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materials. Riggs said that he thought that he knew how to get a copy of the ritual. Howard encouraged Riggs to get the copy

of the ritual and have it printed. Riggs did just that. These two men became the founders of Black Elkdome.

Riggs' participation in the organization of an Elks Lodge was the cause of his termination as a Pullman porter. He said later: "The

white Elks made it so warm for me that I left Cincinnati."

It was while he was a Pullman porter that Riggs came in contact with White Elks who had copies of the needed ritual. While he never revealed his method of obtaining the

ritual, old-timers believe that he "borrowed" a copy. "The traditions of the Pullman service," writes Dr. Charles H. Wesley, Elks Historian, "were of such high caliber and the integrity of Riggs was such that it seems that the stealing of it was beyond the realm of probability, although it was entirely possible."

## The Founding

**R**iggs and Howard took the ritual to a printer and had 100 copies made. Since Riggs had procured the ritual, Howard advanced the money to pay for the printing. Riggs sought legal advice from George H. Jackson, an attorney, concerning any possible infringement on the rights to the ritual of the lodge of White Elks. Jackson consulted the Register of Copyrights of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. and learned that no Elks' ritual had received a copyright. Riggs sent a copy of the ritual to the Register of Copyrights on September 28, 1898 and the copyright was granted to him. Riggs did not claim to be the author of said ritual, but only its "proprietor."

Riggs and Howard worked for more than six months rearranging sections and reading the proof sheets. They were assisted in this matter by Frank Hunter, who later became Exalted Ruler of the Cincinnati Lodge. Elks regard these three men—Riggs, Howard and Hunter—as the "Three Musketeers" of early Elkdome among Blacks. Riggs and Hunter worked on the Constitution and By-Laws under the watchful eye of B.F. Howard. The first lodge of Black Elks was called to assemble on Monday evening, November 17, 1898 at the Masonic Hall on George Street.

The following officers were elected: Exalted Ruler, Frank Hunter; Esteemed Leading Knight, Dr. J.C. Erwin; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Arthur J. Riggs; Esteemed Loyal Knight, B.F. Howard; Secretary, Dr. Frank Johnson; Treasurer, H.T. Jackson; Tiler, Vincent Dean; Out Side Guard, Benn Hall; Trustees: Peter Bates, Edward Smith, John Stowers, Edward Gastin, Edward Gaither and Sam Brown. The other founding members were Detective Richard Read, Louis Clark, Sam Taylor, Randolph Kelly, Edward Cleveland, Harry Davis, George Butler and John Fitzhugh.

## White Elk Reaction

**W**hen the White Elks heard the rumor that a Pullman porter had stolen an Elk ritual from a traveling man in a Pullman car and had set up a Negro Lodge in Cincinnati, they were furious. This is how Riggs described the reaction of the White Elks:

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Benson & Hedges Ultra Lights	5 mg.	0.4 mg.
True King Size	5 mg.	0.4 mg.
Merit King Size	8 mg.	0.5 mg.
Camel Lights	8 mg.	0.7 mg.
Kent Golden Lights	9 mg.	0.8 mg.
Vantage Kings	10 mg.	0.7 mg.
Marlboro Lights	10 mg.	0.7 mg.
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