

DeMolay Ceremony Witnessed by Large Group Friends, Relatives

The Torrance Chapter, Order of DeMolay Installation of Officers Ceremony was witnessed by a large crowd of friends and relatives Saturday evening, October 6, at the Masonic Temple. Officers installed were: LeRoy Swigart, master counselor; Bert Chambers, senior counselor; Bernard Berkowitz, junior counselor; Don L. Mitchell, scribe; Fred V. Coulson, senior deacon; William C. Bloomfield, junior deacon; Fred Abramson, steward; Gary Carter, junior steward; Jimmy Rathbun, plan; Richard A. Uglad, sash; Kenneth R. Van Dyke, sash; Calvin Figgins, standard bearer; Floyd D. Mead, orator; Precursors, Jerry W. Noely, plan; Chambers, Thomas E., William C. Disario, Ronald E. Thane, Donald D. Linane, Charles E. Collins, Gerald M. Olson. Serving as ushers were Gene Scholl and Dick Carrow. The address of welcome was given by Leonard D. Babcock, Grand Master of the Torrance Masonic Lodge. This was followed by the entrance of the installing team.

The Bible was brought to the altar by Marian McDonald, Hon. and Queen of Job's Daughters, Torrance Bethel accompanied by Mary Ann Lenton, Senior Princess, and Ann Olson, Junior Princess. Carol Campbell, Marshal of the Torrance Job's Daughters, served as installing assistant.

Two solos were sung by Dean Ducey, who was accompanied

on the piano by Mrs. Lougee. The new Master Counselor was presented with a gavel by his father, R. L. Swigart. The 1951 Southern California DeMolay Basketball Championship trophy and cup, with names of the players engraved, was presented to the Torrance DeMolay team, by Vinton Waldorf, Torrance DeMolay sports director. Frank Schmidt, Torrance DeMolay Dad, accepted a track award in behalf of his son, Frank Jr., who is attending college in Idaho. Robert Bowers, Junior Past Master Counselor, was presented a jewel by Frank Thompson.

The invocation and benediction were given by Rev. Homer H. Miller, of Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Refreshments were served in the banquet room, where the tables had been decorated by Mrs. Hartly and Mrs. William Scholl, in the DeMolay colors of purple and gold. Presiding at the tables were mothers of the Master, Senior and Junior Counselors, Mrs. R. L. Swigart, Mrs. C. Chambers, and Mrs. H. Berkowitz.



NEW DeMOLAY OFFICERS . . . Posing for their first photo following installation Saturday night were these members of the Torrance Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Pictured are, front row left to right: Norman Chambers, Robert Chambers, LeRoy Swigart, Bernard Berkowitz, Fred Abramson, William Disario, James Rathbun, Charles Collins. Second row: Charles Coulson, Gary Carter, Richard Uglad, Ronald Thane, Donald Linane. Third row: Kenneth Van Dyke, Jerry W. Noely,

Thomas Long, Floyd D. Mead, William Bloomfield, Calvin Figgins. Fourth row: Frank Schmidt, dad of Torrance DeMolay, installing team Donnie Cook, advisory board and PMC of Torrance; Charles White, grand senior counselor; Jimmie Miller, PMC; George Novinger, MC; Robert McClellan, MC-elect, all of Glendale and Robert Bowers, junior PMC of Torrance. (Photo by Photo Arts Studio).

NTCIA Hears Reports: Install New Officers

Year-end reports on various projects of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association were made by outgoing committee chairmen at the installation of officers held October 3 at McMaster Park.

Following his charge to the new officers Burt Johnson, outgoing president, was presented with an automatic lawn sprinkler by Mrs. Anne Collins, on behalf of the association. Jack White, the new president, stated that the association was renewing and re-evaluating its efforts to push the state to improve 174th street.



JACK WHITE
President NTCIA

It was reported that Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, in answer to a request from the association for a crossing guard on Hawthorne boulevard near the El Nido School, had referred the request to the county superintendent of schools for action.

From the floor came a request that the association ask the Torrance City Council to install a stop sign at 171st street and Glenburn avenue. The matter was referred by President White to the Safety Committee.

Dave Dyer, the new vice-president and program chairman, announced that the November 7 meeting program arrangements

had been completed with Don Brewer of the Allied Fur Industries who will describe the activities of one of Torrance's lesser known but interesting industries. To speak also is Jack O. Baldwin, managing editor of the Torrance Herald, who will describe the new system of reporting to parents to be used in Torrance schools this year. The speaker was one of the group of parents and teachers who last year formulated the new plan of reporting.

Among the new officers installed at the meeting were: Dave Dyer, vice president; Mrs. Anne Collins, secretary; Mrs. Janice Bates, treasurer and Larry Gatti, auditor. The outgoing officers include: Johnson, president; Ken Beight, vice president; Mrs. Anne Collins, secretary; Mrs. Wayne Alford, auditor.

Appointed committee chairman by President White were: Bob Roelcher, ways and means; Mrs. Alice McGinniss, membership; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Runsted, co-chairmen of publicity; Dave Dyer, program chairman and Ruth Brooks, educational.

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Olivas died in Los Angeles. Stone and Myers are in charge of arrangements, which as of noon yesterday were still pending.

Surviving is his widow, Helen, of Los Angeles, and a son, Lawrence A., 16, of Ventura.



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Wife of Pioneer Merchant Passes

Mrs. Dora Lepkin, wife of one of Torrance's pioneer merchants, died in the Seaside Hospital in Long Beach on September 26, following an illness of several weeks.

She was the wife of J. Lepkin, who until recently maintained a merchant tailoring establishment at 1312 Sartori avenue. He established his business in 1923.

The couple first met in Russia, where they were born; and were later married in Winnipeg, Canada, in 1908.

A son, Bennie, operates a retail drug store in Long Beach.

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