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## Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas, Sesquicentennial Celebration.

*October 25th/26th 2006.*

*As reported by Most Excellent Companion Edgar Fentum KYGCH*

Four trumpeters from the Life Guards of the Queen's Household Cavalry dressed in gold medieval tunics and with long silver trumpets stood on the Minstrel Gallery at the end wall some 40 feet above the Banquet floor. The fanfare soared into the high beams of the oak paneled Guildhall, London and 500 guests at the Banquet stood for the arrival of the Grand Master. His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent was accompanied by his brother His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent (Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England) and Princess Michael of Kent.

A sumptuous Banquet of: Ballotine of Foie Gras, Real Honeycomb, with Char grilled grapes, black truffles and toasted Brioche was served with a delightful fruity Nutbourne Sussex Reserve 2004. The next course of baked sea Bass with asparagus and Balsamic reduction was followed by a Cannon of Welsh Lamb with Fine herbs, red wine reduction, Rosti Potato Pancakes, Fine Beans and leek ribbons accompanied by a Cote du Rhone Reserve 2003. The desert was three exotic fruit sherbets, berries and Florentine Biscuits. Finally we had a Baked Mushroom with Stilton and Redcurrant croutons. The service was impeccable and the best I have experienced at any Banquet small or large. Coffee and Port were served with Petite Fours in an elegant Lounge adjacent to the Banquet. The evening was preceded by champagne and Hors D'oeuvres in two Reception areas.

Throughout the Banquet a small ensemble located on the Minstrel Gallery played a selection of music. The music

wafted into the high ceiling decorated with a frieze of colorful painted armorial shields and ornate gold leaf embosses. Surprisingly the music could be heard above the conversation. My wife and I were honored to be placed just two tables away from the 'Royal table' at this reception for foreign dignitaries.

The Toasts (which were short and well delivered) were preceded by a Fanfare from the trumpets followed by a dignified announcement by the Director of Ceremonies (Grand Lecturer): "Your Royal Highnesses, my Lords, Ladies and Brethren pray silence for the Grand Master, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent".

I was attending as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California and my wife and I were accorded the most courteous reception and honor. I regret to say that the R. E. Comp. Andre Lovas, Grand Secretary of Georgia and I were the only representatives from the United States.

The Guildhall has been the center of Civic events for more than 100 years. The original building was started in about 1141 and completed in 1440. It has been 're-built' many times and witnessed many historic events including the trial of traitors, Lord Mayor's Banquets, receptions of Emperors, Monarchs of the Realm and many Presidents of the United States of America.

The history of the Mark Degree is to be found in his-

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torical publications and may be researched. The formation of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England etc., as the Premier Grand Lodge of Mark Masons in the world was in consequence of a rejection by the United Grand Lodge of England to accept the Mark degree. This occurred during a period according to Gould of 'subordination and discontent' after the union in 1813 of the Moderns and the Antients. The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was formed on the 23rd June 1856 (the day before St. John the Baptist day) in the Freemasons Tavern on Great Queen Street, London under the first Grand Master, Lord Leigh. There are now 1545 Mark Lodges in many countries around the world. It has 44,021 members which make it about 8 times larger than the Grand Chapter of California and about half the size of the Grand Lodge of California – and growing! From 1982 – 2005 the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of England has made donations to charity of over \$10 million. Mark Masons are now the largest single Masonic organization in England after the United Grand Lodge of England and has displaced the Supreme Grand Chapter of England from that position.

It is important to understand that there is no York Rite in England. The Supreme Grand Chapter of England has jurisdiction over one degree – the Royal Arch Degree. Hence, a Mark Master Mason, besides being a Master Mason need not be a Royal Arch Mason and likewise a Royal Arch Mason, besides being a Master Mason need not be a Mark Master Mason. A visitor from a jurisdiction that is so structured and who is a Royal Arch Mason may be healed in California according to our Constitution No 188. However a Mark Master Mason may only attend a Mark Degree and not be present if the Chapter is opened in the Royal Arch Degree and he can not be healed as a Royal Arch Mason.

The next day we attended the major official Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England at the Royal Albert Hall, London. The event was sold out 3 months early. I am still overwhelmed by the dignity, splendor and quiet precision with which 5,500 attendees and 500 watching on closed circuit screens were received, conducted and entertained.

My wife and I were among the 'dignitaries'. I was assigned a Grand Officer as a Personal Steward who met us at the entrance, (having obtained a photograph), took charge of my regalia and conducted us to a private room where there was a superb buffet lunch with champagne and wine. We were in groups of about 12 VIP's and my wife and I were with the Grand Master of Denmark, Sweden and Past First Grand Principal from Israel among others and their ladies.

I did not realize it at the time but I was in a select group of the highest ranking Masons from other jurisdic-

tions and the Concordant and Appendant bodies in England. The Steward re-appeared and conducted my wife Molly to her seat and then returned to take me to a room to put on my regalia. We were then led to a corridor where about 4 Assistant Directors of Ceremonies with a quiet authority made sure we were in exactly the right order and precisely at 2 p.m. we were individually escorted into the main auditorium and on to the stage.

Large screen monitors showed close ups of each individual with his name, title and jurisdiction. There were about 50 Masons in this group and when we were in place the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England entered with the Grand Master, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent together with Grand Officers of Mark Master Masons of England, The Duke of Kent and Grand Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England were received and we all took our seats.

The program included a short History of Mark Masonry. The Girls Choir from the Royal Masonic School for Girls rendered a medley of songs and this was followed by recitals from a Soprano, a Clarinetist and a violinist from the School.

There was an impressive parade with the Worshipful Master and Wardens of each Lodge carrying new Banners of the four founding Mark Lodges: Bon Accord, Royal Cumberland, Old Kent and Phoenix No 2.

This was followed by the presentation of a check for £3 million or about \$5.4 million to the Duchess of Cornwall's Charity (Camilla Parker-Bowles as she was known is Prince Charles's wife and possibly the future Queen of England). This donation will provide 7 Osteoporosis vehicular scanner units to tour the United Kingdom and offer a 15 minute free assessment to identify individuals at risk from this debilitating disease that causes bones to become fragile.

At this point the large screen focused on the Royal Box and to my surprise I saw my wife, Molly seated in a front row seat of the Box next to the Royal Box – not more than two places away from the Duchess of Cornwall and Princess Michael!

After the closing address by the Grand Master, a Prayer by the Grand Chaplain we followed the Royal Party in a predetermined order and back to the room from where we started. My personal Grand Officer Escort had collected my wife Molly and with my regalia led us to a coach to attend a private reception at the Drapers' Hall.

Drapers Hall in Throgmorton Street, London was purchased by the wealthy Worshipful Company of Drapers from King Henry VIII in 1543 and was the home of Thomas Cromwell. (Father of Oliver Cromwell). It has been damaged a number of times and refurbished to become one of the best and most attractive Livery Halls in the City of London. The oil paintings alone reflect 500

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## Behind the Bronze Doors of the Masons' HQ

*Far from being the secretive cult of legend, Freemasonry is openly built into the US capital's very fabric*

*September 24, 2006 By Rupert Cornwell UK Independent*

Is this the most masonic city on Earth? I can't helping thinking so, just after one of the more memorable TV interviews I have given, in terms of the setting at least. The topic was the role of a renegade Freemasons' lodge in the downfall and death of Roberto Calvi, the Italian banker found hanged under a bridge in London in 1982.

But where to do the interview? Washington had no links with the Calvi affair (unless of course you believe the whole thing was the work of the CIA). The production director, however, came up with an inspired location: the dark, panelled library of the House of the Temple, the US headquarters of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry on 16th Street NW. Thus it was that I finally got a look at a building I had driven past almost every day for the past five years, wondering what was inside.

I was not disappointed. The place is quite astonishing, designed in 1911 and modelled on the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus in what is now Turkey, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The great bronze external doors are guarded by sphinxes. Inside is a cavernous hall supported by black columns. Everything is polished stone. The designs are geometric, the motifs Egyptian. For the rest, though, the temple defied my preconceptions of Freemasonry.

In Europe at least, Freemasonry is a mystery of secret rites and occult power, the stuff of a million conspiracy theories. None more so, of course, than Propaganda Due, or P-2, the lodge involved in the Calvi case, a veritable state-within-a-state, linked to attempted coups, right-wing terrorism and skulduggery of every variety.

Not so the splendid temple on 16th Street. A guide proudly showed me around, taking me to see the great collection of books owned by the poet Robert Burns and the "Freemasons' Hall of Fame", featuring the likes of the politician Bob Dole and the golfer Arnold Palmer. Then there was the library itself, with 250,000 volumes and a fabulous collection of masonic memorabilia, and the assembly room where the Supreme Council for the Rite's 33rd Degree, its highest, holds its meetings.

In its US incarnation, Freemasonry is primarily a social

and philanthropic organisation. "We are not a religion, we don't hold services and pray," I was told. The only requirement is a broad belief in God. Beyond that, anyone - Christian, Jew or Muslim - is welcome. Essentially it is one of those brotherhoods of which Americans are fond.

George Washington was a mason, and so were 13 other Presidents, most recently Gerald Ford. Freemasonry is ideologically entwined with America's birth. Back in the 18th century the movement was identified with the Enlightenment and resistance to the obscurantist rule of the church and absolute monarchies. Of those who signed the Declaration of Independence, nine were masons, as were 13 of the signatories of the U.S. constitution.

Just across the river in Alexandria is the George Washington Masonic Memorial, inspired by the lighthouse in ancient Alexandria in Egypt, another of the seven wonders. There are said to be masonic connections between the White House and the Capitol building; some believe that the entire city is designed on a masonic plan. And look on the back of a dollar bill. The pyramid and "all-seeing eye" above it have strong masonic connotations.

American Freemasonry is no furtive creature of the dark, as far from the malevolent P-2 as you can imagine. But it too has problems - or rather competitors. There are new outlets aplenty for philanthropy and giving. Generation X-ers seem less inclined to take the trouble of joining, while the movement must cope with the resurgence of organised religion. Membership has fallen from a peak of around four million in the 1950s to 1.5 million today.

Paradoxically, masonry's lingering mystique could yet rescue its popularity. Templars, Masons and other ancient orders are all the rage. Dan Brown has a new book out next year called *The Solomon Key*, which is believed to deal with Freemasonry, Washington and the Founding Fathers.

Some fear that it will do for the masons' reputation what *The Da Vinci Code* did for Opus Dei. But in the US, the latter's sinister aura is entirely absent from Freemasonry. And nowhere is this absence more evident than here, amid the broad vistas and handsome buildings of Washington, the mason's city par excellence.

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years of English history. It is not open to the public.

We arrived in a lane that was barely wide enough for the coach and entered this magnificent small building through an insignificant doorway that belied what lay beyond. The oil paintings, paneling and ceilings of the various rooms were more ornate than the Guildhall and were simply breathtaking!

Once again Champagne and a Buffet awaited us and while we mingled and exchanged experiences with our new found friends Prince Michael circulated the room. Among the many visitors from around the world I met were representatives from Australia, Africa, France, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, Spain, France and even Bolivia – but no other American Grand High Priest!

Prince Michael was introduced to my wife and me. The protocol is to give a perfunctory neck bow (i.e. just incline the head slightly forward) and my wife to perform a slight curtsy. The first time you speak you say ‘Your Royal Highness’ after which if needed it is ‘Sir’. In the ‘heat of the moment’ I gave only the ‘Court bow’ and as I looked up saw that the Prince’s hand was shaking my wife’s hand and he was engaged in conversation with us. So much for protocol! We found him to be charming, personable and attentive and spoke to us as if we were the only people in the room. He is a distinguished statesman and reflects his ancestors King Edward VII and the Czar of Russia.

Gifts my wife and I received included a boxed silk scarf for her, an enameled sesquicentennial breast jewel, a Mark token, a beautifully hand crafted enameled Pill box, a book called ‘Marking Well’, elegantly printed programs together with a D.V.D. of the event. The elegant style, gracious hospitality and personal attention made it one of the most memorable experiences of my Masonic career.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England is a highly organized, vibrant, thriving Masonic entity situated in superb premises in St. James Street, London. It has a team of dedicated and skilled administrators and Officers who perform all the functions of management with great dignity but also with a ‘touch of humanity and personal regard for the individual’. This reflects the nature and character of the Mark degree and sets the Grand Lodge of M. M. of England apart from other Grand bodies.

As my Companion from Georgia put it: ‘It is such a pity that so many Grand High Priests from the U.S.A. are not here – they will never know what they could have learned and what they have missed!’

Edgar W. Fentum, K.Y.G.C.H., P.G.H.P.

Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England

## "THE UNIVERSALITY OF MASONRY"

The meeting of the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar in the City of San Francisco awakened a lively and meritorious interest, not only among Masons but among all and the best classes of citizens in the State; and that grand event was one never to be forgotten as an exhibition of the universality of Masonry; that fraternal and brotherly love which exists among the members of our Order, and as a striking evidence of its power for good in the exercise of its most excellent tenets — brotherly love, relief and truth.

*M.W. Clay Webster Taylor, Grand Master, 1882*

## "THE CHIEF COMPLAINT"

The chief complaint, indeed about the only one of any moment made by the Inspectors, is that some Lodges will persist in electing to office, particularly to the office of Master and Secretary, brethren who by nature and education are totally unfitted to discharge the duties thereof in a creditable or satisfactory manner. The bare fact that a brother is socially what is termed "a good fellow," should never, in the absence of qualification, become the passport in either of these positions. Most of the difficulties, Financial and social, with which Lodges are oftentimes afflicted, proceed from this cause.

*M.W. Jonathan Doan Hines, Grand Master, 1883*

## "BE EVER READY"

A source of additional gratitude to the Great Giver of All Good is found in the presence here today of that large number of members who for so many years have been spared to punctually fill their places at the sound of the gavel, ready to share the burdens and enjoy the pleasures incident to each Annual Communication. But, alas! our joy is freighted down with the sombre reflection that the heads of these grand old Masonic servants are rapidly whitening for the grave, while the presence of an increasing list of new members, whom we now greet with a most cordial welcome, warns us that age is upon us, and that we should clasp more firmly to our hearts the sacred tenets and pure principles of our beloved Order, and be ever ready to respond to the closely approaching summons of our Supreme Grand Master.

*M.W. Jonathan Doan Hines, Grand Master, 1884*

## "THAT BRIGHT OASIS"

With joy and pride we extend to you a fraternal greeting, and welcome you as members of the Grand Lodge, and as representatives of Masonry, which in the long and distant ages of the past, and down to the present, has successfully resisted the anathemas of Church and State, religious bigotry and political persecution, and constantly spread and promulgated its moral and civilizing influences; and now, with full confidence and becoming pride, looks forward to still greater successes and more glorious victories.

Throughout the Grant jurisdiction during the period just passed Masonry has been, and now is, very active and prosperous. The hand of benevolence and charity is ever open, freely, prudently and gently stretched forth to relieve the sick and distressed, to support the widow, maintain and educate the orphan of our deceased brethren, proving a shield and support to the weary and way-worn brother, assisting him to gain that bright oasis in the desert of life's journey where may be found rest and refreshment.

*M.W. Clay Webster Taylor, Grand Master, 1881*

## In Memoriam

Most Excellent Companion

### Robert W. Harell

Past Grand High Priest (1994-95)

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of California

Born May 12, 1921, A. I. 2451

Called from labor on

**June 3, 2006, A. 1. 2536**



*Now the laborer's task is o'er;  
Now the battle is past;  
Now upon the farther shore,  
Lands the voyager at last*

No Memorial Service will be held. Charlotte Harrell has requested that she not receive cards or phone calls. The family has requested that any donations in his memory be made to Shriners Hospital for Children; 2425 Stockton Blvd.; Sacramento, California 95817-2215.

## In Memoriam

Lady

### Celia Mason

*Widow of Past Grand High Priest and*

*Past Grand Commander*

### Allan S. Mason

*Called to her reward*

**September 22, 2006**

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on  
Thursday, September 28  
at Ararat Cemetery, located at  
1929 W. Belmont Ave.  
(at N. Hughes Ave.) in Fresno, California.

The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations in her memory be made to either St Gregory Armenian Church (P. O. Box 246; Fowler, CA 93625-0246) or California Armenian Home (P. O. Box 7877; Fresno, CA 93747-7877).

## In Memoriam

Sir Knight

### Harry N. Scammell

Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honour

Knight Commander of the Temple

Past Grand Commander (1978-79)

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State  
of California

Called from labor on

**August 28, A. D. 2006, A.O.888**



*"Now the laborer's task is o'er;  
Now the battle is past;  
Now upon the farther shore,  
Lands the voyager at last."*

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund (c/o Grand Recorder; 801 Elm Avenue; Long Beach, California 90813-4414) will be greatly appreciated.



## California Grand York Rite Sessions 2007

The California Grand York Rite Sessions Committee request the pleasure of your company at the 2007 Grand York Rite Sessions, to be held in Bakersfield: April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have scheduled this to be the best Sessions for the new Century.

- We will start off with our annual Golf Tournament. If you are a pro or a hacker you will enjoy the time spent chasing that little white ball all over the countryside. Saturday evening, join us for the Welcome "Santa Fe" Bar-B-Que, which is open to **all** attendees. It is a good chance to meet with old friends and make new ones.
- Sunday features the Battalion & Bells Luncheon and the Commandery Drill Team competition including a Drill team that competed in Texas at the Grand Encampment. We climax the afternoon with our Vesper services. Help us pay homage to those who have departed to the Celestial home above. That evening, join us for the annual banquet. This year we promise that you will be entertained, fed, and informed.
- Monday starts the Grand Sessions with the Grand Chapter leading off, followed by the Grand Council on Tuesday and the Grand Commandery on Wednesday. We understand that there will be legislation that may affect our membership. It is important to have your voice heard and provide your input.
- For our ladies, we have the Ladies Hospitality Room to visit friends old and new. The Ladies committee is putting together programs for our ladies, details are forthcoming.

The registration form is found in the Encompasser and on our website: [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org). All attendees, including those who do not order any meals, need to send in their reservation form so that your name badge is preprinted and speed up registration. **Please remember to submit your reservations prior to the deadline to avoid the 25% surcharge.**

This will be a Grand Sessions not soon forgotten. You will want to be part of it.

California Grand York Rite Committee 2007

Email: [chairmen@ca-gyrs.org](mailto:chairmen@ca-gyrs.org)



**2007 Grand York Rite Sessions** April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 – Bakersfield, CA

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**No Events Requested** or **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO MARK THE AMOUNT IN THE ENTRÉE CHOICES**

Day	Date	Time	Event / Meal	Quan.	Cost	Total
Sat	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM	Golf Tournament <input type="checkbox"/> Please fill out the foursome for me Others in your foursome: _____		\$45.00	
		6:30 PM	Welcoming BBQ "Santa Fe" ___ Vegetarian ___		\$32.50	
Sun	April 29 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 AM	Battalion & Belles Luncheon San Joaquin Buffet ___ Vegetarian ___		\$22.00	
		6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet Entree Choice: Top Sirloin ___ Salmon ___ Vegetarian ___		\$35.00	
Mon	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast "Traditional Breakfast" Open to the Companions <u>and</u> the Ladies		\$15.00	
		12:00 PM	RA Ladies Luncheon Chicken Caesar Salad ___ Vegetarian ___		\$17.00	
		12:15 PM	Grand Chapter Luncheon Grilled Flank Steak ___ Vegetarian ___		\$19.00	
Tue	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 AM	Grand Council Breakfast: "Metropolitan Breakfast" Open to the Companions <u>and</u> the Ladies		\$15.00	
		12:00 PM	CM Ladies Luncheon The Wrap ___ Vegetarian ___		\$18.00	
		12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon The Ciabatta ___ Vegetarian ___		\$18.00	
Wed	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast "Military Breakfast" Open to the Sir Knights <u>and</u> the Ladies		\$15.00	
		12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon Oriental Sesame Chicken Salad ___ Vegetarian ___		\$17.00	
		12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon Pork Loin ___ Vegetarian ___		\$19.00	

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Please send this form and the accompanying payment by **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007** to:  
 Dave Glass 6431 Valley Hi Drive Sacramento, CA 95823-4838  
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**If there are any questions, please email [chairmen@ca-gyrs.org](mailto:chairmen@ca-gyrs.org) or call:  
 Marshall Parker at (951) 616-7517 or James Baum at (760) 843-9258**

No refunds after April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 unless approved by the 2007 Grand York Rite Sessions General Chairmen

More forms are available from [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org) along with menus and further details.

### **California Grand York Rite Sessions Souvenir Program**

The California 2007 Grand York Rite Sessions Committee is now soliciting advertisements ads or congratulatory comments for its 2007 Grand Sessions Souvenir Program.

This Souvenir Program will cover pertinent information and scheduled activities of its 2007 California Grand York Rite Sessions that are to take place at the Holiday Inn Select, **(note: name to be changed to Marriott in January 07)**. Bakersfield, California, commencing on April 29, and concluding on May 2, 2007. All Companions, Sir Knights and their Ladies are cordially invited to attend these sessions. For information send a self addressed stamped envelope to: Dennis L. Ward, 2007 GS Secretary, 4265 Mt. View Ave. San Bernardino, CA 92407-3727. California York Rite Masons will receive Grand Sessions information and reservation forms through a separate media.

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**Please Note: No Ad can be accepted for inclusion in the Souvenir Program after March 15, 2007.**

Each Advertiser will receive a courtesy copy of the Souvenir Program. All Grand Sessions attendees will receive a copy of the Souvenir Program as part of their registration packet. Extra copies of the Souvenir Program will be available for purchase at the Registration Deck at cost of \$7.00 each

**Please direct any question you make have regarding the Souvenir Program to the: Grand Sessions 2007 Souvenir Program Committee**

Thanks for your kind consideration and timely response to this matter.

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## "TO BELIEVE —"

I wish that I were gifted with the foresight and wisdom to look ahead on the road we shall follow in the years immediately before us and tell you how we can plan to avoid those pitfalls and by-paths which would make our progress a difficult one.

However, I can say to you with the utmost confidence that with these lamps to guide our feet and these landmarks to point the way we shall not stray too far or fall too hard.

To believe that to make innovations in the body of Masonry is to turn our backs on the wisdom of the past and pursue a dangerous course.

To believe in and submit to the patiently and carefully taken decisions of the majority.

To believe that we are our brother's keeper — not only because moral law and fraternal precept say so, but because it is the dictate of our conscience.

To believe that there is a higher law which governs our lives and that the way to understand it is to ask for and receive the guidance of Almighty God.

Thus, my brethren, I believe that our great fraternity will move calmly and successfully on into an unending future.

*M.W. Frank Harwell, Jr. Grand Master, 1953*

## "A GREAT MISSION"

There is, therefore, a great mission of Masonry for America, — just as Masons had a vital part to play in the formation of our nation, so they have a great opportunity to make sure we stay American. Masonry combats intellectual enslavement. It emancipates the human mind. It liberates humanity from the chains of fear, ignorance and superstition. It teaches the tenets which Jesus proclaimed, "Behold! a new doctrine I give unto you, that you love one another," and the Divine Commandment of Moses, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." It seeks to persuade mankind that an acceptance of these precepts will lead to the amity and

peace for which we yearn.

So, as individuals we can bend our energies to increase our American strength, our American devotion to duty and our American consecration to freedom — freedom of the mind, freedom of the body and freedom of the soul.

*M.W. Henry Christian Clausen, Grand Master, 1954*

## "THE WORLD HAS NEED OF MASONRY"

Brethren, the world has need of Masonry. It needs our organized support of free public education. It needs our love for, and adherence to, the principles involved in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It needs our steadfastness to the principle of the separation of church and state. It needs our serious and solemn lessons of the brotherhood of all mankind and the fatherhood of God.

Yes, Masonry itself is a vital necessity for the preservation of our American democratic way of life, and every brother who has put his shoulder to the wheel of this great Craft of ours this year, may enjoy the inner satisfaction of knowing that he has helped to hold aloft the light of Truth which will eventually permeate earth's darkest recesses and bring to us the peace we all seek. For the continued advancement of our beloved fraternity, let us ever remember and always heed that admonition from the Sermon on the Mount which seems to have been written especially for us.

"Ye are light of the world . . . Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

*M.W. Edgar V. Stewart, Jr., Grand Master, 1955*

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JAN 3 SOLANO CHAPTER INSTALLATION

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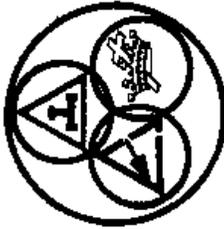
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