



**Prince
Hall
Masonic
Lodge**

The Prince Hall Masonic Lodge #17 was first founded in Redlands but moved to San Bernardino by the 1920s. Early leaders founded the San Bernardino NAACP and laid the foundation of the Black community on San Bernardino's Westside.



Under the leadership of W.S. Johnson and John Lee, they formed the Westside Masonic Building Association in the 1920s to construct a large two-story brick building at the corner of 8th and Perris, which became a social, economic and political center of the community. Early businesses in the complex included the Harlem Café, a pool hall, a real estate agent, and Golden State Mutual Insurance.



We know John W. Lee, E.V. McIntosh and Willie Roberts are in these classic photo.

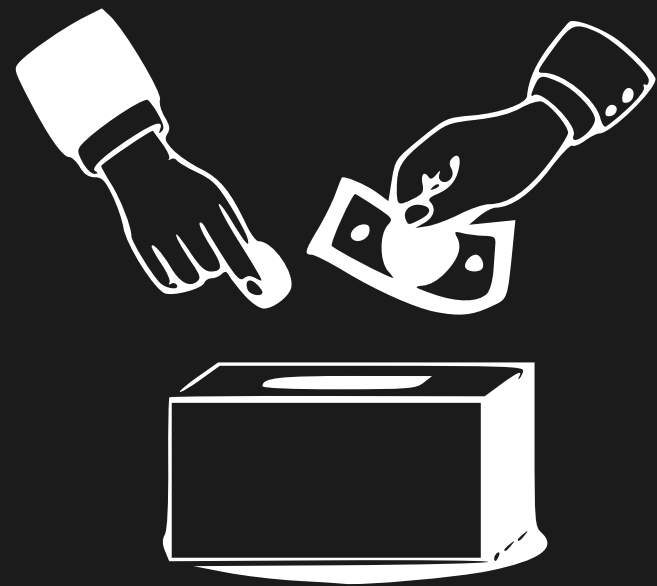
Who else do you recognize from these pictures?

Please help us identify these historic leaders...

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TO HELP YOUTH—The first donation in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's educational fund was made last week by Prince Hall Masonic Lodge 17, F & AM. Pictured left to right are Jesse L. Warden, treasurer of the NAACP; E. V. McIntosh, president; Dan L. Foster, worshipful master of the lodge, and John W. Lee, secretary.



Prince Hall Masonic Lodge has remained active in San Bernardino, raising money for scholarships, supporting civil rights struggles, hosting Black history celebrations and building community.

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