

The Commissioner of Finance reported as follows:

Your Commissioner of Finance transmits herewith duplicate of Class A Social Club license application filed by Chas. P. Blakeney, Secty. for Billy Webb Lodge No. 1050, F.B.P.O.E. of W. (colored Elks) to be located at 2504 N. Williams Avenue, together with report of the Chief License Inspector and approved report of the Chief of Police, for the consideration of the Council.

Following is the report of the Chief License Inspector:

We are transmitting herewith duplicate of Class A Social Club license application filed by Chas. P. Blakeney, Secy, for the Billy Webb Lodge No. 1050, I. B. P. O. E. of W. (colored Elks), to be located at 2504 N. Williams Avenue, for the consideration of the Council. The same was sent to the police, and was returned approved by the Chief of Police. Also, attached is communication from their executive committee and copy of resolution authorizing application to be made.

MAYOR RILEY:

The application has the police approval. Have they met all of the qualifications of the Class A Social Club, Fraternal Order?

MR. HUTCHINSON, CHIEF LICENSE INSPECTOR:

Yes.

MAYOR RILEY:

Does the petitioner wish to be heard?

MR. CHAS. P. BLAKENEY, SECRETARY FOR BILLY WEBB LODGE No. 1050:

No, your Honor, unless there are certain questions you wish to ask me.

MAYOR RILEY:

You have a national affiliation with other lodges of a similar character?

MR. BLAKENEY:

That is the principal requirement of Class A.

MR. HUTCHINSON:

They brought their full credentials before they made the application.

MAYOR RILEY:

I might tell you something, which may eventually save you some embarrassment in the future, because I can only assume that most likely some few members put up most of the money to get it started and they hope that the other boys are going to come in with their share, and that's probably your case.

MR. BLAKENEY:

No, it isn't.

MAYOR RILEY:

Then you are fortunate. This Council doesn't look with favor upon this type of operation but are not in the position to do anything about it because state laws permit it, so we have set up this classification and do license, them. If your operation should become in the least offensive and there be complaints, it is quite likely that the Council would give quick consideration to revocation of the license. You would thereby lose the investment that you and the other brothers have put into it. I want to give you that warning, and good behavior is about the only way.

MR. BLAKENEY:

Well, Your Honor, we have got to comply with the grand lodge law, so even without the circumstances which you outlined to us, we would have to comply with all of that.

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MAYOR RILEY:

I just wanted you to understand what you are getting into.

By unanimous consent this application for Class A Social Club license was granted.