Eastern Star Rites Seen by 350 Here

A capacity crowd of more than 350 persons jammed the Masonic Temple on Sartori avenue last Saturday night to witness the 19th annual open installation rites of Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Teresa Hill was installed as worthy matron for 1940. The ceremony was formal to all participating in the rituals.

As guest installing officers presiding over the ceremonies, Mr. and Mrs. Al Monro of San Pedro Harbor Chapter were outstanding in their knowledge of the solemn performance, and the entire program was one of fidelity to the high ideals of the order.

Beauty of appointments and room decorations, in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, transformed the chapter room of the temple into a veritable bower of blooms, and the eight standing white candelabra, holding myriad white burning tapers, seemed to express the sacredness and sanctity of the rites, as did the pure white evening gowns of the local officers.

Beautiful Floral Pieces

Looking especially charming in her ankle-length white evening gown of rich, heavy silk, with a smart rose-red neckpiece as her only decorative accessory, was Mrs. Hill, worthy matron-elect.

Her graceful arm bouquet of talisman rose buds, varishaded larkspur and multicolored snapdragon blooms served to accent the beauty of the occasion, and expressed the spirit of harmony that was everywhere apparent as her officers approached the center of the room carrying smaller pieces in keeping with that of Mrs. Hill's. The floral pieces were designed and executed by William E. Wylam of the Poppy Flower Shop.

Installing Marshal Mrs. Juliette Johnson and Installing Chaplain and Honorary Marshal Mrs. Carrie Parks deserve special words of recognition for their splendid work in their individual stations.

Trio Provides Music

Petite little Miss Naomi Myers, seven - year - old granddaughter of Frank Brown, new worthy patron, was all that could be expected of a jewel-bearer performing the duties of her office with all the finesse and dexterity of an experienced "star."

Musical accompaniments and special solo selections for the evening were furnished by Miss Esther Freese, soprano and celloist, Miss Althea Fraser, pianist and Louis Waltner, violinist, all of Inglewood.

One of the high points of the evening was the presentation by Associate Patron Frank Brown to Mrs. Hill of a sparkling gold gavel, and presentation to Mrs. Sally West of an Eastern Star jewel.

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SMITHS RETURN FROM KANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith have returned to their home here from a visit with their son, Lester, at Independence, Kansas. While on the trip Smith suffered a foot injury when he fell from the porch of his son's home. He is now at home nursing a badly swollen ankle.

TAKE EASTERN STAR OFFICES . . . Those who received obligations at the installation ceremonies of the local Eastern Star chapter last Saturday night are shown above. They are, front row, left to right: Mrs. Jennie Moore, Miss Hermine Oetken, Mrs. Elizabeth Brod, Ray Hoover, retiring worthy patron; Mrs. Lola Hoover, seven-year-old Naomi Myers, jewel-bearer; Mrs. Teresa Hill, worthy matron; Frank Brown, worthy patron; Mrs. Rosalie Morgan and Mrs. Lecil Kerber. Rear row, left to right: Mrs. Bettina Miller, Mrs. Jean Patterson, Mrs. Helen Miller, Mrs. Rosearnold Winters, Mrs. Alice Rapple, Mrs. Naomi Brown, Miss Lorraine Hill, daughter of the worthy matron; Mrs. Bertha Ainsworth, Mrs. May McKinley and Mrs. Antoinette Babcock. —Torrance Herald Photo.

HEADS LOCAL CHAPTER . . . Holding her beautiful bouquet is Mrs. Teresa Hill, new worthy matron of the Eastern Star, and her escort, Frank Brown, worthy patron for 1940. —Torrance Herald Photo.

Understanding of Today's Children Stressed at Meeting

Declaring that children of today are children longer than those of a generation ago because of ever increasing demands of this modern "age of specialization," Dr. Maude Wilde, founder of the Mothers' Educational Center, spoke to an enthusiastic audience at the association's annual luncheon meeting held recently at the Cabrillo Hotel in Los Angeles.

Using as her subject, "Mothers of Today and Mothers of Tomorrow," Dr. Wilde emphasized the necessity of modern children having parental care and guidance longer than children have ever had before.

"Only a short time ago," she declared, "children were adults at the age of 14, and were expected to go out on their own and make their way in the world. And they were able to do just that. But today times have changed and young people are no longer able to do that. Nor is it fair to expect them to be able to do so.

"Children of a generation ago didn't have the unemployment problem to face, nor were they compelled to show a college diploma at every turn of the road when they sought to put their knowledge to some useful endeavor.

"It is therefore compulsory," she concluded "that 1939 parents understand their children and the many problems that they are confronted with daily and treat them accordingly with the understanding, yes, and even the admiration that they so truly deserve."

Also on the program was a short colored motion picture reel of shots taken by Mrs. Bennet on her recent European tour. Members of the Torrance unit of the association attending the meeting included Mesdames Margaret Hooper, Mildred Mitchell, Ruth Rogers and Ernest Lock, chairman.

According to Mrs. Lock's November report, during the current month nine new local babies have been given clinical care and 28 returned for additional physical examinations and advice. New ones include Jonn Kirchen, Ronald Ward, Beverly Cox, Richard Cox, Linda Harder, Jerry Harder, Mary Ashley, Laurie Ashley and Yang Lee Hawks. Next meeting of the local group has been scheduled for December.

CARD PARTY PUT OVER TO FRIDAY NIGHT

Church of the Nativity weekly card party, regularly held at 8 o'clock each Thursday night in Nativity Hall, will be held this week on Friday night because of the intervening holiday, according to Mrs. Fern Woods, chairman.

BRATTONS HOST AT GALA DINNER

Much of the scintillating tang and haunting flavor of Hawaii was "imported" to Torrance this week by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bratton when they entertained at Palos Verdes Country club with a dinner and card party in compliment to their house-guest, Mrs. Ruth Wilson of Honolulu.

The table scheme expressed the character of the islands, with mounds of attractively arranged pineapples and two animated dancing girls in grass skirts carrying out the centerpiece theme. Unusual placecards made of green and brown paper, and fashioned to form small typical native huts and graceful swaying palm trees completed the appropriate motif.

Holders of prize-winning tallies were Mrs. Dean Sears and Sam Levy, high, and Mrs. Levy and Ray Casey, low. Bidden to the delightful event, in addition to the honoree, were Messrs. and Mesdames Levy, Ray Casey, George Peckham, John McMillan, Harold Appenzellar, Charles Jones, Dean Sears, Grover C. Whyte and J. W. Post.