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Addendum to the Historical Sketch of Prince Hall Masonry in Minnesota. By John R. Lawrence P.G.M. 33^o R. W. Grand Lecturer.

Previous history was compiled by Past Grand Masters Jose H. Sherwood and George L. Hoage, Sr.

March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and fourteen other free colored men were initiated as Masons in Boston by Army Lodge No. 441 of the Irish Registry. From this group African Lodge No. 1 was organized on July 3, 1776 by authority from the Army Lodge. March 2, 1784, Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England for a Charter or Warrant.

It was granted them September 29, 1784 naming Hall as Worshipful Master, but this Warrant did not reach Boston until April 29, 1787. African Lodge No. 459 was constituted by this Warrant May 6, 1787. In 1792 the number was advanced to 370.

Prince Hall granted a Dispensation to African Lodge No. 459 of Philadelphia on March 29, 1797; this lodge was warranted June 24, 1797.

Hiram Lodge at Providence, Rhode Island was granted a dispensation June 10, 1797 and warranted June 25, 1797.

These three lodges met in general assembly at Masonic Hall on Water Street in Boston on June 24, 1797 and organized African Grand Lodge. The name was changed to "Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Boston: July 24, 1808 and to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, December 11, 1847

Between 1810 and 1814 African Grand Lodge established Union Lodge, Laurel Lodge and Phoenix Lodge in Philadelphia. December 27, 1815 these three lodges organized the "First Independent African Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania" and among lodges warranted by this Grand Lodge were: Corinthian No. 17, True American No. 26 and St. John's No. 27; all of these lodges were warranted in 1848, in Ohio.

The three Ohio lodges organized the Grand Lodge for the State of Ohio in Cincinnati, May 3, 1849. The first Grand Master was J. W. Stringer. The Grand Lodge Ohio established the following lodges in Missouri during 1853 and 1854: Prince Hall Lodge No. 10, Lone Star Lodge No. 22 and McGee Alexander No. 8 in St. Louis. These three lodges withdrew from Ohio in 1865 and organized a Grand Lodge on July 6, 1865 Known as the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

The Ohio Grand Lodge established the following lodges in Illinois: North Star No. 12, Chicago, G. T. Watson No. 16 Alton, Central No. 19, Springfield and Freemont No. 30, Shawneetown. On February 15, 1867, Delegates from North Star, G. T. Watson and Central Lodges met in Convention at Springfield, Illinois to organize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois. After the warrants and constitutions were returned to the Ohio Grand Lodge and other procedures were consummated requisite to establishing their Grand Lodge, The Convention adjourned to meet May 6, 1867 at Springfield to hold the first annual communication. Brother B. R. Rogers was elected the first Grand Master.

About 1875, the Grand Lodge of Missouri established the following lodges in Iowa: York No. 8, North Star No. 31, Des Moines, Summer No. 41, Burlington, Golden Star No. 80, Ottumwa and John G. Jones No. 91, Council Bluffs. These lodges operated under Missouri's jurisdiction until 1881 when they formed "African Grand Lodge of Iowa."

"Hiram Grand Lodge of Iowa" was formed August 26, 1884 by the following lodges, who acknowledged allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Missouri: Clark No. 6, Davenport, North Star No. 31, Des Moines, Sims No. 50, Oskaloosa, Star No. 51, Keokuk, Reed No. 79, Red Oak, Mount Olive No. 86, Cedar Rapids and Cedar Grove U. D. , Cedar Grove.

The two rival Grand bodies, African, under Grand Master G. H. Clagget and Hiram, under Grand Master, Alexander Clark finally met in Des Moines in 1887 in convention and consolidated as the "Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M." Brother George H. Clagget was the first Grand Master. This consolidation therefore brought peace, harmony and love to the troubled Masonic waters of this great State, Iowa.

The various lodges in Minnesota, prior to the formation of a Grand Lodge, were instituted by Grand Lodges of Missouri, Illinois and Iowa. Masonry among men of color in Minnesota reveals an unquestionable, unbroken descent from African Lodge No. 459 of Boston, Massachusetts.

Efforts to organize a Masonic lodge among Negroes residing in St. Paul were evident as early as 1866 or, possibly even earlier. Brother S. Joseph Farr of North Star Lodge No. 12 of Chicago, which at that time was under the jurisdiction of Ohio, was the leading figure in this Masonic movement in Minnesota.

Brother Farr called the first meeting in Andrews Barber Shop on Third Street, Between Cedar and Minnesota Streets. It is said that a dispensation was sought from the new grand lodge of Missouri. The Grand Master of Missouri, Brother H. McGee Alexander, of St. Louis granted the Minnesota group a dispensation. On Saturday August 4, 1866, Brother Moses Dickson, Grand Lecturer of Hannibal, Missouri came to St. Paul and established Pioneer Lodge U. D. The formalities of organization were carried out in office building at Third and Market Streets. The officers and members were: S. Joseph Farr, W.M.; William A. Griffin, S.W.; Israel Grosby, J.W.; Edmund James, Treasurer; Thomas Jackson, Secretary; Robert Bruce, S.D.; David Edwards, J.D.; George B. Williams, S.S.; Frank Crawford, J.S.; Henry Hawkins, Tyler and Lewis Pierson.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri held a Special Communication December 20 to 22; A warrant was granted to Pioneer Lodge and 5 was the assigned number. The Committee on Dispensation in its report of December 21, recommended a warrant, which was approved. Brother Moses Dickson was recognized as the proxy representative of Pioneer Lodge and Brother Farr was appointed the District Deputy Grand Master. The officers of the U.D. Lodge became the charter officers of Pioneer No. 5.

In the Proceedings of the First Annual Communication of the Grand

Lodge of Missouri in 1867 this item appears in the printed record, "Received of Pioneer Lodge , June 8th, \$50.00 for Warrant." In 1868 and in the ensuing years, a complete list of officers and members of this lodge appears.

Early in 1885 the Missouri charter was surrendered. On Friday May 29, 1885, Pioneer received a charter from African Grand Lodge of Iowa and was numbered 12. With this number, Pioneer continued its progressive existence until the formation of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

The second lodge among Minnesota men of color was organized Minneapolis, when on Tuesday, September 5, 1871 a dispensation was granted by Alexander Clark, of Muscatine Iowa, Grand Master of Missouri and Jurisdiction. Brother Clark visited Pioneer lodge officially on Thursday, September 7, 1871 and evidently it was during the period of this visit that he instituted the body known as J. K. Hilyard Lodge U. D. Its charter was granted Tuesday, July 2, 1872 and the number was 38. Officers were: B. C. Yancey, W.M.; D.H. Lewis, S.W.; R.S. Settles, J.W.

In 1882, the Missouri Warrent was surrendered and Brother John Page, Grand Master of African Grand Lodge of Iowa granted a dispensation on Saturday April 15, 1882 and the lodge was warranted number 6.

Monday, August 16, 1886, African Grand Lodge of Iowa dispensated Anchor Lodge of Minneapolis. Anchor Lodge was warranted Number 14 On Friday, July 15, 1887. Officers in 1886 and 1887 were: A.H. Myrick, W.M.; Charles F. Davis, S.W.; George W. Bolden, J.W.

May 12, 1901, Hilyard Lodge and Anchor Lodge consolidated, taking the name "Anchor-Hilyard." The Grand Master of the then organized Minnesota Grand Lodge was a member of this new lodge himself. The warrant was issued on Tuesday, August 20, 1901.

William Stevens Lodge was organized in St. Paul on Monday, December 11, 1882 under authority of a dispensation granted by Grand Master Robert O. Smith of Missouri. It was warranted Wednesday August 22, 1883. The officers, U.D. were: Alfred Robinson, W.M.; Charles Lazenberry, S.W.; John a. Jackson, J.W. It was assigned number 113.

In 1889 dissension arose and more that fifty members withdrew. These brothers then applied to Grand Master Thomas Smith of Illinois for a warrant. He issued a dispensation on June 12, 1889 and appointed William H. Stevens the District Deputy Grand Master. In 1891 the name to this lodge was changed to Minnesota Lodge No. 113. The officers were: Charles Morgan, W.M.; Emmanuel Ford, S.W.; Wade Hampton , J.W.

May 18, 1901, Minnesota Lodge No. 113, Missouri Jurisdiction, surrendered its warrent and became a part of Pioneer Lodge, as did William Stevens Lodge No. 113, Illinois Jurisdiction.

In 1890, William Stevens, D.D.G.M., under Grand Master Smith of Illinois, organized Doric Lodge No. 45 in Duluth, Minnesota with fourteen charter members. Dispensation was granted October 8th and on

October 11, 1890 a Warrant was granted. The three principal officers

were: William Bryant, W.M.; E.T. Rhone, S.W.; John Simmons, J.W.

On Saturday, August 12, 1893, Brother Harvey Houston, a Past Master of Prince Hall Lodge No. 1, St. Louis, acting as the representative of the Grand Master of Missouri, organized a lodge known as Perfect Ashlar In Pioneer Hall. He had conferred the Master Mason degree upon Brother Charles Robinson and had healed Brother Thomas H. Lyles of St. Cyprian Lodge of Pittsburgh. The first officers were: George Duckett, W.M.; Thomas Lyles, S.W.; William B. Elliot, J.W. The Missouri Grand Lodge issued a warrant to this lodge at Kansas City on August 15, 1883 and it was numbered 148.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by each of the several chartered lodges in Minnesota, delegates from five lodges met in the lodge room of Pioneer Lodge No. 12, on Thursday August 16, 1894 to take such measures as were necessary to form a Grand Lodge among Negro Masons.

The convention was called to order by Bro. E.H. Hamilton of J.K. Hilyard Lodge No. 6 of Minneapolis, who presided; Thomas Lyles was appointed President and L.F. De Lyons, the Secretary. Credentials were presented by the delegates, who were received as regular delegates to the Convention, having power from their several lodges to form a Grand Lodge of Free Masons within the State of Minnesota, if deemed expedient. Bro. James Woodfork of Pioneer Lodge No. 12, St. Paul then, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That it is the deliberate opinion of this convention that the permanent good of Masonry demands the formation of a Grand Lodge for Minnesota.

Resolved, that we proceed to the preliminaries for the formation of a Grand Lodge, by an appointment of a committee to draft a Constitution and Regulations for the government thereof, and that said committee be requested to report to this convention at eight o'clock this evening. The President of the convention then appointed such committee.

Thursday evening the 16th at eight o'clock, in August of the year 1894, the delegates to the convention met pursuant to adjournment, when an Occasional Lodge was opened in the third degree, in due and ancient form. P.M. T.H. Lyles acting as W.M. The committee appointed to draft a Constitution and Regulations reported as follows:

To the Masonic Convention, now sitting in the City of St. Paul for the purpose of forming "The Grand Lodge for the State of Minnesota;" The committee, appointed on the forenoon of the 16th instant beg leave to submit the following report: with the following preamble, "We, a committee of five in convention assembled, in order to form a perfect union, establish order, insure tranquillity, provide for and promote the general welfare of the craft, and secure to the fraternity within the State of Minnesota the blessings of masonic privileges, do herein compile for your inspection and approval the following Constitution and By-Laws." The convention adopted a Constitution of twelve articles and fifteen by-laws, which are set forth in their entirety in the Proceedings of the First Communication of the Convention and Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

The First Grand Master of the newly organized Grand Lodge was T. H. Lyles. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota was then Opened and the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens were installed by Bro. George Patterson, Past Master. After assuming their several Stations and the Secretary of the Convention being superceded by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Master proclaimed the election of the Grand officers and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota was duly and legally organized.

Before closing, the Grand Lodge, passed upon several important matters relative to the initiation of administration and functions of the body. Among these matters was a resolution that stated "That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge is hereby authorized and required to issue charters to the following named lodges: Pioneer, Minnesota, Wm. H. Stevens, Perfect Ashlar, Doric and J. K. Hilyard, as soon as application is made."

Pursuant to this action, numbers were assigned as follows: Pioneer No. 1, Minnesota No. 2, William Stevens No. 3, Perfect ashlar No. 4, Doric No. 5, J.K. Hilyard No. 6; August 4, 1897, Anchor Lodge was warranted and assigned No. 7. As previously stated in 1901 Hilyard Lodge and Anchor Lodge merged and became Anchor-Hilyard Lodge; the warrant was issued August 20 and the number assigned was 2.

It is important to note that the new Grand Lodge was styled "Ancient Free and Accwpted Masons." This name was carried until about 1906. In 1907, Grand Master Harry Howard appointed a committee to revise and rewrite the Grand Lodge Constitution and By-Laws. Their work was submitted and adopted by the Grand Lodge in the 1907 session. it was in this work that the name was changed, in that, the word "Ancient" was deleted. We then were termed "Free and Accepted Masons." Past Grand Master William R. Morris was Chairman of this Revision Committee.

Saturday, July 22, 1905 Grand Master William R. Morris issued a Dispensation to Ionic Lodge U.D. in Duluth, Minnesota. The next day, Grand Master Morris assisted by Past Grand Master T.H. Lyles and J. L. Neal and several Members of Doric Lodge opened a lodge of Master Masons, which was called Ionic Lodge; he conferred the three degrees upon ten men. The Grand Master then merged Ionic Lodge with Doric Lodge, of which the ten newly made brothers became members.

Grand Master C. Robertson granted dispensation to form a lodge in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada on May 29, 1914. The lodge was established on Monday June 29, 1914 and was warranted August 18, 1914. The three degrees were conferred upon eight brothers at the time of establishment. Regent Lodge was reported in the subsequent communication of the Grand Lodge to be in a "healthy condition with fifteen members and about thirty applications on file." Charter officers were: A.A. cole, W.M., John Nealy, S.W., E.J. Henry, J.W. This lodge which was known as Regent, when warranted became number 5.

In 1924, Grand Master Walker Williams reported that there was a number of young men in St. Paul interested in becoming Masons. Members of all lodges were invited to participate in the establishment of one more lodge in the Minnesota Jurisdiction. Exercising his prerogative to make Masons at sight, on Sunday May 25,

1924, the Grand Master, with the assistance of Pioneer and Anchor-Hilyard Lodges, made twenty three men Masons in Pioneer Hall. He organized them into a lodge known as Eureka, U.D. On August 20, 1924, the Grand Lodge warranted this lodge as Eureka No. 6. On December 11, 1924, Grand Master Francis deputized P.G.M. Williams to dedicate Eureka No. 6 and install its officers. Bro. Francis reported that this work was commendably done on Thursday December 18, 1924.

In 1924, Grand Master W.T. Francis received a request from eleven Master Masons in Minneapolis to form a new lodge in the city. On Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1925, Bro. Francis visited Anchor-Hilyard Lodge and submitted the matter of the petition to its members. They approved and forthwith, the Grand Master granted a dispensation for the new lodge to known as Palestine U.D. The first officers were: Chester Johnson, W.M., Clyde Allen, S.W., E.H. Comley, J.W. On August 19, 1925, the Grand Lodge chartered the new unit as Palestine No. 7, after the Grand Master had stated that "since its organization the affairs of this lodge have been so conducted as to merit favorable consideration at yours and their request for a permanent charter should be granted."

Pursuant to an adopted recommendation of P.G.M. George Hoage in 1920, "that the Grand Lodge encourage and support the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star in establishing a Grand Chapter O.E.S. in Minnesota," Grand Master Francis appointed a Commission of past grand masters which labored diligently and effectively. On Sunday May 31, 1925 in Union Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, the Grand Chapter O.E.S. for Minnesota and Jurisdiction, was established. This adoptive body of the Grand Lodge was composed of four chapters of ladies bearing Masonic relationship, to Prince Hall Masons. (see History of the Eastern Star in Minnesota)

The Grand Lodge changed its name in 1927, upon recommendation of Grand Master John Dillingham. His resolution stated, "That, this Grand Lodge, So organized in 1894, shall be styled and known by the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota and its Masonic Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation."

In his report to the thirty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Dillingham stated that in March of 1927 he had received a petition from a Mr. Robert Tate of Fergus Falls, Minnesota to establish a Masonic lodge there. He had also received a petition from D.D.G.M. Oliver Taylor and six other St. Paul Masons to organize in the northern Minnesota town. On March 20, Brother Dillingham went to Fergus Falls, where he initiated, passed and raised eight brothers and elected Brother Minor Anderson the Worshipful Master. The lodge was placed under dispensation as Jethro Lodge U.D. After meeting all prerequisites this lodge became number 8 on the Minnesota roster. Their warrant was granted August 22, 1928, their first Senior and Junior Wardens were Vergil Anderson and Frank Pennick respectively.

1929 found Jethro Lodge No. 8 not progressing well. Lack of potential material stunted its growth. Some of the members had lost

their employment and had to depart for other places. The great depression had begun to cast its ominous shadow upon our fair land.

In November 1929, Brother Dillingham stated that he had received a letter from a Brother T.H. Golden, Secretary of Pride of Alberta Lodge at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. This lodge was then under the jurisdiction of the state of Washington, but desired to transfer to the Minnesota Jurisdiction. After several such efforts on their part, Brother Dillingham expressed the feeling that some action should be taken. He stated that, "I remember having received from them some two years ago, and at that time I wrote the Grand Master of the Washington Jurisdiction and asked him if there was any reason why this lodge should not leave his jurisdiction. He received no reply. In the letter referred to, they seemed very anxious to transfer and were willing to pay all of their indebtedness to the Washington Jurisdiction and ask for relief. I informed the lodge that, if they would meet the requirements, I would grant them a charter."

The conditions having been met, on December 31, 1929, Brother Dillingham accepted the lodge and ordered a charter be delivered to them. He deputized Past Master M.G. Jackson to install the officers. Their first officers were: Dr. E.A. Cobbs, W.M.; Harry Cobbs, S.W.; H.M. Hamilton, J.W.

At the 37th annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, Bro. George Johnson, reported on the condition of the craft in ominous terms. The depression was gaining a potent grasp upon the nation.

The situation was more grave at the next annual communication. Several lodges were experiencing difficulty with property that had been purchased.

Brother Johnson appealed to the Grand Lodge to exercise every prerogative to hold the lodges intact. He stated, "the strong should help those who are weak."

Grand Master George Johnson recommended that Jethro No. 8 surrender its charter, as membership had declined to the point the Lodge was no longer able to function. It was in August, 1934, however before the warrant was finally taken up by Grand Master Chester Johnson.

Bro. Chester Johnson related that he visited Doric Lodge in Duluth August 4, 1934. There were three active members there at that time, who requested surrendering their charter and placing their membership in Twin City lodges. Upon Grand Master Chester Johnson's recommendation Doric's charter was recalled, "until such time as they might be in position to continue their labor, then the warrant can be returned to Doric without charges for a new one." Subsequent legislation granted the proper fraternal charity and protection to the brother of Fergus Falls and Duluth. The influence of diverse federal aids and projects tended to stabilize the plight of our lodges by 1936. The Twin City bodies had maintained their existence, but the loss of property had been severe.

May 24, 1936 found sufficient brothers in Duluth to restore the charter to Doric No. 3.

Pride of Alberta No. 9 and Eureka No. 6, however, were beset with problems and internal difficulties. Pride of Alberta Lodge surrendered its charter and its last report to the Grand Lodge was made to the 44th annual communication in 1938. Eureka functioned five years more.

Brother Cester Johnson served 1932 to 1938. Brother Samuel Ransom served in 1938 and 1939 followed by Brother George Hoage, Jr. in 1940 and 1941. Brother Hector Hunter came to the Grand East at the beginning of World War II, 1942. Brother George Hoage, Sr. was again elected to the Grand Master's office in 1943 and 1944.

Grand Master Hoage, Sr. and several Grand Officers visited Eureka Lodge No. 6 in 1943 to investigate their problems. It was found that their few faithful members could see no future for their lodge. It was decided that their warrant be surrendered. This was done. Grand Master's certificates were given to all brothers in good standing, all but one joined either No.1 or No.4. All of their assets were liquidated, indebtedness paid, and all funds remaining were placed in the general fund of the Grand Lodge. The Jurisdiction regretted losing another subordinate unit.

The Golden Anniversary of the Minnesota Grand Lodge--fifty years of existence as a Grand Body--was appropriately celebrated with valuable assistance from the Order of the Eastern Star in August 1944. A stimulating program was conducted at Pilgrim Baptist Church in St. Paul. In this program testimony was given to the sterling leadership, the quality of membership and the constructive, progressive labor, as Builders of the Craft in the North Star State. A substantial niche had be carved for Minnesota Masons among the Prince Hall Grand Lodges of the nation.

The administrations of Grand Master Lawrence Tarver in 1945 and 1946 found peace and harmony throughout the Jurisdiction and wholesome relations existing between Minnesota and the Masonic World. Brother Tarver recommended and the Grand Lodge approved and made plans to create a Scholarship Fund from which scholarships would be given to worthy boys and girls. The Masonic Burial Service was Standardized through recommendation of the Grand Lecturer, Brother John Hickman, Jr.

Grand Master Charles D. Doty served the Jurisdiction diligently and well from 1947 to 1953. It remains for the Fates of History to inscribe the record on the Tablets of the Future.

To be noted, however, are many current contributions that Grand Master Doty has given the Jurisdiction. Our position in the Grand Master's Conference has been evident through his annual attendance at their sessions. Attempts have been made to stabilize and enlarge our Burial Relief Fund; our dues cards have been revised to provide a standard card commensurate with other Prince Hall Jurisdictions. A Public Memorial Service preceding the sitting of the Grand Lodge, solemnly and spiritually tenders respect to the memory of departed brethren.

The observance of Prince Hall Day in September of each year is an eloquent gesture to utter hymns of praise and thanksgiving to the Deity in behalf of our Founder and Progenitor.

Early in 1950, Grand Master Doty had received letters and petitions from a group of irregular Masonic brethren living in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They desired regular affiliation with the Minnesota Body. Investigation revealed that they had made no petitions to other Prince Hall Bodies. Their number was small, but their prayer was fervent and their hopes were courageous. On Tuesday May 30, 1950, Brother Doty with seventeen Twin City Masons journeyed to Sioux falls where he opened an Occasional Lodge and entered, passed and raised seven brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Grand Master Doty supervised the election of the charter officers who were: Maurice Coakley, W.M.; Dan Coates, S.W.; George Bush, J.W..

The name Alpha Lodge U.D. was selected. After presenting ritualistic equipment and instructions, the Grand Master closed the lodge. An excellent banquet was served by the Sioux Falls ladies in St. John's Baptist Church. Alpha Lodge, having functioned properly, was enumerated number 10 by the 1951 Grand Lodge.

To protect the incorporate name of the Grand Lodge from encroachment by bogus, spurious bodies of Masons, Brother Doty called the Grand Lodge in Special Session in St. Paul on Friday June 2, 1950.

He explained the reasons and proposed changing the name to the "Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction." This was done without dissent, as the Craft realized the import and the necessity to protect our name and recognition as Prince Hall Masons. The amended name was incorporated in the office of the Secretary of State and registered in Ramsey County on Thursday, June 8, 1950. The grand Lodge is now styled the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star invited the Grand Lodge to participate in its Silver Anniversary in May 1950.

Brother Doty and the Craft responded gallantly and shared joy with the Sisters upon twenty five successful and eventful years of administration. Mrs. Edna Lindsey was Grand Matron and Brother John R. Lawrence was Grand Patron of the Order at that time. We, as Prince Hall Masons, are proud that our relations with this Sisterhood have been pleasant and cordial through the years.

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ACACIA LODGE #12, Minot, North Dakota. U.D. March 6, 1965. Charter issued Sept. 14, 1965. W.M. A.R. Copeland;; S.W. R.C. Thomas;; J.W. R. Howard.

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JETHRO LODGE #8, Minneapolis, Minnesota. U.D. July 1, 1983. Charter issued September 24, 1983. W.M. Gordon G. Ash;; S.W. Joslyn W. Wilson;; J.W. Billy G. Lee.

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SIMON OF CYRENE LODGE #13, Rochester, Minnesota. U.D. September 3, 1983. Charter issued Sept. 16, 1987. W.M. Steve Crawford;; S.W. Keith McCallister;; J.W. Chester Ross.

M.W.G.M. Morris S. Miller;; D.G.M. Charles Milliner;; S.W. Hayward McKerson;; J.W. Ronald Wilson;; Treas. Robert Johnson and Secy. Charles E. Cook, Sr.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE #15, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Charter issued September 17, 1986. W.M. Jerry Moore;; S.W. Martin Mason;; J.W. Fitzroy Clark.

M.W.G.M. Morris S. Miller;; D.G.M. Charles E. Milliner;; S.W. Barry Boyd;; J.W. Ronald Wilson;; Treas. Robert Johnson and Secy. Charles E. Cook, Sr.

MOUNT SINAI LODGE #16, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. U.D. February 8, 1987. Charter issued September 20, 1988. W.M. Clyde Hamilton;; S.W. Woodford McHugh;; J.W. Keith Hinds.

M.W.G.M. Morris S. Miller;; D.G.M. James K. Ash;; S.W. William A. Richardson;; J.W. George Leonard;; Treas. Robert H. Johnson and Secy. Charles E. Cook, Sr.

THETA LIBERTUS LODGE #17, Minneapolis, Minn. U.D. August 6, 1989. Charter issued Sept. 19, 1990. W.M. Arthur Collins;; S.W. Cyril E. Murray;; J.W. H. Kwaku Addy.

M.W.G.M. Morris S. Miller;; D.G.M. James Ash;; S.W. William A. Richardson;; J.W. Cornelius Davis;; Treas. Robert H. Johnson and Secy. Charles J. Srargrass, Sr.

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M.W.G.M. Morris S. Miller,; D.G.M. Charles Milliner,; S.W. Hayward McKerson,; J.W. Ronald Wilson,; Treas. Robert Johnson and Secy. Charles E. Cook, SR.

SIMON OF CYRENE LODGE #13, Rochester, Minnesota. U.D. September 3, 1983. Charter issued Sept. 16, 1987. W.M. Steve Crawford,; S.W. Keith McCallister,; J.W. Chester Ross.

M.W.G.M. Morris S. Miller,; D.G.M. Charles Milliner,; S.W. Hayward McKerson,; J.W. Ronald Wilson,; Treas. Robert Johnson and Secy. Charles E. Cook, Sr.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE #15, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Charter issued September 17, 1986. W.M. Jerry Moore,; S.W. Martin Mason,; J.W. Fitzroy Clark.

M.W.G.M. Morris S. Miller,; D.G.M. Charles E. Milliner,; S.W. Barry Boyd,; J.W. Ronald Wilson,; Treas. Robert Johnson and Secy. Charles E. Cook, Sr.

MOUNT SINAI LODGE #16, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. U.D. February 8, 1987. Charter issued September 20, 1988. W.M. Clyde Hamilton,; S.W. Woodford McHugh,; J.W. Keith Hinds.

M.W.G.M. Morris S. Miller,; D.G.M. James K. Ash,; S.W. William A. Richardson,; J.W. George Leonard,; Treas. Robert H. Johnson and Secy. Charles E. Cook, Sr.

THETA LIBERTUS LODGE #17, Minneapolis, Minn. U.D. August 6, 1989. Charter issued Sept. 19, 1990. W.M. Arthur Collins,; S.W. Cyril E. Murray,; J.W. H. Kwaku Addy. M.W.G.M. Morris S. Miller,; D.G.M. James Ash,; S.W. William A. Richardson,; J.W. Cornelius Davis,; Treas. Robert H. Johnson and Secy. Charles J. Srargrass, Sr.

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