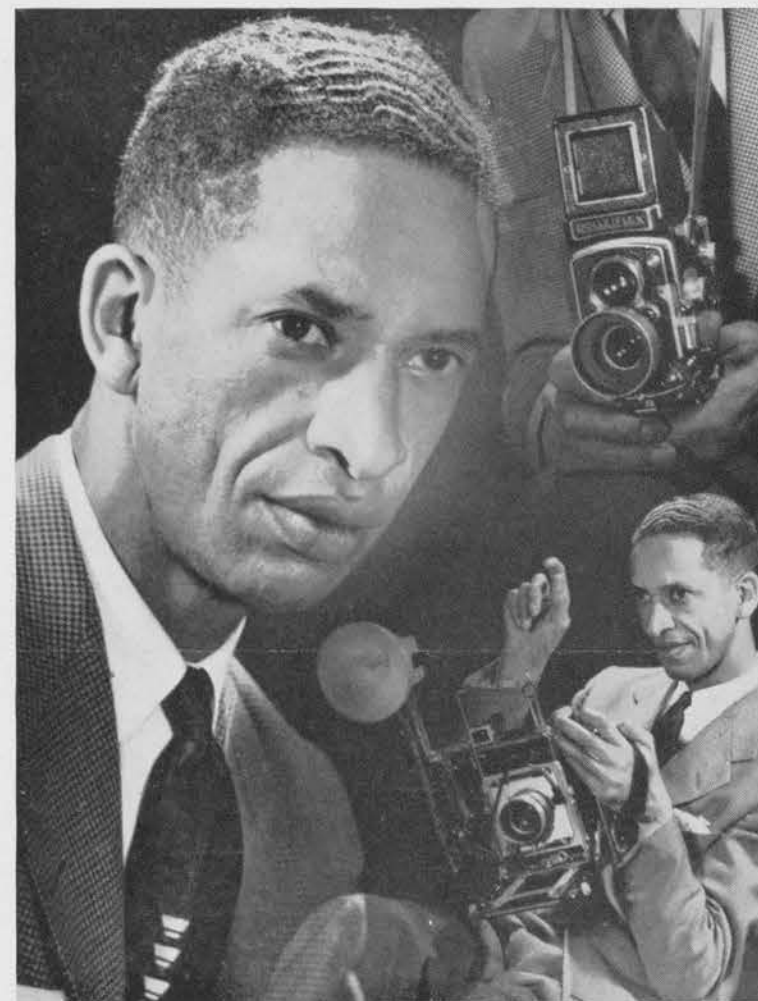
All regular Freemasonry of the world is derived from the Mother Grand Lodge of England. In a safe deposit chest of one of the oldest Safe Deposit Companies of New England there is a birth certificate. It is dated September 29, 1784, and was issued to attest the birth of an offspring bearing the name African Lodge No. 459. It has the imprint and "Seal of the Masonic Grand Lodge" and attests to the unassailable fact of a birth within wedlock. There it is in plain language which outspeaks an encyclopedia of specious arguments designed to escape the logic of legitimacy.

The most vicious phrase in the American vocabulary of intolerance is "social equality." It is the most attractive bait of the venal politicians seeking the votes of the unwary. It is the bug-bear of the socially insecure. It is the rallying cry of racial bigots. Its vice consists in falsely associating it with every aspiration of Negro Americans to achieve first class citizenship.

TO SECRETARIES OF CONSISTORIES!

This reminds YOU.
Your Annual Reports to this office are due
not later than April 15, 1961.

A. CLARENCE MONROE, 33°
Secretary General, H.E.



Ill. E. Winfred Helm, 33°

The Official Photographer of The Supreme Council

THIS will introduce Illustrious E. Winfred Helm 33°, a native of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, the Inspector General who is responsible for most of the photographs reproduced in the BULLETIN and for the moving pictures of the Annual Sessions of the Supreme Council made for preservation in its archives.

During the year 1934 he moved to Springfield, Illinois, where he had secured employment with the Secretary of State, as chief stock clerk in the Illinois State Library. During his employment in the State Library, he finished a course in photography at the American School of Photography, Chicago. After graduation, he was appointed assistant photographer of the Secretary of State's office and after a year and a half, he became the chief photographer, a position he has held for the past twenty-seven years. He is married to the former Dorothy Mason and they have two children, Beverly and Jimmie. He and his family reside at 1128 South Pasfield, Springfield. His mother is deceased but his father still resides in Mt. Vernon and has been a Master Mason for over fifty years.

The Springfield Urban League presented him with a Certificate of Award for his meritorious achievements during the year 1960 in appreciation for his outstanding contributions to the Urban League program of improved living conditions for the minority group through interracial cooperation.

"Seated One Day at the Organ"

THE day was any one of the days during the annual meeting of The Supreme Council. The organ is the fine instrument installed in the Sovereign Senate Chamber of the Cathedral. The man at the console is the Grand Organist of the Supreme Council. During the sessions of that body and especially in connection with the Solemn Ceremonies of the elevation of Inspectors General to the thirty-third degree, the music of the organ contributes to the beauty and inspiration of the rites. The present Grand Organist is Ill. Clinton Gibbs, 33° of Cincinnati, Ohio. Ill. Gibbs' music education consists of theory at Holderbach College, organ study under Pryer Syman, special study at University of Cincinnati in theory, music appreciation and organ. He has been organist at prominent churches in his home city for many years and is presently organist for the First Baptist Church where he has served for thirty-four years.



Ill. Clinton Gibbs, 33°

