

most Worshipful Grand Master Johnny Allen, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington and Jurisdiction, with his guest, The Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas Brown of the Oregon Jurisdiction, and the Honorable Russell S. Gideon, Sovrn Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of freemasonry P.H.A. Northern Jurisdiction U.S.A. Inc. In introducing his Guest Grand Master Johnny Allen was most eloquent, affective, and at his best. Grand Master Bordewick said, "this was the largest public gathering of Masons in Washington since the dedication of the Seattle Masonic Temple in 1916," and that constitutional problems have long prevented Black and White Masons from joining in a single order. "Someday, maybe we can solve these problems." Grand Master Allen said, to his knowledge, the Tacoma ceremony was the first time Black and White Masons have gathered together for a joint ceremony anywhere in America. When presented the working tools of a Master Mason, the plumb, the level, and the square, Grand Master Bordewick layed the cornerstone with its cavity bearing the various memorials of our time,

current newspapers, names of city council and other civic bodies including documents of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington and Jurisdiction. The crowning words of the day were those spoken by the Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Washington (White). Brother Warren Murphy said, "Our membership can boast of great statesmen, societies, explorers, and men distinguished in every walk of life. However, it is not limited to the great or wealthy, but rather to all men, because every man of good reputation and character is eligible to petition for membership. In fact Masonry regards no man on account of his worldly wealth or honor, but because of his personal integrity as a matured man." Mayor Southerland of Tacoma, and Grand Master Brodewick, stretched their necks to the end of their cable towes. The Prince Hall Masons with the aid and assistance of the Grand Architect of the Universe will vouch safely their voyage through this stormy sea of life. The historical event was brought to close by prayer from Bishop Tolbert, of the Methodist Episcopal Churches Dist. No. 1.