

SILVER MOON LODGE NO. 105 F.&A.M. PHA.



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Greetings: Brother's

This is a partial history of Silver Moon Lodge NO. 105 that was written by

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History of Silver Moon Lodge No. 105

In the early 1960's the Pomona Valley flourished with a number of Social Clubs consisting of Afro-Americans. One such Club was the "Meridian Fellowship Club". Another such Club was the Meridianettes. These clubs were the ideas of Anderson B. Evans and Mallic Evans, a Prince Hall Mason and Easter Star formally of the state of Indiana. Later these clubs grew into Silver Moon Lodge No. 105 and Silver Star Chapter No. 89.

In 1962 the members of the "Meridian Fellowship Club" met at the homes of many of the members, but more often they met in the garage of Brother Anderson B. Evans. It was during this time that the members would plan social and community events. Among these dedicated and noble men was a man name White. We would later know him as Pastor White of San Dimas. He made it to the Promised Land, but did not cross over into it.

Our Promised Land was to become Prince Hall Masons. Through the vision of our founder Anderson B. Evans the Social Club approached the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and requested membership.

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge appointed Grand Lodge Inspector E. A. Ferguson to lead us to the Promised Land. Under his direction and the leadership of Anderson B. Evans the Club continued to increase it's membership.

Brother Anderson B. Evans's invitation into the Club was that the Club would make good men better men. The Club members began to develop a close bond and men from all walks of life became forty men strong.

In 1964 we became a Lodge under dispensation. We were sponsored by Orange Valley Lodge No. 13, of Riverside, California. As a result of this sponsorship, we received our First and Second Degrees at Orange Valley Lodge No. 13, in Riverside, California.

Grand Inspector E. A. Ferguson was well versed in Masonic Law and Ceremonial work. He groomed us well and at each meeting we would practice until we knew our work by memory. He made us proud to want to be a member of the Order.

Our Third Degree was received in Pasadena, California.

Our first official meeting place was in an old house located at 1060 W. Mission Blvd. It was just east of the "Old Pack A Sack" market at the south east corner of Mission and

Hamilton in Pomona. It was at this location that we practiced our ritualistic work and we were proud of it.

In October of 1965 we were officially constituted and dedicated at the National Guard Armory behind the Police Station at Mission Blvd. and Park Avenue in Pomona. At this time we officially became known as Silver Moon Lodge No. 105 Free and Accepted Masons. It was a Gala occasion that was followed by a Grand repast at the old house where we held our meeting.

Our first Worshipful Master was brother Anderson B. Evans. The Senior Warden as Brother Tom B. Jones. The Junior Warden was brother Allen Goree. The Senior Deacon was Ray Thomas. The Junior Deacon was Columbus Thomas. One of the first secretary was Garland Jarrett, the treasurer was Donald Moore. The chaplain was Willie Raye Dickson and one of the first Tyler's was Augusta George.

With the help of Past Master Tom Jones the Lodge purchased their present site, which is located at 1022 West Second Street in Pomona, California. The unity of this body and the bond that they had was something to behold. After the purchase of this building the brothers decided to improve it. They brought their paintbrushes, ladders, paint, hammers and any other tools that they needed and put the building in shape. While the men were working their wives and girlfriends kept them supplied with food and refreshments.

The founders and members of Silver Moon Lodge No. 105 went on to form Silver Star Chapter No. 89, as well as a chapter of the Knights of Pythagoras.

Note: The "E" in Past Master E. A. Ferguson's name stands for Elijah and the "A" stands for Ambrose.

The remaining Charter Members still in the Order as of December 12, 2008 are Past Master Tom B. Jones, Past Master Willie Raye Dickson and Brother Robert Mattison.

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Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brothers, Greetings:

One of the projects of the Research Lodge is assembling the history of all the lodges within the Jurisdiction.

It is requested that you appoint a member of your lodge to provide your history to us.

We would like to at least know how your lodge came into existence and some information on your Charter Members.

We welcome any and all information that you desire to provide in addition to the above.

Please provide the name and contact information of the b other who is going to be the liaison.

You can fax or email the information to me or the Secretary.

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Clarence L. Baker Worshipful Master

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