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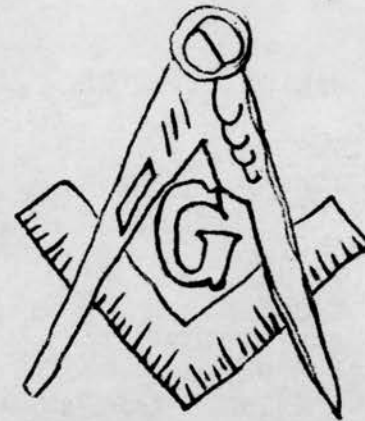
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**53RD ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE OF  
GRAND MASTERS  
PRINCE HALL  
AFFILIATION**

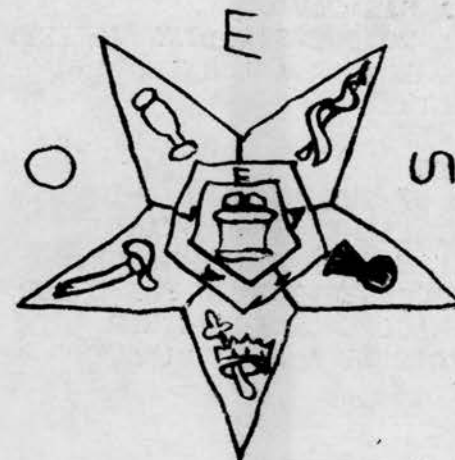


**HOST**

**M. W. PRINCE HALL  
GRAND LODGE  
F. & A. M. MINN. AND  
ITS JURISDICTION  
ST. PAUL, MINN.  
HOTEL HILTON  
MAY 10-11-12,  
1972**



MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON  
M. W. G. M.



ETHELYN F. SAMPSON  
W. G. M.

CHALMERS L. LAWSON  
W. G. P.

7:00 P. M.

TABLE GRACE: MARION L. BROWN

DINNER

WELCOME TO GUESTS

DORIS E. JONES

RESPONSE TO WELCOME

OTIS L. HAMPTON

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

GRAND MASTER

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PATRONS

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS

PROGRAM

MUSIC- WILLIA MAE BARBER

TRIBUTE TO JUNIOR GRAND MATRON

THEME SONG: "CLOSE TO THEE"

TRIBUTE TO JUNIOR GRAND PATRON

THEME SONG "THERE IS NO FAILURE IN GOD"

SPECIAL TRIBUTE AND PRESENTATION TO AN

EASTERN:

SONG: CLARA MAE DAVIS

SPECIAL AWARD TO OUT-STANDING VARIETY

ACT OF THE YEAR AND SELECTION

"RIGHT ON BROTHERS"

ACADEMY AWARDS

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ACADEMY

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

FOR SUSTAINED PERFORMANCE:

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE ORDER

BY A MASON OR A BROTHER

SUPPORTING ROLE BY A SUBORDINATE

CHAPTER

MASONIC AND GRAND LODGE

OTIS L. HAMPTON

AWARDS- MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON M.W.G.M.

HONORS FOR MASON OF THE YEAR

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY TITLES

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL FOR MEMBERSHIP

INCREASE

REMARKS:

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

ETHELIN F. SAMPSON

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

CHALMER L. LAWSON

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON

MASONIC CLOSING

OTIS L. HAMPTON

EASTERN STAR CLOSING

DORIS E. JONES

WORTHY GRAND MATRONS THEME SONG

"O, HOW I LOVE JESUS"

BENEDICTION

CHAIRMAN

DORIS E. JONES - LAURA IRVING

CO-CHAIRMAN

OTIS L. HAMPTON

COMMITTEES

DELORIS J. PRICE

PAULINE GUY

PEARL DOBBINS

MARY PARSONS

WILLIA MAE BARBER

WILLIAM M. DAVIS

MAURICE MITCHELL

CLIFFORD HUGHES



240  
300

34 new  
10 Int. Total

\$720.00 \$340.00

### FIRST TENORS

Virgil Anderson - Manager, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Vermillion, S. D.  
Elmo Christensen - Maintenance Supervisor, Yankton State Hospital, Yankton, S. D.  
John Prince - Driver-Salesman, Coca-Cola, Yankton, S. D.

### SECOND TENORS

LaVern Kendall - *Methods & Standards Engineer*, Dale Electronics, Yankton, S. D.  
Dr. Duane Mathisen - Optometrist, Yankton, S. D.  
Mike Portillo - Student, University of South Dakota at Vermillion, Yankton, S. D.  
Jim Prosser - Instructor, Vermillion Public Schools, Vermillion, S., D.

### BARITONES

*DIRECTOR OF TELEVISION*  
Irvin Engelbrecht - Rural Mail Carrier, Wausa, Nebr.  
Tom Engeman - ~~Engineer~~, KUSD-TV, Vermillion, S. D.  
Wayne Lower - Manager, Northwestern Public Service Company, Armour, South Dakota  
Clyde Proulx - Partner, Globe Clothier's, Mens Furnishings, Yankton, S. D.  
Charles H. Richardson, - Accountant, Yankton, S. D.

### BASSES

Edward Juell - Lineman, Northwestern Public Service Company, Yankton, S. D.  
Roy Juttelstad - Farmer, cattle ~~FEEDER~~, Volin, S. D.  
Charles A. Olson - Interviewer, S. D. State Employment Service, & ~~Co-Owner Olson Answering Service~~, Yankton, S. D.  
Byron Taft - News Director, KYNT radio, Yankton, S. D.  
Don Thompson - Farmer-cattle ~~FEEDER~~, Volin, S. D.  
Clarence Weiger - Relator, Yankton, S. D.

### DIRECTOR

Clarence "Bud" Carson - Counselor, Chorus Director, Bloomfield Public School, Bloomfield, Nebr.

### ACCOMPANIST

Gary Keller - Student, Music Major, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. D.

### YANKTON MEN'S CHORUS

Yankton, South Dakota

"Some men see things as they are and say 'why?'  
I dream things that never were and say 'why not?'"

—Robert Kennedy

# PROGRAM

This Is My Country. . . . . Raye-Jacobs  
 Do You Remember When? . . . . . Roberts-Katz  
 Gallant Men . . . . . Cacavas-Wood  
     Soloist: Don Thompson  
 A Nation's Prayer  
     Duane Mathisen  
 Breathe On Me Breath of God . . . . . Rees  
 SOLO: "The Big Bass Viol"  
     Charles Olson  
 SOLO: "Three For Jack"  
     Virgil Andersen  
 Gonna Build A Mountain. . . . . Bricusse-Newley  
     Soloist: Elmo Christensen  
 Li'l Liza Jane. . . . . Jenkins  
     Solist: Jim Prosser  
 Michael, Row the Boat Ashore. . . . . Arr. Hayward

# PROGRAM

We've Only Just Begun . . . . . Arr. Rogers  
 I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing. . Arr. Rogers  
 BESS SOLO: "A Real Low Down Basso Am I"  
     Donald Thompson  
 PIANO SOLO:  
     Gary Keller  
 Amen. . . . . Crawford  
     Soloist: Elmo Christensen  
 Proclaim Liberty. . . . . Williams  
     Soloist: Charles A. Olson  
     Narrator: Byron Taft  
 American's Creed  
     Byron Taft  
 God Bless America . . . . . Berlin  
 The Battle Hymn of the Republic . . . Arr. Ringwald  
     Soloist: Clyde Prouty  
     Assistant Accompanist: Mrs. Virgil Andersen  
 The Lord's Prayer . . . . . Mallotte

## THEME

A STONE WE HAVE TO HEW

## PURPOSE

TO DISCUSS TOGETHER AND DEFINE THE ROLE OF THE  
CONFERENCE AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO PRINCE HALL  
MASONRY

## CONFERENCE OFFICERS

HOMER H. DAVIS, WEST VIRGINIA, PRESIDENT

AARON A. ARRADONDO, MINNESOTA, PRESIDENT ELECT

THOMAS G. WALDON, INDIANA, SECRETARY-TREASURER

## DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS - AUTHORS SUITE

Presiding: Curvis F. Rhyne, Ohio

Recorder: Roy M. Moore, California

Call to Order

Opening Remarks

Introductions and Recognition

## SHORT TALKS:

"The Obligation of Prince Hall Masons  
To Their Fellowmen" - Reuben G. White,  
Deputy Grand Master of Texas

"Law Enforcement in The Modern Community"  
James E. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master  
of Massachusetts

## GENERAL DISCUSSION:

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GRAND WARDENS - INDIAN EAST SUITE

Presiding: James E. Eubank, Senior Grand Warden,  
Minnesota

Recorder: To be appointed

Call to Order

Opening Remarks

Introductions and Recognition

SHORT TALKS:

"The Relevance of Prince Hall Masonry in  
The 70's" - Patrick E. Chavis, Jr., Senior  
Grand Warden, Indiana

"Rendering Useful Service to The Community"  
Johnnie Cato, Senior Grand Warden, Wisconsin

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

"WHAT DOES THE LORD DEMAND OF US"

That we do Justly, love Mercy and  
Walk Humbly with our God

Adjourn

GRAND SECRETARIES & TREASURERS - INDIAN WEST STE.

Presiding: William W. Browning, Jr., Ohio

Recorder: E. T. Busby, Oklahoma

Call to Order

Opening Remarks

Introductions and Recognition

SHORT TALKS:

"The Role of The Prince Hall Secretary" -  
Wendolyne G. Terrelle, Grand Secretary,  
Michigan

"The Treasurer's Role" - William D. McAdams  
Grand Treasurer, Minnesota

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

"FROM WHENCE WE CAME"

What manner of men recorded the history  
of Prince Hall Masonry?

How accurate are our records?

Adjourn



GRAND LECTURERS & C.C.F.C. - SENATE EAST SUITE

Presiding: Lapercell P. Greene, P.G.M., C.C.F.C.  
of Minnesota

Recorder: To be appointed

Call to Order

Opening Remarks

Introductions and Recognition

SHORT TALKS:

"The Role of The C.C.F.C." - Maceo Brodnax,  
C.C.F.C. of Colorado

"Who Needs a Study Club??" - Willie D. Gray,  
Grand Lecturer, Minnesota

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

"Our Business Here"

To serve and grow or be served and  
defeated

"What, Then, is Masonry?"

Adjourn

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS - SENATE WEST

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REMARKS

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*Conference of Grand  
Masters*

OF

PRINCE HALL MASONS OF AMERICA

PRINCE HALL MASONS  
THE CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS REPORT

Report:

1. The adopting of Sickle Cell Anemia report and a committee to report on its continued findings and study the ways and means to put the project in operation, 1973, at the next 54th annual communication in the State of Connecticut.
2. Election changes -
  - a. The Host Jurisdictions entertaining the Annual Conference of Grand Masters will be its president. (The Grand Master of the Jurisdiction)
3. Thomas G. Waldon - elected  
Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference  
of Grand Masters

The Honorable McKinley A. Deshield, Grand Master of Liberia, Africa gave time remarks to his Brethren and invited the Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters and Illustrious Peers to Liberia, Africa in October, 1972.

The Grand Master, Martin O. Weddington 33<sup>o</sup> of Minnesota, Overseer of the Work left with his guest, the Honorable Grand Master, McKinley H. Deshield 33<sup>o</sup> for New York to attend the Annual Communication of the Supreme Council of 33<sup>o</sup> holding its meeting in New York, New York.

Others on the trip were as follows:

Illustrious Peers: Aaron A. Arrandonda 33<sup>o</sup> P.G.M.  
Merrill L. Taylor 33<sup>o</sup>  
Samuel D. Mitchell 33<sup>o</sup>  
Leonard Madden 33<sup>o</sup>

A splendid affair ended Friday evening with the Yankton, South Dakota Choir. The Brethren rendered a very fine selection of songs and entertainment. They were the guests of the Minnesota Grand Lodge.

The setting was beautiful and everyone attending had a splendid time. Thanks to the Brethren of Minnesota, the splendid committees who helped in making this one of the most outstanding Conferences of Grand Masters.

Lapercell P. Greene 33<sup>o</sup> Past Grand Master  
General Chairman



THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

E.T. BUSBY, GRAND SECRETARY  
OKLAHOMA

DR. JOHN W. DAVIS, DIRECTOR LEGAL RESEARCH  
DEPARTMENT

JNO. G. LEWIS, JR., GRAND MASTER,  
LOUISIANA

REUBEN G. WHITE, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,  
TEXAS

JOHN B. BRYANT, GRAND SECRETARY,  
CALIFORNIA

CHARLES W. CAMPBELL, GRAND MASTER,  
NEW JERSEY

MADISON BOLDEN, GRAND MASTER,  
CONNECTICUT

ENOCH PARKER, GRAND SENIOR WARDEN,  
CONNECTICUT

ELIHAS GRAHAM, GRAND MASTER,  
OREGON

X. L. NEAL, GRAND MASTER,  
GEORGIA

DR. LLEWELLYN W. WILLIAMSON, GRAND MASTER,  
ARKANSAS

VINCENT E. BEST, GRAND MASTER,  
NEW YORK

HERMAN SMITH, JR., GRAND MASTER,  
WISCONSIN

KENNETH WILLIAMS, GRAND MASTER,  
OHIO

JOHN H. PERKINS, GRAND MASTER,  
ILLINOIS

SANFORD CARTER, PAST GRAND MASTER,  
WISCONSIN

JAMES E. MORLEY, PAST GRAND MASTER,  
BAHAMAS



WILLIAM T. ROYCE, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,  
PENNSYLVANIA

I. H. CLAYBORN, GRAND MASTER,  
TEXAS

JOSEPH N. YEARWOOD, JR., GRAND MASTER,  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JAMES A. MINGO, SECRETARY GENERAL HOLY  
EMPIRE, AASR (SOUTHERN JURIS)

MACEO BRODNAX, CCFC,  
COLORADO

CHARLES W. JONES, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,  
NEW JERSEY

LEROY E. FITCH, PAST GRAND MASTER,  
CONNECTICUT

THEODORE HATCHER, GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN,  
CONNECTICUT

WILLIAM H. HILL, PAST GRAND MASTER,  
NEW JERSEY

ROY M. MOORE, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,  
CALIFORNIA

CLARENCE M. WINCHESTER, GRAND SECRETARY,  
NORTH CAROLINA

JOHNNIE CATO, GRAND SENIOR WARDEN,  
WISCONSIN

HENRY K. MOORE, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,  
WISCONSIN

JAMES C. GILLIAM, GRAND MASTER,  
MISSISSIPPI

ERNEST O. DAVIS, GRAND MASTER,  
COLORADO

WILLIAM W. BROWNING, JR., GRAND SECRETARY  
OHIO

KENNETH L. MOSS, GRAND MASTER,  
BAHAMAS

ALVIN H. SWIGGETT, GRAND MASTER,  
PENNSYLVANIA

RUFUS H. FOSTER, JR., GRAND MASTER,  
SOUTH CAROLINA

THOMAS G. WALDON, JR., GRAND MASTER,  
INDIANA

PATRICK E. CHAVIS, JR., GRAND SENIOR WARDEN,  
INDIANA

BEN F. HOPSON, GRAND TREASURER,  
INDIANA

WILLIAM T. MCKEE, GRAND MASTER,  
IOWA

MCKINLEY A. DESHIELD, GRAND MASTER,  
LIBERIA

CLARENCE W. FOSTER, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,  
INDIANA

JAMES M. LANDERS, GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN,  
INDIANA

LEO O. WILLIAMS, PAST GRAND MASTER,  
INDIANA

CURVIS F. RHYNE, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,  
OHIO

HARRY A. BREWER, GRAND MASTER,  
CALIFORNIA

WESLEY HARRIS, LECTURER,  
CALIFORNIA

JAMES A. MINESE, GRAND MASTER,  
NEBRASKA

WILLIAM HOWE, IMPERIAL POTENTATE

CLIFFORD J. SIMPSON,  
NEW JERSEY

PERCY A. HAYNE, PAST GRAND MASTER of MINNESOTA,  
WINNEPIG, CANADA

A. AARONDONDO

JAMES DORSEY

RICHARD FARROW

L. GREEN, GENERAL CHAIRMAN

FREDERICH HICKS

J. L. TAYLOR

W. C. TERRELLE,  
MICHIGAN

PEYTON THOMAS

M. O. WEDDINGTON, GRAND MASTER HOST

B. WATERS

L. W. WILLIAMS,  
NEW YORK

L. C. CARTER,  
NEW YORK

PATRICK KNIGHT,  
MASSACHUSETTS

RICHARD RICHARDSON,  
MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICIAL ACTS, VISITATIONS, DISPENSATIONS, ETC.

ACTS BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

- Sept. 22, 1971      Assumed the gavel of authority, seal and paraphernalia and with the due pageantry was installed as Grand Master in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Appointed Lapercelle P. Green as chairman of Committee for Revision of Grand Lodge Constitution and Bylaws.
- Made appointments to customary Grand Lodge offices and committees.
- Sept. 23            Visited 46th Annual Communication of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Stars at Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota, accompanied by most of the elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers. Flowers were presented to the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Harriet Jones. We were graciously received by the Worthy Grand Patron, Willie D. Gray, and the Order of Eastern Star membership.
- Sept. 24            Submitted news release of Grand Lodge election.
- Sept. 25            Notified Thomas G. Waldon, Jr., of the results of our Grand Lodge election.
- Appointed Lapercelle P. Green, Past Grand Master, and Aaron Arradondo, Past Grand Master, as co-chairmen for Conference of Grand Masters.
- Sept. 26            Journeyed to Worthington, Minnesota, because of an emergency.
- Sept. 27            Visited North Star Consistory No. 14.
- Sept. 28            Visited Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4.
- Oct. 2              Conferred with printing committee regarding Grand Lodge stationery.
- Oct. 4              Visited Pioneer Lodge No. 1
- Oct. 7              Issued dispensation to Mosaic Lodge No. 11 to elect a Worshipful Master.
- Oct. 8              Secured low bid for printing stationery.
- Oct. 12 - 14        Visited 105th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & AM of Illinois.
- Participated and conferring of Past Master Degree.
- Oct. 15            Issued dispensation to Doric Lodge to fill offices by election out of time.
- Oct. 16            Visited Fezzan Temple No. 26.

- Oct. 18 through  
Nov. 16 inclusive      Corresponded with Brother Herman Smith, Jr., Grand Master, State of Wisconsin. Permission granted Doric Lodge No. 3 of Duluth, Minnesota, to confer degrees on persons of Superior, Wisconsin.
- Oct. 19      Came to the aid of a brother whose son was in distress.
- Oct. 26, 27, 28      Attended elevation of Scottish Rite. Brought greetings to North Star Refection.
- Oct. 30      Visited Council of Deliberation, Orient of Minnesota.
- Nov. through May      Whatever action was required by commitment to Conference of Grand Masters.
- Nov. 5      Official visit to Royal Art Masons, Omar Chapter No. 29.
- Nov. 6 and 7      Visited Illinois Tri-Cities Council of Deliberations.
- Nov. 10      Funeral of Brother T. A. Ruffner.
- Nov. 16      Letter of thanks to Grand Master Smith of Wisconsin for cooperation.
- Nov. 17      Issued dispensation to move meeting place and change hour of opening for Acacia Lodge No. 12.
- Nov. 18      Issued dispensation authorizing and empowering Doric Lodge No. 3 to confer degrees on persons of Superior, Wisconsin, area.
- Nov. 22      Issued proclamation. Subject, "St. John, The Evangelist Day."
- Nov. 28      Notified Inspector of Clubs of no travel expenses.
- Notified Lodge clubs in Canada to draft bylaws to conform to laws and regulations of their provincial government.
- Oct. and Nov.      Was concerned and searched for housing accommodations for Masonic family in District No. 1.
- Nov. 26      Funeral - Brother Taft Lacey.
- Nov. 28      Met with Jurisprudence Committee and Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Reviewed Mosaic No. 11 and Acacia Lodge No. 12 Constitution and Bylaws.
- Nov. 30      Granted dispensation for District No. 1 to move their place of meeting.
- Dec. 1      Issued dates for official visits for 1972 and the date of the spring conference.
- Dec. 3      Issued invitation to Worthy Grand Matron and Order of Eastern Star to observe St. John, The Evangelist Day with the Masons.
- Dec. 3      Issued special dispensation to the Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, Illinois and jurisdiction, to organize a Court in Minnesota and visited Elta Chapter No. 23 Knights Templar.

- Dec. 16 Attended Fezzan Temple No. 26 Children's Christmas Party.
- Dec. 26 Attended St. John, The Evangelist Day observance.
- Jan. 7, 1972 Visited Royal Art Masons.
- Jan. 10 Letter of instructions to District No. 2 Lodges regarding official visit of Grand Master and Cabinet.
- Met with Housing Committee of Pioneer Lodge No. 1 and Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4.
- Jan. 16 Visited Twin City Assembly Golden Circle meeting.
- Jan. 23 Attended Fezzan Temple No. 26 annual Shrine Grand Feast.
- Jan. 27 Funeral - Brother H. E. Strother.
- Feb. 12 Attended Lodge of Sorrow.
- Attended Hi-Twelve Club dinner party.
- Feb. 13 Funeral - Brother Burt McFedders.
- Feb. 13 Attended St. Paul Chapter No. 1 annual tea.
- Feb. 16 Letter of instructions to lodges of District No. 1 regarding official visit of Grand Master and Cabinet.
- Feb. 22 Issued dispensation for District No. 1 to move their place of meeting.
- Feb. 25 Issued proclamation for St. John, The Baptist Day.
- Feb. 25 Attended a meeting with the Hilton Hotel management.
- Attended the February Cabinet meeting of Order of Eastern Star.
- March 15 Made official visit to District No. 1
- March 21 Announced Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was sponsoring a benefit concert for Sickle-Cell Anemia Association at Madison, Wisconsin.
- March 24 Visited Worthy Grand Matron at her official visit of Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- March 26 Spoke at Memorial Service for Brother T. A. Ruffner at St. Phillips Episcopal Church.
- March 29 Conveyed message to Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron regarding request for information about Chapter in Edmonton, Alberta.
- March 30 Brought greeting to Maunday Thursday observance.
- March 30 Wrote Honorable Ernest E. Byrd, Grand Master, Oklahoma, for assistance for Mosaic Lodge.



- April 2                      Attended Sunrise service and breakfast.
- April 5                      Corresponded with Past Grand Master Charles D. Doty regarding 50-year pin.
- April 6                      Issued special dispensation to Mosaic Lodge No. 11 to heal a brother.
- April 10                     Corresponded with Brother in Ohio prison and Grand Master of Ohio regarding Court of Appeals of Ohio correspondence.
- April 14                     Visited Worthy Grand Matron at her official visit of St. Paul, Minnesota.
- April 22                     Official visit to District No. 6, Mosaic Lodge No. 11, Grand Forks, North Dakota.
- Attended Fezzan Temple and Fezzan Court Scholarship Ball.
- April 25                     Appealed for assistance to obtain new Grand Master or representative of AF & AM Grand Lodge to bring greetings of Conference of Grand Masters.
- April 29                     Issued dispensation to Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4 to move meeting place and to change hour of opening to confer Third Degree out of time.
- May 1                        Extended congratulations to Mayor-elect, Larry Cohen, of St. Paul, Minnesota.
- May 4                        Extended personal invitation to the Honorable Larry Cohen, Mayor-elect of St. Paul, Minnesota, to bring greetings at Conference of Grand Masters luncheon.
- May 4                        Corresponded with Grand Master of AF & AM Grand Lodge.
- May 5                        Conferred with Human Rights Commissioner, State of Minnesota.
- May 13-16                    Represented Grand Lodge at United Supreme Council session, New York, New York.
- May 26                      Issued dispensation to confer Third Degree to Boaz Lodge No. 14.
- May 27, 28                   Visited Tri-State Gala Days, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- June 1                        Attended Esther Day Service, Order of the Eastern Star.
- June 4                        Official visit to District No. 5, Boaz Lodge No. 14, Worthington, Minnesota.
- June 5                        Mailed thank-you cards regarding Conference of Grand Masters meeting.
- June 14                      Observed Flag Day.
- June 18                      Attended Jubilee Day Service of Fezzan Temple No. 26.
- June 25                      Participated in St. John, The Baptist Day observance.
- June 29                      Issued dispensation to Doric No. 3 to confer degrees.

- July 1                      Official visit to District No. 8, Acacia Lodge No. 12, Minot, North Dakota.
- July 5                      Issued proclamation for convening of Grand Lodge Prince Hall Day celebration, and the Memorial Service.
- July 14                     Received letter of charges of un-Masonic conduct.
- July 25, 26                Official visit to Pride of Alberta Lodge No. 9, District No. 7, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- July 29, 30                Official visit to District No. 4, Regent Lodge No. 5, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
- Held a meeting with the mechanics organization.
- August 10                 Visited Palestine No. 7.
- August 11                 Expressed my opinion to Mayor of St. Paul. Later received explanation from Mayor.
- August 12                 Official visit to District No. 3, Doric Lodge No. 3, Duluth, Minnesota.
- August 19-27              Attended and represented Grand Lodge at Shrine Convention, Washington, D. C.
- August 30                 Issued dispensation to Pioneer Lodge No. 1 to move their meeting place and to change their September meeting date.
- September 3               Set Jurisprudence and other committees to work.
- September 7               Voided charges of un-Masonic conduct.
- September 10             Attended Prince Hall Day picnic and celebration.
- September 17             Attended annual Memorial services.
- September 14             Visited Palestine Lodge No. 7.

Some of the things you just take in stride, helped locate law students in Minnesota, secured scholarship for one, came to the rescue of Brother's family at airport, listened and tried to help with family problems of Brothers and Sisters, had to be seen at various churches, teas, public gatherings, open productions, Past Masters Council meetings, Past and Present Matrons and Patrons Council meetings, Fezzan Temple No. 26 meetings, community meetings, attended fundrals, breakfasts, luncheons, and dinners, plus barbecues, visited the sick, answered the telephone, attended Chapter meetings, prepared format for brochure, attended civic affairs, talked with out-of-town officers, welcomed visitors to our jurisdiction, visited the Consistory, conferred with CCFC, sent get-well cards, sent telegrams, etc.

travel

Telegrams

Telephone

Misc.

✓	7.50	4.25	9.62	8.30	3.79 recording tape
✓	5.38	28.00	25.00	4.00	3.79
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		3.65			3.79
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✓	8.20	19.20	18.72	6.25	13. Meetings
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	7.50				
	6.50				
	7.35				
	10.50				
					Teas. etc.
					Promotion tickets
					24.00

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and members of the  
Subordinate Lodges.

I wish to report my expenses for the past year.

Travel expenses \$ 395.38	Lodging \$ 166.26	Lunches, Banquets & Breakfast \$ 18.50
Telephone & Telegrams \$ 45.80	Postage \$ 23.85	Miscellaneous \$ 182.13 24.00

This is not all of my expenses: This is <sup>more than</sup> ~~just~~ enough  
to cover what is allotted under Taken &  
expense of Grand Master's Office.

Total accounted for. \$ 855.92



## GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

### MASONIC AWARDS

John L. McHie, Jr.-Chrm.  
M. L. Brown  
A. A. Arradondo  
P. A. Haynes  
H. Moss  
J. C. Patterson  
L. P. Greene  
C. D. Lawson

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C. L. Lawson (for Information)  
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M. Mitchell  
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Harvey Moss - *Joe Patterson*  
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W. D. McAdams      M. Mitchell  
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*OTIS Hampton*



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C. M. Stalling-Charles  
Dwayne Sparks  
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Clarence W. Smith

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W. Oscar Holden  
Clinton Murphy  
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Past Masters Council  
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Constitution Revised

PAST MASTER'S COUNCIL

WE, THE PAST MASTER'S OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, MINNESOTA JURISDICTION, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN OUR FRATERNITY, ALSO TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTERS, AT HIS REQUEST, CONSIDERING ALL OF THESE, WE HEREBY ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

ARTICLE I - NAME

THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE STYLED AND KNOWN AS THE PAST MASTER'S COUNCIL; ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE M.W.P.H.G.L.F. & A.M., MINNESOTA JURISDICTION.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS

Sec. 1.

The elected officers shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer.

Sec. 2.

The appointed officers shall be: Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain and Tyler.

Sec. 3.

The election of officers shall be in the month of January, 3rd Sunday of the month.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

#### Sec. 1. Eligibility

That membership in the P.M. Council be limited to W.M. who have actually served their lodges as W.M. for at least one year.

#### Sec. 2. Annual Membership Dues

The annual dues paid for membership in the Council of Past Masters shall be those voted upon and passed at the first annual meeting in January.

#### Sec. 3. Exemptions

The President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be exempt from dues for faithful performance of their duties.

### ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

#### Sec. 1. Standing Committees

The standing committees shall be Program, Budget & Finance, Legislation, and Audit.

#### Sec. 2. Committee on Budget & Finance

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three members appointed by the President shall be the Committee on Budget & Finance.

Sec. 3. Program Committee

The Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain and Tyler shall be the Committee on Programs.

ARTICLE V - PASSING THE CHAIR

The fee for conferring the Past Master's Degree upon newly elected Worshipful Master's shall be payable to the Council Secretary.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Sec. 1. Quorum

Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 2. Regular Meetings

This Council shall meet once each quarter, the months being, January, April, July and October.

Sec. 3. Special Meetings

The President shall have power to call special meetings.

Sec. 4. August Meeting

The President shall call a special meeting in August of each year, in order that the Council's work may be updated and all reports and resolutions submitted by the Committee on Legislation be properly prepared for the Grand Communication.



Sec. 5. Time and Place

Committees after being set to work, may meet at any time and place, designated by the Committee Chairman.

Sec. 6. Notification by Mail

Council members shall be notified by mail of all meetings by the Secretary at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings; to appoint all committees and chairmen. He shall give a written report of Council activities at the Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

VICE PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President; to serve as a member of the Budget and Finance committee; to assist the President in overseeing the work of committees.

SECRETARY:

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep accurate and permanent records of proceedings of all meetings; to keep accurate account of all monies received and to furnish such upon request of the President; to serve as a member of the

Budget & Finance committee; to notify members of meeting dates by mail and have custody of the (P.M.C.) seal, and give an annual report, preceeding the election of officers.

**TREASURER:**

He shall receive all monies belonging to the Council from the Secretary and issue receipts thereof and keep in suitable books, for this Council, and accurate record of its funds. He keeps all monies of the Council in some good and reliable bank, in the same name and to the credit of this Council. He pays all bills from the funds of the Council, on vouchers that have been signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President. He reports at each meeting the condition of the Council's funds. He shall give a detailed itemized report, preceeding the election of officers.

**ARTICLE VIII - MASONIC WORK**

**Sec. 1. Degree Work**

The Past Master's Council shall have charge of conferring the Past Master's degree upon all newly elected Worshipful Masters. Those receiving this degree shall receive a Certificate of Proof. The GRAND MASTER may, at his descretion, designate a PAST MASTER to confer this degree outside the Twin Cities area; and give notice to the Council of such appointment, for their records.

## Sec. 2. Election

The M.W.G.M., R.W.D.G.M., D.D.G.M., or a PAST GRAND MASTER may conduct the annual election of officers of this Council; in the absence of these, a Past President may do the work and install those elected and appointed.

REVISED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1968

REVISED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1982

REVISED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1994

This Constitution, formulated by the Past Master's Council, will be submitted. AT THE 100th ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS SEPTEMBER 21 - 22 1994.

## ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended in the following manner:

- A. Any member of the Council may propose, in writing, and amendment which shall be read at a regular meeting and laid over until the next regular meeting.
- B. The Secretary shall notify each Council member, in writing, that an amendment is before the Council, stating the content of the proposed amendment.
- C. When approved by at least two-thirds of the members present and voting at that next regular meeting, becomes law.

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SAINT PAUL *Hilton*

March 5, 1968

Mr. Piercy A. Haynes  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
257 Lulu Street  
Winnipeg 3, Manitoba, Canada

Dear Mr. Haynes:

It was certainly a pleasure meeting you and the other gentlemen during your recent stay at the Saint Paul Hilton. We enjoyed having you as our guest.

Hopefully we will have the same opportunity in 1972.

The enclosed proposal outlines our handling of your convention. I hope it is complete and provides you with all the necessary information.

Should you need any additional material prior to leaving for Oklahoma City, please let me know.

Once again Mr. Haynes, thank you for coming down to see us and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cordially,

THE SAINT PAUL HILTON

George J. Lysak  
Sales Representative

GJL/sar  
Enclosure

CC: Lapercell Greene

R-4091

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SAINT PAUL

*Hilton*

CONFERENCE DATA SHEET

DATE: March 5, 1968

**SUBJECT GROUP:**

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE

**CONTACT:**

Piercy A. Haynes                      FILE: R-4091  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
257 Lulu Street  
Winnipeg 3, Manitoba, Canada

**FUNCTION:**

Convention

**DATES:**

May 12 - 14, 1972

**ATTENDANCE:**

200/225

**ROOM BLOCK:**

125

**ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL:**

May 11, 1972

**DEPARTURE:**

May 15, 1972

**CUT-OFF DATE:**

April 30, 1972, at which time we would release the unused portion of your room block, but continue to accept reservations on a first-come, first-serve basis for as long as we have rooms available.

Our present regular rates will be comparable in 1972.

**RATES:**

SINGLES: \$10.00 - \$17.00

DOUBLES: \$14.00, \$18.00, \$20.00

TWINS: \$17.00 - \$22.00

SUITES: \$36.00 and up.

**CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS:**

Individuals are responsible for their own room and incidental charges unless otherwise specified. Master account to be set up as follows:

257 Lulu Street  
Winnipeg 3, Manitoba, Canada

ATTENTION:

Mr. Piercy A. Haynes  
Most Worshipful Grand Master



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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1972

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
12:00 Noon - 1:15 P.M.  
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Registration ✓  
General Session ✓  
Luncheon ✓  
Workshops ✓

Lower Lobby  
Capital Ballroom 150pp  
Wabasha North 150pp  
Indian East  
Indian West & 15pp  
Authors Suites Each

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1972

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
12:00 Noon - 1:15 P.M.  
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Registration ✓  
General Session ✓  
Luncheon ✓  
Workshops ✓

Lower Lobby  
Capital Ballroom 150pp  
Wabasha North 150pp  
Indian East  
Indian West & 15pp  
Authors Suites Each

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1972

9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

General Session ✓  
Workshops/ ✓

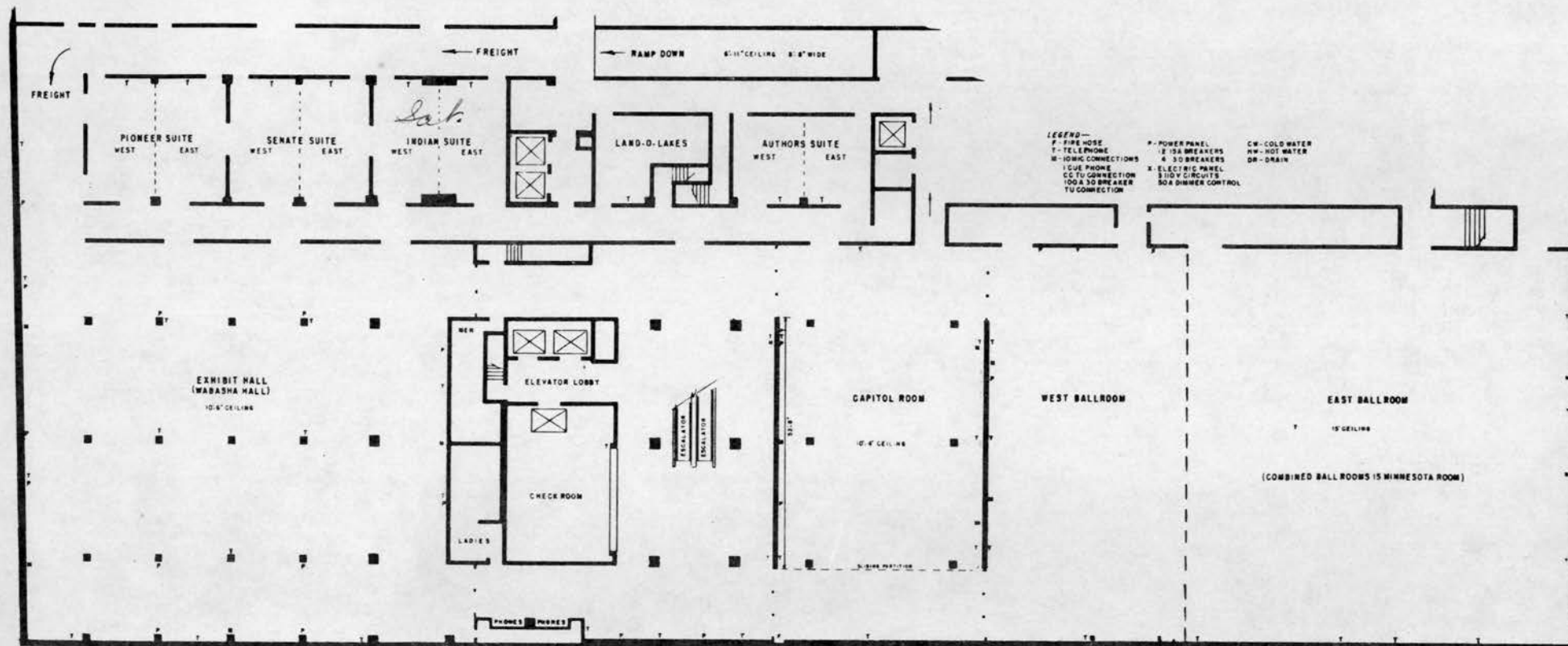
Capital Ballroom 150pp  
Indian, East  
Indian West & 15pp  
Authors Suites Each

Afternoon Open

6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.  
7:30 P.M. - Evening

Reception ✓  
Banquet ✓

Minnesota West 500pp  
Minnesota East 500pp



ST. PAUL HILTON HOTEL  
LOWER FLOOR ST. PAUL, MINN.

1/8" = 1'-0"

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE  
FILE #R-4091

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SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1972

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
12:00 Noon - 1:15 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration  
General Session  
Luncheon 120  
Workshops

Lower Lobby  
Capitol Ballroom 150  
Wabasha South *North* 150  
Senate East 15  
Senate West 15  
Authors Suite 15

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1972

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration  
General Session  
Workshops

Lower Lobby  
Capitol Ballroom 150  
Senate East 15  
Senate West 15  
Authors Suite 15  
Wabasha North 150

12:00 Noon - 1:15 p.m.

Luncheon

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1972

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m.  
12:00 noon 1:15 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m. - Evening

General Session  
Workshops  
*Luncheon - Wabasha North*  
Reception  
Banquet

Capitol Ballroom 150  
Indian East 15  
Indian West 15  
Authors Suite 15  
Wabasha Capitol 500  
Wabasha Wabasha 500

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1972

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Meeting

Indian Suite 85

*Deputy  
Grand  
Master:*

Lapercell P. Greene P.G.M.  
984 Iglehart Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

TO: P.G.M. Piercy A. Haynes  
257 Lulu Street  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

M.W.G.M. Marion L. Brown  
592 Concordia Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55103

Honorable Brothers:

Today, I received a phone call from the St. Paul Hilton Hotel, Mr. Donald O'Connors, concerning reservation pertaining to the coming 1972 Grand Masters conference of the Prince Hall Grand Masters conference.

Reminder: I invited the conference while I was Grand Master - 1966 in Kansas City, Mo. My Honorable Brother, Piercy A. Haynes, was informed and arrangements, reservation pertaining to the coming conference was made holding available space for 1972.

At this time, my honorable Brothers, we should inform and seek information concerning the coming Grand Masters Conference, of the Prince Hall Grand Lodges, if it is to be hosted in the jurisdiction of Minnesota.

The Honorable Grand Master of the Louisiana, jurisdiction:

Honorable John G. Lewis, Jr. M.W.G.M.  
P.O. Drawer 2110  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

The Honorable Grand Master of the Oklahoma, jurisdiction:

Honorable Amos T. Hall M.W.G.M.  
121 N. Greenwood Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74120

These Honorable Brethren will, if possible, give to the jurisdiction of Minnesota information concerning the Grand Masters Conference, coming 1972.

I am asking the Honorable Marion L. Brown M.W.G.M. of Minnesota to seek this information and to contact the St. Paul Hilton Hotel and the Grand Lodge Cabinet of Minnesota to prepare for and arrange the coming events to Host the Grand Masters Conference.

cc: to all Past Grand Masters

*Lapercell P. Greene*



GRAND MASTER

March 21, 1972

Illustrious Kenneth Williams 33°  
Most Worshipful Grand Master - Ohio  
825 Rosemore Avenue  
Whitehall, Ohio 43213

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

I send greetings to you and the Jurisdiction of Ohio.

I received a communication from our Illustrious Leland D. French, Sovereign Grand Commander, stating that he had delegated you as his representative and as the representative of the Northern Supreme Council at the Conference of Grand Masters.

You will be extended every courtesy.

Please send me your arrival time and flight number etc. Transportation for you and your cabinet will be provided.

I shall be looking forward to seeing you.

Cordially and fraternally,

Martin O. Weddington  
M. W. Grand Master



March 21, 1972

Illustrious Leland D. French  
Sovereign Grand Commander  
Suite 204  
4900 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Illustrious Sir:

I received your communication delegating Illustrious Kenneth Williams, Grand Master of Ohio, as your representative, at the Conference of Grand Masters.

He will be extended every courtesy.

I regret that you will not be in attendance at our Banquet to witness the performance of, the Double Eagle Chorus of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Yankton, Orient of South Dakota, Southern Jurisdiction.

This will be the first time an adventure in Brotherhood, such as this has occurred in our Masonic history, in this Jurisdiction.

Cordially and fraternally,

Martin O. Weddington  
M. W. Grand Master

March 25, 1972

Brother Ted Blakey  
1000 East 16th Street  
Yankton, South Dakota 57078

Dear Brother Senior Grand Steward:

Just a little personal note to say, we need financial help to finance the Chorus undertaking.

Can you make any radio announcements; or arrange for announcements to be carried here in the Twin Cities?

You are hereby authorized to make inquiry.

I sent in your reservation for Friday, May 12th at Hilton.

Black & White glossy prints must be in by April 3rd.

I am sending you 4 luncheon tickets @ \$5.00 each; 4 banquet tickets, for anyone who is coming. We must make reservations by May 9th. I am sending 40 books of Benifit tickets. <sup>@ 10.00 each</sup>

Please return all revenue from donations and stubs in time to reach the Twin Cities before April 28th. Prizes will be awarded April 29, 1972. Winners need not be present to win.

Write if you have any questions.

Cordially and fraternally,

Martin O. Weddington  
M. W. Grand Master

2# 271-272-273-274  
B# 271-272-273-274

# Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.

WASHINGTON AND JURISDICTION  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER

FRANK RUSSELL

March 29, 1971

1321 SOUTH K STREET  
TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98405

TO ALL GRAND MASTERS  
CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

Greetings:

First, may I express to you greetings on behalf of the Conference of Grand Masters and certainly my own Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Washington.

This communication is to officially inform you of the 52nd Session of the Conference of Grand Masters to be held in Jackson, Mississippi at the Heidelberg Hotel on the 20, 21, 22nd of May, 1971.

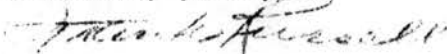
Registration will commence at 8 a.m. on the 20th in the Hotel Lobby. All sessions will be held at the Heidelberg Hotel. The highlight of this Conference will be a Communication Seminar to open up and to define the problems as to why Grand Masters have failed to communicate with each other in regards to common jurisdictional problems and meeting the relevant needs of Prince Hall Masons of America.

A Conference Committee consisting of the Regional Representatives are:

**Northeast--**Frank Jacobs, Connecticut, **Southeast--**Clark Brown, North Carolina, **Midwest--**Charles Waugh, Michigan, **Southwest--**William Jones, Arkansas, **Mid Atlantic--**S. P. Houston, Delaware, **West Northwest--**Harry Brewer, California

The Conference Committee will convene on the 19th of May at the Heidelberg Hotel at 2 p.m. I will look forward to see you at the Conference on the 20th of May.

Fraternally yours,



Frank Russell, President  
Conference of Grand Masters

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GRAND MASTER

April 1, 1972

Illustrious William A. McClain, 33<sup>o</sup>  
R. W. Junior Grand Warden  
3709 Bonfield Drive  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

I received your communication, Re: presentation of a  
plaque, memorializing the late Illustrious John R.  
Lawrence, 33<sup>o</sup>.

You will receive my full cooperation.

Thanks.

Cordially and fraternally,

Martin O. Weddington  
Grand Master

GRAND MASTER

April 1, 1972

Honorable I. H. Clayborn  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
P O Box 1478  
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

I send you greetings from Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

This is to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your communication to Black Hawk Publishing Company.

We thank you. We believe you will be pleased with the finish product.

I shall see you in May.

Cordially and fraternally,

Martin O. Weddington  
Grand Master



April 17, 1972

GRAND MASTER

Hon. Harry A. Brewer  
M. W. Grand Master  
3685 Crenshaw Blvd. Suite 403  
Los Angeles, CA 90016

My Dear Brother Brewer:

Greetings:

Your letter of recent date was received.

I had to wait and see if spring was really coming this year. The snow is gone. The ice on the lakes should be gone this week. Some of the grass is beginning to turn green. No buds or flowers yet. Things will blossom out and the leaves will burst forth, sometimes in one week. The robins are back and are building nest. Other birds have returned also. The tomato plants are not out yet. We have not gone below freezing for about a week now. So it looks like spring is sprung.

My wife suggest that your wife bring what she would wear at night there. She will not have to out in any inclement weather. Tell her to bring a coat, a sweater, an umbrella and a three piece suit. The days should be warm by then. She can shop in both cities without being outside much.

Watch your paper or the television news and you will be able to see how the temperature is going up, up. (We think positive.)

Thanks for letter and interest.

Fraternally yours,

Martin O. Weddington  
M. W. Grand Master



# THE SAINT PAUL HILTON

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Tel. Area Code 612-222-7711

May 16, 1972

Mr. Martin Weddington  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Prince Hall  
Grand Lodge  
714 W. Central Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Dear Martin,

The staff and management of the Saint Paul Hilton would like to extend to you many thanks plus an apology.

The thank you is for permitting us the privilege of serving you and your fine organization during your 53rd session last week.

The apology is for the luncheon served on Thursday. We are all truly sorry for this terrible incident, but we have taken the proper steps to insure that this will not occur again.

I do hope you found the overall arrangements satisfactory and that they helped add to the success of your conference. I have really enjoyed working with you, Percy, and Aaron at your conference.

Martin, if I may be of any assistance to you, do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

Richard Q. Glockner  
Convention Coordinator

RQG/kal

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Dated: 10 September 1972

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

I wish to submit the enclosed report from the Office of the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer for the Fiscal Year 1971-72.

# Relief Fund Account

Balances forwarded per Audit - September 1971

Midwest Federal	\$ 11,693.55
1st Nat'l Bank Of Mpls. - Fed. Land Bank Debenture	10,000.00
1st Plymouth Bank - Relief Checking Account	106.28
1st Nat'l Bank of St. Paul	<u>5.00</u>
Total beginning Active Assets	<u>\$ 21,804.83</u>

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Active Balances Forwarded: September 1971 - August 1972

Midwest Federal	\$ 11,693.55
1st Plymouth Bank	106.28
1st Nat'l Bank of St. Paul	<u>5.00</u>

Closed 1st Nat'l Bank of St. Paul Savings Account	less	\$ 11,804.83
		<u>5.00</u>

Receipts and Interest (including closed bank account)	\$ 11,799.83
	<u>3,615.80</u>

1st Plymouth Bank Checking Account	less	\$ 15,415.63
		<u>106.28</u>

With-drawn and placed in Checking Account	less	\$ 15,309.35
		<u>2,010.00</u>

Midwest Federal	\$ 13,299.35
1st National Bank of Mpls.-Federal Land Bank Debenture	<u>10,000.00</u>

Closing Balance in Relief Fund	<u>\$ 23,299.35</u>
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1st Plymouth Bank - Checking Account Recap:

Beginning Balance September 1971-August 1972	\$ 106.28
Deposited during period	2,010.00
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Withdrawals - 12 Deaths @ \$100.00 each (September 1971 - August 1972)	\$ 2,116.28 1,200.00
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	\$ 916.28
Bank Service Charges for Period	4.14
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Ending Balance	<u><u>\$ 912.14</u></u>

Summary of Ending Balances: ( Relief Fund )

1st Plymouth Bank	\$ 912.14
1st National Bank of Mpls.	10,000.00
Midwest Federal	13,299.35
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285.344 Shares of Putnam Groth @ <u>12.37</u> each	\$ 24,211.49 <u>3,529.70</u>
Grand Total Relief Fund	<u><u>\$ 27,741.19</u></u>



# General Fund Account

Balances forwarded per Audit September 1971:

Midwest Federal	\$	3,483.16
1st Nat'l Bank of St. Paul		5.00
1st Bloomington Lake Bank of Mpls.		3,923.98

Account at 1st Nat'l Bank of St. Paul closed	less	\$	7,412.14
			5.00

Receipts from Lodges	\$	7,407.14
		6,291.23

Interest Received		705.35
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Returned from Grand Masters Conference Committee		500.00
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Net Profit from Grand Masters Conference		1,037.94
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Closed Account - 1st Nat'l Bank of St. Paul		5.00
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\$ 15,946.66

## Disbursements:

Checking Account	\$	5,422.14
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Savings Account	<u>617.01</u>	less	6,039.15
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Ending Balance	\$	<u><u>9,907.51</u></u>
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## Summary of Ending Balances:

Savings Account	\$	6,905.67
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Checking Account	<u>3,001.84</u>
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Grand Total General Fund	\$	9,907.51
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Total Asset Computation:

Relief Fund	\$ 24,211.49
General Fund	9,907.51
Putnam Groth - 285.344 Shares @ \$ <u>12.37</u> each	<u>3,529.70</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 37,648.70</u>

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Miscellaneous Fund Informatoin:

Balance in Sunshine Fund	\$ 19.31
Balance in Educational Fund	315.00
Balance in Knights of Pythagoras - Mpls.	33.30
Balance in Knights of Pythagoras - St. Paul	54.55

Note: Above balances are included in the  
General Fund Balance.

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The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary's report will give an itemized account of all money received and disbursed from all Funds which will confirm this report.

Fraternally submitted:

*W. D. McAdams*

W. D. McAdams

R. W. Grand Treasurer

UNEDITED COPY

To the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction; to the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Present and Past Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Proxies and Brothers assembled at this 78th annual communication of this Grand Lodge, in the city of Grand Forks, and the State of North Dakota, with Mosaic Lodge No. 11 as the host Lodge:

GREETINGS:

Again we have assembled under our laws to counsel with one another, and legislate for the general welfare of our great fraternity. We should earnestly endeavor to keep and preserve in our deliberations, that unity which should ever characterize our intercourse as Masons. Peace and harmony should prevail among the workmen as it did at the building of King Solomon's Temple.

Today I Stand here, at the Altar, for the first time as your Grand Master, with thanks for this honor, but with humility in my heart.

I stand before you with conflicting emotions, because of the past,-- and my hopes for the future. I personally thank God, for his deliverance, through the dark days of this past year.

We are assembled here in the city of Grand Forks and in the proud state of North Dakota, to give an account of our stewardship, and to transact such business as may properly come before us and to elect the officers for the ensuing year. I extend to each and everyone of you my sincere welcome to this, your 78th annual communication.

Please believe me when I say, that I have done my best. I am prepared to return to you the top hat, the collar, the apron, the gavel, the seal and all the paraphernalia entrusted to my care. I wish to convey my thanks to all of you for your assistance and cooperation over the last year, which enabled me to perform my duties to the best of my ability; and I shall bring to you a brief report of my activities during the past year.

Many years ago I professed faith in God - that God whom we as Masons reverent and serve. I have since learned man should ever remember, that when the strength and wisdom of man fails, there is an inexhaustible supply above, yielded to us, through the power of prayer. I am asking each Brother to rise. It is altogether fitting and proper in all our endeavors to seek for and rely upon divine guidance. Brothers, let us pause while the ~~Right Worshipful~~ Grand Chaplain leads us to the throne of grace. I am asking him, to not only pray for me, but that every Brother here/assume the attitude of prayer and that he pray for the entire craft and for Masons wherever disbursed around this globe. I ask of him to include in his prayer, a prayer for the sick and afflicted and for those who desire, but cannot be here and that the blessings of the Almighty be upon this communication.

Brothers, Grand Senior and Junior Deacons, arch the ~~Worshipful~~ Grand Chaplain, escort him to the sacred Altar, where he may make supplication to our Heavenly Father and Acknowledge our failings and plead that His mercy will ever sustain us.

As the Grand Chaplain is escorted back to his place, will you join



me in singing one verse of " Have Thine Own Way, Lord." Have thine own way, Lord. Have thine own way. Thou are the Potter. I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thine will. While I am waiting, yielded and still. Brother Grand Chaplain, in behalf of the Brothers here assembled, I wish to thank you for your prayer.

When you think back over the years of our Worshipful organization, it reveals that the predecessors, in the exalted office of Grand Master, have laid a firm foundation on which we stand today.

One short year ago this august body bestowed upon your humble servant, the greatest honor that can ever be conferred upon a Master Mason - that of being initiated into the oriental chair of King Solomon in the Grand East - an honor that should never be given without objective thought or accepted with overconfidence. On that eventful day many thoughts passed through my mind, but the predominating thought was that whatever the cost, we are indebted to this assembly for the elevation to this high office; and the only way to repay the debt, was to impart to this office all the dignity, energy, knowledge, and effort at our command; and to perform any and all duties in such a manner that the Jurisdiction would have no cause for censure or refute. Thus the groundwork would be laid for greater cooperative effort in future endeavors. Due consideration should be given to the thoughts expressed herein, that we might be enabled to better ourselves and the fraternity in general.

As we scan the familiar faces surrounding us at this moment, we are eternally grateful to you, for your many kindnesses bestowed and the Grand Architect of the universe, for his many blessings



and the opportunity to serve.

It is my belief that one accepting honors or office should not be unmindful of the duties and the responsibilities which go with them. We have tried to the best of our ability and capability to fulfill the duties of the office of Grand Master with dignity and honor and to merit your trust and confidence. It is no pleasant or easy task to be judge, jury and executioner, as is sometimes required of a Grand Master. It is most difficult and lonely, when Brothers and close associates of many years are involved; but we must understand that our laws and our regulations govern all alike, from the Grand Master to the youngest Master Mason.

Whatever the degree of success obtained and the progress made toward strengthening and pushing forward the image of Prince Hall Masonry in the state of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction during the past year, We are happy to share with all who participated. It could not have been accomplished without your help. It was a team effort. Here and now, I wish to express my sincere appreciation, to the Brothers for their efforts, their hospitality and fellowship extended during my visits, to their areas. May you continue in your good works and as you move forward, although there may be some dark days, when enemies assault you and dangers crowd around you, press on in the cause of humanity, ever keeping your hand in God's hand and you will hear him say to you as he said to Joshua, " As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. I will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

NECROLOGY

Blessed is the memory of the just, whose lives inspire our hope and trust. Like stars they sparkle through the gloom, and shed a radiance from their tomb. We cannot escape death. The solemn sound of the gong that denotes the desolution of this earthly tabernacle has alarmed the outer doors of the Lodges of this jurisdiction. Last Sunday afternoon we once again assembled in our Grand Lodge of Sorrow, to memorialize those of our Brethern who have passed this life and gained their reward in the Celestial Lodge above, where there is no sorrow, no more pain-- for all that is experienced there is perfect bliss and love reigns supreme.

The Grand Lodge officers and members who performed the ceremony did so in a commendable manner. We give our thanks and praise to our Father who knows and does all things right - for his blessing and grace upon us daily.

To the Brothers who have been called by the Grim Reaper and to them, we say Rest in Peace; and to the friends and relatives, we extend our deepest sympathy. It is by divine providence that we who are assembled here today have been spared. Therefore, let us live ~~our~~ our lives in such a manner, that when our immortal spirit has gone to that country from which no traveler ever returns, it shall be said, " Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

Remember - It is for us to make use of the remaining precious moments of our lives and make our contributions to life and humanity in general, worthwhile and memorable of our passing this way.

STATE OF THE ORDER

We are happy to say that our Grand Lodge is still a stable organization. I want to commend the Masters for the manner in which they supported the Grand Lodge and its programs. It takes times like our past year to make good Masters and active Lodges. Each year we are supposed to be a step ahead of the past year or we find ourselves at a standstill. We have tried to govern your Grand Lodge. We have met with some obstacles but we have used tolerance and prayed and continued on. If we failed, it was not because we did not try. We will let the records and time speak for themselves.

The Conference of Grand Masters was a success. Many Brothers worked hard to make this event a success. My hat is off to those workers.

The past year has produced some advancements within the craft. The calibre of members being admitted into the several Lodges is indicative that the organization as a whole is appealing to the uninitiated. You are to be congratulated on so displaying your Masonic life in public, as to influence and encourage those on the outside, to want to join our fraternal family. Continue the good work.

We are happy to report that the Grand Lodge is in a sound financial condition. In general the Lodges have continued to operate as they have in the past. There are several Lodges which require the special attention of this Grand Lodge. We will have to give these Lodges real consideration. We may not be able to resolve the difficulties which plague each of them. We will advise and counsel with the new administration as to the causes of their difficulties and propose some kind of solution for its consideration.

The Spring Conference was a success. Brother Nathaniel L. Hardy, broke his ankle during the winter, but in spite of his misfortune, he did supervise and plan a successful Spring Conference.

The Prince Hall Day celebration and Grand Lodge picnic was a success. It was a good day for a picnic, and the facilities at Como Park were Excellent.

We as Master Masons should be willing to give praise where praise is due. We say thanks to those who have helped to clean a Lodge hall, have helped to prepare food, who have helped to move and to remodel, to those who visit the sick, to those who answer summons, to those who visit the sick in hospitals, to those who bring in petitions, to those who volunteer to help our new Brothers learn our ritual. I could go on and on thanking those who helped make our programs a success.

#### FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Be it known to all whom it may concern: I did sign and seal a documeent granting permission to the Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, Illinois and Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation, to set up in Minnesota and its Jurisdiction a Club to act as a U.D. court. I have been informed the Club name is " Omara."

Twin City Chapter No. 47, Order of the Golden Circle, has been granted their warrant.

Omar Chapter No. 29, Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons and Alta Commandery No. 23, Prince Hall Grand Commandery, Knights Templar have been granted their charters, also.



I can truthfully say harmony does exist between the fraternal bodies in Minnesota and its jurisdiction. The entire Masonic family is invited to visit this Grand Lodge.

I have included in my recommendations that we reactivate the Order of Pythagorans. I recommend that the chapters that we reactivate be statewide and jurisdiction-wide with a state director. We are not to be a part of a national organization.

We recognize the necessity of developing a vigorous youth program as the best assurance for the survival of our fraternity. A successful youth program can be the life blood of our fraternity.

#### HOUSING

I regret very much to report that District No. 1 had a housing problem during the past year, but things are looking up. Pioneer Lodge No. 1 of Saint Paul, Minnesota, has purchased a building as their lodge home. They say charity begins at home. The lodges of District No. 1 will need your help in the future. Please support them. I hope this Grand Lodge will investigate again the possibilities of a housing project.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public relations are important to our fraternity, but most especially to this Grand Lodge. We need good and better public relations. I place publicity and public relations very high on the list of things we need.

I will next read my Official Acts and Visitations and Dispensations.



### RECOGNITION

Recognition was one of the subjects discussed at the Conference of Grand Masters. We were indeed fortunate to have a Grand Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, State of Minnesota, who did send a personal representative to bring greetings and make remarks to the Conference of Grand Masters.

We seek recognition as our right as men and as regular Masons. The principles of Masonry teach, Brothers meet on the level, act by the plum, and part by the square. Masonry is not meant to make distinctions based on race. It is supposed to promote brotherhood, intercourse, and relationship between brothers of different hues, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

### CONCLUSION

I have tried to do those things which I felt needed immediate attention. We have come to the close of another Masonic year and as we reflect upon the past let us be mindful of our present situation. Progress requires years of sacrifice and planning, hard work, and diligent application of your God-given talents. The future is yours to develop. It will be your decisions that will foretell the future of our organization.

Most Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Martin O. Weddington". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Martin O. Weddington

OFFICIAL ACTS, VISITATIONS, DISPENSATIONS, ETC.

ACTS BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

- Sept. 22, 1971      Assumed the gavel of authority, seal and paraphernalia and with the due pageantry was installed as Grand Master in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Appointed Lapercelle P. Green as chairman of Committee for Revision of Grand Lodge Constitution and Bylaws.
- Made appointments to customary Grand Lodge offices and committees.
- Sept. 23            Visited 46th Annual Communication of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Stars at Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota, accompanied by most of the elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers. Flowers were presented to the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Harriet Jones. We were graciously received by the Worthy Grand Patron, Willie D. Gray, and the Order of Eastern Star membership.
- Sept. 24            Submitted news release of Grand Lodge election.
- Sept. 25            Notified Thomas G. Waldon, Jr., of the results of our Grand Lodge election.
- Appointed Lapercelle P. Green Past Grand Master and Aaron Arradondo Past Grand Master as co-chairmen for Conference of Grand Masters.
- Sept. 26            Journeyed to Worthington, Minnesota, because of an emergency.
- Sept. 27            Visited North Star Consistory No. 14.
- Sept. 28            Visited Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4.
- Oct. 2              Conferred with printing committee regarding Grand Lodge stationery.
- Oct. 4              Visited Pioneer Lodge No. 1.
- Oct. 7              Issued dispensation to Mosaic Lodge No. 11 to elect a Worshipful Master.
- Oct. 8              Secured low bid for printing stationery.
- Oct. 12 - 14        Visited 105th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & AM of Illinois.
- Participated and conferring of Past Master Degree.
- Oct. 15            Issued dispensation to Doric Lodge to fill offices by election out of time.
- Oct. 16            Visited Fessan Temple No. 26.

OFFICIAL ACTS, VISITATIONS, DISPENSATIONS, ETC. (continued)

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Oct. 18 through Nov. 16 inclusive	Corresponded with Brother Herman Smith, Jr., Grand Master, State of Wisconsin. Permission granted Doric Lodge No. 3 of Duluth, Minnesota, to confer degrees on persons of Superior, Wisconsin.
Oct. 19	Came to the aid of a brother whose son was in distress.
Oct. 26, 27, 28	Attended elevation of Scottish Rite. Brought greetings to North Star Refection.
Oct. 30	Visited Council of Deliberation, Orient of Minnesota.
Nov. through May	Whatever action was required by commitment to Conference of Grand Masters.
Nov. 5	Official visit to Royal Art Masons, Omar Chapter No. 29.
Nov. 6 and 7	Visited Illinois Tri-Cities Council of Deliberations.
Nov. 10	Funeral of Brother T. A. Ruffner.
Nov. 16	Letter of thanks to Grand Master Smith of Wisconsin for cooperation.
Nov. 17	Issued dispensation to move meeting place and change hour of opening for Acacia Lodge No. 12.
Nov. 18	Issued dispensation authorizing and empowering Doric Lodge No. 3 to confer degrees on persons of Superior, Wisconsin, area.
Nov. 22	Issued proclamation. Subject, "St. John, The Evangelist Day."
Nov. 28	Notified Inspector of Clubs of no travel expenses.  Notified Lodge clubs in Canada to draft bylaws to conform to laws and regulations of their provincial government.
Oct. and Nov.	Was concerned and searched for housing accommodations for Masonic family in District No. 1.
Nov. 26	Funeral - Brother Taft Lacey.
Nov. 28	Met with Jurisprudence Committee and Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Reviewed Mosaic No. 11 and Acacia Lodge No. 12 Constitution and Bylaws.
Nov. 30	Granted dispensation for District No. 1 to move their place of meeting.
Dec. 1	Issued dates for official visits for 1972 and the date of the spring conference.
Dec. 3	Issued invitation to Worthy Grand Matron and Order of Eastern Star to observe St. John, The Evangelist Day with the Masons.
Dec. 3	Issued special dispensation to the Most Ancient Prince Hall Grand Court Heroines of Jericho, Illinois and jurisdiction, to organize a Court in Minnesota and visited Elta Chapter No. 23 Knights Templar.

OFFICIAL ACTS, VISITATIONS, DISPENSATIONS, ETC. (continued)

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Dec. 16                      Attended Fezzan Temple No. 26 Children's Christmas Party.

Dec. 26                      Attended St. John, The Evangelist Day observance.

Jan. 7, 1972                Visited Royal Art Masons.

Jan. 10                      Letter of instructions to District No. 2 Lodges regarding official  
visit of Grand Master and Cabinet.

                              Met with Housing Committee of Pioneer Lodge No. 1 and Perfect  
Ashlar Lodge No. 4.

Jan. 16                      Visited Twin City Assembly Golden Circle meeting.

Jan. 23                      Attended Fezzan Temple No. 26 annual Shrine Grand Feast.

Jan. 27                      Funeral - Brother H. E. Strother.

Feb. 12                      Attended Lodge of Sorrow.

                              Attended Hi-Twelve Club dinner party.

Feb. 13                      Funeral - Brother Burt McFedders.

Feb. 13                      Attended St. Paul Chapter No. 1 annual tea.

Feb. 16                      Letter of instructions to lodges of District No. 1 regarding official  
visit of Grand Master and Cabinet.

Feb. 22                      Issued dispensation for District No. 1 to move their place of meeting.

Feb. 25                      Issued proclamation for St. John, The Baptist Day.

Feb. 26                      Attended a meeting with the Hilton Hotel management.

                              Attended the February Cabinet meeting of Order of Eastern Star.

March 15                    Made official visit to District No. 1

March 21                    Announced Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was sponsoring a benefit concert  
for Sickle-Cell Anemia Association at Madison, Wisconsin.

March 24                    Visited Worthy Grand Matron at her official visit of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

March 26                    Spoke at Memorial Service for Brother T. A. Ruffner at St. Phillips  
Episcopal Church.

March 29                    Conveyed message to Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron -  
regarding request for information about Chapter in Edmonton, Alberta.

March 30                    Brought greeting to Maunday Thursday observance.

March 30                    Wrote Honorable Ernest E. Byrd, Grand Master, Oklahoma, for assistance  
for Mosaic Lodge.



OFFICIAL ACTS, VISITATIONS, DISPENSATIONS, ETC. (continued)

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April 2	Attended Sunrise service and breakfast.
April 5	Corresponded with Past Grand Master Charles D. Doty regarding 50-year pin.
April 6	Issued special dispensation to Mosaic Lodge No. 11 to heal a brother.
April 10	Corresponded with Brother in Ohio prison and Grand Master of Ohio regarding Court of Appeals of Ohio correspondence.
April 14	Visited Worthy Grand Matron at her official visit of St. Paul, Minnesota.
April 22	Official visit to District No. 6, Mosaic Lodge No. 11, Grand Forks, North Dakota.  Attended Fezzan Temple and Fezzan Court Scholarship Ball.
April 25	Appealed for assistance to obtain new Grand Master or representative of AF & AM Grand Lodge to bring greetings of Conference of Grand Masters.
April 29	Issued dispensation to Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4 to move meeting place and to change hour of opening to confer Third Degree out of time.
May 1	Extended congratulations to Mayor-elect, Larry Cohen, of St. Paul, Minnesota.
May 4	Extended personal invitation to the Honorable Larry Cohen, Mayor-elect of St. Paul, Minnesota, to bring greetings at Conference of Grand Masters luncheon.
May 4	Corresponded with Grand Master of AF & AM Grand Lodge.
May 5	Conferred with Human Rights Commissioner, State of Minnesota.
May 13-16	Represented Grand Lodge at United Supreme Council session, New York, New York.
May 26	Issued dispensation to confer Third Degree to Boaz Lodge No. 14
May 27, 28	Visited Tri-State Gala Days, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
June 1	Attended Esther Day Service, Order of the Eastern Star.
June 4	Official visit to District No. 5, Boaz Lodge No. 14, Worthington, Minnesota.
June 5	Mailed thank-you cards regarding Conference of Grand Masters meeting.
June 14	Observed Flag Day.
June 18	Attended Jubilee Day Service of Fezzan Temple No. 26.
June 25	Participated in St. John, The Baptist Day observance.
June 29	Issued dispensation to Doric No. 3 to confer degrees.

OFFICIAL ACTS, VISITATIONS, DISPENSATIONS, ETC. (continued)

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July 1	Official visit to District No. 8, Acacia Lodge No. 12, Minot, North Dakota.
July 5	Issued proclamation for convening of Grand Lodge Prince Hall Day celebration, and the Memorial Service.
July 14	Received letter of charges of un-Masonic conduct.
July 25, 26	Official visit to Pride of Alberta Lodge No. 9, District No. 7, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
July 29, 30	Official visit to District No. 4, Regent Lodge No. 5, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
	Held a meeting with the mechanics organization.
August 10	Visited Palestine No. 7.
August 11	Expressed my opinion to Mayor of St. Paul. Later received explanation from Mayor.
August 12	Official visit to District No. 3, Doric Lodge No. 3, Duluth, Minnesota.
August 19-27	Attended and represented Grand Lodge at Shrine Convention, Washington, D. C.
August 30	Issued dispensation to Pioneer Lodge No. 1 to move their meeting place and to change their September meeting date.
September 3	Set Jurisprudence and other committees to work.
September 7	Voided charges of un-Masonic conduct.
September 10	Attended Prince Hall Day picnic and celebration.
September 17	Attended annual Memorial services.
September 14	Visited Palestine Lodge No. 7.

Some of the things you just take in stride, helped locate law students in Minnesota, secured scholarship for one, came to the rescue of Brother's family at airport, listened and tried to help with family problems of Brothers and Sisters, had to be seen at various churches, teas, public gatherings, open productions, Past Masters Council meetings, Past and Present Matrons and Patrons Council meetings, Fezzan Temple No. 26 meetings, community meetings, attended funerals, breakfasts, luncheons, and dinners, plus barbecues, visited the sick, answered the telephone, attended Chapter meetings, prepared format for brochure, attended civic affairs, talked with out-of-town officers, welcomed visitors to our jurisdiction, visited the Consistory, conferred with CCFC, sent get-well cards, sent telegrams, etc.

# Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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## GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

*no* 1. That the By-Laws be changed on page 79, Article XVII. Online 5 after \$100.00 add the following admendment: for the first 5 years of membership. After which the burial relief be increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00 upon the certification of five years of continuous membership in the Jurisdiction of Minnesota and being current at time of death.

*no* 2. We recommend that the registration fee for this Grand Lodge be raised from \$5.00 to \$6.00 to help defray expenses.

*out* 3. We recommend that each member of every chartered Lodge under this jurisdiction shall pay \$1.00 annually as a building fund tax. Such sums shall be paid in quarterly installments as part of quarterly returns. Said funds shall be set aside in a special fund, earmarked for the erection, purchase or acquiring and maintaining a Masonic Temple Building as a Home for this Grand Lodge and Jurisdiction. (Article XXII of Constitution to be followed.)

*out* 4. ~~We recommend that a One Thousand Dollar Reward be offered to the person or persons giving information to the Law Authorities resulting in the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the dastardly deed, of murdering Sister Mayne, Uptegrove.~~

*yes* 5. We recommend that a lockable ~~trunk~~ <sup>fire proof</sup> or cabinet be purchased to store material for our archives. This to be the responsibility of the trustees.

6. We recommend that the Budget Committee favorable consider allotting finances to Past Grand Master M. O. Weddington to attend the 1973 Conference of Grand Masters in Connecticut.

*yes* 7. We recommend that the Grand Lodge resume paying \$1.00 to the Order of Eastern Star for each brochure requested for registration kits.

*no* 8. We recommend that the Order of Eastern Star give favorable consideration to changing their Constitution and By-Laws, where necessary, so that they might have the option of changing the dates of their Annual Communication, whenever the Grand Lodge votes to convene its Annual Communication in a City where there is no active Chapter of the O. E. S.

*no* 9. We recommend that permission be granted for the formation of a Masters and Wardens Council. The Grand Master to decide who shall give them instructions and direction. (Such as the Past Masters Council.)

*yes* 10. We recommend that a new district be allowed at Minot Air Force Base, ND, to be known as District No. 8.

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11. We recommend that we form a committee on Recognition of Prince Hall Masons. We are not seeking amalgamation or integration as such. We want full Recognition, and all that it implies. *Non. Prince Hall Committee*

12. We recommend that a committee be appointed by the Grand Master, to prepare a step by step procedure, relative to discipline and procedure from presentation of charges to punishment and that it be made a part of a supplement to the By-Laws. The Legal Adviser shall be a member of said Committee. *Mac Book 6-*

13. We recommend that Jurisdiction of Minnesota Pythagoras Chapters be initiated. The Grand Master to appoint the Overseer or Grand Youth Coordinator.

14. We recommend that it be brought to the attention of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Leland D. French 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., Inc., the history of the issuance of a warrant from the Kansas Jurisdiction, to North Star Lodge, No. 114, at Ell ~~is~~ Air Force Base at Rapid City, South Dakota. *North*

15. We recommend that the concordant Bodies and Appendant Rites of Prince Hall Masonry, be requested to consider as part of their rules, that no Master Mason be eligible for ceremonies in their respective Bodies, until the Bro. has proven proficiency in the obligation of the third degree.

16. We recommend that all Worshipful Masters be required to instruct Masons when they become a Master Mason, that it is required of them to prove proficiency in the obligation of the third degree, before taking any higher degrees.

17. We recommend that the Grand Lodge publish a Quarterly Bulletin. In the meantime, ~~we should request that Fezzan Temple # 26 include Grand Lodge News of coming events in their News Bullitins,~~ until such time as a Grand Lodge Bulletin can be published.

18. We recommend continued support and active participation in the Conference of Grand Masters.

19. We recommend that our Code be brought up to date and printed, listing all amendments in such a manner that they can be attached to our present Constitutions and By-Laws.

20. We recommend that Brother James R. Lynn, of Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4 be the recipient of the title of Honary Past Grand Master, with all Privileges pertaining thereto. This honor to be bestowed upon Bro. Lynn at this 78th Annual Communication, at Grand Forks, ND.



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21. We recommend that each lodge send a current up-to-date roster of its membership to the Grand Secretary at the time of its annual returns. These rosters complete with addresses and phone numbers, to be printed as part of the Grand Lodge proceedings each year.

*yes*  
22. We recommend that the Grand Secretary send to all lodges and Grand Lodge officers; a resume of proposed constitution changes, By-Laws amendments and motions of importance, from the Grand Lodge minutes, within ~~60~~ <sup>60</sup> days of adjournment of our Annual Communication.

*yes*  
23. We recommend that the records be searched and the grave of the first Grand Master of Minnesota be decorated with a memorial wreath. Thereafter the next Past Grand Master who is buried in the Jurisdiction shall be the recipient of the annual Memorial. When there are no more deceased Past Grand Masters, the practice shall revert to the first Grand Master etc. (This shall be the duty of the Committee on ~~Obituaries~~ to arrange and perform.)

Sept. 4, 1972

Most fraternally submitted,

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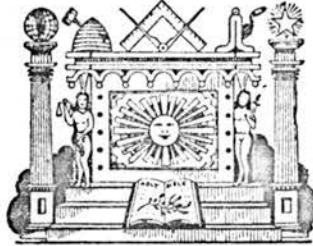
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*no*  
24. We recommend that the By-Laws be amended to provide for the records of a Mason, who has been suspended, but not expelled or indefinitely suspended, to be expunged and purged from the archives of the Lodge and the Grand Lodge, after he has been reinstated. or you may add: (for   ?   months.)

*approve*  
25. We recommend that Brother Kelly H. Turner, of Pioneer Lodge No. 1, who was raised January 20, 1918 and who has the distinction of having continuous membership since he received Light in Masonry, be the recipient of a Certificate of Merit from this Grand Lodge. This honor to be bestowed at this 78th. Annual Communication at Grand Forks, ND.

*yes*  
26. We recommend that purchase and presentation of 50 year continuous membership pens be assumed as the responsibility of this Grand Lodge in future, upon proper notification from the Blue Lodge.

27. We recommend that the Finance Committee be authorized to investigate and to recommend to the Grand Master and to the Grand Cabinet, advise on how to re-invest Grand Lodge funds, as such funds become available. (such as the Federal Land Banks, indenture investment.)

*yes*  
28. We recommend that no saving account be allowed to exceed the Federally Insured maximum figure--now set at \$20,000.00.  
September 8, 1972

*Martin O. Weddington*

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