

March 23, 1981

Dear Paul -

This will finish off my bio?

Where I refer to my going to work for US Motors, I want to add that a gentlemen named Harry G Steele founded the company and was primarily responsible for its success. He had retired from a successful company in Pittsburgh in 1919 and moved to Pasadena.

I became a Mason in the early 20's but did not become active until 1945 when a close associate in US Motors (Guy Tolle, our Plant Supt., who was one of the earliest residents in Leisure World) suggested that I become a member of the Los Angeles Bodies of the Scottish Rite.

Became active in the degree work, and worked closely with Judge Ellsworth Meyer, a prominent California Mason, who was the principal "architect" of the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple at Wilshire Blvd and Lucerne which was occupied in 1961.

In 1947 transferred my Masonic membership from Pennsylvania to California, joined Westlake 392, and became Master of that lodge in 1955 (Lodge is now known as Henry Knox-Westlake 392)

Coroneted a 33rd. degree Mason in 1961; member of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee in 1965; chairman of the committee for ten years; now serving my second year as Grand Treasurer of the California Grand Masonic Lodge.

Of great interest to all California Masons are our two Homes - one in Union City where we take care of close to 350 elderly men and women, and one in Covina for orphaned girls and boys. The Masonic fraternity, over the years, has established an Endowment Fund, now totalling about 40 million dollars and growing at something over one million each year. The income from the Fund is used to partially fund the operating budget and is supplemented by income generated by wills, bequests and contributions. The portfolio of Grand Lodge amounts to about \$60 million and a Committee of Grand Lodge, the Investment Committee, is responsible for the investments. Have been a member of this Committee for 10 years.

Other Masonic memberships - Royal Arch and Knights Templar, Los Angeles; Saddleback Valley lodge 832; Saddleback High Twelve 503; Al Malaikah Shrine, Los Angeles.

Honorary Member, Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay

Member (1954) Saint Gabriel Chapter, Red Cross of Constantine, presently serving as recorder.

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Have served for 27 years on Board of Directors of The Midnight Mission, Los Angeles - past ten years as Treasurer. This Mission is supported entirely with public contributions (not a dime of Federal or State assistance) Provides lodging and ~~some~~ meals to "down and out" men and boys.

The contributions to the Mission, both money and clothing, from residents of Leisure World are substantial and certainly appreciated.

Have served the past two years as President of our Saddleback Community Hospital. We have a hard-working group of 15 Directors who give generously of their time and talent to this task. The hospital is licensed for 155 beds and, within the past month, we have been able to add nine beds which now brings us up close to the 155 bed limit.

Even so, we are "bursting at the seams". The ever increasing growth in this southern part of Orange County clearly means that our capacity to serve must be a matter of concern to all; our situation as a "not-for-profit" hospital needs the attention of the entire community.

Paul, I want to acknowledge the financial assistance we have had (and still receive) but we badly need more! How can I put it nicely (if at all)?

Thank you

Regards

John

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JOHN A SICKENBERGER

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Born in Pittsburgh, Penna

Right behind Forbes Field  
(home of Pittsburgh Pirates  
for many years) Probably  
accounts for my first love-  
baseball!

Attended Public and High schools -  
North Side (Allegheny) area

Had to leave High School after  
two years to go to work

Akron, Ohio 1917

Worked for Firestone in their  
Accounting department (too young  
for WW 1 final draft)

Pittsburgh 1921 - 1926

Went to work for a firm of CPAs,  
first as junior and finally as  
senior with work assignments in  
New York, Chicago and Denver.  
Pennsylvania CPA in 1927

Akron, Ohio 1926 - 1929

Recalled by Firestone in their  
Auditing department

Los Angeles, Cal. 1929-1933

Treasurer of Firestone-California

Los Angeles 1933-1966

Took job as Auditor for small  
electric motor manufacturer -  
U S Electrical Motors - whose  
main plant was on Slauson near  
Main street.  
Subsequently established plants  
in Connecticut, Mississippi,  
Illinois, Anaheim, Cal., MEXICO.  
Main responsibility was financial  
"graduated" into marketing and  
finally in International areas.  
Company merged with Emerson  
Electric in 1962 as USMotors Divn  
Retired in 1966-moved to LW

Leisure World, Laguna Hills

Bought "off a map" in area which  
became part of original Mutual  
#11  
Became one of three Directors of  
11 and continued via consolidatio:  
through Second to United -  
recently resigned

1974 - Elected to Board of SCH  
Now serving second year as  
President