56 'MARYLAND' BAPTIST CHURCHES ARE HERE

The United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland, founded in 1926, has a membership of over 20,000 persons.

The largest group in the state, the organizations combines the predominantly colored congregations of more than 80 churches.

COMMUNION IS THE HIGH POINT OF CHILDREN'S MASS AT ST. PETER CLAVER.

St. Peter Claver Church

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, at Fremont and Pennsylvania Aves., has been located there since its dedication in 1888 by the Josephite Fathers.

Over 78 years ago, the church was described as "a beautiful brick structure in Gothic style and with a bell and belfry over 75 feet high.; With the school, parish house schools, convent and other buildings, the church area was then and still is, the heart of that section of town.

Nearly 15,000 persons have been baptised at St. Peter Claver since its founding. Over 4,000 couples have been married at its altars.

Members of some of the most famous and honored Catholic families in America, the five children of the Price family of Woodyear St., were baptised here.

Last year, Fordham University named the Prices "Family of the Year" since five of them are in Catholic orders.

They are Eugene Price, now Brother Eugene, S.S.J.; Sister Josefa (Ann Price) O.S.P.; Sister Benedicta (Romaine Price) O.S.P.; Sister Georgette (Cecelia Price) O.S.P.; Sister Patrice (Mary Price) O.S.P.

Also in religious vocations are Sister Reparata (O.S.P. (Catherine Clerk); Sister Alma, O.S.P. (Mariestella Richardson); Sister Dolorosa, O.S.P. (Delores Bundy); Sister Loyola, O.S.P. (Arline Holley); Sister Claver, O.S.P. (Anna Green);

Sister Donna Marie, O.S.P. (Carolyn Kelly); Sister Olympia, O.S.P. (Eleanor Fishburn); Sister Zita, O.S.P. (Pearl Margaret Saunders); Sister Majella, O.S.P. (Julia Neale); Sister Thomasine, O.S.P. (Jacqueline Moore); Sister Jean Joseph O.S.P. (Jane Ramona Maddox); Sister Sophana, O.S.P. (Doroty Smith) Sister Assunta, O.S.P., (Constance Winder); Sister Christopher, O.S.P. (Gloria Bubion); Sister Philom, O.S.P. (Evelyn Wheeler); Sister Joachim, O.S.P. (Diane Wright); Sister Ricardo (Joan Maddox).

And, Sister Cecilia Marie S.S.J. (Etta Mae Morton), South Bend, Ind.; Sister Josepha O. Carm. (Shirley Snead) Carmelite Mondatery Concord, N.H.;

Also, Brother Donald, O.F.M. (Donald Wilson) and Brother Marcellus, S. V. D. (Charles Stephany)

ST. PETER CLAVER was the first parish named in honor of Peter Claver, their patron saint, who labored as The "Apostle of the Slaves" 45 years.

He was born in Spain in 1580, died in 1654 and was canonized in 1888 the year St. Peter Claver was founded.

For 76 years the Sisters of St. Francis have staffed the St. Peter Claver Elementary School. The High School of Religion is staffed by lay people of the parish and has instruction for young men and women in the higher grades.

Members of St. Peter Claver Boy and Girl Scout troops usually develop into leaders in their communities. Among other longtime organizations are the St. Vincent de Paul Society; the Ladies of Charity; Legion of Mary; Catholic Youth Organization; Knights and Ladies of St. John; St. Martin Union, Holy Name Society, Ladies Sodality.

Also, Ladies of Charity, Mary, Help of Christians Proceidium, Altar Guild, Confraternity, Parent - Teacher, Association, Ladies Auxiliary Mt.

The Rev. Henry J. Offer, S.S.J., is pastor. His assistants are the Revs. Amos Gerbette, John Hartmann, William McKenna, Richard Sadlier and John Tyne;

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SISTERS Francis Regis, Poverello, Marie Clare, Rose Bernadette, Marie Gonzaga, Catherine Agnes, Catherine Alexis, Kathleen Patricia.

Also on his staff are Mesdames Mary Dupree, Scott, Margaret Moody, Gertrude Samuels and Cecelia Sewell, Barbara Campbell, Carole Harris, Rose Wright, Lucy Johnson, Henriet a Clubbs.

And, Joseph Holly, James Walker, lay cooperators and Lay Readers and Commentators, Lawrence Carter, Francis Burton, Charles Griffin, Jerome Addison, Clarence Robinson, Buford Gordon and Harry Ford.

Baltimereans show they care about others

Baltimore often has been referred to as a "big small town" by many of those who like to be accused of being "more urbane orientated."

Its contented inhabitants never attempt to offer a rebuttal to this characteristic.

There is, in fact, abundant evidence that Baltimoreans take pride in many traits which make it fit comfortably into the gallery of small towns".

Compassion is an example.

According to Mrs. H. Riall Jackson, field director for CARE in Maryland, Baltimoreans CARE for those less fortunate than they.

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The group owns the Baptist Center and School of Religion at McCulloh and Mosher Sts. in Baltimore. Students may earn an A.B. degree in Theology there.

Under way are plans to build a new center and school.

Noteworthy among many contributions to the community is the Maryland Baptist Home for the Aged, 2801-3 Rayner Ave., also established in 1926.

The Rev. W. H. Thompson, pastor of Whitestone Baptist Church, is president of the United Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Irene Paige is president of the Women's Auxiliary.

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THE 56 churches located in Baltimore and their pastors are:

Brown Memorial—Rev. Paul J. Harris

Calvary — Rev. Lorenzo Graves, Jr.

Central — Rev. M. J. Brockett

Concord — Rev. M. R. Silver

Cornerstone — Rev. Logan Kearse

Ebenezer — Rev. Maxwell Johnson

Enon — Rev. Arthur J. Payne

Faith — Rev. Walter E. Paige

First — Caroline and McElderry, Rev. Gus Roman

First, Fairfield — Rev. E. W. Williams

First, Mt. Calvary — Rev. W. L. Pitts

First, Mt. Winans — Rev. Herbert Moore

First, Pimlico — Rev. Bernard J. Boyd

Fountain — Rev. Dennis Barrow

Fulton Avenue — Rev. B. F. Jackson

Gethsemane — Rev. Oliver F. Page

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Grace Memorial — Rev. Joseph Brown

Greater St. John the Baptist

Harlem Square — Rev. G. M. Harris

Leadenhall — Rev. H. Hudson Bobbitt

Lebanon, Calvary — Rev. Joseph Stewart

Little Ark — Rev. Matthew Marcus

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Morning Star — Rev. N. H. Wicks

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Mt. Hope — Rev. Andrew D. Nance

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New Shiloh—Rev. James A. Everett

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Providence — Rev. Marcus G. Wood

Psalmist — Rev. F. C. Atkins

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Sharon — Rev. James L. Moore

Shiloh — Rev. Harold Carter

Simmons Memorial — Rev. William King

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Unity — Rev. James S. Williams

Unity — Rev. W. W. Payne

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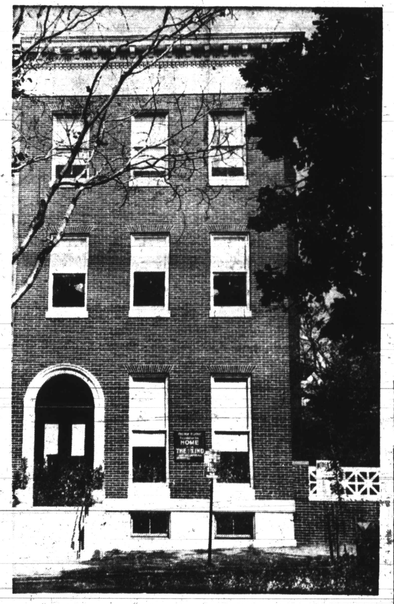

"A Dream Becomes A Reality— When Darkness Comes To Light"

says Mrs. Anna Mae Hunter

Mrs. Hunter became blind 27 years ago from a brain tumor. After becoming blind, surgery was done by Dr. Walter Dandy, Johns Hopkins Hospital, 1939.

In April 1940, she sought employment at the Workshop for the Blind in the Bag Department, then located at Edmondson Ave. and Fulton.

It was there that it came to Mrs. Hunter's attention that the blind did not have a permanent address. She seemed to be moving about from place to place. She thought that something should be done about it. She went soliciting funds in order to purchase a home.

Mrs. Hunter was able to interest these persons: Mrs. Lillian Johnson, Mrs. Naomi Miller, William Turks, Mr. and Mrs. George James, Mrs. Lillian Thomas, Mrs. Susie Fuller, Mrs. Eva Taylor, Mrs. Odessa Boswell, John H. Thornton, Mrs. Mary Jenkins, Mrs. Sarah James Forman, Mrs. Willie Kay, Mrs. Ida Winston, Mrs. Harriett H. Mason. This group formed a Campaign Fund Committee for the Home for the Blind. Although some are deceased now, they worked diligently.

Funds for the Home were raised by musical teas, concerts, fashion shows, bingo parties, rummage sales, suppers and selling books of bricks. Many churches, charity clubs, fraternal orders, and individuals helped.

Our first home was located at 2135 Allendale Road. It had 12 rooms and was surrounded by beautiful grounds and shrubbery. Because it was a frame dwelling, it was thought unsafe for blind people. We were then ousted.

After facing the Zoning Board, Peoples Court and with all funds gone, we appealed to the public through newspapers and radio.

To these persons we owe a debt of gratitude in appealing for funds for us over the air: Chick Richards, Eddie Morrison, Lee Case, and Wiley Daniels. From the newspapers—Mrs. Bettye Murphy Mess, Mrs. Elizabeth Gilson, James Williams of the AFRO; and Charles Hockum of the Evening Sun.

We were then forced to find a new home. We found our present location, 1321 Eutaw Place.

This building is a 3-story brick with a courtyard on the south side. There are 10 bedrooms and 2 baths on the 3rd floor; 7 bedrooms and 2 baths on 2nd floor; a beautiful living room, library, dining room, powder room, butler's pantry, kitchen and outer pantry on the 1st floor.

The interior has oak paneled wood, cream walls, white woodwork, the staircase is dark, back and front. The ground floor was dedicated in the honor of the late Vernon E. Johnson, Jr. and provided sleeping quarters for 5 persons and is complete with bedroom, bathroom and complete laundry.

The Foundation was incorporated in July, 1958 under the leadership of Raphael Walter, 22 Light Street, our attorney and legal advisor.

Other lawyers helping us in legal direction have been Thomas Knox and Manuel Lafko.

All household articles, with the exception of a few items, have been given to the Foundation. The Foundation has met all requirements made of them by the Fire Code and Urban Renewal. We have taken all precautions to prevent the tragedies of a fire.

COMMITTEE

After being without funds, and having to seek a new location, we had to find new volunteers to help to replenish our treasury. These persons joined the committee: Lee Case of WCBM, Mr. William Halstade, Mr. John T. Miller, Reverend John L. Tilly, Rev. Richard Wallace,

Rev. Vernard Boyd, Mr. Winslow Ruff, Mr. Samuel Kelliss, Mrs. B. B. Burgundy, Mrs. Hamilton Davis, Mrs. Julia Redman King, Mrs. Nellie Snowden, Mrs. Ellen Love, Mr. Robert Gordon Mrs. Lilliam Cromwell, Mrs. Edna Barry, Miss Carrie Bresco,

Mrs. Edna Scott, Mrs. Gertrude Robinson, Mrs. Mennie Arder, Mrs. Blanch Russel, Mr. Roland Reed, Mr. Joseph Matthews, Mrs. Anna Foreman, Mr. Isaac Hardy, Rev. and Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Estelle Dotson, Mrs. Saddie Milburn, Mrs. Susie Gaskin, Mrs. Edna Bishop,

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart of Towson, Md., and Mrs. Johnson also of Towson. Other names Mrs. Annie Tyler, Mrs. Edna Louis, Mrs. Ella L. Bailey, and Dorothy Spencer,

William J. Brugger, George Keller, Eugene Suparie, Mrs. Hattie Barco, Dr. Francis Andrews, Mrs. Gladys H. Taylor, Mrs. Gladys L. Taylor, The Hendler Ice Cream Co. (5 years); the Hauswald's Bakery (6 years), the Glen Haven Mfg. Co. (for clothing over 2 years).

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Mrs. Hunter and the Residents of the Anna Mae Hunter Home wish to thank all of the churches, individuals and clubs and organizations who have helped our home.

THANK YOU

Historic Centennial

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Nowhere is there a church with greater history than Centennial Methodist Church in East Baltimore. It began in 1776.

The church took its name "Centennial" in 1876 since that year the organization and the United States both celebrated their 100th birthday.

On the church's roles are the names of more than 95 men who fought in the Civil War.

The old site of the church in Strawberry Alley was purchased by the great statesman, Frederick Douglass.

He and his first wife were members of the old church and its societies.

A member who headed the Underground Railroad helped Douglass, then a ship caulker, escape North when his freedom movement made him unpopular.

In addition, Centennial, now 193 years old, has in its historic records many facts about religion in early days that otherwise would not have come down to us today.

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ACCORDING TO Luther C. Mitchell's address delivered in 1923 upon the 150th anniversary of Centennial Church the East Baltimore congregation is three years older than the United States that won freedom from England in 1776.

That era was marked by England's iron hand rule but all people enjoyed freedom of religion, the Centennial history states.

The Sabbath was kept strictly with little work done at home and none out of doors.

People were not allowed to sit in parks or to visit the seashore, even in hottest temperatures. Citizens crowded to the churches, without heat and comfortable seats to hear day-long sermons.

Men wore heavy coats and women brought heated stones to keep hands and feet warm.

Persons who fell asleep were tapped on the head, sometimes softly, sometimes severely hard.

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THE CURSE of social distinction in the Colonial days caused the aristocrats, "good livers" (businessmen), poor whites (bond servants) and colored citizens to occupy different areas of the church.

Once born in the silk, satin and velvet society, the top class, or in the lowest class, there you stayed, even in church. Colored citizens occupied the galleries at the first churches. The poor waited until the rich left the church before they filed out.

Centennial has held Class Meetings, the backbone of Methodism, since 1870 and Tuesday and Thursday meetings at one time had as many as 88 attendants.

Historian Luther Mitchell led the choir when it entered the East Monument St. church. His grandfather, John Mitchell, led the choir that marched from old Strawberry Alley Church to the building at Caroline and Banks.

Church records hold the names of first members and subsequent members over the period of nearly 200 years.

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AMONG THE many noted Methodists who were associated with Centennial was Bishop W. A. C. Hughes who received his license to preach at a Quarterly Conference at Old Centennial. He was nominated by Mrs. Sarah W. Mitchell.

One of the greatest revivals of all Methodism was held by the Rev. J. W. E. Bowen at Centennial. There were 999 converts that day.

A total of 23 members served the American Expeditionary Forces in France in World War I, are listed at Centennial.

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THE REV. J. A. Arter, present pastor of Centennial, has had a distinguished career in the ministry and came to the Baltimore pulpit in 1963.

He and his wife, Mrs. Carrie H. Arter, have been married 11 years. They reside in the parsonage next door to the church. The two buildings were renovated 18 months ago.

The Rev. Mr. Arter is a graduate of Bennett College and the Gammon Theological Seminary. He formerly pastored in Washington, Lynchburg and Richmond, Va. churches.

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IN 1773, both colored and white worshippers attended the old Strawberry Alley Chapel on Dallas St. near Eastern Ave.

It was the first Methodist meeting house in the territory now known as Baltimore City.

When the Lovely Lane Chapel was opened at another spot, the members remaining at Strawberry Alley Chapel organized "Dallas Street Methodist Episcopal Congregation" there.

The Centennial Celebration took place in 1874 at the church and the colored Congregation adopted the name Centennial Methodist Church.

The site was then purchased by the great Fights leader, Frederick Douglass and became known as Douglass Row.

Centennial moved to a newly erected building at Caroline and Bank Sts. in 1877.

The rear of the old Cetenial Church has a beautiful stained glass window known as The Frederick Douglass Window.

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CENTENNIAL Methodist members held services at Caroline and Bank Sts. from 1876 to 1940, a period of 64 years.

In 1940 the Home for the Aged at Aisquith and Lexington Sts. was established. And, on Sept. 7, 1941, the congregation moved to the new church at Monument and Stirling Sts. where it has remained continually serving the community 25 years.

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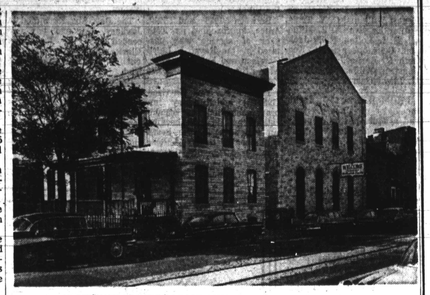
THE REV. Henry A. Carroll was sent to the Dallas Street Charge in March, 1874 as pastor.

Among the members was Isaac Roles, who died Jan. 16, 1876 when he was 86.

Mr. Roles was the agent for the Underground Railroad, and was the man who helped Frederick Douglass escape.

The Rev. John H. Riddick took the pulpit in 1879 and was named to the church at the conference that assembled at Centennial in March that year.

The list of ministers following years holds the names of some of the most noted pastors in all Methodism.



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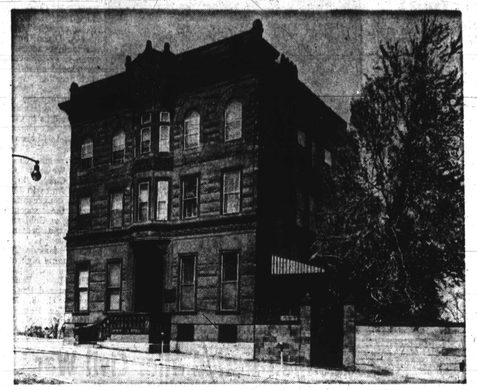

The History of the Most Worshipful

HIRAM GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.

MASONIC JURISDICTION, STATE OF MARYLAND

The Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge had its inception in 1921, when a group of regular initiated masons applied for three charters from the Most Worshipful Oriental Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of the State of New Jersey. These three lodges worked with much success for three years under the leadership of the Ill. Charles A. Fauntleroy 33°.

On March 29, 1924, the three chartered lodges, namely, Eureka No. 1, Success No. 2 and King Solomon No. 3, met in convention for the purpose of organizing as a right and regular Incorporated Grand Lodge to be known as the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. Masonic Jurisdiction, State of Maryland. This convention was held at the Y. M. C. A. building, 1419 Druid Hill Avenue, with over one hundred Masons in attendance.

The Honorable John L. Gordon 33°, Grand Master of the State of New Jersey, and his staff, and the Honorable John H. Smith 33° Grand Master of the State of New York, were present.

Grand Master Gordon announced that this convention was being called for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland, and Masonic Jurisdiction, and asked for nominations for president. Bro. Charles A. Fauntleroy was nominated and unanimously elected to preside.

The following resolution, which embodied the declarations for the new Grand Lodge, was read by Bro. Justin R. Fitzroy, Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Oriental Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey:

"Whereas, In the course of Masonic events, we deem it necessary, for the best interest of Free Masonry among Negro masons in the State of Maryland, that a lawful and regular Masonic Grand Lodge should be instituted for the State of Maryland and,

Whereas, we the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of three warranted lodges in the State of Maryland, do now organize a Grand Lodge to be designated and known as the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for the state of Maryland and Masonic Jurisdiction.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that we, the representatives of Eureka Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., Success Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M. and King Solomon Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M. do hereby agree to the institution of said Grand Lodge.

"Resolve further: That we fraternally ask Masonic recognition from the regular Grand Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons throughout the world; and in support of the Masonic declaration, we pledge to each other, our unity support and invoke the blessings of Almighty God. Amen."

On a motion by Bro. John M. Robinson, which was seconded by Bro. John Glenn, this resolution was unanimously adopted, and Grand Master Gordon declared the newly formed Grand Lodge duly instituted.

The first election of officers, for the newly formed body was held with the following Brothers being elected:

M.W. Grand Master	Bro. Charles Fauntleroy
Rt. Deputy Grand Master	Bro. John M. Robinson
Rt. Grand Senior Warden	Bro. Robert Gains
Rt. Grand Junior Warden	Bro. Robert Glenn
Rt. Grand Secretary	Bro. A. D. Logan
Rt. Grand Treasurer	Bro. Thomas Townsend
Rt. Grand Senior Deacon	Bro. Jacob Lewis
Rt. Grand Junior Deacon	Bro. Charles Grant
Rt. Grand Tyler	Bro. John Stevenson
Rt. Grand Chaplain	Bro. R. B. Hargrove

The administration of Grand Master Fauntleroy was filled with many highlights, our first Grand Master attended the Supreme Session of the United Supreme Council of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry, which was held in the State of California in July, 1924. He became an affiliated member of this body, as well as member of the General Masonic Congress of Affiliated Grand Masters.

Grand Master Fauntleroy served for six years, 1921 to 1927, and under his leadership, the organization made much progress. In June 1927, he relinquished the reigns of leadership to the Ill. S. H. Smith, 33° who served for one year.

Grand Master Smith was succeeded, in 1928 by the Ill. Floyd Clark 33°. During the administration of Grand Master Clark, the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge was host to the United Supreme Council, in 1930. The delegates present, at this session, represented 25 states and the District of Columbia.

In 1932, Grand Master Clark moved to the state of Virginia and in accordance with masons' custom, relinquished his office to his Deputy Grand Master, the Ill. Benjamin F. Chisolm, 33° who completed the unexpired term.

In June 1933, the Ill. Benjamin F. Chisolm was duly elected Grand Master and served with distinction and honor; under his leadership the organization expanded throughout the state. It was indeed a sad day, for the craft, when on September 14, 1945, the Grand Master of the Celestial Lodge summoned Grand Master Chisolm home. The new Deputy Grand Master, the Ill. Clarence Wycoff 33° completed the unexpired term. This Grand Lodge was dearly loved by Grand Master Chisolm, and on his passing he left, to this, organization a three story building at 1923 Madison Avenue and several thousand dollars in cash.

The Ill. Clarence Wycoff 33°, was duly elected Grand Master at the June communication in 1948, and the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge, has made unprecedented progress under his leadership.

The first official act of Grand Master Wycoff was to reorganize the financial structure of the organization by the appointment of a Board of Directors. Bro. Herbert Smith was elected as the first president of this board.

Shortly after the new administration was on foot, 1820 Madison Avenue was completely renovated and in less than three years the Grand Lodge had purchased the adjoining property at 1820 for the purpose of expanding.

In April, 1956, this organization purchased, its present home at, 1205-35 Eutaw Place at the price of $45,000, and has since invested over $150,000 in renovating and refurnishing the building.

The year 1952, was a banner one for the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge for this year saw the dedication of the present temple, and for the second time in its history, this Grand Lodge was host to the United Supreme Council, A. A. Scottish Rites of Freemasonry. Approximately eight hundred and sixty delegates registered for the session, representing some twenty-three states as well as Japan and Korea.

The cornerstone at 1205 Eutaw Place was laid by the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey on May 9, 1954 which marked another milestone in the history of the organization.

The most significant milestone was, perhaps, the Mortgage burning program which was held on October 6, 1957. This event was a tribute to inspired leadership and devoted suppors of an to burn its mortgage in seven years rather than the ten years accelerated building program which enabled this organization which was anticipated to burn its mortgage in seven years rather than the ten years.

Within the past year, 1965-1966, the Grand Lodge has entered and completed yet another renovation program which has made its Temple one of the most beautiful buildings in the city and has purchased the property at 1201 Eutaw Place as well as a Temple in Turner Station, Maryland.

Under the leadership of Grand Master Wycoff, the organization has grown to encompass twenty-six lodges and twenty chapters of the Order of Eastern Star. These lodges and chapters include groups in Glen Burnie and Turner Station, Maryland. Many affiliated bodies have also been added to the Jurisdiction including all houses of both York and Scottish Rite Masonry, as well as various standing committees.

During the course of its history, this organization and the various lodges chapters, and houses under its jurisdiction have vigorously promoted and been a consistent supporter of various charitable and community action programs. Among these is an annual N. A. A. C. P. membership campaign which was initiated under the direction of the Past Deputy Grand Master the Ill. John H. Thornton. Through this program, the Grand Lodge has turned over several hundred new memberships, to the local N. A. A. C. P. branch, each year and has secured several life memberships.

Just recently two additional life memberships were acquired by the Daughters of the Sphinx, under the direction of Daughter Mary C. Frazier and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, under Noble Herbert Smith, in memory of the late Ill. Isaac Clayton, Late Grand Secretary and M. Louise Burkey, late Grand Matron. This Grand Lodge has also made and nearly completed payment on a sizable pledge to the Provident Hospital Building Fund and is an annual supporter of the Y. W. C. A. Summer Camp Program. The charity committee, under the direction of Ill. Samuel B. Bunn, is an annual participant in the Easter Seal campaign, and also sponsors an annual Christmas basket program for the needy. The Grand Lodge sponsors an annual Master Mason's Award Night in March of each year.

The Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge was truly blessed when the Honorable Clarence Wycoff, was elected Grand Master. His determination to go forward has inspired so many worthwhile achievements that we must speak of him as a great friend of mankind, a great Grand Master, and most of all, a great Mason.

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of the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge

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Past Deputy Grand Master	Ill. Samuel M. Bunn

This Grand Lodge is continuing to support various charitable and community action programs, and is endeavoring to project its influence throughout the community, and improve the image of all organizations of its type.

It is the belief of the officers and members of the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge, that the time has come for us, as masonic brothers, to go forth and spread the basic tenet of our fraternity, which is now more than ever needed in our community, and indeed the world; for all men must come to the realization of, "The Brotherhood of all men and the eternal Fatherhood of God." If our society is to survive the pressures which are being placed upon it.

ILL. COLUMBUS McNEILL 32°
Grand Historian

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