Brother Lawrence Perry

His Legacy... Lawrence Perry (Brother Perry) was born on January 20, 1920 in Warren, Arkansas to John Perry & Artie Lee Dean Perry. He was the first and only child of this union. At an early age his parents moved him to Mount Shasta, California where he lived his formative years, attending both grammar school and high school. During high school he was an accomplished athlete who excelled in both football and baseball, which remained his favorite sport. Over the years his enjoyment of baseball was rivaled by his other avocations, fishing, hunting, camping and cooking. However later in life baseball was his primary sport, second only to his daily bible study and prayer times. As a youth Brother Perry received Christ as his Lord and Savior while attending church in Mount Shasta. As an adult he was a faithful member of various churches as he moved throughout California. When he settled in Oroville, New Home Missionary Baptist Church became his home, where he served on the deacon board. His love for his church body was evident in his devotion to the Congregation and his desire to feed everyone. He enjoyed using his military chef experience for preparing meals for special church events, luncheons and dinners. His barbecue, fried turkeys, baked hams and peach cobbler were some of his specialties. Brother Perry served in World War II as part of the U.S. Navy forces on six different vessels. He served on the mine fields of the Mediterranean Seas to the Pacific campaign with Japan and was discharged in November of 1945. He worked for US Postal Service from 1945 until 1970, when he took a sabbatical to drench his entrepreneurial spirit in the trucking business. He rejoined the postal service in 1979 and served as postal investigator and trainer. He retired in 1985 and finalized architectural drawings for a home in Oroville which he built and occupied in 1989. In 1986 he was united in matrimony with the “love of his life” Sister Eula Jacobs. This marriage bore no offspring but the God-fearing couple became “Mom and Dad” to many younger couples. He immersed himself in the Far Northern California community with Oroville as his epicenter. In Oroville he joined the VFW and served as Quartermaster for Post 1747. He served on the Butte Community Action Board. His community service ranged from delivering surplus food to seniors, distributing salmon to the community to galvanizing the Promise Keepers from the Chico and Paradise churches to rebuild a historic black church in honor of a deceased brother in Christ. Brother Perry was known to others as Ill. Lawrence Perry, 33/96 Most Ancient High Priest and M.P.S. Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council of World Masons Inc. California and Alaska jurisdictions.

His Family... Eula preceded him in death, and on April 5, 2010 Brother Perry departed this life to join her. He leaves his cherished memory with a host of family, friends and brothers: Christian, Military and Masonic.

His Farewell Service ...A Visitation will be held on Monday April 12, 2010 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Oroville Funeral Home 1454 Montgomery St. Oroville. His Funeral will be held on Tuesday April 13, 2010 at 1:00 pm at New Home Missionary Baptist Church 4380 Lower Wyandotte Rd. Oroville, CA. Donations may be made in Brother Perry’s honor to New Home Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements are entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home 530-533-0323