

Thousands See Corner Stone Laid in Masonic Temple

One of the largest crowds that has ever witnessed a corner stone laying on the South side was on hand Oct. 12, when corner stone laying ceremonies were held at the Prince Hall Masonic temple, 56th and State Sts.

In the presence of more than 25,000 persons the corner stone for the new temple was laid by Thomas H. Samuels, most worshipful grand master of Prince Hall Masonic grand lodge, F. and A. M.

Beginning at noon men, women and children from all walks of life assembled along Wabash Ave. and S. State St. to watch the mammoth parade of two miles in length pass to the ceremonies.

At 1:20 p. m. the parade, divided into six divisions, moved southward on Wabash Ave. headed by General C. L. Hill, chief marshal, his staff and an escort of police. Those on his staff were Lieut. Col. Rufus Stokes, Gen. Charles Redd, Major Albert Ford, Col. John Patton, Col. Geo. H. Carter, Gen. F. B. Powell, Gen. Willis Bond, Sir Lonnie Samuels, Sir Wallace Johnson and Sir Ball Christmon.

The first division consisted of the Eighth infantry, Illinois national guard, of 500 men under command of Col. Otis B. Duncan and his staff. The American Woodmen, Foresters and the United Brothers of Friendship. The second division consisted of 300 members of the Great Lakes lodge No. 43, and band and the Fort Dearborn lodge, No. 44, and band, I. B. P. O. E. of W. The 12th regiment of Patriarch, Col. Beasley commanding.

Subordinate lodges, G. U. O. of O. F., and the the A. U. K. and D. of A. under the command of Col. McCall constituted the third division.

There were several hundred men from the uniform rank, K. P., under the command of General Briggs and 50 members of the Chicago Defender Newsboys band under the direction of Major N. Clark Smith in the fourth division. The Chicago Policemen's band under the direction of Police Officer Albert Blue led the fifth division. All along the streets the band was warmly cheered. Other units in this division were Arabic temple No. 44, A. E. A. O. N. M. S., Western consistory, grand commandery Knights Templars and band under the direction of R. W. Fossey and commanderies of Knights Templars.

The sixth and last division was headed by the Pullman Porters band under the supervision of Captain Thomas and Masonic lodges from Morgan Park, Waukegan, Cicero and Joliet, Ill. The Pullman Porters band also received loud cheers as it marched along the streets. The line of march for the day was south on Wabash to 56th St., west to the temple.

After the ceremonies the parade took the same line of march to 41st St., where it disbanded.

The Ceremonies

At 3 p. m. when all the units of the parade had reached the temple at 56th and S. State Sts. Hon. Robert W. Maxwell, president and past master of the Olive Branch chapter No. 83, who was acting as master of ceremonies, called the meeting to order. B. H. Hunter, grand chaplain, delivered a few words of prayer, after which the Berean choir of 40 persons under the personal direction of Prof. Isaac T. Yorrough rendered several musical selections.

At this time Hon. Maxwell rose and presented to the audience the following prominent persons who had turned out to witness the ceremonies: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Haas, State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, Judge John J. Lupe, Judge Joseph L. McCarthy, Herbert G. Immenhausen, candidate for judge; Emmet Whalen, county commissioner; Tommy Burns, candidate for sanitary trustee; Bernard Snow,

candidate for bailiff; Frank Lupe, Mrs. Louise Webb, district grand deputy, Eastern Star; Julius Taylor and David B. Hawley, president of the Appomattox club. Each of them received warm applause when presented.

The first speaker on the program was Stewart C. Jefferson, chairman of the board of directors. Mr. Jefferson gave a few remarks on the history of the lodge and the work that they were expecting to accomplish. He then turned to Hon. Thos. H. Samuels, most worshipful grand master, and said: "Arise and allow me to present you to the people of Chicago." In introducing the speaker Mr. Jefferson told of how Mr. Samuels had worked to become an officer in the Masonic lodge and how much one can accomplish if only he will learn to stick to what he is doing.

Amid the applause of thousands, the Hon. Mr. Samuels began his talk by thanking the crowd for having turned out to witness the ceremonies.

The speaker closed by thanking those who are engineering and bringing about the completion of the temple.

Alderman Jackson Speaks

Following the Hon. Samuels' speech a musical selection was rendered by the choir, after which Alderman Robert R. Jackson, trustee of the Prince Hall Masonic Temple association and master of the R. E. Moore lodge No. 109, made a strong appeal for the purchasing of bonds for the new building. Alderman Jackson said: "Today we have assembled here for the purpose of laying a corner stone. We are going to lay the corner stone and build the building, but we must first have your support. Buy a bond and help us build."

Bonds for the Masonic temple have been purchased by the following:

Western Light lodge, No. 30, A. H. Brantley, worshipful master...	\$1,000
Howard Lee, for Your Cab Co...	1,000
George E. Maxfield, past master, North Star lodge, No. 1.....	1,000
South Gate lodge.....	500
Eureka chapter, No. 86, O. E. S....	100
Alderman Louis B. Anderson....	100
Joe Green, Chicago Giants Baseball club.....	100
Robert S. Abbott, editor, The Chicago Defender.....	100
Mrs. Lillian Ireland, Arabic court, Daughters of Isis.....	100
Plumline lodge, U. D.....	100
Oscar Carlstrom, candidate for attorney general.....	100
Arabic court, No. 21, Daughters of Isis, Mrs. Murphy.....	100
Sir W. L. Luckey, right eminent grand commander.....	50
L. L. Emmerson, candidate for secretary of state.....	25
Wisdom lodge, No. 102, N. S. Wimms, worshipful master—membership.....	3,000
Garden City lodge, No. 59, Dr. R. C. Giles, worshipful master—membership.....	3,000
Electra chapter, O. E. S., Mrs. Cross, worthy matron.....	400
Flat Janitors' union, Mr. Quesse, president.....	100

Hon. Joseph F. Haas, recorder of deeds, was among the first to purchase and cancel a Prince Hall Masonic Temple association bond Sunday afternoon at the corner stone laying ceremonies. His bond was placed in the corner stone. The Hon. Haas was also in attendance at the ground breaking of the new \$350,000 building several months ago.