



38th Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Subordinate

Holy Royal Arch Chapters

Mount Moriah #4
San Diego, California

Abyssinia #5
Oakland, California

B. F. Talbot #12
Los Angeles, California

Inland Empire #18
Pomona, California

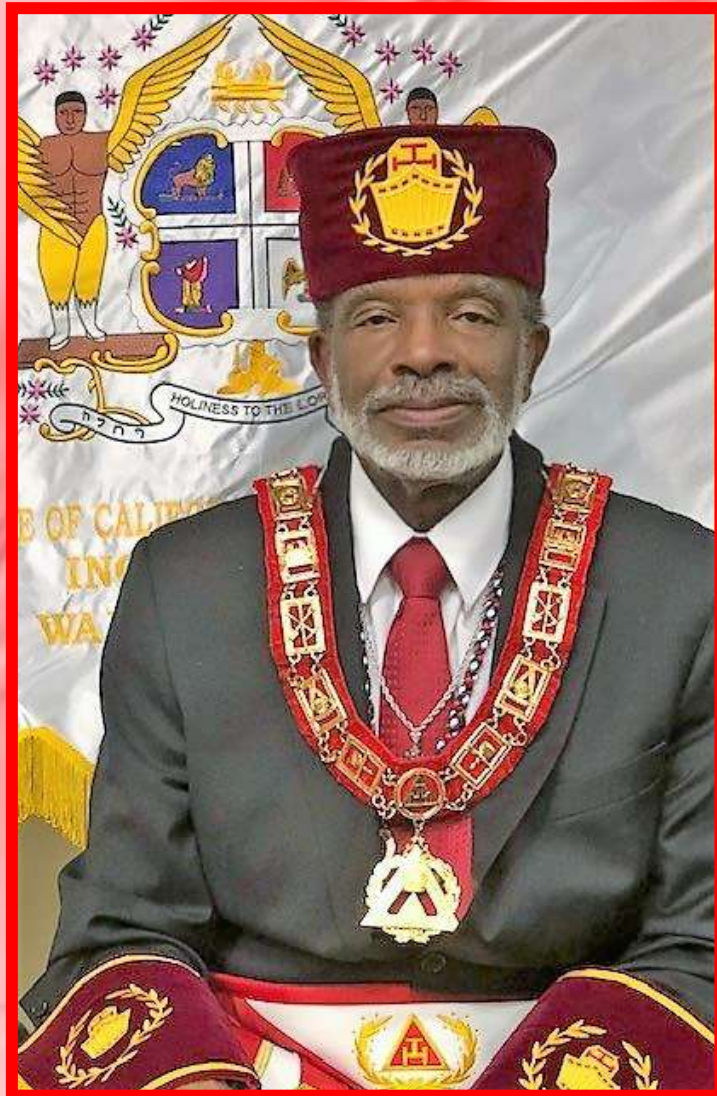
Harry A. Brewer #23
Suisun, California

Cecil R. Watson #25
Sacramento, California

King Solomon #26
Victorville, California

George L. Green #27
Fresno, California

And the
Prince Hall Grand High Court
Heroines of Jericho
State of California



Donald R. Ware
KYGCH, KCT, 33° (A) (12)

History

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History of the Royal Arch Masons of California I have searched and searched for documentation on the history of Royal Arch Masonry in the Jurisdiction of California without success. Some believe that Royal Masonry came to California as early as 1855, but I cannot find anything to verify the Beliefs. While looking through some old proceedings that I found in my garage, I found the proceedings of the fourteenth Annual Royal Arch Convocation held June 7, 1923 in the City of San Francisco, the information contained in pages 23 to 25 under the heading "History of Capitular Masonry in California", came closer to the truth than anything that I could find. The following is information in the 1923 proceedings: "In looking over the documents in which I per chance came in possession of, my attention was directed to a communication addressed to Grand Master W. T. Boyd of Ohio, Feb. 22nd 1875, which read in part, Capitular Masonry has taken an upward stride there being three Chapters, R. A. M., now in the state, two warranted Chapters and one U. D. Chapter. King "David Chapter No. 21, being in existence since 1865, during which time she has been very inactive, meeting only about three times a year. Alpha Chapter No. 10, is also in good shape. Clestreal Chapter U. D. is very promising and bids fair to compete for her share of the honors.

We find that "King 'David Chapter, No. 21, was warranted by the first African grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Pennsylvania and Alpha Chapter No.10, being warranted by "Rising Sun Grand Chapter, R. A. M., also of Pennsylvania, while Celestial Chapter, U.D., was working under a dispensation from the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

We note further, that after the union of the rival Grand Lodges of the state and all became as one in the subordinate lodges, the companions, R. A.M., thought it wise to visit each other's chapter, to this Companion Peter Anderson, High Priest of Alpha Chapter No. 10, ruled otherwise and issued an order that if any companion of Alpha Chapter No.10, visited King David Chapter No. 21, that they would Be suspended. A number of companions of said Alpha Chapter No. 10, took, offense to this riding and immediately drew out from the Chapter and petitioned to the grand Chapter of Ohio for a dispensation recommended by King David Chapter No. 21.

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The dispensation prayed for was granted by M. E. Justine. Holland, G. H. P. of Ohio, who commissioned the Rev. I. N. Triplet, H. P. of King David Chapter No. 21, to do the work. We were able to trace the numerous communications between these chapters, and the Hon. Justine Holland, G. H. T., Hon. J. B. Blackburn G. S. of Ohio, when in the month of April, 1875, these noble companions of Ohio succeeded in perfecting a union between the Chapters mentioned and on the, 10th day of May, 1875, in the City of San Francisco, California, formed the Grand Chapter for the State of California, with companion Peter Anderson as its first grand High Priest.

This did not end our search, as we pursue this document for further information, but failed to find any record of these chapters or the grand Chapter, except one St. John Chapter U.D. of Sacramento.

*But there must have been another organization as we find Chapter No. 1, namely Zerubable, located in the City of Los Angeles. This Chapter to my knowledge, was the only chapter in the jurisdiction when I became a member in 1905, and worked without any head until 1908 when we applied to the Jurisdiction of Texas for shelter, which was granted. There we remained until Eureka Chapter of Los Angeles and King Solomon Chapter of Pasadena was organized, when in 1910, with Companion W. L. Kimbrough representing the State of Texas, Companion Daniel Frey, representing the State of Ohio, and Companion B. F. Warner, who represented the State of Kansas, the Most 'Excellent Pacific grand Chapter, R. A. M., for California and Jurisdiction was organized in the City of Los Angeles with Companion J. Roberts of Eureka Chapter No. 2, the first grand High Priest, under whose administration Mt. Moriah Chapter of San Diego was organized. Abyssinia Chapter of Oakland and Keystone Chapter of Sacramento, under the administration of Past Grand High Priest Wm. H. young, far West Chapter of Nogales Arizona, Nehemiah Chapter of San Francisco, and the reclaiming of King Solomon Chapter, Pasadena, who surrendered their Warrant in 1915, under the present administration. Thus, we have eight chapters in the jurisdiction with a membership of more than 300, and peace and harmony prevails."
M. E. Harry Lewis, Grand High Priest, 1923 Proceeding*



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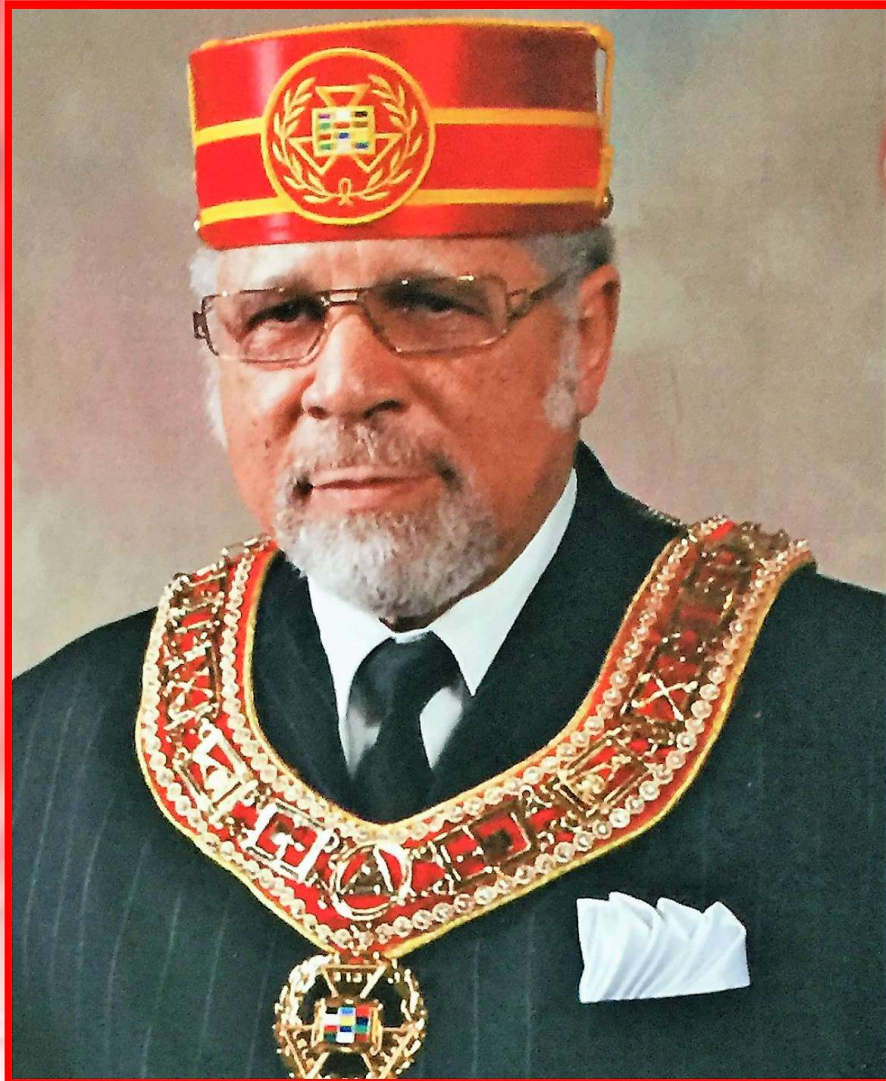


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Reginald L. Mitchell, KYGCH, KCT, 33° (18)**

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**Right Excellent Grand Secretary
Sherman A. Willis, KYCH, KCT, 33° (4)**

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**Right Excellent Grand Lecturer
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Peter Anderson
1875



William H. Young
1888



A. J. Roberts
1910



Henry Lewis
1921-1935



William C. Colly
1935



Walter W. Williams
1941-1946



Sam Van Meters
1946



Harvey Chisom
1946-1949



Paul C. Reed
1949-1950



Ellsworth C. Harris
1950-1952



Earl Bohanna, Jr.
1952-1955



Henry A. Brewer
1957-1961



Nathaniel Villa
1961



Tommy T. Jones
1962



Burney J. Williams
1963



Clarence T. Brown
1964-1966

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George H. Garlington, Jr.
1993-1996



Charles E. Tyner
2001-2004



Howard C. Perkins
2004-2006



Vodhen G. Fucles, Jr.
2006-2010



Russell M. Hyson
2010-2013



John E. Fuller
2013-2016



Othello Burton
2016-2019



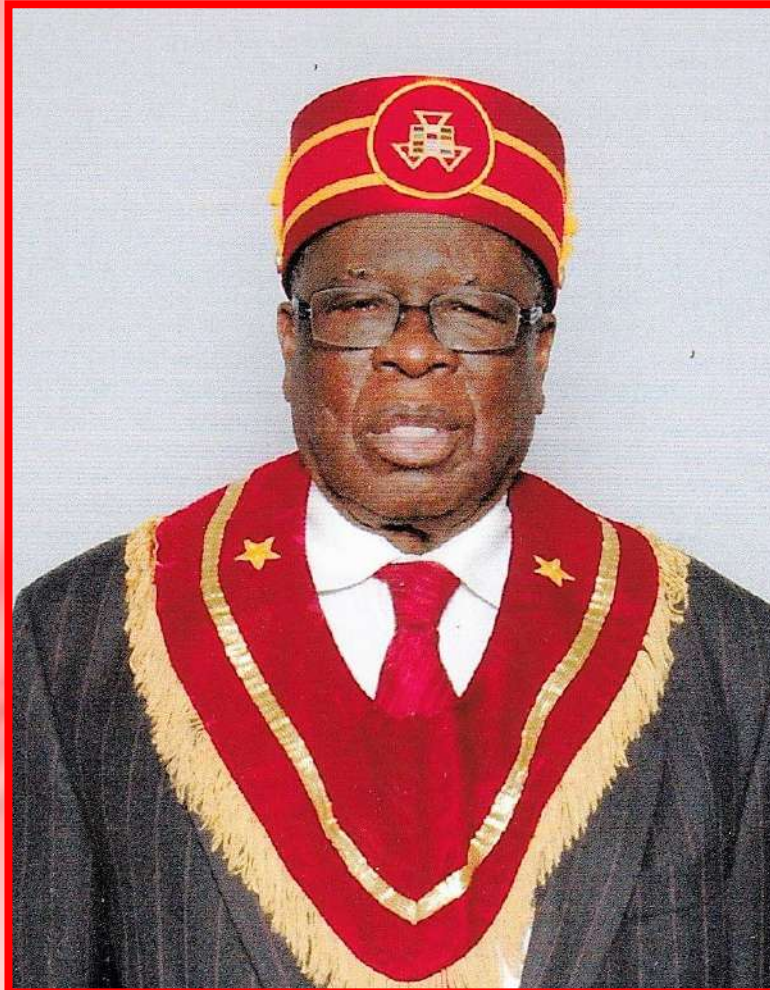
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Dolores M. Selico
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**JAMES E. KNOX
Grand Joshua**

