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▲ The President and a group of distinguished Craftsmen who assisted him in raising his sons, James and Franklin D., Jr., in Architect Lodge, No. 519, on November 7, 1935. Reading left to right they are, seated: Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce; Jacob C. Klinck, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Robert Elliott Owens, Townsend Scudder. Standing: Frank Herwig, Henry C. Turner, William Klingenstein, Grand Treasurer, Ferdinand Pecora, Fiorello H. La Guardia, Morris Ruggles Brownell, Jr., James and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jr., Peter Schumuck, Frederic Kernochan, Marshall K. Kernochan, Deputy Grand Marshal, Gay H. Brown, Fay C. Parsons, Grand Marshal, and August A. Grunewich, of Architect Lodge

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MR. EARLY: I think you can tell us all about your departure plans tomorrow -- the visit to the City (of New York).

THE PRESIDENT: We will leave about three o'clock tomorrow and motor down. It has been a couple of years since we have motored down.

Q Not since you have been President.

Q The last time was right before Inauguration.

THE PRESIDENT: I think that is right. I want to see the river and go to 49 East 65th and dress. Then I will go down -- I don't know what the time of the dinner is -- to the Masonic Temple.

MR. EARLY: Will the dinner be at the Masonic Temple?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, just a very small dinner with the officers of the Grand Lodge.

Q The dinner at the Temple?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, only ten or fifteen at the dinner, and then the ceremonies after that. We will get through between ten and eleven and then I will go to the train and be back in Washington at 8.30 the next morning.

MR. EARLY: You omitted one very important thing: What time will the train leave?

THE PRESIDENT: I will give you a lot of time -- one o'clock.

Q Do you have an active part in the ceremonies, or are you merely going to be present?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't know.

Q I saw something in the New York papers that you were going to induct.

THE PRESIDENT: Probably assist in it.

Q What degree is he taking, the Third Degree?

THE PRESIDENT: Third degrees -- Franklin and Jimmy. Elliott went in

before I went down to Washington.

Q Are you taking Jim Farley along with you, Mr. President? (Laughter)

THE PRESIDENT: I had him at the Shriners, you remember that? him and Joe Kennedy.

Did you ever hear of the hoax I pulled on Joe Kennedy?

MR. EARLY: At the Shriners? That is a good story.

THE PRESIDENT: This is off the record. I said to Joe before the Shriners' Parade, "You know, I am all alone. Why don't you come and join me at it?" He said, "My God! I go to the Shriners' Parade?"

I said, "Sure, Jim Farley is coming." I didn't know whether he was but he did. And he said, "Jim is coming? Is that a command?" And I said, "Sure."

And so Joe arrives and Jim Farley too. It was a terribly rainy night; it did not last very long, only about a quarter of a parade.

They went back -- Joe had been sliding behind the police all the time so that the photographer wouldn't get him -- and he went up to <sup>Washington</sup> ~~Ednesport~~. I waited about two and a half weeks and at the end of July I sent him a telegram. I picked any old name out of the telephone book, John Turner or something like that: "Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy. In accordance with our delightful conversation the night of the Shriners' Parade, will it be convenient for you to go through the ceremony the first week of September? A large and distinguished gathering will be here to welcome you. Please wire as quickly as possible to Admiral Cary T. Grayson." Cary did not know anything about this either. "We

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