

BANQUET

M. W. GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M.
STATE OF TENNESSEE

Prince Hall Affiliation



MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1976

8:00 P.M.

SHERATON HOTEL
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

THE HONORABLE CHARLES F. WILLIAMS
M. W. GRAND MASTER

— M E N U —

JELLO MOLD
ROAST SIRLOIN OF BEEF
BAKED POTATO
GARDEN PEAS WITH MUSHROOMS
APPLE PIE
COFFEE OR TEA
ROLLS & BUTTER

PROGRAMME

Toastmaster, Brother William E. Blevins
R. W. Grand Junior Warden

- MUSIC Brother E. C. Finley
"LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING" Audience
INVOCATION Brother James L. Guthrie
R. W. Grand Chaplain
GREETINGS The Honorable Gene Roberts
Vice Mayor and Commissioner of Fire and Police
GREETINGS Brother John Franklin
Commissioner of Health and Education
GREETINGS Brother E. J. Henderson
Chairman, Host Lodges and Chapters
PRESENTATION OF GUESTS AND GRAND HEADS
Brother George H. Coffin
R. W. Grand Recording Secretary
DINNER (Music) Brother E. C. Finley
PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN YEAR AWARD
Brother Ben L. Hooks
R. W. Grand Secretary
PRESENTATION OF MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD
Brother Larry Pendergrass
Grand Historian
PRESENTATION OF O. E. S. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
AWARD Sister Daisy Howard
PRESENTATION OF EASTERN STAR OF THE YEAR
AWARD Sister Rosa L. Goodwin
MUSIC Brother E. C. Finley
PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER
Brother Charles L. Dinkins
Grand Public Relations Director
ADDRESS Dr. Milton K. Curry, Jr.
President, Bishop College
Dallas, Texas

"CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"



Mr. Jesse H. Turner, Sr.

A native of Longview, Mississippi, the son of the late Rev. O. J. Turner and Mrs. Martha L. Turner of West Point.

A graduate of Lemoyne-Owen College at Memphis, with B. S. Degree with honors in Mathematics, School of Business, University of Chicago, with an M. B. A. Degree in Accounting; a Certified Public Accountant from the State of Tennessee.

He rose to the rank of captain in Armed Forces during World War II, Commanded a Tank Company during Italian Campaign, during which he received the Bronze Star.

He served as president or chairman of the Executive Committee, Memphis Branch, NAACP, from 1957 to 1968, during which period tremendous gains made in eradicating racial discrimination in many areas of our society. He was plaintiff in successful suits to desegregate public libraries and airport restaurant in Shelby County and personally led the fight for blacks to enter the University of Tennessee at Memphis. He served as president of the National Bankers Association for two years, elected to State Constitutional Convention in 1964, and appointed by Governor of the State to serve on Tax Study in 1966.

Presently, of the NAACP, he is serving as National Treasurer, Trustee of Special Contribution Fund, Vice President of the Board of the National Housing Corporation, and member of the Executive Committee, Memphis Branch. Member of the Investment Committee, Minbanc Capital Corporation; Member and Chairman of the Budget Committee of the Shelby County Quarterly Court, Chairman of the Trustee Board of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Executive Vice President-Cashier, Tri-State Bank of Memphis, Past Master of Joppa Lodge No. 314, F. & A. M.; and Grand Auditor of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.

Awards include: Memphis Branch NAACP Merit Award, 1958; Outstanding Achievement Civic Award, Metropolitan Brotherhood, 1961; Testimonial Dinner in his honor by Citizens of Memphis where he was cited as "Fearless Champion of the Rights of Men" in May, 1961; "Alumnus of the Year", Lemoyne College, 1964; "Man of the Year", Bluff City Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1966; Church of God in Christ Award, 1969; and National NAACP Award, 1970.

Mr. Turner was a member of the Varsity Football Team, the "Mad Magicians", during undergraduate at Lemoyne-Owen College.

He is married to the former Miss Allegra Will and they are the parents of five children.

"MASON OF THE YEAR"



Brother William Brock Hill

William Brock Hill, Jr. was born January 5, 1876 in Joplin, Missouri, the son of William Brock Hill, Sr. and Mary Hill.

In 1885, he moved with his parents to Bristol, Virginia where he entered the public schools of that city.

He entered the plumbing profession and worked as a self-employed plumber for approximately 35 years, during which time he was also employed by Morley's Fruit and Vegetable Company. His full retirement from both of these endeavors became effective in 1960.

Brock, whose wife passed away in 1927, is the father of four children; namely, Mrs. Martha Cornette, Mrs. Laverne Sanders, Samuel and Manuel, all of Bristol, Virginia.

Brock joined Eldorado Lodge No. 23 in 1914 and enjoys the distinction of having filled every elective and appointive office in that lodge, and having served 32 years in the office of Senior Deacon. His other Masonic Affiliations include being a 32nd degree Mason, a Royal Arch Mason, a Knights of Templar and a member of Fatima Shrine Temple No. 101. He also maintains membership in The Oddfellows and Knights of Pythians and is Past Patron of Zion's Rest Chapter No. 54, Order of the Eastern Star. He is a charter member of B. W. Hayes District Council and the financial secretary.

Brock attends Lee Street Baptist Church of Bristol, where he has been a member for much over 50 years.

"O. E. S. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"



Mrs. Nena B. Howard

Mrs. Nena B. Howard was born December 3, 1900 in Cleveland, Tennessee in Bradley County.

She received her B. S. Degree at A & I Tennessee State University. At Columbia University Teachers College she received her M. A. Degree. She was certified for special education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Married to Mr. John Howard, now deceased, she has two daughters; one a Registered Nurse and the other a Supervisor of Special Education.

Mrs. Howard taught for many years in the City System and in other counties. She was the only black member of the School Board in Cleveland.

She is a member of The Women's League of Voters, Red Cross Volunteer Worker, Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 70, Order of Eastern Star, Chairman of the Urban Renewal Project, The Improvement League, Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P. A member of the Day Care Center Board, she worked with Girl Scouts for ten years, Teacher of the Junior Sunday School Class of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church for five years.

Mrs. Howard was one of the Charter members of The Unemployed Teachers Project sponsored by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. She is Finance Committee Chairman of C.W.U. She was named to Who's Who in American Education Book of the year 1962-63 and was chosen first runner up for Teacher of the Year 1965-66.

She attended The National Training Laboratory at Bethel, Maine which was held at Gould Academy. She is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Cleveland, a volunteer worker of Organization Contact, a Christian Inter-Denominational Telephone Ministry member. She serves on the Advisory Board of the Bradley County Department of Human Services, coordinator for the Progress of People.

Her hobbies include gathering and distributing clothes and shoes to underprivileged people, oil painting, ceramics, reading, and traveling.

She has written many letters and answered many questions in open letter to the Cleveland Banner Newspaper. She has written Health Lessons for the national advertised magazine "American Childhood" which is used in children education in school and home published in Springfield, Massachusetts.

"EASTERN STAR OF THE YEAR"



Sister Fannie M. Brewster

Mrs. Fannie M. Bwewster was born in Braddock, Pennsylvania to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Fuller. The family moved to Pochantas, Virginia where she received her education. In 1921 she moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where she met and married Mr. F. L. Brewster.

In 1922 she was initiated into Victory Chapter No. 241. In 1929 Mr. and Mrs. Brewster, working with the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Ada C. LaPrade, and Grand Worthy Patron, Bro. C. D. Hayes, organized White Lily Chapter No. 284, O. E. S., where she served as Worthy Matron until 1946.

Sister Brewster has served the Grand Chapter well. She served as Grand Adah under Sister LaPrade, and as Grand Conductress under Grand Worthy Matrons Lula C. Byas and Ethel Beck.

Sister Brewster traveled over the State of Tennessee with her husband, Past Grand Master F. L. Brewster, organizing and reactivating chapters.

In 1946 Hyksos Court No. 112, Daughters of Isis, was organized and Sister Brewster was the first Illustrious Commandress, until 1951.

Sister Brewster is a faithful member of St. James Baptist Church, where she sings in the choir. Sister Brewster is the only active charter member of White Lily Chapter No. 284, O. E. S.

She has helped raise and educate children of whom she is very proud.

Sister Brewster has been an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star for fifty-four years, and an active member of White Lily Chapter for forty-seven years.

OUR SPEAKER



Dr. Milton K. Curry, Jr.

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M. OF TENNESSEE, has the honor to present as the Banquet Speaker Dr. Milton K. Curry, Jr.

For the past twenty-four years, Dr. Curry has served as President of Bishop College, Dallas, Texas. For the past year he has carried the additional responsibility of the Presidency of the United Negro College Fund.

Dr. Curry is a native of Magnolia, Arkansas. He attended high school in Wichita Falls, Texas, graduated in 1932 from Morehouse College, received his Master's degree from Atlanta University in 1933, and continued his graduate work at Creighton University, the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan. He served as a high school teacher and as a Pastor in Wichita, Texas, before accepting the presidency of Butler College, Tyler, Texas, for two years.

As President of Bishop College, Dr. Curry led in the re-location of that historic institution from a small school and inadequate facilities in Marshall, Texas, to a modern, attractive 387-acre campus in Dallas, consisting of 26 buildings worth some \$20-million. Under his administration the College's enrollment has increased from 350 to over 2,000.

As President of the United Negro College Fund, Dr. Curry is the nation's chief spokesman for the black private College, and has carried the UNCF appeal to all parts of the country.

His affiliations include Phi Beta Kappa; the Goals for Dallas Committee; former Chairman of the Texas Association of Developing Colleges; former member of the President's Advisory Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity and the Texas State Advisory Committee of the Commission on Civil Rights. He is an active member of the Masonic Order.

HOSTESSES

Sister Mayme Burnett

Sister Mary J. Young

Sister Jessie Muse

Sister Aurthrine Gandy

Sister Lucille Bell

Sister Earline Smith

USHERS

Brother Lewis Henderson

Brother Manuel Pinkard

Brother Melvin Taylor

Brother Bobby Horton

Brother Worley Saddler

Brother Henry Turner

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty,
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died,
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers signed?
We have come over away that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last,
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path we pray;
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk from the wine of the world we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our Native Land.