

# Clock Strikes A Century For Masons Of Illinois

One hundred years of service is a record few organizations can boast. Yet, as an arm of a nationally known group, Prince Hall Masons in Illinois have written a remarkable story which they read this year with pride as the clock strikes a century for them.

Such was the backdrop for the recent 86th gathering of the Prince Hall F and AM communication at the 178th ROTC Armory in Chicago. The group traces its origin to North Star Lodge 1 which was founded in 1852 by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The sessions which were attended by visiting grand masters of six other Masonic lodges, saw the appropriation of \$1,000 to the Prince Hall Legal Research and Education bureau, and \$1,000 to the annual scholarship program for Illinois high school graduates.

The legal research fund is a \$20,000 project sponsored by Prince Hall Lodges through the NAACP.

Members attending the convention were presented with centennial medals and programs carrying a short history of Prince Hall Masonry. It goes back to the formation of G. T. Watson Lodge at Alton and Central lodge at Springfield at the beginning of the order's history in Illinois and back to the original Prince Hall Lodge of Massachusetts.

Visiting Grand Masters included Amos T. Hall of Oklahoma; John W. Debbs of Georgia; David L. Muckle of Virginia; William O. Greene of Michigan; Arthur T. Giddings of New York, and Fred W. Hickman of Wisconsin.

Henry Brown Lodge of Peoria, will host the 1953 meeting.

At last week's session, Ashby B. Carter of Chicago, nationally known postal labor leader, was re-elected Grand Master. Other officers elected were: Dr. F. C. Rogan, Decatur, Deputy Grand Master; Prof. J. G. Hopkins, Villa Ridge, Grand Senior Warden; Atty. Benjamin G. Clanton, Chicago, Grand Junior Warden; Master in Chancery, George A. Cross, Pulaski county, Grand Treasurer; J. Harold White, Chicago, Grand Secretary

O. Stanton DePriest, Chicago



AID TO THE NEEDY is given by Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Stars through Mrs. Harriett Bell, worthy grand matron during centennial celebration of Illinois Prince Hall Masons. Check for \$2,037 for support of Home for Aged, Widows and Orphans at Rock Island, Ill., is presented to Ashby Carter, Grand Master of Prince Hall group. During year, O.E.S. contributed \$7,000 in furnishings and other items to home.

Grand Lecturer: George M. Crisup, Chicago, Harry Wilson, Springfield, and George A. Taylor, Springfield, Grand Auditors; Dr. John C. Ellis, Decatur, Ernest E. Caldwell, Robbins, Richard R. Edwards, Champaign, and Barney B. Goldsmith, Chicago, Grand Trustees.

Among the members of prominence who addressed the Grand Lodge were Judges Wendell E.

Green and Fred Duke Slater, State Representatives Corneal A. Davis, Charles J. Jenkins and Charles M. Skyles and the Revs. Joseph M. Evans and Robert A. Thomas.

A highlight was the visitation of the sisterhood delegations led by Mrs. Harriett Bell, Worthy Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and Mrs. Anna Brewster, Most Ancient Grand Matron, Heriones of Jericho.