

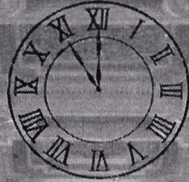
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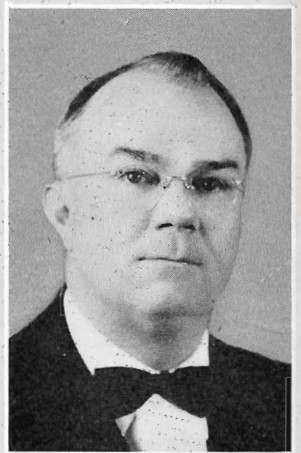
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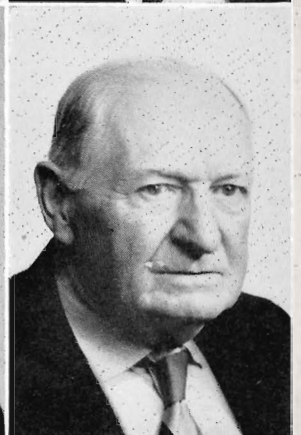
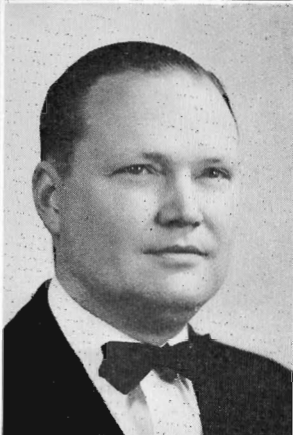
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OFFICERS (1945-1946)



SERVING YOUR LODGE THROUGH 1945-1946

TOP CENTER — EXALTED RULER DUDLEY THOMAS FORTIN; TOP LEFT (READING DOWN) — LEADING KNIGHT FRANK HAROLD SEYMOUR, LOYAL KNIGHT WILFRED ANDREW CALLISTER, LECTURING KNIGHT NICHOLAS GEORGE CULJIS, ESQUIRE HOWARD IRVEN LIDSTER, INNER GUARD ALBERT JOSEPH WICHERT; TOP RIGHT (READING DOWN) — CHAPLAIN AMASA RICHARD PERKINS SECRETARY SAMUEL WALTER LEITCH, TREASURER CHARLES CHRISTOPHER GEIGER, TILER FRANCIS OTIS ST. DENIS ORGANIST RAY IRA SAWYER.



PRESENTING OUR GOLDEN SOUVENIR

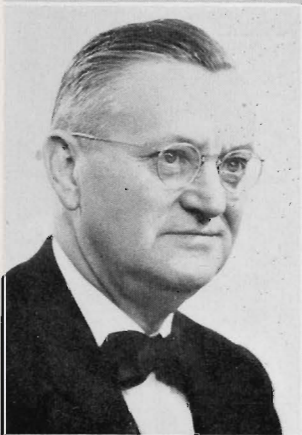
My Brothers:

It is with infinite pride that I here present this Historical Souvenir of our lodge, and my earnest hope you will place it among your treasured possessions. In this booklet our editor has striven to portray a true-to-life picture of your lodge's activities over the half century of its existence, and I believe you will find within its pages countless anecdotes—serious or amusing—that will concern you or friends you hold dear.

This souvenir tells of the growth of our lodge since 1895, culminating today in what is probably our most prosperous year. For the small part I have played in the present success of our lodge, your exalted ruler is most proud. *Yet without the loyal support of the officers and members of this lodge*, we could not have achieved the success which now is ours, nor could we have had the great anniversary celebration that has truly made fraternal history in Sacramento. To our trustees, we owe a debt of real gratitude, for they have served this lodge over many years—Past Exalted Ruler Thielen since 1927, Brother Frank Lafferty since 1937, and Brother Harry White since 1942.

In the success which has crowned our Fifty Years of Achievement, the Hall Association has played a very important part, and pictured in the group are four valiant past exalted rulers—Brothers Misphey, Thielen, Perkins and Grebitus, the first two having served longest. As we have previously told you, in addition to their trying and oftentimes thankless work as

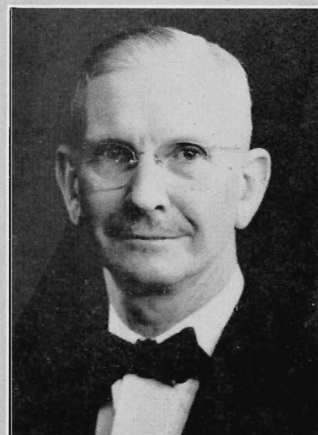
O U R T R U S T E E S



P.E.R. HAROLD J. THIELEN



FRANK A. LAFFERTY



HARRY C. WHITE, JR.

officers and directors of the Hall Association, Brothers Thielen and Laferty are also members of the Board of Trustees of the lodge. Past exalted rulers of No. 6 not already named in this acknowledgment have also played their very important parts in our success, for beginning with Lewis Henry Brown in 1895, fifty-three have preceded me in office. To each who are still living, I say your efforts have been stepping stones to our success. For "Those Who Have Journeyed Beyond," no truer Elks ever lived, and in the recollection of their devotion to the lodge they loved so well, their memory will forever be enshrined in my heart and in the heart of our every member.

To Past Exalted Ruler Fred J. Johns, general chairman of the Golden Anniversary, and to each of his committee workers, I can only say "Thanks"—your help has sustained me in all that has been done.

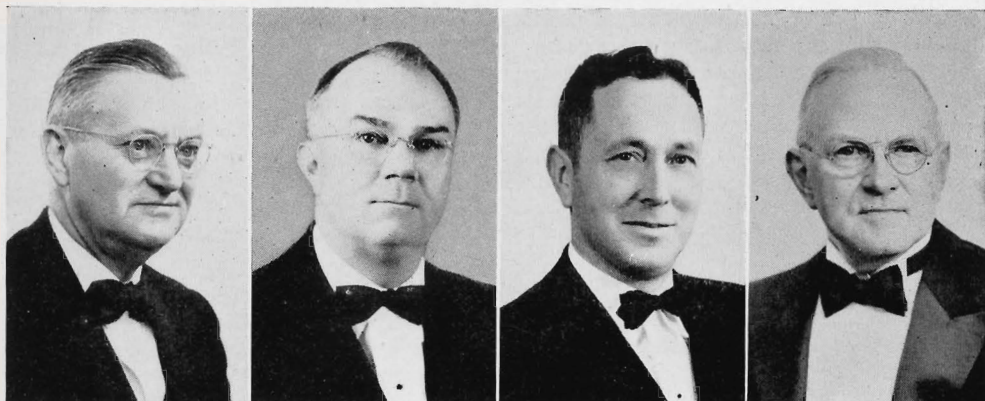
To the three hundred and five members of our lodge who bore the colors of Our Country to foreign lands or on native soil in World War II; to those who served in World War I, and especially to "Those Who Gave Their All"—we offer special thanks, for without their valor and that of countless thousands like them who fought for our decent way of life to preserve our democracy, we could have no Temple, we could have no Lodge, we could have had no Golden Anniversary.

Therefore, to our officers, trustees, and Hall Association; to our past exalted rulers; to our general chairman, his fellow-workers and members; to our men in uniform; to our ladies who performed their own unselfish part; to all who have aided in the Golden Anniversary of this—the finest lodge in all Elkdom—is offered the warm gratitude of my heart, and to them in deepest humility I dedicate this Souvenir. May hallowed memories of the distant past, and the joyous—though sometimes tinged with sadness—recollections of more recent years, make each of us a better Elk, and ever more keenly alive to his duty to our Order and to our lodge.

In Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Dudley Fortin

Exalted Ruler



SACRAMENTO ELKS HALL ASSOCIATION

The Elks building at 824 J Street was occupied in 1906 and was built by the members prior to that time. Along about 1920 some of the more ambitious members of the lodge thought we should have a new building and a different location. After considerable discussion and a great deal of argument, the Sacramento Elks Hall Association was finally incorporated in 1922 for \$1,000,000 and the site at 824 J Street was sold for \$240,000. The lodge took in trade the lot at 11th and J Streets on which our Temple is now located for \$150,000 receiving also \$90,000 in cash. Subsequently, stock was sold to the various members amounting to \$678,700 of which the lodge received \$240,000 in payment of the balance of the building at 824 J Street.

In addition to the stock, a balance of \$600,000 was borrowed—\$550,000 from California State Life, and \$50,000 from the Sacramento Clearing House. We also had a life insurance deal wherein the Hall Association agreed to pay premiums for certain members and this supposedly would retire the loan in twenty years, being based upon actuarial presumption of deaths. However, those who projected the proposition were too optimistic, because while we had 2700 members when we moved into the building, we were reduced to 1300 during the depression. So it became necessary to cancel life insurance policies and apply to the loan, the cash value amounting to \$28,875.81. A few years later the California State Life voluntarily reduced the principal by \$94,000, and this ran along until 1945 when a deal was made with them to reduce the loan to \$300,000 providing we paid \$50,000 on account by April 1, 1945. In consequence of this offer, a subscription drive was put on and enough money raised to make the payment, thereby consummating the agreement. Since

Members of the Hall Association: Top (left to right) — Past Exalted Ruler Harold J. Thielen (president), Past Exalted Ruler A. R. Perkins, Exalted Ruler Dudley T. Fortin (secretary) H. H. Buckman (treasurer); left (reading down) — Past Exalted Ruler J. Fred Misplay, Junior Past Exalted Ruler Edward A. Grebitus, Trustee Frank A. Lafferty.

that time, April 1, 1945, the Hall Association has been able to pay off more money which now reduces the principal and loan to around \$134,000. The balance will be paid within the next five years as some of the subscriptions are being paid month by month. To pay the members for subscribing, they are given a life insurance policy for one and one-half times the amount signed for. These premiums are paid by the Hall Association. Consequently, all that the Association pays are the premiums and no interest or principal. Insurance policies are 35-year endowments and after these premiums have been paid for thirty-three years, the debt will be retired, either by the cashing in of the endowment policies, or deaths of policyholders.

The Hall Association is operated by a Board of Directors elected annually at a meeting in June, and following are the present members of the Association: H. J. Thielen, president; A. R. Perkins, vice president; Dudley Fortin, secretary; H. H. Buckman, treasurer; F. A. Lafferty, E. A. Grebitus, and J. F. Misphey, directors. The personnel of the Hall Association acts as a House Committee and operates a dining room and the building. This is provided in the lodge's by-laws.

The original Board of Directors who built and operated the building for several years have disappeared from the picture, and the work is now being carried on by younger members. During the last two or three years the House Committee and Hall Association has made much progress and is now in a good financial position, being able to meet all bills promptly, and pay taxes and insurance premiums besides having accumulated a surplus. It is expected this progress will continue, and that many good years will be had by us in the constant future.

For many years the building was managed by D. R. (Doc) Herspring, but he resigned in May of this year. Management was then taken over by Major Albert Olsberg, who had been in charge of civilian feeding at McClellan Field. Dining rooms and club rooms are being generously used by members and the public, and we are rapidly approaching the time when there will be too many members to be accommodated. But your Hall Association and House Committee will do their utmost to continue the good service we have always had, and bend their every effort toward the making of our Temple a debt-free and always self-supporting edifice.



President, Sacramento Elks Hall Association

WHO WERE OUR PAST RULERS?

Who Were Our Past Exalted Rulers? Very few members today know just who our past exalted rulers were, especially those who wielded the gavel during the first 25 years of our lodge's existence. Therefore, taking advantage of data used by Past Exalted Ruler Hicks in his presentation of Historical Events at Old Timers' and Past Exalted Rulers' Night the next to the last evening of our Golden Anniversary celebration we are here privileged to set down a brief summarization of their activities when serving our lodge, or later business associations, each being mentioned in chronological sequence:

☆ LEWIS HENRY BROWN (1895-96); Secretary of the State of California; later member of Board of Equalization and Board of Examiners; now resides in San Francisco where he is actively engaged in business as a mining broker. ☆ JOHN N. LARKIN (1896-97); printing shop owner; died in 1911. ☆ DR. G. B. N. CLOW (1897-98); physician and surgeon; died 1915. ☆ FRANK L. GRAY (1898-99); manager Golden Eagle Hotel; died 1923. ☆ GEORGE W. JACKSON (1899-1900); agent New York Life; died 1902. ☆ CHARLES N. POST (1900-01); attorney—later became a judge of Sacramento County Superior Court; died 1914. ☆ J. M. ANDERSON (1901-02); printing shop owner; died 1928. ☆ DR. WALTER J. TAYLOR (1902-03); dentist; died 1936. ☆ EUGENE A. CROUCH (1903-04); real estate (H. J. McClelland Co.); died 1925. ☆ JOSEPH A. BLAIR (1904-05); real estate (Robertson-Govan); died 1942. ☆ CHARLES H. RIPPON (1905-06); Southern Pacific—later became down-river rancher; exalted ruler when cornerstone was laid for our then-new building at 820 J; died 1942. ☆ JOHN E. (Jack) LYNN (1906-07); grocer; was exalted ruler at time of San Francisco Fire, and also dedicated the building at 820 J Street; resides in Sacramento; still active in affairs of the Lynn & O'Neil grocery chain. ☆ FRANK D. RYAN (1907-08); attorney and orator; died in office on February 9, 1908. ☆ W. J. HALL (1908—unexpired term); wood and coal merchant; died 1931. ☆ MICHAEL J. DESMOND (1908-09); Sacramento City Clerk; father of Senator Gerald P. and Internal Revenue Collector William J.; died 1921. ☆ CORNELIUS EMMET (Connie) MAHONEY (1909-10); head ruler, State Printing Office; died 1938. ☆ WILLIAM A. MEYER (1910-11); optician—*then and today*; resides in Sacramento. ☆ CONRAD W. HAUB (1911-12); restaurant owner; house manager after moving into present temple; resigned for world tour; died 1934. ☆ ED J. KAY (1912-13); Sacramento County Assessor; later Chief of Assessment Standards, State Board of Equalization; retired on reaching age of 70; resides at the family home on 42d Street. ☆ GEORGE P. YOERK (1913-14); **wholesale** and retail meat dealer; financier; prominent in amateur athletics; at time of his death in January 1945 was our athletic director. ☆ JOHN STRAUB (1914-15); tailor; during his **administration** Flower Day was first held; died 1940. ☆ JOHN W. (Jack) HALEY (1915-16); contractor; automotive electric merchant; died 1942. ☆ GEORGE A. TICOLET (1916-17); manager **Ruhstaller** Brewery; house manager Oakland Elks Club; now head of his own public accounting **business** in Oakland. ☆ FRED J. JOHNS (1917-18); real estate; hotel owner; now in real estate and insurance **business** with his son (Fred Johns Company); **general** chairman Golden Anniversary celebration; resides in Sacramento. ☆ PORTER C. ANDERSON (1918); office manager Jas. S. Remick Co.; died in office during epidemic of influenza on November 5, 1918. ☆ EMMET PHILLIPS (1918-19—unexpired term); printer and publisher; died 1919. ☆ EDWARD E. REESE (1919-20); Sacramento County Sheriff; Sacramento County Treasurer; died 1944. ☆ JOHN T. STAFFORD (1920-21); clerk, Third District Court of **Appeal**; died 1935. ☆ JOHN C. ING (1921-22); **druggist** (Ing & Allee); originator of Flower Day in 1914; vineyardist; public speaker; **retired**; lives at Hotel Sacramento. ☆ CLYDE H. BRAND (1922-23); attorney-at-law (Downey, Brand and Seymour); Hall Association first formed during his administration; resides at Sierra Oaks. ☆ THOMAS J. FLAMMER (1923-24); teller with Farmers and Mechanics Bank; cashier California Fruit Exchange; died 1945. ☆ MARCO S. ZARICK (1924-25); attorney; trust officer (Capital National Bank); died 1927. ☆ HAROLD J. THIELEN (1925-26); real estate; insurance broker; president Hall Association; lodge trustee; resides in Sacramento, but soon moves to country home in Sierra Oaks. ☆ WALTER J. HICKS (1926-27); Sacramento County Assessor; dedicated our palatial Temple; resides in Sacramento. ☆ CHESTER F. GANNON (1927-28); attorney-at-law; member California State Legislature (Assembly); resides in Sacramento. ☆ J. FRED MISPLEY (1928-29); State Purchasing Agent; **purchased** carpets, rugs and furnishings for our Temple; member Hall Association; resides in Sacramento. ☆ ELDON J. RADER (1929-30); banker (California National Bank); now removed from Sacramento. ☆ HAL E. WILLIS

(1930-31); railroad executive (Sacramento Northern); died 1936. ☆ MALCOLM C. GLENN (1931-32); judge, Sacramento County Superior Court; resides in Sacramento. ☆ NEIL R. McALLISTER (1932-33); Sacramento County District Attorney; attorney-at-law (McAllister and Johnson); resides in Sacramento. ☆ CHARLES W. KUCHMAN (1933-34); executive, Hale Brothers Company; died 1935. ☆ ALEX ASHEN (1934-35); attorney and legal adviser for McClatchy Newspapers and Radio; died 1944. ☆ DAL M. LEMMON (1935-36); judge, Sacramento County Superior Court; resides in Sacramento. ☆ DR. FRANK P. BRENDEL (1936), physician and bone-specialist; died in office on May 24, 1936, result of accidental drowning. ☆ WILTON E. HOLMES (1936-37—unexpired term); banker (Capital National Bank); resides in Sacramento. ☆ DONALD COX (1937-38); Sacramento County Sheriff; resides in Sacramento. ☆ FRANK MIR (1938-39); druggist (Willis-Martin); one of our original handball enthusiasts; resides in Sacramento. ☆ DR. RODERICK F. GILBRIDE (1939-40); dentist; now practicing in San Francisco. ☆ ARTHUR E. BROWN (1940-41); manager Brown Brothers Insurance Adjusters; resides in Sacramento. ☆ A. R. (Cap) PERKINS (1941-42); office manager Friend & Terry Lumber Co.; office manager Edward A. Grebitus Jewelers; member Hall Association; resides in Sacramento. ☆ W. L. (Bob) DUPEN (1942-43); jewelry merchant; Major of Sacramento Civil Air Patrol; representative airplane manufacturer; resides in Sacramento. ☆ FRITZ KAMINSKY (1943-44); Assistant Chief of Police, Sacramento; resides in Sacramento; and finally— ☆ EDWARD A. GREBITUS (1944-45); jewelry merchant; member of Hall Association; resides in Sacramento. In the 50 years of our existence as a lodge, there have been 53 past exalted rulers, of whom 3 passed away while in office and 24 (including our first past exalted ruler) are still living and serving their lodge, your present exalted ruler, Brother DUDLEY T. FORTIN, being the 54th. Sacramento Lodge No. 6, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has much cause to be proud of the achievements of our rulers. ☆ With reverence we salute those who have answered the Final Roll; with warm appreciation we acclaim those who remain with us today.

L I F E M E M B E R S

P. E. R. LEWIS H. BROWN
 P. E. R. GEORGE A. TICOULET
 FRED B. ADAMS
 WILLIAM H. DEVLIN
 J. H. FELDHOUSEN

JOHN I. FISCUS
 FRANK A. LAFFERTY
 WILLIAM MULLENEY
 WILLIAM F. PETERSON
 CLIFFORD TODD



The Noble Animal From Which Our Fraternity Derives Its Name



LEWIS HENRY BROWN
Our First Exalted Ruler (1895-1896)

Secretary of State of the State of California when he wielded the gavel over the meetings of No. 6 during the term 1895-96, our first exalted ruler, Lewis Henry Brown, also represented the lodge at the national convention held in Cincinnati in 1896. It was at this convention that he was appointed deputy grand exalted ruler for California, there being only one district for the entire State at that time. While serving as deputy grand ruler he successfully reorganized San Francisco Lodge No. 3 as a successor to Golden Gate Lodge No. 6, whose charter had been forfeited. The designation, No. 6, had thus been used for the old original lodge in Sacramento back in 1877, was given to Golden Gate Lodge upon its institution, and restored to Sacramento Elks in March, 1908. Our venerable first past ruler is a native of Hayward, and was born in that little city on March 24, 1857. He received his education in the Hayward public schools, and upon graduating became associated with Wells-Fargo. At the age of only 19 he was branch manager of one of their offices, doing a business of close to \$150,000 per year.

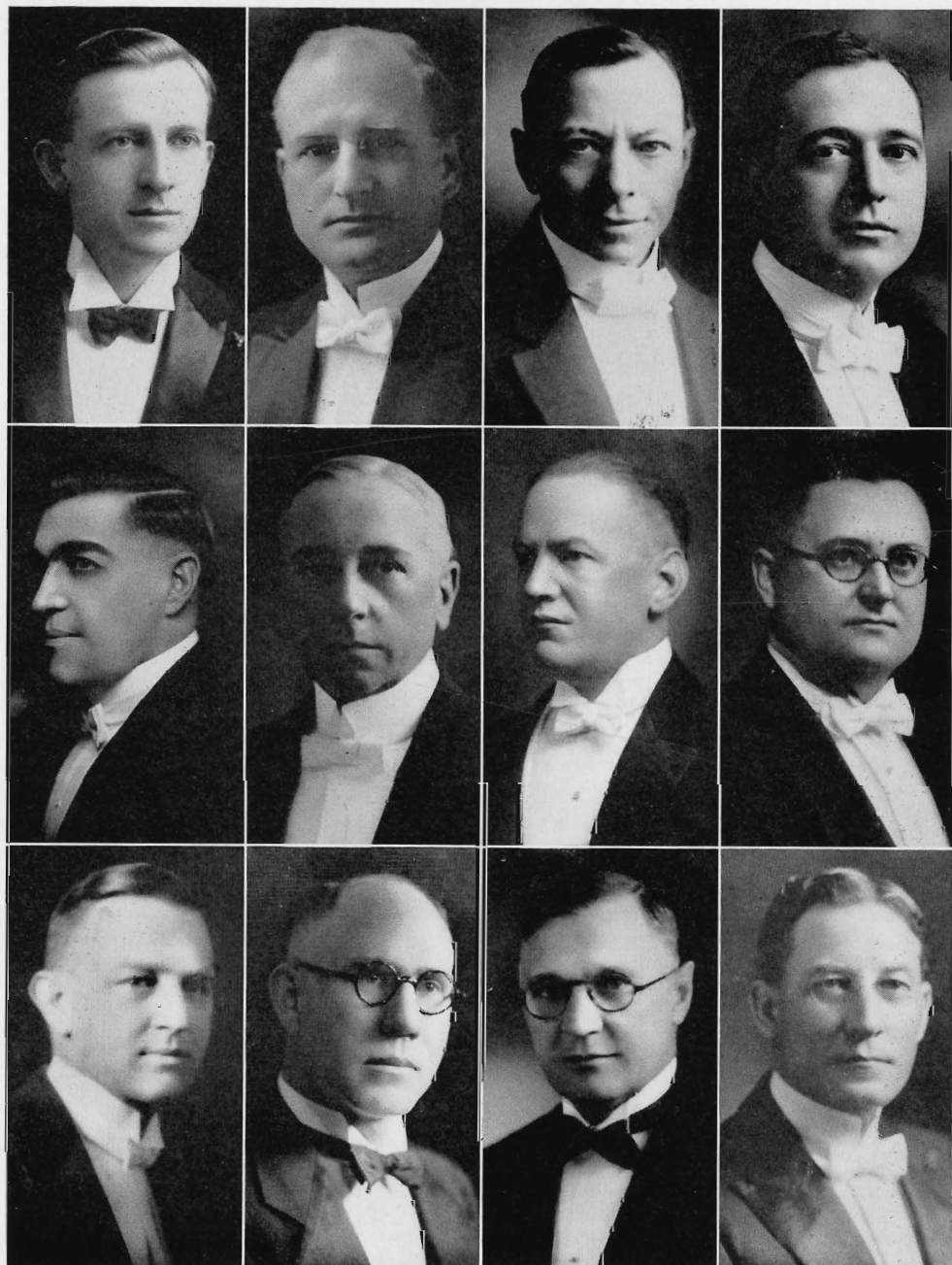
Prior to serving as California's Secretary of State, Brother Brown was a justice of the peace, city treasurer and public school director. He was elected to the California Assembly in 1882 and held the post two terms. In 1890 he was elected Clerk of Supreme Court, and in 1894 the voters named him Secretary of State. While Secretary of State P.E.R. Brown was selected by the State Board of Examiners to make an investigation of conditions in mental hospitals and prisons throughout the United States, resulting in California's institutions for the insane becoming known as hospitals instead of asylums. Also, at his suggestion the manufacture of jute bags was started at San Quentin State Prison. Early in 1899 he was appointed a member of the State Board of Equalization, serving four years.

Though long since removed to San Francisco where he now resides and is actively engaged in the business of a mining broker, P.E.R. Brown has kept in touch with members of No. 6 through his faithful visits to our own brothers who were ill in that city. He has also made his presence felt at our Christmas parties by generous donations of children's gifts, and his every action bespeaks the kindness which is Lewis Henry Brown. He has been honor guest at many of No. 6's functions, and in 1932 was given a special night on September 20, was presented with a great floral horseshoe and other gifts, and the meeting was attended by the other charter members living here.

Despite his active participation in community and State government, P.E.R. Brown was always a willing worker in fostering the principles of Elldom and contributed much to the success and welfare of Sacramento Lodge No. 6 and San Francisco Lodge No. 3.

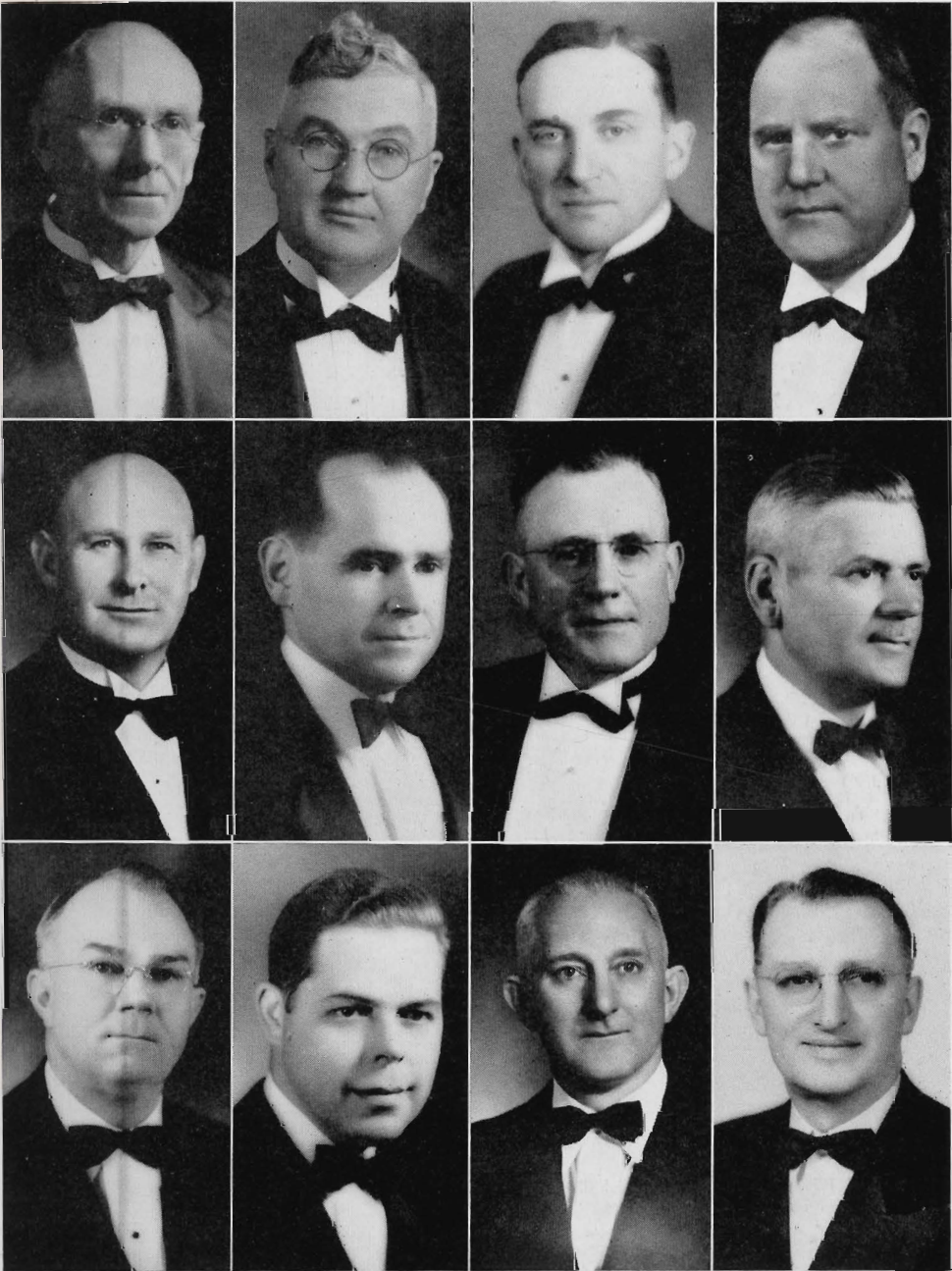
Now, on the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Sacramento Lodge No. 6, more than 2,300 members join in extending greetings and sincere thanks to Past Exalted Ruler Lewis Henry Brown for the excellent beginning and firm foundation laid in 1895 from which has risen the strong and active lodge which is No. 6 today.

LIVING PAST RULERS



Reading across (left to right): John E. Lynn—1906-07; William A. Meyer—1910-11; Edgar J. Kay—1912-13; George A. Ticoulet—1916-17; Fred J. Johns—1917-18; John C. Ing—1921-22; Clyde H. Brand—1922-23; Harold J. Thielen—1925-26; Walter J. Hicks—1926-27; Chester F. Gannon—1927-28; J. Fred Misphey—1928-29; Eldon J. Rader—1929-30

LIVING PAST RULERS



Judge Malcolm C. Glenn—1931-32; Neil R. McAllister—1932-33; Judge Dal M. Lemmon—1935-36; Walton E. Holmes—1936-37; Donald Cox—1937-38; Frank Mir—1938-39; Dr. Roderick F. Gilbride—1939-40; Arthur E. Brown—1940-41; A. R. Perkins—1941-42; William L. Dupen Jr.—1942-43; Fritz Kaminsky—1943-44; Edward A. Grebitus—1944-45

R E M E M B R A N C E

¶ Shining like a star, through the midnight of the tomb, are memories golden and glorious and radiant with hope for Our Absent Brothers.

¶ With revelry hushed, with mellow'd hearts and reverend mien, we pause at this appointed hour to pay affection's meed to lives which endure as enriching examples and to offer for the invisible host our dearest orisons that their immortal souls may blissfully abide in the presence of the Great Exalted Ruler of all.

¶ What tender recollections are now invoked—of smiling faces and cheery voice and sparkling eye—seen again and heard once more, in unison of echoing melody through the softening dusk of vanished years. Companions of the dear old days, gone but not forgotten.

¶ And so at this mystic moment, with a prayer of remembrance whispering on every lip, we recall our immortals from their star-homes beyond the depths of heaven's blue and turn our thoughts to the living, and with hearts aglow, vibrate far and wide our message of greeting and good-cheer; wherever they are and whatever they do, we entreat for them and their loved ones all the riches of happiness, all the victories of life.

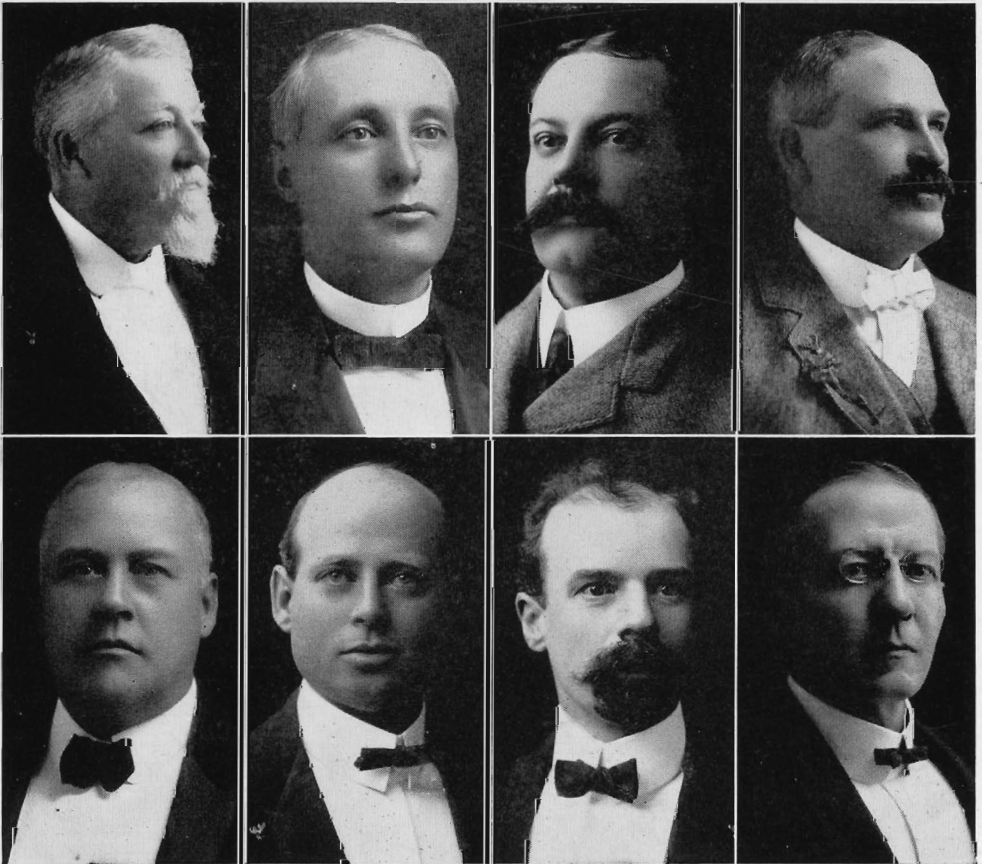
¶ Thus, mingling a joyous sentiment with our tribute to the departed and with not a member missing or unreplying to memory's roll call, we lift the cup and drink the toast—"To Our Absent Brothers!"

THIS TENDER EULOGY TO THE MEMORIES OF OUR
ABSENT BROTHERS IS FROM THE HEART AND THE
PEN OF PAST EXALTED RULER JOHN CRUSE ING,
AND WAS DELIVERED BY HIM AT OUR LODGE OF
SORROW IN THE DECEMBER OF NINETEEN FORTY

ABSENT PAST RULERS

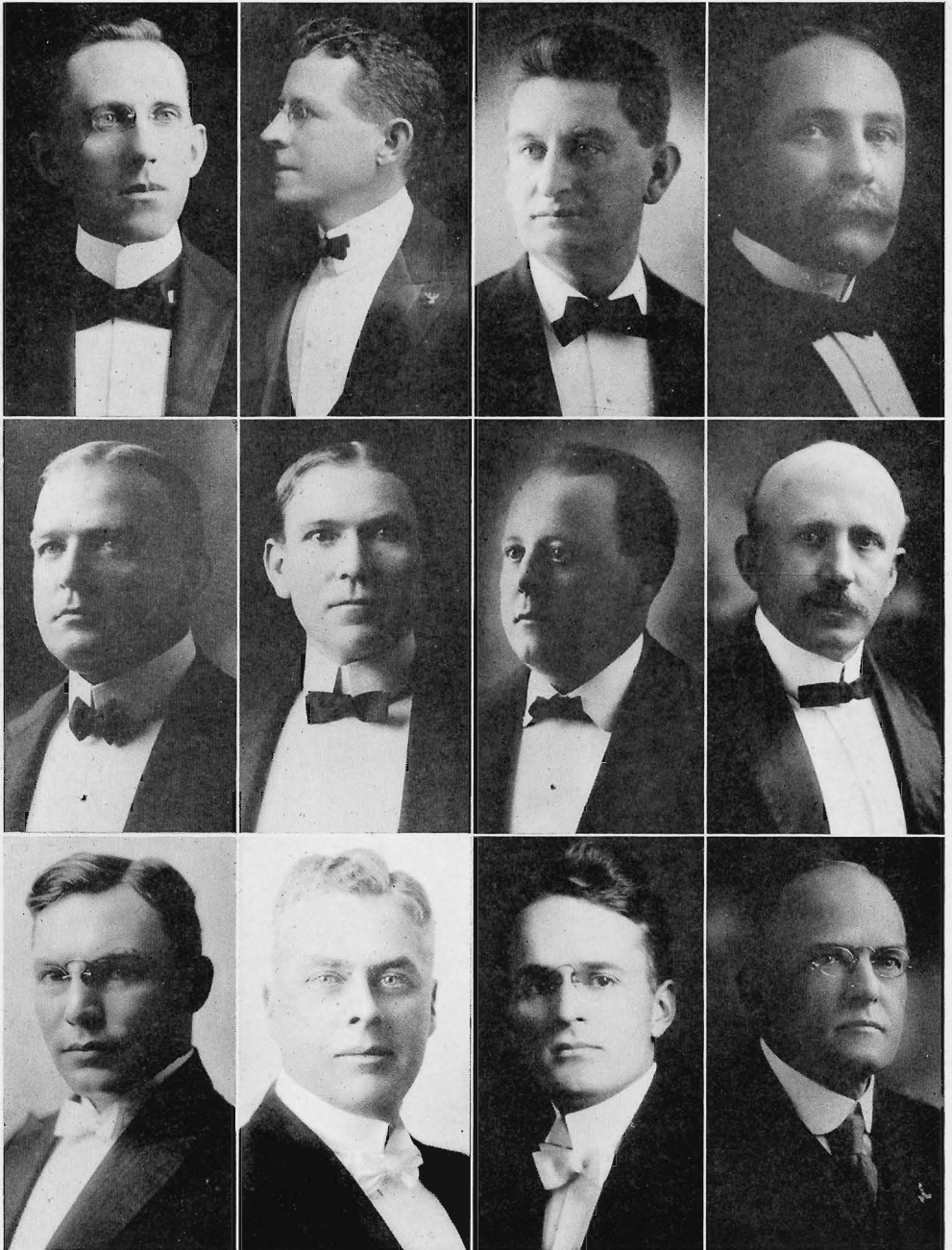
To Our Absent Rulers!

Upon the Tablets of Our Love and Fond Memories
Their Virtues are Tenderly Writ, and Their
Names Will Endure Forever



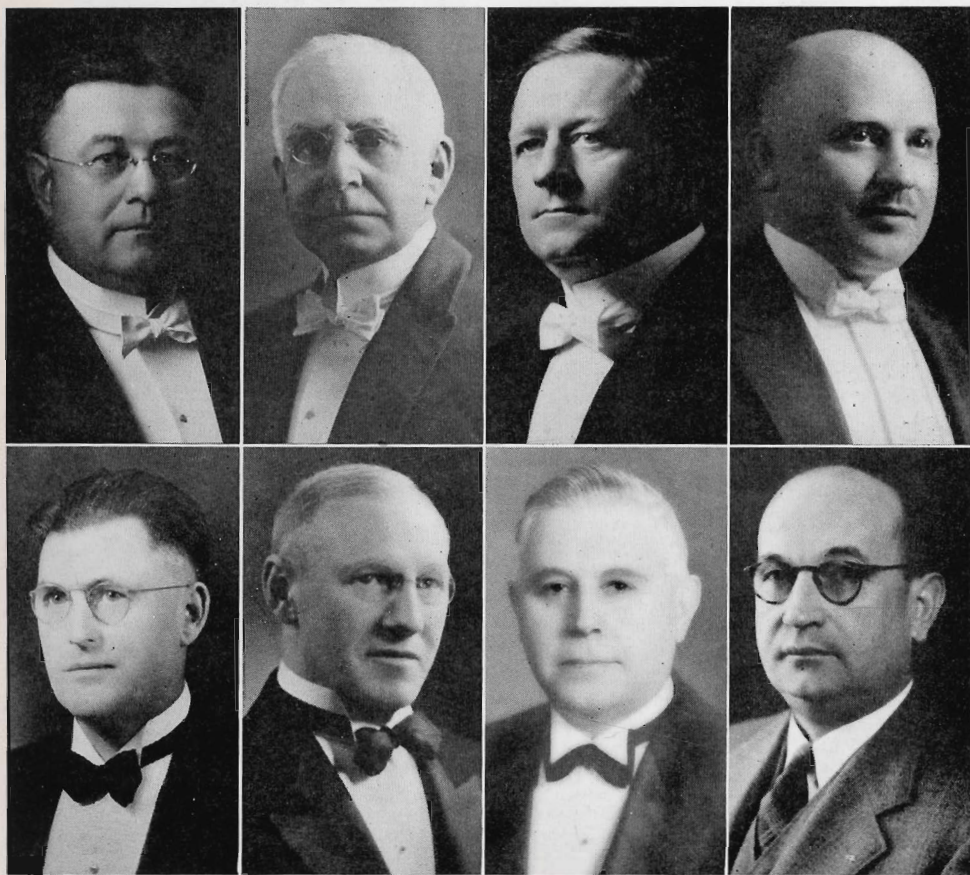
Reading across (left to right): John N. Larkin—1896-97, died May 22, 1911; Dr. G. B. N. Clow—1897-98, died November 21, 1915; Frank L. Gray—1898-99, died September 6, 1923; George W. Jackson—1899-1900, died December 24, 1902; Charles N. Post—1900-01, died May 22, 1914; Joseph M. Anderson—1901-02, died December 2, 1928; Dr. Walter J. Taylor—1902-03, died March 30, 1936; Eugene A. Crouch—1903-04, died April 24, 1925.

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Joseph A. Blair—1904-05, died February 10, 1942; Charles H. Rippon—1905-06, died June 14, 1942; Frank D. Ryan—1097-08, died February 9, 1908; William J. Hall—1908, died June 21, 1931; Michael J. Desmond—1908-09, died December 25, 1921; Cornelius Emmet Mahoney—1909-10, died January 6, 1938; Conrad W. Haub—1911-12, died June 19, 1934; George P. Yoerk—1913-14, died January 18, 1945; John Straub—1914-15, died January 16, 1940; John W. Haley—1915-16, died January 31, 1942; Porter C. Anderson—1918, died November 5, 1918; Emmet Phillips—1918-19, died June 18, 1919

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SOME WERE CUT DOWN IN THE FULLNESS OF THEIR VIGOR,
WHILE OTHERS JOURNEYED ALONG TO THE MELLOWNESS
OF LIFE'S LATE-SETTING SUN. YET THE CLOCK OF THEIR
DAYS DID STOP, AND ACROSS ITS DIAL MOTIONLESS
SHADOWS NOW MARK THE HOUR OF ELEVEN!



Edward E. Reese—1919-20, died April 22, 1944; John T. Stafford—1920-21, died October 18, 1935; Thomas J. Flammer—1923-24, died October 16, 1945; Marco S. Zarick—1924-25, died April 17, 1927; Hal E. Willis—1930-31, died June 9, 1936; Charles W. Kuchman—1933-34, died August 7, 1935; Alex Ashen—1934-35, died July 10, 1944; Dr. Frank P. Brendel—1936, died May 24, 1936