

Grand Master Addresses St. Mark Lodge Masons

AN INSPIRING LECTURE on the need for unity in Negro Masonry was delivered here recently to members of St. Mark Lodge No. 15, Prince Hall Affiliation, F. & A. M., by the Hon. S. C. Boyer, Most Worshipful Grand Master for Arizona and its jurisdiction, which includes Las Vegas. (See photo.)

Grand Master Boyer, a resident of Phoenix, discussed the fatherhood of God in relation to the brotherhood of man and posed several questions, including: What has the Negro accomplished together?

"As a group of united people, there is no limit to what we may achieve," he said. "As a group of united Prince Hall Masons, the good we can do for the community is likewise unlimited. Why must we, as a civic group or groups, invariably split up and create confusion? Why can't we, as intelligent men, work together for a common cause--the cause of improved community welfare?"

St. Mark Lodge, which recently presented Doolittle Center with a check for \$25 in appreciation for the use of the center's recreation facilities,



"NOW CONSIDER THIS"--Hon. S. C. Boyer (in symbolic high hat), Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Affiliation, F. & A.M., for Arizona and its jurisdiction, elaborates on point made during recent lecture on need for unity in Negro Masonry to St. Mark Lodge No. 15. Obviously enjoying Phoenix visitor's explanation are members of local lodge (from left) Ernest Jackson Sr., Senior Warden Floyd Pruitt, A. O. McSwain, Past Master David George, Cleveland Holmes, Edward Turner, present Master L. Frank Cottrell, E. L. Ricketts, Senior Deacon H. B. Wheatley and Junior Deacon J. S. Childs. (See story)

invites inquiries about Masonry and activities of the local lodge. Those interested are invited to consult Past Masters Nathan Scott,

218 McWilliams; James B. Shelbourne, 5792 S. Paradise Rd.; James Snowden Sr., 412 Morgan; Jodie Cannon, 307 Van Buren; Johnnie Crockett, 1112 Wyatt; David N. George, 301 Van Buren, and present Master L. Frank Cottrell, 1317 Adams.

Advises Early Filing For Security Payoffs

"MOST PEOPLE who are 65 or older should apply for social security retirement benefits even though they may still be working," according to Ed Cocks, district social security manager. This was true even before the recent changes in the law, Cocks noted, and the 1965 revisions have made it even more advisable that all persons 65 or older file claims.

Cocks listed a number of advantages resulting when persons 65 or older file applications immediately.

FIRST, filing an application prevents the possibility of any loss of benefits. Some benefits may be payable even though the person has fairly substantial earnings.

SECONDLY, filing of an application by a person 65 or older who is working assures early receipt of benefits after the person retires. If the person waits until after retirement to apply for social security benefits there will be, in the usual case, a wait of six to eight weeks before the first benefit check is received, and it may take even longer if any problems arise, such as, establishing proof of age.

FINALLY, and most important, a person 65 or over who is still working must apply for social security benefits to establish his rights to hospital insurance benefits also provided by the 1965 changes in the law. Hospital insurance benefits are automatic for those 65 or over who are entitled to social security benefits.

Everyone 65 or older is urged, therefore, to apply for benefits even if they are still working. They may file their applications at any social security office. The office in Las Vegas is located at 601 S. 13th St., and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Jazz Festival Sunday

JAZZ BUFFS ARE INVITED to sit in at a Matinee Jazz Festival on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 3, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., at Bob and Ann Bailey's Sugar Hill Lounge, Miller St. just east of Highland Drive. Jimmy Cook and his 16-piece band will be featured.



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