

Masonic Club Houses of the University of California

Historical Information

UC Masonic Clubs – History and Description (Folder 1):

- **Copies of “California Freemason”:**
 - Volume 5, Issue 4, Title: “Masonic Clubhouses: Grand Lodge Provides for University Students.” Photos of University of California, Berkeley and University of California, Los Angeles Masonic Clubhouses. 2 pages.
 - Volume 6, Issue 3, Title: “Masonic Club at UCLA.” Photo of Grand Master Phil N. Myers and President Judy Truesdell. Students Reception for the Grand Master at the UCLA Masonic Clubhouse. 3 pages.
 - Volume 6, Issue 4, Title: “Berkeley Masonic Clubhouse – Practical Contribution to Public Education.” Includes photographs of student life at the clubhouse. 1 page.
 - Volume 10, Issue 2, Title: “University Clubhouses – Congenial facilities for students with a Masonic background.” Includes images of building the clubhouse, the clubhouse, and student life at the UC Berkeley clubhouse. 3 pages.
 - Volume 10, Issue 3, Title: “Student Clubhouses.” Includes photograph of the front entrance to UC Berkeley Clubhouse. 1 page.
 - Volume 12, Issue 1, Title: “Masonic Clubhouses.” Photograph of Ronald Reese, a member of Masonic Club in Berkeley, and group of students from UC Berkeley Masonic clubhouse. 1 page.
 - Volume 17, Issue 1, Title: “UC Clubhouse Razed.” 1968. 1 page.
- **Photoengraving blocks** of UC Berkeley Masonic Clubhouse, front door of UC Berkeley Masonic Clubhouse, and people surrounding a piano. ca. 1922. 1 page.
- **Narrative by John P. Curtis, Inspector, 239th Masonic District, Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of California.** Discusses dwindling membership in the Masonic Clubs at UC Berkeley and UCLA, leading to the decision to sell the Berkeley and LA properties in 1966. 2 copies of this narrative included. 4 pages total.
- **Copies of “Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California” (1967)** pgs. 42-47, pgs. 52-53, pgs. 144-155, pgs. 190-195. Recommendations for discontinuation of Masonic Clubs at UC Berkeley and UCLA. Summary of Attendance and Activities at Masonic Clubhouses. Report of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Club at the University Berkeley, California and the University of California at Los Angeles.
- **Copy of “Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California” (1968):** pgs. 42-45, pgs. 234-237. Covers emergence of the California Masonic Foundation. Report of

Special Committee on California Masonic Foundation. Grand Master Eugene S. Hopp appointed a committee consisting of Senior Grand Warden Chester R. Macphee as Chairman and Brothers Fred B. Hack, Everett Houser, John Hunt, and Edward H. Redford, and Brothers Dr. Robert Burns, Dr. Oscar Anderson, and DR. Ferd Callison as consultants.

Series

Series 1: Photographs (Folders 2-3):

- **Folder 2: UC Masonic Clubs – 4 Photographs of Architecture of UC Berkeley Masonic Club House**
 - 2 photographs: UC Berkeley Masonic Club House, exterior of building shown at different angles (ca. 1928). Commercial Studios, M. L. Cohen Co., 1116 Franklin St., Oakland, CA.
 - 1 photograph: Landscape photography of plot of land in Berkeley, CA where Masonic Club House was built (1881), southwest corner of Bancroft Way and Bowditch St, North Hall, South Hall, Bacon Art Gallery, and Civil Engineering Building visible, residence at No. 2613 Channing way. People featured are Mrs. S. Merrill, Mrs. Clarence S. Merrill, Ruby R. Morse, and Clarence S. Merrill. Enlargement of the photograph was made by E. J. McCullagh, photographer. Presented by Mr. McCullagh and C.S. Merrill (both members of Durant Lodge No. 268 F. & A. M. McCullagh, Berkeley, Calif. Full caption of photograph included.
 - 1 photo: UC Berkeley Masonic Club House ca. 1960.
- **Folder 3: UC Masonic Clubs – 7 Photographs of Events**
 - 1 photo: 3 men in front of the Students Masonic Club. L-R: unknown, Grand Master Alfred F. Breslauer, Grand Secretary Edward H. Siems. Ca. 1960.
 - 1 photo: Masonic Club Student Members at Grand Master Myron Smith's Reception. Included note from Masonic Club at the University: "taken semester before," ca. 1965.
 - 1 photo: 3 men seated at table, 1 man presenting a speech. L-R: GM Myron English Smith, others unknown. Title: "Breakfast." ca. 1965. Ken Rice Photo, Commercial – Industrial, Bus: TE6-4244 – Res: OL 3-3300, 1900 Drake Drive—Oakland 11, Calif. Reorder by No. 8963-18.
 - 2 photos (copies): 4 men at the Reception, Initiation, Dinner and Ball on April 22, 1966. L-R: unknown, Grand Master Myron English Smith, Grand Secretary Edward H. Siems, and Club President Jim Fonda. Ken Rice Photo,

Commercial – Industrial. Bus: 836-4244 – Res: 339-0300, 1900 Drake Drive, Oakland, CA 94611. Reorder by Number 19010.

- 1 photograph: Members of Masonic Club House at event. Photography by Harold Amling, Reorder #51-7. ca. 1950.
- 1 photograph: Four men and four women dressed for an event at the Masonic Club House. Photography by Harold Amling, Reorder #51-65. ca. 1950.

Series 2: Newsletters (Folder 4):

- **Folder 4: Newsletters UC Masonic Clubs – “UC Masonic Councillor” 1926-1930:** Title: “U.C. Masonic Councillor.” 26 Issues. 1926-1930. Information on events from the Masonic Clubhouse Council, De Molay, Men’s Masonic Club, Ashlar Club, and Women’s Masonic Club. Contains ads for local businesses. Volumes 1 & 3-6.

Series 3: Organizational Documents (Folders 5-7):

- **Folder 5: 3 copies of Articles of Incorporation of The Masonic Club of the University of California: (1)** 4 pages. List of first directors and trustees of the Masonic Club. Signed on December 27, 1921. Filed in Sacramento State December 31, 1921. Filed in County Clerk’s Office in Alameda, CA July 4, 1922. **(2)** 8 pages typescript, black background with white type. Papers signed by first year Directors on Dec 27, 1921. Includes request for name change from The Masonic Club of the University of California to The Masonic Club of the University of California, Inc. on May 17, 1923. **(3)** 4 pages with envelope, typescript on ivory paper. Dated dec 27, 1921. **(4)** Single page paper copy of order granting petition for change of corporate name, May 17, 1923.
- **Folder 6: By-Laws of The Masonic Club of the University of California, Inc.** 2 copies. Copy 1, 6 pages single sided, typescript. Copy 2, 8 pages front and back, typescript. February 1923.
- **Folder 7: UCLA Charter:** Title: “University of California at Los Angeles Organization Charter.” March 10th, 1930. Signed by A.S.U.C Council Member Robert S. Keith & Welfare Board Member Thomas F. Griffen. Accession number: 636, photocopy available in Museum Register 550-749.

Series 4: Printed Materials (Folders 8-10):

- **Folder 8:** pamphlets, literature, and other material issued and used by the Masonic Club in its campaign for subscriptions to the Club House.
 - **Business card** titled “Masonic Press Club of Los Angeles Under Jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of California.” William R. Teague II, P.M., Vice President,

Director of Information Services. 11061 Granger Place, Northridge, CA 91326.

- **Invitation** titled: "The Masonic Club at the University requests the pleasure of your company at the Reception, Invitation Dinner and Ball Honoring Most Worshipful Myron E. Smith, Grand Master of Masons in California." April 22, 1966. 2590 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.
- **Playbill** titled: "With Sword and Trowel, Scottish Rite Auditorium, March 29, 1924." By William Ellwell Oliver, Director Fred Carlyle. Includes ads for San Francisco businesses. Includes general information on the Women's Masonic Club, the De Molay Club, and the Masonic Club at UC Berkeley.
- **4 paper folded pamphlets** for UCLA Masonic Club. (ca. 1950).
- **1 paper folded pamphlet** for UC Berkeley Masonic Club. (ca. 1950).
- **2 copies of "A Masonic Opportunity."** Samuel E. Burke, Grand Master, supports Masonic Clubs at universities. Issued by the U.C. Masonic Club House Committee. Includes a list of the Grand Lodge Committee, Campaign Officers, Board of Trustees, and General Committee Members. (ca. 1950).
- **Pamphlet** titled: "Masonic Club House at the University of California." By Judge William H. Waste, P.M., Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of California; Member Executive Committee U. of C. Masonic Club. Includes sketch of UCLA Masonic Club building. (ca. 1924).
- **Pamphlet** titled: "Points Showing the Aims and Progress of the Masonic Club at the University of California." Issued by the Grand Lodge Committee, Hotel Bancroft, Berkeley, Calif. (ca. 1924).
- **3 empty envelopes** from the University of California, Masonic Club House Committee, Hotel Bancroft, Berkeley, Calif.
- **3 blank Subscription Receipt and Record** titled: "University of California Masonic Club House Fund Subscription." ca. 1922. #53964.
- **2 paper folded pamphlets** for both UCLA & UC Berkeley Masonic Club. (ca. 1950).
- **Blank Cash Subscription List** to the University of California Masonic Club House Fund, Hotel Bancroft, Berkeley, Calif. (ca. 1922). 5 printed letterheads for the Masonic Club Committee.
- **Flyer** for the University of California Masonic Club House listing need and purpose, Grand Lodge approval, cooperation and support solicited. (ca. 1920).
- **Tentative Program** for Ceremonies of Laying the Cornerstone of the Masonic Club House, University of California Berkeley, April 28, 1923.

- **Folder 9:** Title: “University of California Bulletin, Third Series, Vol. XVI, No. 1. Announcement of Courses 1922-23 in the Departments at Berkeley, July 1922.” Published by the University of California Press, Berkeley, California. For sale by the associated students’ store, price 25 cents. 236 pages.
- **Folder 10:** Title: “University of California, Officers and Students, February 1923.” Published by the University of California Press, Berkeley, California. For sale by the associated students’ store, price 25 cents. List of students’ phone numbers and addresses. 390 pages.

Series 5: Membership (Folder 11):

- **Folder 11: Membership Rosters**
 - **List** of officers and members of the Masonic Club Board of Trustees and a list of officers and members of the Grand Lodge Committee for the Masonic Club at the University of California. (ca. 1923). 1 page, 1 envelope.
 - **List** of officers of the Masonic Club of the University of California for the academic year 1922-1923, list of officers elect for the academic year 1923-1924, list of the active members of the Masonic Club with names of their respective lodges or De Molay Chapters April 28, 1923. 4 pages, 1 envelope.
 - **List** of active members of the California Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity on April 28, 1923. 1 page, 1 envelope.

Series 6: Reports (Folders 12-13):

- **Folder 12: Reports**
 - **Folder contains 2 copies of Auditor’s Report Masonic Club University of California, October 1925.** Budget for operating and maintenance expenses based on expenses Oct 1, 1924 – Sept 30, 1925. Audit statement, (A) Statement of Assets and Liabilities, (B) Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for Building and Furnishings, and (C) Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for Maintenance. UC Berkeley Masonic Club. 6 pages.
 - **Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Masonic Club of the University of California,** November 15, 1921 – April 28, 1923.
 - **Report** from Mary Kierulff to the Grand Lodge of California covering details of the Reception, Initiation, Dinner, and Ball in honor of Grand Master Myron English Smith at the Masonic Club at UC Berkeley. May 4, 1966. 2 pages, typescript. 2 copies.
 - **Report on Activities 1963-1964 Masonic Club UC Berkeley.** Addressed to Mr. J. Walter Proctor, President of Board of Directors, Masonic Club at the University from Mary Kierulff. 2 pages.

- **Report on Activities 1964-1965 Masonic Club UC Berkeley.** 11 pages. Yearly report by Mary Kierulff, Social Hostess.
- **Report on Activities 1965-1966 Masonic Club UC Berkeley.** 6 pages. Yearly report by Mary Kierulff, Social Hostess.
- **Report on Activities 1966-1967 Masonic Club UC Berkeley.** 5 pages. Yearly report by Mary Kierulff, Social Hostess.
- **Report on Events Masonic Club at UC Berkeley.** 2 pages. Starting Oct 9, 1961 – May 28, 1968.
- **Transcription of Dedication Ceremony of Masonic Club House of the University of California at Los Angeles.** Full transcription of ceremony lead by M. W. Charles M. Wollenberg, Grand Master. March 28, 1930. 8 pages.
- **Folder 13: UC Berkeley Masonic Club House General Report 1919-1939:** bound book, 189 pages. Carbon typescript copy. Dale F. Ely, Editor, General Report, Chairman, General Report Committee, Ruth Kuns as Secretary, other information collectors include Anne Stephensen, Charles Miller, Clarke Wiegand, Bill Kirkham, Harley Scott, Berenice Wiegand, Clint Rygel, Ethelyn Kraus, George Berry, Dorothy Harvey, Foster Jones, Chet Bramlett, and Mein Talbot. Includes history, Masonic Clubhouse council, General Club Activities, Club Constitutions, Custom Traditions and Regulations of Club House, Finance, Officers, Dances, Initiation, Social Events, Meetings, Publicity, Membership, etc.

Series 7: Newspaper Clippings (Folders 14-19):

- **Folder 14:** 4 envelopes of newspaper clippings about openings of Masonic Clubhouses from January 1922 – May 1922.
- **Folder 15:** 1 envelope of newspaper clippings about openings of Masonic Clubhouses for the year 1923. 7 full newspaper single pages about openings of Masonic Clubhouses (1923). 2 photocopied newspaper clippings on UC Berkeley Clubhouse (1923).
- **Folder 16:** 1 envelop of newspaper clippings about openings of Masonic Clubhouses for the year 1924.
- **Folder 17:** 1 newspaper clipping referring to Chief Justice William H. Waste, 1921 & 1 paper obituary for Chief Justice William H. Waste.
- **Folder 18:** newspaper clippings about openings of Masonic Clubhouses for the year 1921.
- **Folder 19:** 1 envelope of newspaper clippings that have no date about the Masonic Clubhouses.

Series 8: Meeting Minutes UC Berkeley Club House (Folders 20-23):

- **Folder 20:** 1920-1929 Meeting Minutes for Members and Directors, 56 pages, typescript.
- **Folder 21:** 1930-1939 Meeting Minutes for Members and Directors, 83 pages, typescript.
- **Folder 22:** 1940-1949 Meeting Minutes for Members and Directors, 128 pages, typescript.
- **Folder 23:** 1950-1957 Meeting Minutes for Members and Directors, 124 pages, typescript.

Series 9: Correspondence (Folder 24):

- **Correspondence** to Judge William H. Waste from Arthur S. Crites, Grand Master, Bakersfield, CA. 2 pages, typescript. Jan 17, 1924.
- **Correspondence** to Judge William H. Waster from Rollie W. Miller, Grand Master Los Angeles, CA. 1 page, typescript. Feb 4, 1937.
- **Correspondence** to Mrs. J. H. Quinn, Hostess of UC Masonic Club House at UC Berkeley from William H. Waste. 1 page, typescript. Feb 5, 1937.
- **Correspondence** to William H. Waste from J. T. Fraser, Grand Master, Eureka, CA. 1 page, typescript. Feb 16, 1938.
- **Correspondence** to Mr. Carlisle Nielson, President of the Board of Directors for the Masonic Club at the University from Mary Kierulff concerning events and publications for the UC Berkeley Masonic Club. September 5, 1963. 2 pages, typescript.
- **2 Copies typed speech** given by Club President Jim Fonda at the Reception, Initiation, Dinner and Ball on April 22, 1966, honoring Grand Master Myron English Smith. 2 pages, typescript.
- **Correspondence** to Grand Lodge of California from Mary Kierfulff, Social Hostess, mentioning a semi-formal Initiation, Dinner, and Ball in honor of Laurence E. Dayton, Grand Master of Masons in California. February 16, 1967. UC Berkeley Masonic Club. 1 page, typescript.

Series 10: Architectural Specifications and Blueprints (Box 2):

- 3 copies Specifications for Alterations for The Masonic Club of the University, Berkeley, Bancroft Way & Bowditch St. 2 copies at 18 pages, 1 copy at 20 pages. 05/09/1949. A. Lewis Koue, Architect, 428 13th Street, Oakland 12, Calif. Twin Oaks 34311. Job #171.
- Specifications for Electrical Work (3 pages), Specifications of Plastering Work (4 pages), Specifications for Cast Stonework (3 pages), Specifications for General

Work (25 pages), Specifications for Furnishing (2 pages), and Specifications for Heating (3 pages) for a Masonic Club Building situated on the southwest corner of Bancroft Way & Bowditch St. In the city of Berkeley in the county of Alameda, California. Carl Werner. 906 Sante Fe Blvd., Architect, San Francisco, CA. ca. 1949.

- 3 copies of Blueprint Plans, 05/09/1949, (blue paper). Basement Plan (Sheet 1), First Floor Plan (Sheet 2), Mezzanine Floor Plan (Sheet 3), Basement Elevation and Details (Sheet 4), Basement Plan (Sheet 5), Mezzanine Floor Electrical & Lighting (Sheet 6), Alternate Plan Women's Toilet Room (Sheet 7). Masonic Club of the University, Berkeley, Bancroft Way & Bowditch St. 05/09/1949. A. Lewis Koue, Architect, 428-13th Street, Oakland 12, Calif. Twin Oaks 34311. Job #171. Clyde E. Bentley (Consulting Engineer). Scale: 1/8" = 1' – 0".
 - 1 copy from Herbert H. Eling, 645 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, Calif. 94102, To Masonic Club House, 2590 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, California, Attn: Mrs. Kohl. This copy contains 1 copy of the Basement Plan (Sheet 1) dated 8/23/1948 revised 3/11/1949, and 1 copy of First Floor Plan, Revised Plan (Sheet 2) dated 3/30/1954.
 - 1 copy of Basement Plan (Sheet 3), Scale 101' – 0." Masonic Club of the University of California., Carl Werner, Architect, Santa Fe Building SF. 3/4/1953.
- First Floor Plan, revised, of the Masonic Club of the University, Berkeley, Bancroft Way & Bowditch St., 3/30/1954. A. Lewis Koue, A.I.A., Architect, 428 Thirteenth St, Oakland 12, California. First Floor Plan. Scale: 1/8" = 1' – 0".
- 4 copied blueprints with backwards printed type on white paper. December 5, 1958. Masonic Club of the University of Calif., Carl Werner, Architect. Bowditch Street Elevation, West Elevation, North Wall of Basement, Roof Plan, Basement Plan. From Etna Insurance Company, Pacific Department, 220 Bush Street, San Francisco 4, Calif. To University of California Masonic Club, Bowditch & Bancroft Sts., Berkeley, California, Attn: Mrs. Mainwaring. Scale: 1/8" = 1' – 0". ca. 1949.
- Blueprint, Section A-A, Scale 1/2" = 1' – 0." Dragon Schmidt's & Hardman, Architects. ca. 1949.
- Blueprints of Lounging Room Furniture Library Room Furniture, Lady's Parlor Furniture, Study Room Furniture, Office Furniture. Carl Werner, Architect. ca. 1949.
- Blueprint of Billiard Room. Western States Seating Co. University of California, Masonic Club House, Berkeley, CA. Carl Werner, Architect. Scale 4" = 1' 0." ca. 1949.