



BRO. TOM BROWN

Bro. Brown, a former resident of Oakridge, LA, is a long standing member of the Masonry. His affiliation began during the year of 1929. During this time, Bro. Brown had the unusual honor of being voted as a Master Mason at the young age of 19. Another noteworthy ceremony in which he participated, was the initiation of his father into the Masonry. Bro. Brown remained an active member of Fidelity Lodge #53 F. & A. M. (PHA), Bastrop, LA and served in appointed positions in that lodge until demitting.

During 1946, he became an active member in Harmony Lodge. Presently, he is the second oldest mason in Harmony Lodge. During that same year, he joined the Mount Zion congregation and served in the following positions: Deacon Board Member, Trustee of the Church, President of The Brotherhood, President of the Usher Board and Founder of the Zion Newsletter.

Bro. Brown's other past and present affiliations are: active member of the Mount Zion Credit Union, membership committee of the YMCA, active member of the NAACP, active member of the Seattle Urban League.

During the period of 1942-1946, Bro. Brown served in the U. S. Air Force. After leaving the military, Bro. Brown worked on the Port-of-Embarkation from 1946-1958. Shortly afterwards, he formed a partnership with the late Nathan Hightower, as operators and proprietors of a service station. Presently, the station is Brown's Exxon located at 1426 34th, Seattle, WA.

Bro. Brown has trained and hired many young persons as they sought interesting and constructive options to enhance their understanding of business economics. One of his trainees began learning the aspects of the business while in junior high school and continued until high school graduation. Presently, the trainee is matriculating at University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA.

"The easy roads are crowded, and the level roads are jammed. The pleasant little rivers with the drifting folks crammed. But off yonder where it's rocky, where you get the better view, you will find the ranks are thinning, and the travelers are few."