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26th

August

1945.

Ill. Sumner A. Furness, 33rd,
Most Potissant Grand Commander.
401 Indiana Ave.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Grand Commander:

Your communication of the 13th in relation to the Twin City Consistory received. I have delayed replying until I felt better over the handling of this matter, but the longer I wait the more unsettled I become.

Have been
I have been your Deputy for sometime- longer enough for you to realize that I am truthful and that you may rely on my word and judgement. If such were not true then you should have made a change many moons ago; such a move would be more than justified. I do not know to whom you have written about this matter but feel sure you have to some one- some one who is not overly friendly to me personally or to the Rite, and you are accepting their view rather than your Deputy.

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I know of no 'angles' other than that have no Organization here and that there are those of younger blood who want one. These men have tried to get me to move in this affair for more than two years, but I would not do so for the reason I was not convinced they were really sincere and would stick when the sledding became rough; when I became satisfied they were in earnest, I laid the matter before you and you have stalled with first one excuse and then another until many of them are becoming disgusted, and I cannot blame them. Were I not sure of them, their reputation in the community, their standing in Masonry, their 'background' as men of decency and reliability I would not have recommended them to you. Repeatedly have I urged you to come and yourself do the work, and you still want more personal knowledge before acting. I trust this may be at an early date- before these chaps grow wholly discouraged and go to pieces entirely. Personally I feel very keenly that you have treated me, and the brethren very shabbily and would like to know the reason.

If you are angered by this letter I trust you will not hold it against the petitioners- they are not responsible for my acts; let it fall on me and give them the break they deserve.

A list of the prospects is inclosed. The money is all in a bank. I also inclose a recommendation for your Deputy; a graduate of the University of

Who is working?
with the man and bringing them up to the point where you can make or break them. Again I urge and plead that you act without delay.

It is true that I am leaving St. Paul for good; will go about the 15th of September.

Courteously yours,

Jose H. Sherwood.

947 Iglehart Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.,
Nov. 1, 1945.

Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, 33rd, M.P.S.G.C.,
401 Indiana Av.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My Dear Grand Commander:

I am proud and happy to report to you as per your last order in re the re-organization of North Star Consistory. Last Saturday and Sunday were great days for Masonry in Minnesota. It was a magnificent inspiration to us younger men in Minnesota.

The Illustrious Peers that you sent here to do the work did such splendid work that our fraters are still singing their praises. Their efforts were patient, untiring and a credit to a splendid Rite.

We want you to know, Illustrious Grand Commander, that we sincerely appreciate their every effort and your direction of our re-organization. We are humbly grateful and we hope that your confidence in setting us up will be repaid by noble results in this Valley.

A class of twenty-seven (27) was elevated to Sublime Princes and seven (7) Sublime Princes and one (1) Peer were reinstated. The Peer is Ill. Chester A. Johnson, 509 Colfax Av. No., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

We selected the same name "North Star Consistory". I am enclosing the names and addresses of the officers, and

Further, several brothers have requested that I ask you, Illustrious, whether it is permissible or possible for them to purchase sets of the Rituals used in this work. They were informed in re the one that can be secured for \$1.50 through your office, but they request information on possibility of securing the large sets. We plan to order individual Rituals from your office as soon as we get the order lined up.

We look forward eagerly to your proposed visit here by next Spring and again wish to express our gratitude to you and Ill. Harper, Ill. Summers, Ill. Morris and Ill. Williams. With best wishes and kindest regards, I remain,

Respectfully and fraternally,

John R. Lawrence, Jr.

thwarted and defeated.

Further, the subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction will be busy in December with their annual meetings and installations, so we trust that you will be able to visit us and present your plans some time this month.

We have met your required standard in re number necessary for the work, in that, we have 23 completely paid (new men) at \$25.00 each; we have 5 who have made partial payments, but will be completely paid this month; we have 8 former Consistory members, who will reinstate, and are waiting for you to state the amount of reinstatement fee. There are also a number of brothers, who are waiting to see whether anything will come of this effort, before they will pay, but have signified their intention to be included.

Therefore, since we have met your preliminary requirement, we appeal and urge you, as well-meaning brother Masons, to send us some encouragement and information as to when you plan to come here. There will also have to be plans made for your sojourn while you are here.

We await the favor of your immediate action,

Faternally yours,

John R. Lawrence Jr.

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The United Supreme Council
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry
Prince Hall Affiliation
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OFFICE OF
THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER
401 INDIANA AVENUE
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

September 6th, 1946

Mr. John R. Lawrence, 32^o
947 Iglehart Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Frater:

Your letter of the 31st ultimo received.

I am very pleased to note that your Consistory is getting along so well. I trust you will continue the good work.

Regarding your Charters, they have been forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief of your Consistory.

We are having the Rituals revised and as soon as they are completed, each Consistory will be notified.

It will not be necessary for you to use a Hebrew Calendar in any of your work.

I will be pleased to hear from you from time to time and if I can be of any assistance to your organization at any time, I will be glad to do so.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Sumner A. Furniss 330
Sumner A. Furniss, 33
M.P.S.G.C.

SAF:L

10th

June

1945.

Ill. Lee G. Warrick, 33rd
Scottish Rite Cathedral,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Frater:

Will you be so kind as to furnish me the date of the surrender of
Charters of
the ~~Sharsixxf~~ the Scottish Rite Bodies located in Minneapolis and St. Paul?
This occurred at the last meeting of the Supreme Council held in Chicago. And
please state what was actually turned in- my recollection of the matter is that
there were the Warrants of the 3 Bodies, the Record Book and Seal.

There is to be a meeting Sunday, June 17, and would like to have
the information at that time. Ill. Banton suggested that I write you in re-
gards to this matter.

Yours Fraternally,

Jose H. Sherwood.

St. Paul, Minn.,
Sept. 16, 1945.

Ill. Sumner A. Furniss, 33rd, M.P.S.G.C.
401 Indiana Ave.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Grand Commander:

I am in receipt of yours of September 10th, 1945
in re whom I would leave in charge of the work here.
I replied under date of September 11th on this matter.

However, I reply again with this additional information. The group of Master Masons interested in organizing the North Star Consistory met this afternoon. They had an excellent meeting. The men are still very much enthused and eagerly await the favor of your immediate action.

I presented the name of Brother John R. Lawrence, 947 Iglehart Avenue, St. Paul 4 Minnesota, to be in charge of the work, when I leave, which is Tuesday the 18th. The men endorsed and confirmed my selection of Brother Lawrence. They have confidence in him and will co-operate with him completely in the effort to set up the work on a permanent and efficient basis.

Brother Lawrence is a young Master Mason; he is the Senior Warden of Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4 of this city. He has worked diligently in organizing the brothers for the Consistory. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and, as I have stated previously, he is quite active in the life of our community.

Therefore, kindly direct all future communications and orders to him.

I hope that since travel restrictions have been relaxed, you will be able to come to these brothers in the very near future.

Again I say "goodbye" and extend best wishes in the success of the work thruout this Valley.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

JHS/1

Jose H. Sherwood.

947 Iglehart Ave.,

St. Paul, Minn.,

October 9, 1945.

Dr. Sumner A. Furniss,

401 Indiana Ave.,

Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Brother Jose H. Sherwood has presented my name to you to receive the correspondence for the local group of Master Masons, who have signed to take degrees in the Consistory. I have waited to receive some communication from you in re your plans for us.

I speak in behalf of our group of brothers, when I say that they are anxious to begin the work. Some of us have worked on this matter since last February and the twenty-five dollar fee, which you set, was paid by 23 of the brothers on July 15 past, a date set by the group to enhance the opportunity to begin this work. The men feel that they have waited very patiently and have proved themselves to be earnest and interested in establishing a permanent North Star Consistory.

We have placed our funds created by the brothers' payments in the 1st National Bank here and we still have nothing to offer the men save the statement sent in your letter dated September 10th inst. It is getting difficult to tell them that we have no word from you as yet. They built in confidence and with inspiration. We hate to see a good-intentioned effort defeated. Therefore, may we hear from you at your earliest convenience?

947 Iglehart Ave.,

St. Paul, Minn.,

October 9, 1945.

Dr. Sumner A. Furniss,

401 Indiana Ave.,

Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Brother Jose Sherwood has presented my name to you to receive the correspondence for the local group of Master Masons, who have signed and paid up to take degrees in the Consistory. I have waited to receive some communication from you in re your plans for us.

11th

September

1945.

Ill. Sumner A. Furniss, 33rd, M.P.S.G.C.
401 Indiana Ave.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Grand Commander:

Replying to your favor of the 11th:

I am leaving St. Paul Tuesday the 18th. Will turn over your letter to Bro. John Lawrence, 947 Igleheart Ave., St. Paul, 4 minn. He is the head and front of this group, and is a member of your Fraternity, (college.) If any one will be able to hold these men together for the length of time you wish, he will. But I am VERY doubtful.

The list as sent to you was short one name- a new man.

This is to say goodbye, and may you have success thruout this Valley

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

Jose H. Skelton



947 Iglehart Ave.,

St. Paul, Minn.,

Oct. 24, 1945.

Mr. Raymond E. Jackson,

145 Broadway,

Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Brother Jose Sherwood has left St. Paul to reside in Los Angeles. He has turned over all correspondence in re our local group that is interested in reviving the Shrine here, to me. I am correspondent for our group.

I, therefore, write to say that we have not lost interest. We have been awaiting the revival of our Consistory here and the consequent initiation of our group, who are all Master Masons, with a few former 32d degree men and Shriners, who plan to reinstate, included. This work is being done this week end.

Therefore, after we have set that in good working order, we shall contact you in re reviving Fessan. I am a Master Mason and member of Perfect Ashlar # 4. If you have any correspondence in the future for us, will you kindly direct the same to me?

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely and Fraternally,

John R. Lawrence Jr.

947 Iglehart Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.,
Oct. 24, 1945.

Mr. J. Sherwood,
4515 Main,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Bro. Sherwood,

Received yours of recent date and Helen and I both were glad to hear from you and the events that you met in your new home. Glad to know that you are getting settled.

Dr. Furniss sent another special yesterday in which he said, "Due to the fact that you have a large number to be initiated, I am asking that you have the meeting on Saturday afternoon at 2 P.M. October 27. We will start the initiation on Saturday and finish on Sunday afternoon.

Kindly let me know by return air mail special delivery mail, if you can make these arrangements". (This I have done)

He continues, "Ill. Robert H. Harper, Ill. Levi H. Morris and Ill. Frank M. Summers will arrive with me at 8:15 A.M. Saturday.

Trusting to hear from you and looking forward to seeing you soon, I am etc."

This morning, I received an air mail special from Ill. Harper. He wrote in re the time necessary to "elevate" this group. He states that Furniss has placed the entire matter in his hands and that he will arrive Friday or Saturday. I think that the time, as Furniss suggested, will work out. He said that Furniss is in the East and may not arrive before Sunday morning, altho Furniss said that which I reproduced above.

He continues, "You will have the following to clear up and be ready for work, viz:

Rituals	25.00
Dispensation	55.00
Charters (3 Houses)	100.00
New Members	5.00 Each
Re-instatements	2.00 Each

He wants the names of the officers of the three Houses for the Sup. Coun. record and the forwarding of dispensation. The Charter will be issued after the meeting of the next Sup. Coun. next May. He wants to know if there is a doctor in the class. He states that he trusts that there will be a successful elevation and that those who have been summoned to assist will do their best to give us a favorable and interesting start.

I sent 40 letter notices for the meeting Sunday, then after Furniss wrote yesterday I had to send 40 more advising the two days work. I've really worked this typewriter overtime. I've been on vacation, so

947 Iglehart Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.,
Oct. 24, 1945.

Mr. Robert H. Harper,
4841 Forrestville Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Harper,

Yours dated Oct. 23 inst., received and contents noted. Pursuant to orders received from Dr. Furniss, we have secured Perfect Ashlar Masonic Hall for 2 P.M. Saturday October 27 and Sunday October 28. He said that he would begin the initiation on Saturday and finish on Sunday afternoon.

Arrangements will be made to house the four of you in private homes. We have no hotels (first class) here, but we have fine people, who have available rooms to rent. We shall also have a committee to meet you at the St. Paul Station. Dr. Furniss said that all of you would arrive on the Olympian at 8:15 A.M. Saturday.

Should there be any change of arrival time, kindly wire immediately.

You also wrote of Charters (3 Houses) @ \$100.00. Do you refer to those that North Star Consistory previously had, but have been misplaced somehow?

(Over)

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On June 10 last, Brother Jose Sherwood, who has now left St. Paul for residence in Los Angeles, wrote Ill. Lee G. Warrick at Philadelphia and requested that he furnish the date of the surrender of the Charters of the Scottish Rite bodies located in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Ill. Warrick never replied. Brother Sherwood stated that Ill. Benton suggested that he write Ill. Warrick.

Brother Sherwood states that he turned over the Warrants, Record book and Seal personally at the Chicago meeting of the Supreme Council, when Ill. Harry Knight was Secretary.

Therefore, Ill. Harper, will you, in the very brief time remaining, if possible, see what information you can get in re these old Charters? It will be a great saving, M.P.S.G.C. Dr. Furniss, stated in a letter to Bro. Sherwood under date of February 15 last, to revive the old Consistory than to Charter a new one. So kindly see whether they can be located if you have the time, Bro. Harper and thanks to you in advance.

With gratitude and kindest personal regards, I remain,

Respectfully and fraternally,

John R. Lawrence Jr.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

947 Iglehart Ave.

Oct. 23, 1945.

*Air Mail
Special
214*

Dr. Sumner Furniss,
401 Indiana Ave.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Brother Furniss:

Am in receipt of yours dated Oct. 21st inst.,
and contents noted.

Have complied with your instructions. Have
rented the Perfect Ashlar Masonic Hall for Sat-
urday and Sunday October 27 and 28 at 2 P.M. each
day. Saturday will be a difficult day but we are
hoping that it will turn out all right.

I have sent notices to the men advising them
of the two (2) days work.

Arrangements are being made to house you and
the other Peers. We shall also have some brothers
to meet you at the St. Paul Union Station. Kindly
let me know how rail fare etc are handled in such
meetings as this. We want to have everything ready.

With thanks, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

July 1, 1945

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Bro. ~~More~~ ^{Prayer} by Bro. Taylor. Reading of the treasurer's report he informed them that we now have 12 paid up members. It was suggested by the chairman that we use two letters of the Biogiven name. We found that we have 27 members. It was suggested that the members that have not paid up be notified and told that they are holding up the progress of the club. Bro. Lawrence suggested we appoint a committee to wait upon the delinquent members. It was suggested we try to round this up in 30 days. Bro. H.B. Shepard was appointed to contact the Bro. in Minneapolis. Every one present is expected to contact those not present they have until the fifteenth of the month. The chairman appointed every one present on the committee Bro. Shepard, more H.T. Pomas, J. Hargrave, J.R. Lawrence, Taylor, Wiseman, Gwynne, Sherwood, Bro. Smith (D. August) Bro. J.A. Smith was one of the new.

members present and he said he is ready to go with us.

Bro. Shumwood read that the charter has been turned in for the North Star Convention as the Grand Secy. informed him by letter. The meeting was adjourned by the chairman 7:25 P.M. The next meeting to be as soon as all the money is paid. Hargrove to see Stubbs

Shapard	"	"	W. Woodford
Taylor	"	"	S. Sydes
Lawrence	"	"	Lazzerbury P.d
Trueman	"	"	L. Dady P.d
Dwyane	"	"	D.M. Johnson P.d
More	"	"	Fungill P.d
Powers	"	"	Wedington P.d

The meeting adjourned by repeating the Mizpah

L. A. Dwyane acting secy.

May 5, 1945,

Opened at 9:56 P.M. with prayer by Bro. Lynn.

Remarks by Chairman Moore

Minutes of Feb. 17 read and adopted.

Chairman stated Bro. Henderson would act as Sec. in Bro. Weddington's place but could not be present tonight.

Bro. Lawrence suggested that Bro. Sherwood explain the Consistory work and he proceeded to do so.

He stated he felt it best that the Grand Commander come to give these degrees.

Bro. Lawrence reported on what progress had been made since the last meeting.

Motion by Lawrence - second by Gwynne that we meet on Sunday May 20, June 3 and June 17 at 5 P.M. and that the final date for complete payment of the \$25⁰⁰ fee be Sunday June 17, 1945. Passed.

Those who contributed to
the correspondence
expense fund;

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John Murphy	.15
John Lawrence	.15
James Lynn	.15
Ed Moore	.15
Lee Gwynne	.15
Alex Wiseman	.15
Jerry Hargrave	.15
Bert Carter	.15
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	\$ 1.20

Dear Henderson:

Will you kindly call these brothers and inform them that the Consistory Masonry group will meet at Bro. Sherwood's on Sunday May 20 at 5 P.M. (971 St. Anthony Ave.) We want them to attend or at least send a payment on their fee of \$25.00, which must be paid in full by June 17, 1945.

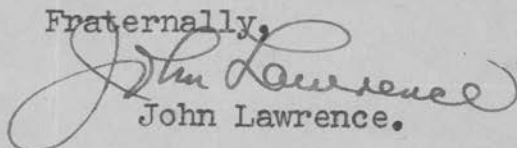
We have some expense money, so that you can also call the Minneapolis brothers this time, after this a card will suffice.

Insist that they send their entire fee, if they have it, as we want to know just how many really intend to take this work, you see Bro. Sherwood will leave soon for California. If they do not have all of it, we do want some sort of payment. We keep a strict record and their money is secure.

Future meetings will be held at Bro. Sherwood's on Sunday June 3 and June 17 at 5 P.M.

Bro. Moore said that you were appointed Secretary.

Faternally,


John Lawrence.

4514 Main St., Los Angeles, Calif., October 19th-45.

Mr. John R. Lawrence, Jr.
947 Igleheart Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear John:

It was with a very great degree of satisfaction that I received yours of the 13th. The letter of the 9th to Furniss was a whiz; it must have burned him for ~~weeks~~. So glad to see some one besides myself get behind him, and it is the first time I have known him to reply without delay.

Please say to him that I regret I could not remain until he came, for I had set my hopes on seeing Nort Star re-established.

Say to the Brtehren they are to be commended ~~for~~ ^{by} their spirit of forbearance and patience they have displayed. It shows they are good material - and genuinely interested. MORE POWER TO THEM, and to you, who most of all is to be thanked for holding them together.

I had no further correspondence with Ill. Warrick in relation to the matter of the Warrants, Record Book and Seal other than that which is in the files left with you. I personally took them to the Chicago meeting of the Supreme Council and PERSONALLY turned them in. Ill. Harry Knight was the Secretary at that time.

We arrived here on time the 21 and were met by my brother's wife; found the house being decorated; our furniture came on the 25th- house still unfinished; put the refridator, gas stove and radio inside and the remainder of our stuff was piled in the yard, where it remained for more than a week. The houses here are jammed close together, one in the rear or a stringe along the side- call these 'apartments' when so situated; with us we have one front and one back- I am in the rear one. People live like sardines- rent is very exorbant; it is impossible to get anyone to do anything; Mrs. Lealtad found a woman who consendeded to work for her a day at ONE DOLLAR an hour. Had some things carried about three miles to the home of a friend* three trunks, two tables- asked the chap who was doing the hauling what he was going to charhe- his reply was 'about five dollars'; have not seen my friend yet, so do not know what the bill amonuted too. Was in a market on Central Ave., yesterday- corn two earsxlx 17 cents- how much is that a dozen? Okra 47¢ a pound- squash 20¢; bullhaeds 75¢- why go on! Glad we are renting-even a rear house- from my brother; havax a nice house at reasonable rent- good neighborhood.

Have seen Fr. and Mrs. Lealtad, Mr. & Mrs. Merry (Duluth) Mrs. McDew, Mrs. Hardin-formerly Mrs. Ernest Sparks- Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell- he used to be an engineer at the Front St., house of the fire department; Elizabeth McCracken- now Mrs. James- Jewell Jackson- lived in Mpls., and many more that too numerous to name now. These are just a few high lights of the city- more another time.

We are not yet in shipshape condition- no use to hurry, so taking our time about it, since we are compelled to do all the work.

Remember us to all inquiring friends, and say 'hi' to the gang.

Yours,

947 Igleshart Av.

July 17, 1948.

Dear Brother:

There is a group of Master Masons of the Twin Cities, most of whom are the younger brothers of the Craft, who are organizing the Consistory of Scottish Rite of Advanced Masonry. We have been meeting under the direction of Bro. Jesse Sherwood, P.M.

We shall take the 4th to the 32d degree in the Consistory which includes three lodges, namely, a Lodge of Perfection, Lodge of Rose Croix and Lodge of the Consistory. The fee for the degrees is twenty-five dollars \$ (25.00) for all up to and including the 32d degree. After this work, we intend to set up the Shrine again. We do not have figures for the Shrine work, but we shall get them soon. Of course, we shall have quarterly meetings and study in our Consistory, so we shall have to labor earnestly.

We have twenty brothers completely paid up and we shall soon send for Dr. Purdie of Indianapolis, who will set up the Shrine. If you desire to be included, your fees must be

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paid completely immediately or get in touch with Brother Lee Gwynne (EL 7037), our Treasurer, any evening between 6 and 7 P.M. If you have all or part of your fee, send it to Brother Gwynne at 309 No. Chateworth St., St. Paul 4 Minn. immediately. If you desire any further information, contact the Secretary of your Blue Lodge. We shall notify you when we shall meet again and you are urged to attend. However, in order to be enrolled, we must hear from you and if your fee is ready, we can advance more rapidly. We are anxious to get this work under way, before Brother Sherwood departs for California.

We await the favor of your immediate action,

Fraternally yours,

John R. Lawrence.

Property Of North Star Consistory # 14.
April, 19 1962. W.M. Lockhart. C.

- 1--Pair of Black Curtains.
- 1--Delta for alter (neon)
- 1--Star for delta.
- 1--White cloth Bordered red for Rose Croix.
- 1--Alter Cloth Black (purple on black).
- ~~2--Set of scales~~
- 2--Sets of scales of Justice, one metal, one wood.
- 1--Apron of the camp 32, degree.
- *1--Apron Rose Croix 18, degree.
- 1--Apron Lodge of Perfection 14, degree.
- 1--White table cloth (small).
- 2--Column cloth, red, H.K.M.K.
- 1--Knight Templar collar.
- 1--Rose Croix collar, with jewel.
- 1--Chesbue collar 19, degree.
- 1--Collar Black & White with key. 2 keys for alter.
- 1--Letter Z for alter. -1 Wooden Dagger.
- 16--Paper squares, 1 wood square.
- 1--Brass laver. 1 Brass Bowl.
- 1--Hour Glass. 7 Vials. 1 Septer. 1 Charter. 4 Bibles.
- 1--Cross with Serpant, 2 plain crosses (black).
- 1--St. Andrews cross. 1 Tarr Cross. 1 Ladder. 1 Incense Burner.
- 12--Supreme council bylaws of constitutions.
- 34--Bylaws & constitutions of North Star Consistory # 14.
- 1--Sterilizer pan. 1 Ballot Box. 1 Gong. 1 Pr. Spurs.
- 8--Candle Holders Metal, (silver). 10 Candle Holders Brass.
- 5--Rituals. 1 Syllabus. 1 Ark & Covenant.
- 48--White aprons with Black Border. 3 Black aprons (Triangle).
- 20--Black Robes 3. 20 Swords with Scabbage.
- 1--Steel cabinet. 1--wood cabinet.

18 Hoodwinks

Property of Consistory

- 1 Pair of Black Curtains. ✓
 - 1 Delta for alter (mon) ✓
 - 1 Starter for delta. ✓
 - 1 White Cloth Bordered Red For Rose Croix. ✓
 - 1 alter cloth Black. (Purple on back) ✓
 - 1 set of scales of Justice metal - 1 of wood - ✓
 - 1 apron of the Comp. 32° ✓
 - 1 apron Rose Croix. 18° ✓
 - 1 Apron 14° ✓
 - 1 White table cloth (small) ✓
 - 2 Colum cloths. Red. H.K.M.K. ✓
 - 1 Knight Templar Collar ✓
 - 1 Rose Croix Collar with jewels ✓
 - 1 Chesnut Collar 19° ✓
 - 1 collar Black & white with key. ✓
 - 2 key for alter ✓
 - 1 letter Z for alter ✓
 - 1 word Daggers ✓
 - 16 paper squares. ✓
 - 1 wood square ✓
 - 1 taver Brass ✓
 - 1 Brass Bowl. ✓
 - 1 Horn Glass ✓
 - 7 Vials. ✓
 - 1 syter. ✓
 - 1 Charter. ✓
 - 4 Bibles. ✓
 - 1 Cross with Serpant ✓
 - 2 plain cross (Black) ✓
 - 1 St Andrews cross ✓
 - 1 Jan cross ✓
 - 1 Ladder ✓
 - 12. ~~#~~ supreme Council By laws of constitution
 - 1 Incense Burner. ✓
 - 34 ~~sets~~ By laws of constitution
- North Star Consistory

- 1 Sterlizing pan ✓
- 1 Bullock Box ✓
- 8 Candle Holders metal silver ✓
- 1 Gong. ✓
- 1 pr Spurs. ✓
- 48 White aprons Black Border, 3 Black (Triangle) ✓
- 5 Rituals ✓, 1 syllabus. ✓
- 1 Ark and Covenant. ✓
- 10. Brass Candle holders. ✓
- 20 Swords. ✓
- 3 Black robes. ✓



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VALLEY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
Office of the MOST PUISSANT SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

(401 Indiana Avenue)

the 17th day of Hebrew Month Cheshvan A. M. 5706 answering
to the 25th day of October A. D. 1945
S.: S.: S.:

Mr. John R. Lawrence, Jr.
947 Iglehart Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Frater:

Your letter of the 23rd inst., received. Regarding the expenses of fraters designate to organize your organization, our General Law states as follows: (See Sec. 76-78 incl.) Page 23)

" Sec. 76. No charge shall be made to new subordinate bodies for any services of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander in connection with the organization or institution thereof, except his actual mileage and actual expenses incurred in connection therewith. Any Deputy specially authorized to form new subordinate bodies shall receive, in addition to his actual railroad fare, ten per cent of all moneys collected from prospective members, in connection with the formation of such bodies, which sum shall be in full for his services.

Sec. 77. Whenever a new body is formed in the State for which there is a Deputy of the Supreme Council, any special deputization issued for the purpose, shall run to such Deputy.

Sec. 78. Every new Consistory formed under Dispensation, in addition to paying all other of its financial obligations, shall have, at its formation, on hand in its treasury, for its own purposes, at least One Hundred Dollars. The assessment levied on members for the formation of new bodies shall not less than the minimum amount required by law for conferring the degrees in subordinate bodies."

You will receive a copy of the General Laws and regulations within a few days.

Fraternally yours,

Sumner A. Furniss 33°
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Mr. John R. Lawrence, Jr.
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Dear Frater:

Your letter of the 23rd inst., received. You have doubtless received my telegram sent you from Wilmington. I regret very much my plans have been interrupted so as to prevent me from coming to St. Paul. I wish to assure you that the representatives I have sent are thoroughly competent and will do everything they can to help you with your organizing.

I am in Indianapolis today but am being compelled to hold myself in readiness to return to Delaware and Philadelphia. I think I have explained everything so that there will be no misunderstanding. I shall endeavor to arrange to visit your organization prior to the meeting of the Supreme Council in May.

The expenses of your organization are as follows:

Rituals(3 Complete Sets)	25.00
Dispensation	55.00
Charters	100.00
New Members (Each)	5.00
Re-instatements (Each)	2.00

As soon as you are organized, kindly forward to my office the name of your proposed organization together with full name and address of officers selected and I will forward a Dispensation under which you are to work until the regular meeting of the Supreme Council in May when your charter will be authorized.

I especially deputized the following fraters to take charge of organizing your organization: Ill. Frank M. Summers, Deputy for Illinois, Ill. Robert H. Harper, Recording Secretary of the Supreme Council and Ill. Levi Morris, Commander-in-Chief of Western Consistory.

Trusting that everything will be satisfactory and with assurances of my best wishes to all of the fraters, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Sumner A. Furniss 330
Sumner A. Furniss, 33
M.P.S.G.C.



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the.....14th.....day of Hebrew Month.....Av.....A. M 5705.....answering
to the.....24th.....day of.....July.....A. D. 1945
S.: S.: S.:

Ill. Jose H. Sherwood, 33°
971 St. Anthony St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Ill. Sherwood,

Replying to your letter of recent date, I am pleased to note that you are meeting with success in organizing your Consistory. Keep me advised as to the progress you are making.

Owing to transportation difficulties, it is possible there may be some delay in arranging for the formation of your body. For this reason, I am desirous of keeping in touch with your progress. When you are successful in securing the required number, I will write you as to the cost of same to place your Consistory on a working basis and will arrange to come to St. Paul or send a representative of the Supreme Council to supervise the formation of the bodies etc.,

Trusting to hear from you again soon, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Sumner A. Furniss 33°

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the.....4th.....day of Hebrew Month.....Ellul.....A. M. 5705, answering
to the.....13th.....day of.....August.....A. D. 1945
S.: S.: S.:

Ill. Jose H. Sherwood, 33°
971 St. Anthony Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Ill. Sherwood,

I have given the matter of the organization
of a Consistory in St. Paul much thought.

Because of many angles thereto, I have reached
the decision of not making any attempt to organize
a Consistory in St. Paul until such time as I can per-
sonally visit St. Paul and look over the field and
advise with those Masons there who are interested in
in such an organization.

From previous letters that you have written me
I understand you are planning to leave St. Paul per-
manently and since you are the only Mason with whom I
have had personal contact about this organization, I
feel that in trying to build a strong organization,
I should have more personal knowledge of the back ground
of any new organization to be formed than I now have.
I shall therefore suggest that you and the other fraters
hold the entire matter in abeyance until such time as
I can give the new organization my personal attention
and can have the opportunity of personally looking over
the field.

I will also thank you to forward me a list of
the prospective members you have at this time, and
their addresses.

With sincere best wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours

Sumner A. Furniss 33°
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M.F.S.G.C.



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the.....15th.....day of Hebrew Month.....Adar.....A. M. 5705.....answering
to the.....28th.....day of.....February.....A. D. 1945
S.: S.: S.:

Ill. Jose H. Sherwood, 33°
971 St. Anthony St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Ill. Sherwood,

In reply to your letter, I will say that under our law, I am not authorized to lower the fee to less than \$25.00 per member. I am desirous of having a strong active body in your jurisdiction and I feel it is better to go slow and be sure of our ground work than to attempt to organize hastily without fully understanding all the obligations incurred.

I would like to have at least 25 perspective members who have paid in the fee required and are ready to perfect an organization. If you haven't material to properly give the work, I shall be glad to arrange to have someone come there and assist in the organization.

One thing I must insist on and that is that the organization get off to a proper start and be properly organized thoroughly understanding their duties and rights as a Scottish Rite Mason. We are building for the future and our foundation must be right.

In short, I want your organization to be properly started and built to survive not be a mushroom organization, simply for today or to meet some present day ambition. I shall be glad to do anything I can to help you. Any information your fraters cannot secure from our law, I will be glad to give them.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Sumner A. Furniss 33°
Sumner A. Furniss, 33°
M.P.S.G.C.

St. Paul, Minn., (4) 2-25-45.

Ill. Sumner A. Furness, 33rd, M.P.S.G.C.,
401 Indiana Ave.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Grand Commander:

It was news to me that I have been placed on the Past Active list. Had I have known it I would not have presumed to urge this movement to revive North Star. My idea in holding on to membership during these past years was that there might be a representative of the Supreme Council in this section, hoping that the time would come when the Bodies would get going again. I had been relieved of any moral obligation and knew it not. After having got these young men interested I feel it would be a breach of confidence (perhaps kill their intentions), so I again feel an obligation to see the movement thru.

Tried to call off the meeting of the 17th, but some of the men had made arrangements to lay off from their work and so it was held, altho it would have been better to have written you again ~~and explained about the Warrants and not have read you letter about them.~~ Perhaps you may recall that I attended the sessions of the Supreme Council held in Chicago some years ago and personally brought, and turned in to the Secretary General the Warrants, seal and record-book of North Star, and it was so published in the memographed record of the meeting. ~~I am truly sorry about this this misunderstanding; it was not so good with the men, who felt one of us was somewhat careless as to remembering the affairs of state.~~ Please look up the record of that meeting.

The men scheduled a meeting for March 3rd, with the understanding that I write you and clear this point by that time if possible. ~~During the past week it has been impossible for me to get the time, and energy (particularly the latter) to write,~~ so again I am asking you for an air-mail special if you can conveniently dig up this information.

The men who attended the meeting of the 17th said they were willing to pay \$25 per person but they did not know how the raise in fee would set which the ones who were not in attendance. This was an unfortunate error on my part in setting a price without consulting you, but I did so with the recollection of the old dispensation fee in mind. The men told me to ask you if you would not grant them a fee of \$20.00 each for 20 new applicants. I urge you to do this, as it would erase some of the disappointment. These are a fine set of chaps and they even paid in money after the information was given them at that meeting.

Yours fraternally,

Jose H. Sherwood.



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the.....3rd.....day of Hebrew Month.....Sh'vat.....A. M. 5705.....answering
to the.....15th.....day of.....February.....A. D. 1945
S.: S.: S.:

Ill. Jose H. Sherwood, 33°
971 St. Anthony St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Ill. Sherwood,

I have delayed writing to you as I was trying to find the exact status of your Consistory. I presume you or someone has the Charter of North Star Consistory as they were never returned to me as ordered.

My reason for trying to find out about this is that it would be less expensive to revive the old Consistory than to Charter a new one.

As a question of policy, I am not recommending the establishment of Consistories unless the support of same is sufficient to assure its permanency. I would suggest that an effort be made to secure at least 25 members, either new or old ones.

The cost of forming such an organization either new or reinstated is stipulated in our General Regulations, a copy of which you should have. The fee for new members as you will note is \$25.00. This money over and above money due Supreme Council for charters or re-instatement fee, etc., goes into your treasury.

Should you be able to attend to this work, I shall be glad to designate you to act as my representative. As soon as your organization is fully operating we will be glad to receive recommendations for an active member of the Supreme Council. At present, as you know, you have been passed to the Past Active list.

I would suggest that you try first to arrange to secure the requisite membership and when that is done and the money paid into a treasurer selected by them and then they can communicate with me and I will inform them as to further procedure to follow.

Trusting to hear from you soon, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Sumner A. Furniss 33°
Sumner A. Furniss, 33°
M.P.S.G.C.

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11th

February

1945.

Dr. Sumner A. Furniss,
Most Pussaint Grand Commander,
401 Indiana Ave.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Grand Commander:

Under date of January 24th, I wrote you relative to re-establishing North Star Consistory and saying there would be another meeting Feb. 17th. Have had no reply. Will you please give me the information requested in that letter that I may have it for my action by Saturday.

Respectfully yours,

Jose H. Sherwood,
Deputy.



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the.....25th.....day of Hebrew Month.....Sh'vat.....A. M. 5705.....answering
to the.....9th.....day of.....February.....A. D. 1945
S.: S.: S.:

Ill. Jose H. Sherwood
971 St. Anthony Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Frater:

Your letter of the 24th of January was received while I was out of the city hence, my delay in replying thereto.

I note that there might be a possibility of reviving the Scottish Rite in your City.

I note what you have stated in your letter and I will have to take the whole matter under advisement and will let you have a definite answer within a few days.

With best wishes, I am,

Faternally yours,

Sumner A. Furniss 33°
Sumner A. Furniss, 33
M.P.S.G.C.

SAF:L

24th

January

1945.

Dr. Sumner A. Furness,
Most Excellent Sovereign Commander,
401 Indiana Ave.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Grand Commander:

After years of waiting I am able to report a 'nubble' to you. A group of the younger men here had the urge to take the Chapter and Commandry degrees, (wanting the Shrine.) They met with me last Saturday evening. I explained to them it would necessitate the re-establishment of both these Bodies, and told them the cost. I then told them of the Scottish degrees, and quoted them, subject to your approval, a fee of \$15.00 for the same, provided they could get 15 applicants. They are to meet again Feb. 17th. Do you approve this proposition?

Even at the attractive price I am somewhat fearful of its consumation- you see the draft has been stepped up, and some of these may be called, altho the majority are in defense work; they are all of the men elevated to the M.M. during the last few years, and are under 45, but I can still hope for the best.

Your Deputy explained to them that it is the usual custom that a fee be charged for doing the work, the same going to the Deputy and the Grand Commander- when Ill. Morris re-established North Star, I was among those who were initiated by him, and he claimed about all, I think at this distance he took ALL the money- but your Deputy told these men he would have not a penny of the money- that he only wished to see the Rite working so he could get another to shoulder the responsibility of keeping these degrees alive in this section. What would be the tax per man for these degrees? Make them as low as possible- they are tax shy, and the matter of frequency of meeting was a factor in their choice.

I know not whether any of the old paraphernalia is yet at the Lodge Hall in Minneapolis- will search for it when it is definitely decided to start. I wish to get it going as quickly as possible- have chosen, without his knowledge- one among the men to recommend for the 33rd, that he may relieve me. I am old and near blind, and would have as little responsibility as I can- tired and discouraged. Yes I think you are also.

It will be necessary that there be Sublime Princess to help with the work of getting started- can I round-up the old crowd? Under what conditions? Again make it light- they are, with very few exceptions, little interested.

Fraternalv yours.

971 St. Anthony Ave.,
St. Paul, 4 Minn.
July 30-45.

Ill. Sumner A. Furniss, 33rd
M. P. S. G. Commander,
401 Indiana Ave.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Grand Commander:

Your favor of the 24th received. I am pleased to inform you
we have twenty-three (23) new men paid in full and some 6 or eight more who
are favorable, and six old members who will reinstate . Therefore you can ar-
range to come to St. Paul whenever convenient.

Courteously yours,

Jose H. Sherwood.



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to the 21st day of October A. D. 1945
S.: S.: S.:

Mr. John R. Lawrence, Jr.
947 Iglehart Ave.,
St. Paul 4 Minn.

Dear Frater:

In my letter to you of October 13th, I asked that you arrange for a meeting of all the proposed members of your organization on Sunday afternoon, October 28th at 2 P.M.

Due to the fact that you have a large number to be initiated, I am asking that you have the meeting on Saturday afternoon at 2 P.M. October 27th. We will start the initiation on Saturday and finish on Sunday afternoon.

Kindly let me know by return air mail special delivery mail if you can make these arrangements.

Ill. Robert H. Harper, Ill. Levi H. Morris,
Ill. Frank M. Summers and I will arrive in St. Paul, via the Olympian, at 8:15 A.M. Saturday October 27th.

Trusting to hear from you and looking forward to seeing you soon, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Sumner A. Furniss 33°
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the.....3rd.....day of Hebrew Month.....Tishri.....A. M. 5705.....answering

to the.....10th.....day of.....September.....A. D. 1945

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S.:

Ill. Jose H. Sherwood, 33°
971 St. Anthony Ave.,
St. Paul Minn.

Dear Ill. Sherwood,

I have given the question of the re-construction of North Star Consistory much thought principally because we want to build for the future and for permanency.. I have hesitated about the whole matter because I am unwilling to recommend any action until I have personally had the opportunity to look over the conditions there and the need for such action as would guarantee permanence to the organization.

There should be no need for you to be sensitive over this desire on my part to have a personal knowledge of the conditions existing in the twin Cities This is the usual procedure.

I wish to remind you of the transportation and other difficulties existing for sometime which have made an early visit there impossible. I have this trip on my agenda and plan to arrange to come there sometime this Fall or early Winter. Certain it is that I shall avail myself of the first opportunity to come there and arrange to settle the whole matter.

In your letter sometime ago you spoke of planning to leave St. Paul for permanent residence. Who are you planning to leave in charge of the work when you leave ?

With sincere best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Sumner A. Furniss 33°
Sumner A. Furniss, 33°
M.P.S.G.C.

11/1/70
The meeting was called to order by
the Chairman Bro. Moore. Prayer by Bro
Taylor. Reading of the Treasurers report
he informed them that we now have
12 paid up members. It was suggested by
the chairman that we used two letters of
the Brethren name. We found that we
have 27 members. It was suggested that
the members that have not paid up
be notified, and told that they are hold-
ing up the progress of the club. Bro.
Lawrence suggested we appoint a
committee to wait upon the delinquent
members. It was suggested we try to
round this up in 30 days. Bro. W.B. Shepard
was appointed to contact the Bro. in
Minneapolis. Every one present is
expected to contact those not present
they have until the fifteenth of the
month. The chairman appointed every one
present on the committee Bro. Shepard, Moore
H.T. Powers J. Hargrave J.R. Lawrence Bro. Taylor
Wiseman Eugene Sherwood Bro. Smith
(D. August)
Bro. J. A. Smith was one of the new.

members present and said he is ready to go with us.

Bro. Shumwood read that the charter has been turned in for the North Star Consistor as the Grand secy. informed him by letter. The meeting was adjourned by the chairman 7.25 P.M. The next meeting to be as soon as all the money is paid. Hargrave to see Stubbs

Shumwood	"	"	D. Woodford
Taylor	"	"	D. Sydes
Lawrence	"	"	Lazertiney P.d
Treiman	"	"	Lazertiney P.d
Dwyane	"	"	D.M. Johnson P.d
More	"	"	Tunfell P.d
Powers	"	"	Wedington P.d

The meeting again by repeating the mizpah

L. A. Dwyane acting secy.

Opened at 9:56 with prayer by Bro. Lynn
Remarks by Chairman Moore
Minutes of Feb. 17 read and adopted.
Chairman stated Bro. Henderson
would act as Sec. in Bro. Waddington's
place but could not be present tonight.

Bro. Lawrence suggested that Bro.
Sherwood explain the Consistory
work and he proceeded to do so.
He stated he felt it best that the
Grand Commander come to give
these degrees.

Bro. Lawrence reported on what
progress had been made since
the last meeting.

Motion by Lawrence - second by Guyne
that we meet on Sunday May 20,
June 3 and June 17 at 5 P.M.
and that the final date for complete
payment of the \$25.00 fee be Sunday
June 17, 1945. Passed.

Those who contributed to
the correspondence
expense fund:

	\$
John Murphy	.15
John Lawrence	.15
James Lynn	.15
Ed Moore	.15
Lee Gwynne	.15
Alex Wiseman	.15
Jerry Hargrave	.15
Bert Carter	.15
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	\$ 1.20