

St. Mark's, Queen Esther Masonic Groups Convene

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION of St. Mark's Grand Lodge, A. F. & A.M. Jurisdiction of Nevada, Inc., and Queen Esther Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Jurisdiction of Nevada, Inc., will convene at Bethel Baptist Church, 400 Adams Ave., starting today, Oct. 28, through Saturday, Oct. 30.

Grand Master George Osley Jr. will call the assembled Brothers and Sisters of the Masonic organization to order at 9 o'clock this morning, with the Rev. James Loveless and Joseph Prudhomme, Royal Grand Assistant Patron of the Grand Chapter, conducting the Devotion.

At 10 a.m. members of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter will go to their stations, followed by the recording of representation fees from all lodges and enrollment of delegates at 10:30. The reading and adoption of by-laws is scheduled for 11 a.m. under the direction of Grand Secretary Ruben Montgomery.

The Rev. L. T. Peterson will deliver the sermon for the Grand Lodge at 12 noon, followed by the sermon for the Grand Chapter by the Rev. Roy Wilson, Assistant Chaplain, and various announcements.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM will start at 7 o'clock with Devotion by Isaac Logan and Ezra Davis, Junior Deacon. Deputy Grand Master John H. Buckles will serve as master of ceremonies and welcoming addresses will be delivered by Sadie Orange for Bethel Baptist and Junior Warden Herbert Jones, with a response by the Rev. Jesse Wesley Jr.

Following selections by the Bethel Baptist Choir, an expression will be offered by the Rev. J. L. Simmons and the Rev. Verce Franklin, a Director of the Grand Lodge, will speak on, "What It Means To Be a Mason."

Additional selections by the Second Baptist Church Choir will be followed by the sermon by the Rev. V. C. L. Coleman. The offering will be conducted by Director Nathaniel Whaley and Grand Musician McKinley Diggs, with concluding

remarks by the Rev. I. W. Wilson, Grand Lecturer, and Grand Master Osley. Benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. C. L. Alexander, Grand Chaplain.

FRIDAY'S PROGRAM, scheduled for 7 p.m., will be conducted by the Queen Esther Grand Chapter following a call to order by Royal Grand Patron Buckles. The devotional service will be conducted by Sisters Cooper, Lizzie Jackson and Beulah Jones, after which Grand Recorder Lucille Robertson will take over as mistress of ceremonies.

Director Willie Simmons will make the welcoming address, with a response by the Rev. Sylvester Parks. Readings by chapter officers Allie Christy and Rosa Mae McKinney, and Ella Mae Turner; short talks on the O.E.S. by Director Emma Montgomery and on "Unity" by Grand Royal Patron Buckles, and an address by Royal Grand Matron Creola Prudhomme, will be interspersed with selections by the

Bethel Baptist Choir and solos by chapter officers Irene Clark and Mozelle Buckles, and Rosie L. Bell.

Grand Master Osley's annual address will be followed by a presentation of gifts conducted by Royal Grand Secretary Europa Carroll.

SATURDAY'S CONCLUDING program will be devoted to the completion of official business starting at about 9 a.m.

Grand Lodge officers and directors in addition to those already mentioned include O. C. Daniels, Willard Booth, James Gay, Eddie Lofton, Walter Turner, L. B. Turner, Russell Criss, Henry Christian, Carey Butler and Ira Fears. Grand Chapter officers and directors in addition to those already mentioned include Louisa Session, Viola O'Neal, Vestine Jones, Georgia Polk, Ruthe Brondy, Dorothy Harris, Birdie McGraw, Ophelia Graves, Mamie Tigner, Archie Perry and Mildred Daniels.

Women Voters Mull Reapportionment

IMPENDING REAPPORTIONMENT of electoral units within the state on a population basis with a view toward a more representative legislature was the subject of discussion at the monthly meetings of the League of Women Voters of Las Vegas Valley last Monday and yesterday, Oct. 25 and 27.

Monday's sessions were held at the homes of Mrs. Kenneth Spiers, 1214 Chapman Drive, and Mrs. Philip Allen, 817 Lacy Lane. Yesterday's meetings were scheduled for the homes of Mrs. Paul McDermott, 2400 Pinto Lane, and Mrs. Robbins Cahill, 1107 S. 6th St.

The legislature has been in special session since last Monday (Oct. 25) to consider reapportionment in compliance with a Sept. 23 directive by a three-man Federal District Court panel that the state law-makers enact legislation creating a constitutionally valid reapportionment and redistricting plan by Nov. 20.

The Las Vegas Valley League was accorded a "kudo and handclap" in the October issue of the official publication of the State League of Women Voters, published in Carson City, for the excellence of its 45-page pamphlet on "Clark County, Nevada." The publication noted that, "School officials there (in Clark County) were so impressed that they announced it would be used in the school system and teachers are clamoring for classroom copies. The book (initial printing: 1,000 copies) is handsome, lucid and informative--an impressive feather in the League's cap."



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