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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL
GRAND LODGE
SEPTEMBER 1980 - AUGUST 1981

October 21, 1980

AN INVITATION!

TO: MEMBERS OF THE PRINCE HALL MASONIC FAMILY
FROM: THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
REASON: To Develop a Calendar of Masonic Related Events
from December 1, 1980 to December 1, 1981.

We have all had the unpleasant experience after carefully planning a function, to learn that there are other activities scheduled for the same date. Those activities are often competitive in nature. If you are frustrated because of the frequency with which this is happening, then you should participate in the meeting on November 22, 1980, at the Masonic Hall.

The Grand Lodge has one other concern, that is, as inflation increases, the value of the dollar decreases, we spend more and get less. Our organizations are experiencing the same inflationary pressures. Historically, only a very small percent of our members give of their time and talents continually to support the organizations. They are always the same few. Therefore, we must ask ourselves - how much longer should that few be asked to give of themselves before they are burnt out? Remember the goose that laid the golden eggs!

There must be some control on our functions, we cannot continue to constantly compete with each other for the same dollar from the same people. We must plan our activities with sensitivity to the overall cost to our members. WE MUST PLAN WITH EACH OTHER'S INTEREST IN MIND.

That is the intent of this meeting on November 22, 1980, at the Masonic Hall, 3832-4th Avenue South, Minneapolis. Please see the program enclosed. We hope you would be there with your ideas and dates to be negotiated and included in the calendar for 1980-81. After the calendar is developed, a steering committee will be appointed, that same day, to act as the clearing house for future activities.

Coffee, rolls, and lunch will be served. The cost is \$4.00 per person. Each person is responsible for his/her own meal. Please note that coffee and rolls are served only from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 am. In order for us to plan the amounts of food for the meeting we should know if you are coming no later than November 19, 1980. You may call either the Grand Secretary or myself.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO PLANNING THIS CALENDAR WITH YOU. SEE YOU THERE!!

PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE INVITATIONAL PLANNING SESSION

DATE: November 22, 1980

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Masonic Temple, 3832-4th Avenue South, Minneapolis

AGENDA

- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Registration and Attitude Adjustment
Coffee and Rolls will be served
- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Introductions:
- A. Registrants and their Organizations
 - B. Statement of the Purpose and Objectives of the Meeting
- 10:30 - 12:00 Noon PLANNING SESSIONS:
- A. Identify fixed dates for each organization's activity.
 - B. Select dates for the following visitations:
 - 1. The Grand Matron's
 - 2. The Grand Master's
 - C. Decide on the other dates for the calendar
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. PLANNING SESSION CONTINUED
- A. Appoint Steering Committee
 - B. Define the roll and function of the committee
 - C. Questions and Answers
 - D. Adjournment

- NOTES:
- 1. Remember to bring this agenda with you to the meeting.
 - 2. Coffee, rolls, and lunch will be served. The cost is \$4.00/person. Please call the Grand Secretary or myself by November 19, 1980, so we may prepare adequately for you.
 - 3. Bring as many members from your organization as you want.

THANK YOU FOR COMING!!!

MINUTES OF THE PRINCE HALL INVITATIONAL
PLANNING SESSION

November 22, 1980

EVENT:

The Prince Hall Invitational Planning Session was called to order at 10:00 am, Saturday, November 22, 1980, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Morris S. Miller, at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 3832-4th Ave. So., Mpls., MN.

TIME:

PLACE:

The first hour was spent on registration and fraternization with coffee and pastries available.

OBJECTIVE:

Brother Miller said that the objective of the meeting was to plan a calendar of events for the Prince Hall Masonic Family.

ASSIGNEE:

The Past Master's Council will be responsible for coordinating the information for this calendar.

Brother Miller answered questions from the membership.

COMPOSITION:

Delegates present announced the name of the organization they represented. Thirty three persons were present, representing all branches of the Prince Hall family. That list is apart of these minutes.

FIXED DATES:

We next identified fixed dates for all organizations.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:40 am and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

GRAND MASTER'S
SCHEDULE:

The Grand Master presented his visiting schedule for 1981 for inclusion in the calendar.

SPECIAL DATES:

All organizations were then given the opportunity to announce their special event dates.

COMMITTEE'S ROLE &
FUNCTION:

Grand Master Miller next defined the roll and functions of the Masonic Steering Committee. It was to be a clearing house. All Masonic activities must go to the committee for inclusion in the calendar. If there is a conflict of dates the committee will suggest alternative dates, and its decision will be final. For 1981, the calendars will be published every three months with supplements between publications.

TIMETABLE:

It was agreed, that in December we will provide the calendars December 1980, January and February 1981. In February we will mail the March, April and May issues. The calendars will be mailed before the first of each month - December February, April, etc.

DETAILS:

The cost, the number to order and how much will be charged for the calendars have not been determined. We will divide the cost between the participants.

SAMPLE:

Brother Miller displayed and discussed a calendar provided by the Jurisdiction of Michigan.

DIRECTORY:

Brother C.E. Milliner, W.M. suggested that, the Grand Lodge prepare a Grand Lodge Directory. Brother Miller appointed Brother Milliner Chairman, to promote this project.

LIFE INSURANCE:

Brother Miller informed the group of an inquiry into term life insurance, to replace our death benefit.

LIBERIAN UNION:

Brother Miller spoke on the Liberian Union and the Prince Hall family. The purpose of the Union is to help Liberia rebuild.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. by repeating the mizpah.



Morris S. Miller, M.W.G.M.

Martin O. Weddington
R.W.G. Secretary

ATTENDANCE FOR PLANNING SESSION

November 22, 1980

NAME

ORGANIZATION

Martin O. Weddington	N.S.C. # 14
William E. Johnson	Anchor Hilyard # 2
Claire M. Miller	Order of the Golden Circle # 47
Leonard C. Madden	Worthy Grand Patron
Jeanette Howard	Worthy Grand Matron
Arbery Turner	P. A. # 4
Gerri Scurry	Electra Chapter # 3 O.E.S.
Charles E. Martin	Fezzan Temple # 26
Charles E. Cook, Sr.	Past Master Council
Beverly Roland	Fezzan Temple # 26
Shirley Roland	Fezzan Court # 7
Clara Mae Davis	Prince Hall Gr. Chapter
William M. Davis	Anchor Hilyard # 2
Charles Snargrass, Sr.	Fezzan Temple # 26
Willie D. Gray	Grand Lodge
Ollie Agnew	W.M. Queen of Sheba Chapter # 5
Clara Durham	A.M. Queen of Sheba Chapter # 5
Fern Helm	P.W.G.M. Pride of West # 9
Lawrence Henderson	H.R.A.
Otis Spencer	Fezzan Temple # 26
Charles E. Milliner	Palestine Lodge # 7
Denise Richardson	Pride of the West # 9
Ralph A. Wright	Fezzan Temple # 6
Wilma Wright	Fezzan Court # 7
Dan Mc Adams	Guest
Earnestine Sawats	Pride of the West # 9
Ruford Davis	W.M. Pioneer Lodge # 1
Charles Peterson	Faith Lodge 171
James K. Ash	Palestine Lodge # 7
A. Buckley	Pioneer Lodge # 1
Veltirea L. Watts	Prince Hall Grand Chapter
Ida Buckner	Fezzan Court # 7
James Buckner	Fezzan Temple # 26
Morris S. Miller, M.W.G.M.(Host)	Prince Hall Grand Lodge

MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
FROM: THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
SUBJECT: CALL FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to Article III Section 4 of the bylaws dealing with the Executive Board's Meetings, notice is hereby given that the first meeting of the Executive Board will be held on Saturday, December 13, 1980, at 5:00 p.m. sharp, at Spruce Lounge. Please take notice, and govern yourself accordingly.

Thank you.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Prayer
3. Roll Call of Officers.
4. Report from the Grand Master:
 - A. Where are we going? How are we getting there?
 - B. Visit to Minot
 - C. Committee Appointments
 - D. Preliminary Plans for the 87th Annual Communication
5. Report from the R.W.G. Secretary.
6. Report from the R.W.G. Lecturer.
7. Report from Other Officers.
8. Presentation of the Budget (Action).
9. Discussion re: Rituals (19th Edition)
10. Communications.
11. Reading of Minutes for Corrections Only.
12. Adjournment.

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU!

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING OF THE P.H. GRAND LODGE

Saturday, December 13, 1981

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Spruce Tree Lounge, 3836-4th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master - Brother Morris S. Miller.

PRAYER:

The Grand Master asked Brother John P. Dorsey, Grand Chaplin, to lead us in prayer.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Brothers Willie D. Grey, Grand Senior Warden; Charles Cook, Grand Junior Warden; Robert H. Johnson, Grand Treasurer; P.G.M. Martin O. Weddington; P.G.M. Grand Secretary, James K. Ash, Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer; James N. Bradford, Grand Legal Advisor, John P. Dorsey, Grand Chaplin (guest), and Morris S. Miller, Grand Master.

ABSENT:

Charles Agnew, P.G.M. was not present.

REPORTS:

1. Grand Master's

The following reports were then submitted:

The Grand Master discussed the motto as it appears on the stationery: Unity - Benevolence - Harmony. He asked: "Where are we going and how are we getting there?" That question he said was a rethorical question, intended to stimulate discussion as to the future of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master asked the members of the Executive Board to become involved with the new direction not for Morris Miller but for the good of the order.

Grand Master Miller reported on his visit to Acacia Lodge # 12, on November 1, 1980. He was the speaker at the 15th Installation Ball, and was accompanied by P.G.M. Martin O. Weddington, R.W. Grand Secretary. Both brothers conferred the Administrative Degree on Worshipful Master Elect - James Francis. Grand Master Miller informed the Board that his speech at the installation ball shall form the foundation of a paper to be presented to the Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters in Detroit, Michigan on February 7-8, 1981.

COMMITTEES:

2. Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer's

The Grand Master informed the Board that appointments will be forthcoming later. He said that no appointment will be made without the appointees' consent. Forms have been developed for securing their consent.

The Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer, Brother James K. Ash, reported that he received communication from Anchor Hilyard's Lodge indicating that there were a few Wardens who would like to take the Warden's Proficiency Test on January 16, 1981. The Grand Lecturer reviewed the philosophical concept upon which the original test was founded. He said that it was desirable for the Wardens and the Grand Lecturer to establish an early contact with each other so as to determine their needs and allow the Grand Lecturer to develop a plan for them. He will observe the Warden's ritualistic work on January 16, 1981, and arrange for the written portion to be taken later.

About the proposed Masonic Education Department, the Grand Lecturer said that the concept of such a department is still under consideration so there is nothing to report. However, the Grand Lecturer did say that he was

prepared to utilize the members of this department to review and revise the ceremonial booklet which is to be ready for the 87th Annual Communication.

3. From the Grand Wardens

Neither the Grand Senior Warden nor the Grand Junior Warden had anything to report.

4. From the Grand Treasurer

The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer reported that the "Grand Lodge was healthy." 501,957 Shares of Putnum Groth @ \$12.09 = \$6,068.66. General Fund is O.K. after all bills are paid, there is a balance of \$ 1,318.00 in the checking account as of 12/10/1980. The relief fund is sound. Our investments are thriving and he will continue to monitor interest rates so as to allow the best possible returns on those investments. It was the Board's consensus that the Grand Treasurer should be given discretionary powers to re-invest these funds in such ways as to yield the highest returns.

Motion # 1.

It was moved by Brother James K. Ash, and seconded, that the Grand Treasurer should be permitted to withdraw all but two thousand dollars from the Twin City Savings Account and invest that amount into a higher interest-bearing account when ever it was feasible to do so. The motion was adopted.

Discussion Re: Check # 178:

The Grand Treasurer informed the Board that Check # 178, issued July 1, 1977 to Georgia Ann Shelby was never returned. The Auditor's recommendation was to recycle the amount (\$150.00) until such time as another claim was made. The chair ruled that acceptance of the Auditor's report mandates accepting the recommendations. Therefore, no other action was indicated.

the 1:1 exchange that is presently in effect. Two questions were raised but not answered. They are: (1) Is the practice discriminatory against U.S.A. lodges? (2) Should death benefits be paid in canadian dollars to canadian beneficiaries? No decision was made. Grand Master Miller asked both the Secretary and Treasurer to compile some data for him to look at before the 87th Annual Communication.

D. BYLAWS AND
GENERAL REGULATIONS.

The Board, by consensus, set the price of the bylaws at \$ 5.00 each. The Grand Secretary will notify the lodges of this price and encourage them to get these revised copies.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the proposed Prince Hall Week celebration from Sunday, September 13, 1981 to Saturday, September 19, 1981. The following program was adopted by consensus:

1. Sunday afternoon a fund raiser involving four choirs, each of which has promised to donate its time and talent to the cause. Proceeds go to the United Negro College Fund and the American Heart Association's Hypertension Program.
2. The Joint Memorial Service will be held on that same Sunday before the concert and possibly at the same place of the concert.
3. The Governor will be asked to declare September 13th Prince Hall Day in Minnesota.
4. The Grand Master will try to arrange for some T.V. and Radio coverage during that week.
5. Joint installation ball (Grand Lodge & Chapter) on Saturday, September 19, 1981.

COMMITTEES FOR PRINCE
HALL WEEK CELEBRATION:

The following committees were determined to be necessary. They were appointed by the Grand Master and approved by consensus of the Board. They are:

1. A brochure committee
2. An Installation Ball Committee
3. A Prince Hall Day Committee

Each committee has very specific responsibilities and reports to a Steering Committee of grand lodge and grand chapter members.

PAMPHLET FOR NON-MASONS:

Grand Master Miller presented a pamphlet "How Much Can I Tell Them?" He said the intent is to distribute these to interested persons - those who would like to become masons. The Board endorsed the idea.

PLUMBLINE EDITORIAL:

The Grand Master read an article from the Plumbline - Pioneer's Newspaper which the Board felt was inflammatory. He shared his concerns with the Board - that this information could destroy the unity of the organization. The Board advised the grand master to call all four Masters and Wardens together for a conference.

MOTION:


It was moved by Brother Robert H. Johnson and seconded, that the grand lodge should take a full page ad in the conference of grand master's brochure. The motion was adopted. The cost of the ad was \$100.00.

UNITY BUTTONS:

The Board accepted the grand master's project to sell "UNITY" buttons. These are being prepared and should be available for the joint visitation in Grand Forks on May 2, 1981.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Morris S. Miller
Most Worshipful Grand Master

ATTEST:

Martin O. Weddington
R.W. Grand Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING

January 3, 1981

CALL TO ORDER & PRAYER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Most Worshipful Grand Master - Morris S. Miller, at 3832 - 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Opening prayer was said by Brother Charles Cook, Sr., Grand Junior Warden.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

The following members were present: Brothers Willie D. Grey, R.W.G.S.W.; Charles Cook, Sr. R.W.G.J.W.; James K. Ash, R.W.G.L.; James Bradford, Grand Legal Advisor; Martin O. Weddington, R.W.G.S.; Robert H. Johnson, R.W.G.T.; Charles Agnew, P.G.M. was absent.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Grand Master Miller informed the Board that the meeting was called to share a proposal with them and to elicit their opinion relative to the proposal.

PROPOSAL:

North American Life and Casualty Company proposed an insurance plan which would provide \$5,000.00 to the beneficiaries of our deceased brothers at a cost of .72¢/1000 or \$4.12 per member per month. The effective age is 65 years and under.

According to the census information compiled from our lodges, about 573 members would qualify for this coverage

The proposal made on 12-4-1980 was to terminate on 2-4-1981. The intent of this meeting was to share all this information with the Board.

DISCUSSION QUESTION &
ANSWERS:

1. Should the Grand Lodge become involved in this program?
The Board's consensus was yes, it should.
2. Should the Grand Lodge assume part of each member's cost for that coverage? No decision was reached.
3. How might such a plan be implemented?
 - A. We should prepare a fact sheet which will contain facts, advantages, and disadvantages of the plan. Also compare the Grand Lodge's quotation with the cost of individual coverage.
 - B. Appoint an Insurance Coordinator to the Executive Board to monitor plans and report directly.
 - C. Grand Master Miller will try to gain support for the plan at the Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons in Detroit, February 7-8, 1981.

REACTION BY PAST MASTERS'
COUNCIL:

The above information was shared with members of the Past Master's Council and the reaction was mixed with a slight majority apparently in favor of the Grand Lodge developing the program.

QUESTIONS RAISED BUT NOT
ANSWERED:

1. Should the present relief program be left intact? i.e. Will members continue to pay \$4.00 per quarter to the relief fund or will that \$4.00 go to the new coverage?

2. Should the plan be optional or should all eligible brothers be expected to participate?
3. Should the Grand Lodge draw from its relief fund an amount of money to get the program started? How much? How would that fund be replenished?
4. Will the Insurance Company be willing to grant the same coverage to Grand Lodges outside of Minnesota?

The Grand Master will make some inquiries and report to the Board at its next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. with those present repeating the Mispa.



Morris S. Miller, M.W.G.M.

Attest:

Martin O. Weddington, R.W.G.S.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF P.H. GRAND LODGE

March 14, 1981

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER.
- II. OPENING PRAYER.
- III. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS.
- IV. REPORTS:
 - A. Grand Secretary
 - B. Grand Treasurer
 - C. Grand Lecturer
 - D. Grand Senior Warden
 - E. Grand Junior Warden
 - F. Grand Master
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Plans for 87th Annual Session (Action)
 - B. Insurance Program (Discussion)
 - C. Canadian Exchange (Discussion)
 - D. Bylaws, Ceremonial Booklet, & History (Progress Report)
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. P.H. Week Celebrations (Action)
 - 1. Sunday 13th Fund Raiser
 - 2. Saturday 19th Installation Ball (Joint)
 - B. Committees Needed: (Action)
 - 1. Brochean
 - 2. General Plans including installation ball
 - C. Pamphlet for Interested Persons (Discussion)
 - D. The State of the Order in Districts 1 & 2 (Discussion)
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS:
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OF THE PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1981

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 1981, at the Masonic Temple - 3832 - 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN., by Brother Morris S. Miller, M.W.G.M. Opening prayer was said by Brother Charles Cook, R.W.G.J.W.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS
AND MEMBERS:

The following officers and members were present and answered the call: Brothers Willie D. Gray, R.W.G.S.W., Charles Cook, R.W.G.J.W., Martin O. Weddington, P.G.M., R.W.G.S., Robert H. Johnson, P.G.M., R.W.G.T., James K. Ash, R.W.G.L., Charles Agnew, P.G.M.

REPORTS:

1. Brother Martin O. Weddington, reported that he had sent a letter to Brother Charles Stalling, DDGM # 3, telling him of a discrepancy in his lodge's report for the last quarter. The lodge was also informed that their report was not correct. There were no questions.
2. Brother Robert H. Johnson gave a summary of the grand lodges financial status at this time. After reviewing all accounts, Brother Johnson reported that the Grand Lodge's present financial status was very sound. He answered questions to the Board's satisfaction relative to present investment policies.
3. Grand Master Miller summarized the evaluations of his visits and the workshops held during those visits. He reported that the responses were most favorable to the content, format, and length of program. The

REPORT (CONTINUED):

indications are that the brethren are generally satisfied, therefore he plans to continue using the same format.

4. Brother Gray had no report.
5. Brother Cook read a letter from his committee of Pastmaster about the masonic calendar to be printed. There was a brief question and answer session following the report. Grand Master Miller commended Brother Cook and his committee for their demonstrated commitment to this very worthy cause.

The above reports were received by consensus of the members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the program for the 87th Annual Communication and, by consensus, agreed to the following activities:

A. PROGRAM FOR THE 87TH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
IN SIOUX FALLS, S.D.

1. Orientation for all delegates to the 87th Annual Communication on Monday evening September 14, 1981, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. The content to be discussed includes, but will not be limited to the following:
 - A. How to effectively conduct a meeting.
 - B. How to introduce and process New Business.
 - C. How to change a proposal to make it more acceptable to the majority.
 - D. How to be more effective as a delegate, and as a representative of your lodge what are your responsibilities?
2. After the orientation is complete there will be a period of hospitality - from 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. sharp.

MOTION:

It was moved by Brother James K. Ash, and seconded, that there be a .50¢ donation for each drink served during hospitality. This donation is to be given to Alpha Lodge # 10 to enhance its treasury. The motion was adopted.

3. On Tuesday, from about 10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. the grand lodge will receive all visitors, including the representatives from Sioux Falls (if any), that bring greetings to us. We intend to have a speaker who will discuss some aspect of Prince Hall Masonry (15-30 minutes) while the visitors are seated.
4. Tuesday night, there will be a banquet which we would like to open to the public and, if possible, at that banquet, make a contribution to a worthy cause.
5. The plan is to hear almost all the reports on Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 pm. Jurisprudence Committee Report will not be given until Wednesday morning.
6. Wednesday morning all reports should be presented before lunch and if possible the election of officers should be completed. If that is true, then those leaving will checkout on time.

CONSENSUS:

The proposed program (items 1-6 above) was adopted by consensus of the Board.

B. INSURANCE PROGRAM
FOR GRAND LODGE.

Discussion on this matter was extensive. By consensus, the Board agreed that a fact sheet should be sent to each member in the jurisprudence to elicit his opinion. Should the grand lodge offer such a program? How should the premiums be collected? By whom? When? etc. The same sheet will require that a response be given to some specific questions. These responses will be mandatory for all members. The Grand Master agreed to develop such a sheet.

C. CANADIAN EXCHANGE

The Board discussed some problems which the canadian exchange has created. Specifically, it was brought to the Board's attention that the grand lodge is losing money because of

Budget Review:

The Grand Master presented the revised budget as was reviewed by the Grand Auditor, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, with the Grand Master in New Prague, Minnesota, on November 4, 1980. He reported that there should be a savings of \$4,200.00 realized from travel this year. However, there are a few positions for which no token was included in the budget. For example one Co-Chairman to CCFC and two Trustees. There was another omission from the budget - the contingency for the Grand Librarian is traditionally \$ 400.00, the budget shows it as \$ 50.00. The Grand Master expressed the hope that the savings from travel and other conscious attempts by the administration to live within its means, would be easily discernable at the end of this fiscal year. The budget was accepted by consensus.

R.W. Grand Secretary's Remarks:

Communications from his office or from that of the Grand Master's should be read by the Lodge's secretary more than once. This information should be conveyed to the lodges. He also reported that the lodges are very "sluggish" in their response to routine i.e. he had received the list of elected officers from one lodge two months late. This results in an incomplete grand lodge roster. The Grand Secretary also reported that he has made up a new form for quarterly report, and is anticipating making a change in the beneficiary form as well after conferring with the Legal Advisor.

Mohamid Alhi Medallions:

The Grand Master inquired from the Grand Legal Advisor as to the appropriate course of action which the Grand Lodge can take to satisfy itself as to the disposition of the same. In

his response, the Grand Legal Advisor did not encourage us to seek any legal recourse since the cost of such action could be a very costly international dealing. The Grand Master will write to the Customs to find out the final disposition of those Medallions.

19th Edition Rituals:

There was some discussion relative to the disposition of the 19th edition rituals stockpiled by some lodges.

Motion # 2.

It was moved by Brother James K. Ash that any Lodge which has the 19th edition rituals, should be allowed to return those for the 18th edition now available on a one-to-one basis. The motion was seconded and adopted.

87th Annual Communication Plans:

Grand Master Miller shared with the Executive Board, information which he received from D.D.G.M. Henry Lee Martin relative to accommodations for the 87th Session. He shared room rates, menus, and a plan for the session with the members present. More discussion on this matter will take place at the next Board Meeting. Here's a tentative plan:

1. Grand Lodge Orientation on Monday evening 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
2. Receive visitors on Tuesday and plan program at lunch.
3. Have a Banquet Tuesday night.
4. All reports must be in the Secretary's hand by August 1st, these must be duplicated and made available to all registrants.
5. Registration fee should not exceed \$35.00. This was agreed to by all members present.

6. All reports should be ready for preservation on Tuesday with but a few exceptions - perhaps, the Jurisprudence Committee, which may present its report on Wednesday morning. Election should be concluded by early afternoon. We will be able to check out early on Wednesday.

Pre-Registration:

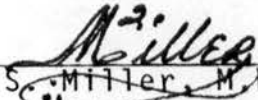
The Board discussed pre-registration for the 87th Annual Session. It was decided that there should be a form sent to each lodge from the Grand Secretary, at least three months prior to the beginning of the session. The forms should be completed and returned to the Grand Secretary by the 31st of August. There should be \$ 35.00 pre-registration for each name on the form. There will be more discussion on this matter at the next Board Meeting.

Joint Visit to Grand Forks,
North Dakota:

The Board discussed the joint visitation to Grand Forks, North Dakota on May 2, 1981. It was agreed that the Grand Lodge should make independent arrangements for transportation.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Morris S. Miller, M.W.G.M.

Attest: Martin O. Weddington, P.G.M.
R.W.G.S.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF P.H. GRAND LODGE

June 13, 1981

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER.
- II. OPENING PRAYER.
- III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS.
- IV. REPORTS FROM:
 - A. Grand Master
 - B. Grand Senior Warden
 - C. Grand Junior Warden
 - D. Grand Secretary
 - E. Grand Treasurer
 - F. Grand Lecturer
- V. UNFINISHES BUSINESS:
 - A. Final Plans for the 87th Annual Communication
 - B. Insurance Program
 - C. Canadian Exchange
 - D. The Plumblin Story
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Prince Hall History Study Group
 - B. Standing Committee for 1981
 - C. Preview of Grand Master's Recommendations
 - D. Establish Guidelines for Selecting "Honorary Past Masters"
 - E. Prince Hall Public Relations Program
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS:
- VIII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - AUGUST 15, 1981
- IX. ADJOURNMENT.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF
THE PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE

August 14, 1981

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by the Most Worshipful Grand Master - Brother Morris S. Miller, at 6:00 p.m. on the above date, at the Masonic Temple - 3832 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis. The opening prayer was said by Brother Charles Cook Sr., R.W.G.J.W.

Roll Call:

The following officers answered the roll call Brother James K. Ash, R.W.G.L., Brother Charles Cook, R.W.G.J.W., Brother Aaron Arradando, P.G.M., R.W.G. Auditor, and CCFC, Brother Martin O. Weddington, P.G.M., R.W.G.S., Brother Willie D. Gray, R.W.G.S.W.

Minutes:

Except for two 'typhos' there were no corrections to the minutes. Therefore the minutes were approved as printed.

Reports:

1. Grand Master Miller reported on his visit to Winnipeg and Alberta. Both visits were conducted according to pre-determined agendas and the format for each visit varied according to the perceived needs of the lodge involved. The Grand Master felt that his visit to Pride of Alberta was particularly successful in that it was tailored to meet their needs and in their judgement - they benefitted. The W.M. of Pride of Alberta will report to the Grand Lodge the action plan developed by them as a result of that visitation.
2. The Grand Senior Warden - Brother Willie D. Gray had nothing to report except that his committees are at work.
3. Brother Charles Cook Sr., Grand Junior Warden. Reporting as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee reported that he had received a number of applications which were incomplete.

Motion # 1.

Brother Cook moved that all applications be "laid over" until the next fiscal year and in that time the forms be returned to the respective lodges for completion. The motion was seconded and adopted. Reporting on the progress of the Past Master's Council Calendar Project (as the President), the Grand Junior Warden indicated that he had ordered 250 calendars which will be ready before the Grand Lodge session. The cost of printing is \$ 740.00.

Grand Master Miller thanked Brother Cook for his commitment and his tireless efforts towards making this project a success.

He also reported that the Past Master's benefit had resulted in a net profit of \$ 200.00. Same will be given to the Grand Lodge.

4. Report from the Grand Lecturer was next. The printing of the ceremonial booklet was deferred because of cost. This will be discussed later. The warden's proficiency all testing was completed on August 8. There have been eight wardens who have challenged the test successfully. In his dealings with the brochure he reported that we had lost revenue because of competition in some areas of ads.
5. Secretary's Report - Brother Martin O. Weddington. Receipts: \$684.89 July Disbursements \$ 950.00, General Fund Relief Fund July Receipts \$ 144.00. The secretary sent a telegram to P.G.M. Agnew on the occasion of his mother's death. He read a letter from the secretary of the Holy Empire re: Ebony Story on the Prince Hall Masonic Family. He shared a form developed for reporting the returns from subordinate lodges.

Fifty Masonic Directories have been ordered. He also gave a summary of the reports received thus far.

6. The Grand Treasurer's Report was next, he gave a summary of all receipts and disbursements. There were no special questions and the report was received by consensus.

8. Brother Arradando reported on his meeting with the insurance agent of North American Life. For six hundred members for \$ 1000 per member @ .72¢/1000 = \$5,184.00 annual premium. The outside cost would be \$ 6,048.00 for six hundred members. Following a lengthy discussion which ended in a resolution by the grand master to make a recommendation to the grand body for the institution of the insurance program.

Motion # 2.

It was moved by Brother Arradando and seconded, that the R.W.G. Secretary be authorized to purchase a sufficient number of clear plastic badges for registration. The motion was adopted.

Motion # 3.

It was moved by Brother Aaron Arradondo and seconded, that the Board should authorize that all expenses be paid which will bring the books to a satisfactory closure for fiscal 80-81. The motion was adopted.

Discussion:

The board then discussed the need for a periodic paper. The grand master will make the recommendation.

The installation ball and other agenda items were discussed.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Morris S. Miller
Most Worshipful Grand Master

Martin O. Weddington
R.W.G. Secretary