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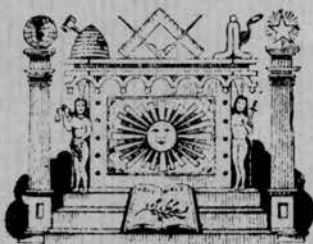
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF
MINNESOTA AND ITS JURISDICTION



76th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held at

**Yankton, South Dakota
September 15, 16, 1970**

MARION L. BROWN Most Worshipful Grand Master
CHALMER L. LAWSON, P. G. M., R.W. Grand Secretary
JOHN R. LAWRENCE, P.G.M., C.C.F.C.

P R O C E E D I N G S

SEVENTY SIXTH

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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F & A. M.

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SEPT. 15-16, 1970

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TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

The 76th Annual Communication convened with Alpha Lodge # 10, opening in ritualistic form.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Marion L. Brown, and his cabinet was then escorted in and given grand honors.

Report from the Credential Committee. There were twelve (12) representatives from three (3) subordinate lodges. The Most Worshipful Grand Master declared that there being a sufficient number of representatives, he declared the 76th Communication opened in ample form.

The welcome Address was given by Bro. Willie Johnson of Alpha Lodge # 10, W. M. Response given by Bro. Isaac Fields, Acting W. M. Mosiac \$ 11.

The gavel was turned over to the D.G.M., Martin O. Weddington # 4, to preside during the Grand Master's Address.

Reading of PROCLAMATION by Grand Secretary.

July 15, 1970

To all Grand Lodge officers, Past and Present; Worshipful Masters, Warden and Brethren, owing allegiance to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge State of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction:

GREETINGS:

Be it known that I, Marion L. Brown, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall (F.A.M.) State of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction, by the authority vested in me and in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge; do hereby summon all Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Subordinate Lodge Representatives to convene for the 76th Annual Communication to be held Sept. 15th and 16th, 1970 at Yankton, South Dakota.

The above Proclamation was drawn up and signed, and delivered throughout the Minnesota Jurisdiction; there-by removing any doubts as to the legality of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and accepted Masons, State of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction, Annual Communication Session.

Given under the hand and seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Master this 15th Day of July 1970, A. L.

Fraternally yours,
MARION L. BROWN, M.W.G.M.

The Grand Chaplain, Bro. James Adams, was escorted to the altar for the purpose of prayer, after which Bro. Willie D. Gray # 4 sang the hymn "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross," accompanied by the Grand Organist, Bro. William M. Davis # 2.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

Sept. 15, 1970

TO: The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, Present and Past Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Proxies and Brethren in this our 76th Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction,

FRATERNAL GREETINGS -

We are assembled in the proud city of Yankton, in the proud state of South Dakota, to give an account of our stewardship, transact such other business as may properly come before us, and to elect officers.

Worshipful Grand Wardens you will arch the Worshipful Grand Chaplain, so that he may approach the Sacred Altar, that he may make supplication to our Heavenly Father and acknowledge our failings and plead that His mercy will ever sustain us.

NECROLOGY

Deity has sounded the tocsin, whereby nine brothers have answered its command and are now at peaceful rest in the City of Eternity. We cannot close this register without honorable reference of Senior Past Grand Master Samuel L. Ransom. We miss his congeniality and dedication, and yet we can find solace in knowing that the loss of our brethren in death is Heaven's gain.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS -

The numerous Proceedings we have received plus our correspondence to them is a strong indication of real brotherhood. The relationship with our Concordant Bodies and Appendant Rites continue to unfold most favorably. Our presence and participation in the Summit Conference for Grand Masters, sponsored by the Northern and Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, (Prince Hall Affiliation).

The Conference of Grand Masters and the Pilgrimage to the grave of our first Grand Master, Prince Hall, in Boston was endowed with reverence, good fellowship and inspiration. Although we experienced a restructuring of the Conference, we still must wait the accruing benefits of this action. Past Grand Masters, Percy A. Haynes and Laverzell P. Greene also were participants. The Conference did approve of our nomination of P.G.M. Haynes as Regional Director for the midwestern states. The approved calendar for future Conferences list, Jackson, Miss., for 1971 and St. Paul for 1972.

Pursuant to the desires of several brethren to reactivate Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch Masons of the Most Excellent General Conference of Grand Chapters Holy Royal Arch Masons, Inc., Prince Hall Affiliation, United States of America. This office after careful consideration and correspondence granted permission to the General

Grand High Priest to renew our former affiliation. On the seventh and eighth day of August, nineteen companions and knight templars were arched and dubbed. We solicit your prayers for a successful Royal Arch Chapter and Commandery in this Jurisdiction.

THE STATE OF THE CRAFT

A critical examination of the Craft can best be described as improved. This statement is not meant that there are no voids. The Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters will reveal to you some of the problems that may exist. Our Official visits to the subordinate Lodges revealed their work was in order. We pay a sincere debt of gratitude in that they received us with Grand Honors and laid the proverbial red carpet of Hiram. We did experience a sense of heaviness on learning of the planned departure from District # 6 of two of our active Grand Lodge Officers, namely, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Clinton M. Washington and Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, Marcus J. Smith. Their Brother, James E. Eubank, was appointed to complete the year's work of District Deputy Grand Master. The records will reveal that this District is one of our most valuable assets.

VISITATIONS

Sept. 17, 1969		The Grand Lodge Diamond Jubilee Banquet at the Pick-Nicollet Hotel, Mpls., Minn.
Sept. 18,	"	Prince Hall Grand Chapter of O.E.S., of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction.
Sept. 19,	"	Grand Chapter O.E.S. Banquet at Holiday Inn, St. Paul, Minn.
Sept. 25,	"	Participated in the District Meeting of Model Cities which was held at my home.
Sept. 26,	"	Congratulated Brother Kelly H. Turner, P.G. Warden, on his fifty years of continuous membership.
Oct. 4,	"	Recognition Banquet North Star Consistory #14, Holiday Inn, St. Paul.
Oct. 25,	"	Past Master's Council, St. Paul.
Nov. 25,	"	Pioneer Lodge # 1, Past Master's Party, Sweden House, St. Paul.
Dec. 14,	"	Past Master's Council, Minneapolis.
Jan. 11, 1970		Fezzan Temple # 26, Annual Feast.
Jan. 24,	"	Past Master's Council, Minneapolis.
Feb. 18,	"	Home of Brother Ransom, now deceased, for prayer.
Feb. 26,	"	Official Visitation District # 2.
Mar. 18,	"	Official Visitation District # 1.
Apr. 4,	"	Official Visitation District # 3.
Apr. 18,	"	Official Visitation District # 5.
Apr. 19,	"	Grand Chapter Official Visitation of Ruth Chapter # 14, Worthington, Minn.
Apr. 25,	"	Official Visitation Mosaic Lodge # 11
May 2,	"	Spring Conference, Minneapolis.

May 3, 1970		Fraternal Worship Service Sabathani Church, Mpls.
May 9-11,	"	Supreme Council, Detroit, Mich.
May 16,	"	Official Visitation Acacia # 12.
May 29,	"	Fezzan Temple # 26, Gala Day Observance.
May 29,	"	Memorial Day Service, Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul.
May 30,	"	Fezzan Temple # 26, Worship Service, St. Peter's A. M. E. Church, Minneapolis.
June 6,	"	Official Visit District # 7.
June 14,	"	Esther Day Service, Mt. Olivet Church, St. Paul.
June 21,	"	St. Johns Day Service, St. James AME Church, St. Paul.
June 29,	"	Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4, Award night.
June 28,	"	Grand Chapter O.E.S. Tea, Minneapolis.
Aug. 13-16	"	Conference of Grand Masters, Boston, Mass.
Aug. 16,	"	Masonic Pilgrimage, Boston, Mass.
Aug. 17-18-19		Shrine Imperial Session, Boston, Mass.

DISPENSATIONS

Oct. 7,	"	Doric Lodge # 3	Work out of time	Fee \$2.00
Oct. 20,	"		Work out of time	Fee \$2.00
Nov. 20,	"	Regent Lodge # 5	Work out of time	Fee \$2.00
Mar. 18,		Palestine Lodge # 7	Healing	No fee
May 24,		Acacia Lodge # 12	Raised 7 Candidates	Fee \$2.00
June 23		Acacia Lodge # 12	Request of May 24th reduced to 5 Candidates	\$2.00 credit.
July 17,		Palestine Lodge # 7	Work out of time	Fee \$2.00
July 29		Doric Lodge # 3	Two Degrees in one night.	Fee \$2.00

OFFICIAL ACTS

1. Assigned City of Grand Lodge Communication to Yankton, S.D., after conferring with Alpha Lodge # 10.
2. Granted dispensation for six months, beginning Nov. 1st at half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the regular fee.
3. Directed District Deputies for list of all Past Masters.
4. Issued Proclamation for Spring Conference.
5. Directed Committee of Grievances and Appeals to confer with Pioneer Lodge regarding understanding of the new increase in per capita Tax.
6. Directed Grand Trustees to check the contents of safety Deposit Box.
7. Issued Proclamation for St. John's Day.
8. Held regular cabinet meetings.

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OFFICIAL ACTS (Cont):

9. Appointed Bro. James Adams of Lodge # 1, as Assistant Grand Chaplain.
10. Appointed Bro. James Eubank of Lodge # 11 to serve as District Deputy Grand Master # 6.
11. Notified Senior Grand Warden to serve in the office of Grand Master during the visit of Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master to the Supreme Council in Detroit, Mich.
12. Traveled to Detroit at my expense.
13. Notified Deputy Grand Master to serve in the office of Grand Master during visit to Conference of Grand Masters.
14. Participated in Memorial Day Service at Oakland Cemetery.

SUMMARY

We are grateful to the many Jurisdictions in permitting us to review their Annual Proceedings. Many hours has been spent in digesting their contents. We know that most of our knowledge comes from the information of others.

There are many matters of our years stewardship which our Grand Lodge Committees will report in detail for your consideration. To them we give our heartfelt thanks.

The tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth was truly evident in all of our Official Visitations. We commend the Craft in pursuing this Godly dedication and recognition. We shall not become amiss in failing to give signal honor for the thirty-two Past Grand Masters (the living and the dead), whose untiring labor permitted us to be here thus assembled.

CONCLUSION

As we enter the decade of the seventies, there are many presently saying: "All is not well. Whither shall we go?" The Prophet Jeremiah epitomizes our thinking when he said: "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?"

To understand the writings and lectures of many informed people, should enable all of us to devote our lives to constructive thinking and action. Rev. J. H. Jackson, President of the National Baptist Convention in addressing the National Baptist Sunday School Congress in 1965 was very eloquent when he expounded, what we must do to relieve the negative conditions in today's world. There are five institutions we must touch, namely:

1. Right use of the classroom.
2. Voting Booth.
3. Good relationship with friends and factories.
4. The bank.
5. The Church.

As we clear out trestle-board, permit me to recite E. P. Allerton's analogy of "Beautiful Things," which I dedicate to you and all Prince Hall wherever assembled.

Beautiful Faces are those that wear-
It matters little if dark or fair-
Whole-souled honesty printed there.

Beautiful eyes are those that show,
Like crystal panes where hearthfires glow,
Beautiful thoughts that burn below.

Beautiful lips are those whose words
Leap from the heart like songs of birds,
Yet whose utterance prudence guards.

Beautiful hands are those that do
Work that is honest and brave and true,
Moment by moment the long day through.

Beautiful feet are those that go
On kindly ministries to and fro,
Down lowliest ways, if God wills it so.

Beautiful shoulders are those that bear
Ceaseless burdens of homely care
With patient grace and daily prayer.

Beautiful lives are those that bless
Silent rivers of happiness,
Whose hidden fountains but few may guess.

Again we thank you for permitting us to travel with you and
for you.

Yours in Masonry,

MARION L. BROWN,
M. W. Grand Master.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We recommend that the Finance Committee evaluate the 75th Anniversary Banquet given at the Pick-Nicollet Hotel by the Host Lodge and reimburse said Lodge of their deficit of \$108.36 which was disbursed from their general fund.
2. We recommend that after Jan. 1, 1971, that no Master Mason of this Jurisdiction pursue the ceremonies of initiation in the Concordant Bodies and Appendant Rites of Prince Hall Masonry, until he has proven proficient in the obligation of the third degree.
3. We recommend that the wearing of all Masonic jewelry with derogatory connotations be abandoned. e.g. re: "The Balls and Cane."
4. We recommend that a youth committee and a student aid and scholarship committee be standing committees of three with staggered terms of service.
5. We recommend support to the:
 1. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
 2. United Negro College Fund, Inc.
 3. National Urban League, Inc.
 4. The National Foundation - March of Dimes.
6. We recommend that the Prince Hall Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Stars of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction be presented a

6. good-will bouquet of fresh flowers during their 45th Annual Communication.
7. We recommend continued and active participation in the Annual Conference of Grand Masters.
8. We recommend participation in The International Supreme Council Order of the Knights of Pythagoras at their workshop and demonstration meeting to be held in the Holiday Inn, Kansas City, Kansas on the 19th and 20th days of September.
9. We recommend that \$50.00 be contributed for the support of the Prince Hall Information Center, and \$40.00 to the Legal Defense Fund, Inc., of the N.A.A.C.P., at the Conference of Grand Masters.
10. We recommend that burial relief be increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00 on the certification of ten years of continuous membership and have continued in good standing in the Minnesota Jurisdiction.
11. We recommend that Past Grand Treasurers and Past Grand Secretaries be eligible nominees to the office of Grand Master.
12. We recommend the Grand Master issue a duplicate charter, free of charge, changing the name to Worthington, Minn.
13. We recommend the Annual Proceedings be released three (3) months after the closing of the Grand Lodge Communication.

A motion by Bro. P.G.M. John McHie # 7 and seconded by Bro. Jerry Robbins # 1 that this address be received and be placed into the hand of proper committees. Motion carried.

Report from Committee on "ORDER OF THE DAY." No report available for printing.

COMMITTEE ON RULES REPORT:

To the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction:

GREETINGS:

We, your Committee on Rules, submit the following report:

The Grand Body will open at 9:00 A. M. on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1970, and will be called from labor to refreshments at 1:00 P. M., and called from refreshments to labor at 2:30 P. M. The Grand Master will call off at 6:00 P. M.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1970, the Grand Master will call the Craft from Refreshments to labor at 9:00 A. M.---Call from Labor to refreshments at 1:00 P. M. Labor will resume at 2:00 P. M., and the session will continue until the conclusion of all business, and the Election of Officers.

Members of the Grand Lodge and Visitors are requested to refrain from smoking in this edifice.

(Luncheon at the skyline Motel)

Respectfully submitted,

TED BLAKEY

CHAS. J. SNARGRASS, SR.

The report was read by the Chairman, Bro. Chas. J. Snargrass. A Motion by Bro. Milton Henry # 1, seconded by Bro. George Wilson # 1 that the report be received. Motion carried.

COMMISSION ON NON-PRINCE HALL MASONS REPORT:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and members of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction:

GREETINGS:

During the past year discussions have been held with non-Prince Hall Masons. Progress has been slow in some respects. These talks have been met with favorable results. At the beginning of these talks it was the intent of this Commission, with the approval of the Grand Master and Prince Hall Grand Lodge to incorporate the members of the Yorkrite Bodies of North Star Grand Lodge who wish to become members of the Prince Hall family. But due to the reaction of the female groups in the Yorkrite Lodges, this plan has been altered. Where as any Yorkrite Mason desiring to change his Lodge and come over to the Prince Hall side of Masonry may do so. This plan is now in operation and some members are coming into the Prince Hall fold singularly. To date a few have been healed at this time there are several petitions pending and these petitions will be taken into consideration by the various Blue Lodges of their choice. Progress along these lines is showing much interest and we, the Commission, are moving along at a faster rate. I am sorry I cannot be with you at this our 76th Grand Communication, but due to business conditions, I am unable to attend.

JOSEPH C. PATTERSON, Chairman
P.G.M.

John L. McHie, Jr., P.G.M.
Martin O. Weddington, D.G.M.
Robert H. Johnson, G. L.
Clarence W. Smith

The report was read by Bro. Robert H. Johnson # 7. A motion by Bro. Robert H. Johnson # 7, seconded by Bro. McClinton Webb # 7 that the report be received. Motion carried.

GRAND TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction 76th Communication.

We, the Trustee Committee, submit our report and findings. We surveyed the office of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Librarian, the safety deposit box and its contents at the 1st Bloomington Lake Bank of Minneapolis, and checked the Paraphanalia. The majority of our findings may be reviewed in the ledger book. After observing the Grand Master's collar, we found it in need of relining. Consulting Sister Helen Lawrence, who we know to be very capable in the art of needle work, she gladly did the job at a most reasonable price of five (\$5.00) dollars. With the proper use and care it will last for a number of years. We would like to know the whereabouts of the Canadian Flag. It is pleasing to learn of the sound relief fund in the Midwest Federal of \$3,890.16 and \$15,000.00 investment at 1st National Bank. Federal Land Bank Debentures. Putnam Groth

Fund in which the full report will be submitted by the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer. It is gratifying to know that Pride of Alberta # 9 has presented us with the Canadian Flag. How great it is to have such dedication. Thanks to Brother McClinton Murphy, W. M., Richard Kampges, and Ray Heslep.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Sister Helen Lawrence be sent a check for \$5.00 for relining the Grand Master's collar.
 - a. Purchase a large filing cabinet for the Grand Lodge Office to keep important documents.
2. That a new typewriter be furnished for the office of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.
3. That the Grand Librarian have on hand at all times fifty dollars in his contingent funds.
 2. Monies accumulated from sales over fifty dollars be turned over immediately to R.W. Grand Secretary.
4. That a blank form should be signed by any Brother having in his possession at his home property of this Grand Lodge. In case of death or other causes, the spouse would release same at the request of this Grand Lodge.
5. That the Canadian Flag be kept in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

CLARENCE W. SMITH, Chairman
Chalmer L. Lawson
William D. McAdams
Nathaniel L. Hardy

The report was read by Bro. William D. McAdams # 7. A motion by P.G.M. Lapercell P. Greene # 4, seconded by Bro. Lee Wiley # 3 that the report be received and the Recommendations be compiled with. Motion carried.

Bro. Floyd Tiller # 5 presented this Grand Lodge with A Canadian Flag and it was accepted by Bro. Clarence W. Smith # 7, Chairman Grand Trustee, and asked the members of Pride of Alberta Lodge # 9 to approach the altar to receive thanks for their presentation of the Canadian Flag.

Bro. Clarence W. Smith # 7 asked that he be given a moment to bring some constructive remarks to this Body for them to think about.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC AWARDS

Yankton, S. Dak.
Sept. 15, 1970

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and Brethren of the Craft.

GREETINGS:

The Committee on Masonic Awards has awarded our trophy to Brother Theodore Ruffner of Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4, F. & A. M. of St. Paul, Minnesota.

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For dedicated work and activity we award citations to:

EDWARD L. BOYD of Palestine # 7

ANDREW CLARK, JR. of Anchor Hilyard # 2

MAURICE MITCHELL of Mosaic # 11

All nominees of their respective Lodges. Mosaic Lodge # 11 of Grand Forks, AFB, with an increase of 16 members during the Masonic year receives the Big Gavel at this Communication.

Fraternally submitted,

P.G.M. JOHN R. LAWRENCE, Chairman

P.G.M. PIERCY HAYNES - P.G.M. LAPERCELL GREENE

PGM. CHALMER LAWSON - P.G.M. J. L. MCHIE, JR.

Report from Committee on Awards was verbally given by P.G.M. John R. Lawrence # 4. A motion by Bro. William M. Davis # 2, seconded by Bro. Norman Bell # 1 that the report be received. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Committee appointed to prepare resolutions relative to numerous contributions of time and effort during the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge in its 76th meeting, wish to make the following report:

Whereas, the numerous contributions of time and effort having been contributed by the very faithful Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Whereas, so that we, the Resolutions Committee, may offer our sincere heartfelt appreciation for the many courtesies that have been so very unselfishly extended: therefore be it--

Resolved that this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge acknowledge in writing the many courtesies it received in the use of the United Church of Christ (Congregational).

That Alpha Lodge No. 10 be extended a written letter of thanks for the wonderful way that this Grand Lodge was entertained, it being a very gracious host.

Be it further resolved, that a letter of thanks be sent to the following for their kindness, thoughtfulness, and courtesies during this Session:

Governor Frank Farrar, Skyline Motel, First United Methodist Church, Hotel Charlen Gurney, Starlite Inn, Flamming Court, Fensel's Motel, Double Eagle Chorus of Yankton, and Kochi Motel.

And any other persons who rendered services.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these Resolutions be placed in the Proceedings, so that future generations will know that we have been grateful and thankful to those who have been thoughtful of us.

Your Resolutions Committee,

WAYNE GLANTON # 7, Chairman

Willie E. Johnson # 9

P.G.M. L. P. Greene # 4

ATTESTED:

Yankton, S. Dak.

Sept. 16, 1970

A motion by Bro. James Adams # 1, seconded by Bro. George Wilson, Jr. # 1 that the resolutions be received and acted upon. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers, Wardens, and Brothers:--

We, the Committee of Charity, submit our report to the 76th Communication of Minnesota Grand Lodge, 1969 & 1970.

We paid from the Grand Lodge Treasure this amount:--

N.A.A.C.P.....	\$100.00
United Negro College Fund.....	10.00
National Polio Foundation.....	10.00
Urban League.....	10.00
Fezzan Temple Scholarship Fund..	10.00
Prince Hall Information Center..	40.00

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD E. DAVIS # 7, Chairman

Harvey A. Moss # 7 - E. N. Bailey # 5

Clarence Duke # 4 - Carl H. Griffin # 1

A motion by P.G.M. Piercy Haynes # 5, seconded by Nathaniel Hardy # 1 that the report be received. Motion carried.

The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshments for one Masonic hour to resume at the sound of the gavel in the East.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to Labor by the sound of the gavel in the East.

Reading of Minutes of Morning Session. The Minutes stood approved as read with necessary corrections.

We had visitors from Sioux City, Iowa. The Grand Master appointed a Committee to call on Bro. Edward Stone, Dakota Lodge # 14. The Committee found Bro. Edward Stone to be in good standing with his Lodge and was escorted to the altar and given welcome by the M.W.G.M. Marion L. Brown.

Reading of correspondence asking change in Grand Lodge Session. A motion by C. L. Lawson # 2, seconded by George Wilson # 1 that this correspondence be received and placed into the hands of the Proper committee. The Grand Master ruled that this was out of order.

Report from C.C.F.C. by Bro. P.G.M. John R. Lawrence. His report was not complete.

It was suggested that a Scholarship Committee be set-up and include recommendations of this Committee. A motion by Hamilton # 3, seconded by Tiller #5 that this suggestion be adopted. Motion carried.

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past and Present Grand Officers, and Brothers--

GREETINGS:

It gives me great pleasure to bring you this Annual report. As Grand Junior Warden of this Grand Lodge my activities have been limited due to the confinement of my job. I attended the Spring Conference and all the meetings held in the Twin Cities. I have nothing but a good report concerning the Craft in the Twin Cities area and no report of any unusual actions elsewhere about the Jurisdiction.

Brothers be ever mindful of your conduct while at refreshments because the eyes of the world is steadily watching us. I close this report with one thought in mind, PEACE and HARMONY prevail in this Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL D. MITCHELL, R.W.G.J. Warden

A motion by Bro. William M. Davis # 2, seconded by Bro. Oscar W. Holden that the report be received and placed in the hand of the proper committee. Motion carried.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORT:

TO the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Present and Past Grand Officers, Members of this M.W. Grand Lodge and Brothers--

GREETINGS:

It is with sincere gratitude and humility that I now stand before you. The fraternal year has passed and is now history. I am thankful for being able to bring this report to this 76th Annual Communication as your Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

I have sincerely tried to the best of my ability to fulfill every assignment that has been given me. I have sincerely tried to comply with the Grand Master's requests. I have served his office in his absence; in his presence, I have offered to assist him with my counsel and cooperation.

I accompanied the Grand Master on his Official visits to Districts one and two, to Acacia Lodge # 12, to Pride of Alberta Lodge # 9, and Regent Lodge # 5. I made visitation to Mosaic Lodge # 11, Alpha Lodge # 10 and Doric Lodge #3. I arranged for our Spring Conference and served as a coordinator of the work. I attended all public observances and all Cabinet meetings.

I used this word just to make someone think, "PYTHAGOREANS." Where are they? I have found in all our Lodges, there are some who try for perfection in the ritualistic work. Some, who are seeking knowledge, need encouragement and help. Grand Lodge representatives should be seen more than once a year. A Grand Lodge paper or bulletin could fill a need for communication.

Masons, as individuals, should be seen working in our community for better race relations, better schools, better jobs and a better neighborhood. Masons, as individuals, should be seen working against juvenile delinquency, destruction of property and crime in all its forms.

I feel we have troubled times ahead of us. High caliber leadership is hard to find in some of our Lodges. Two years ago I reported to this Grand Lodge that the Prince Hall Masonic Building of St. Paul, Mn., was in financial difficulty. The Brothers of District # 1 came to the rescue three times. I stated, there was talk about foreclosure. The Lodges have received the notice of foreclosure sale. What will the community say? An assessment from the beginning may have saved the building. District # 1 may now need an assessment to get another building. We must have a Lodge Hall or Temple in St. Paul, Minn.

It has been rewarding to me, traveling through the Jurisdiction. The Masonic fellowship given by the Brothers shall long be remembered. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to this Grand Body for your confidence. I would like to take this Opportunity to thank you very sincerely for the high honor you placed in me by electing me to the position of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. I hope and pray that my service this past year has justified your confidence.

Fraternally submitted,

MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON,
Deputy Grand Master

A motion by P.G.M. John R. Lawrence # 4, seconded by Bro. Merrill Taylor # 4 that this report be received and placed in the hand of the proper committee. Motion carried.

WORSHIPFUL GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dated: 26 August 1970

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

I wish to submit the following report from the Office of the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer for the Fiscal Year 1969-1970.

Balance per Audit August 1969	Midwest Federal	\$17,229.81
	1st Nat'l Bank-St.Paul	5.00
		<u>\$17,234.81</u>
Withdrawn and placed in 1st Plymouth Bank		1,010.00
		<u>\$16,224.81</u>
Investments		15,000.00
		<u>\$ 1,224.81</u>
Cost of Investments		68.75
		<u>\$ 1,156.06</u>
Receipts for Calendar Year 1969-1970		<u>2,739.10</u>
Balance per Treasurer's Books - August 1970		<u>\$ 3,895.16</u>
1st Plymouth Bank Activity		
Beginning Balance		\$ 1,010.00
Less: 9 deaths @ \$100.00 each or	\$900.00	
Printing of checks	5.39	
Bank Service Charges	2.28	
Total Disbursements		<u>907.67</u>

Ending Balance per Bank Statement \$ 102.33

TOTAL ASSETS IN RELIEF ACCOUNT

Midwest Federal	\$ 4,890.16	
1st Nat'l Bank of St. Paul	5.00	
1st Nat'l Bank of Minneapolis	15,000.00	(Fed. Land Bank &
1st Plymouth Bank	102.33	intermediate
		debentures)
Total Assets	<u>\$18,997.49</u>	

PUTNAM GROTH FUNDS

Shares owned to date: 285.344

Current Market Value per share: \$ 8.71

Total current dollar value: \$ _____

Balance per Audit August 1969:

Midwest Federal	\$ 5,269.68
1st Bloomington-Lake Bank	131.63
1st Nat'l Bank - St. Paul	5.00
	<u>\$ 5,406.31</u>

Receipts for Fiscal Year 1969-1970 4,405.15

\$ 9,811.46

Disbursements for Fiscal Year 1969-1970 \$ 3,272.01

Balance per Treasurer's Books-August 1970 \$ 6,539.45

Balances by Account as of August 1970:

Midwest Federal	\$ 6,438.73
1st Bloomington - Lake Bank	95.72
1st Nat'l Bank - St. Paul	5.00
	<u>\$ 6,539.45</u>

Combined Balances as of August 1970

Balance in Sunshine Fund	\$ 19.31
Balance in Educational Fund	225.00
Minneapolis Knights of Pythagoras	33.30
St. Paul Knights of Pythagoras	54.55

The above balances are included in the General Fund Balance of
\$ 6,539.45.

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

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM D. McADAMS,
R. W. G. Treasurer

A motion by Bro. Samuel D. Mitchell # 2, seconded by Bro. M. Webb # 7 and Bro. M. Taylor # 4 that this report be received and placed into the hands of Auditing Committee. Motion carried.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, PAST AND PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS, BRETHREN AND VISITORS OF THIS MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AND ITS JURISDICTION--

GREETINGS:

I beg leave to submit the Report of the Office of the Grand Secretary.

First, I want to again thank this Grand Lodge for the trust you placed in me as Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of this Jurisdiction. It has been another rewarding experience. The new association and the ability to assist the Subordinate Lodges with their varied requests, would have been an impossible task without the cooperation of the Subordinate Secretaries, the Worshipful Masters and the Right Grand Treasurer. These are memories that I will cherish for a life-time. Many thanks.

"I find that the great things in this world are not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometime with the wind and sometime against it, but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."

MAY GOD BE WITH YOU.

The Financial Report is attached:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>"GENERAL FUND"</u>	Sept. 1, 1969
Acacia Lodge # 12	.....	\$ 58.50
Pioneer Lodge # 1	.....	126.00
Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2	.....	100.00
Doric Lodge # 3	.....	50.50
Pride of Alberta Lodge # 9	.....	82.50
Grand Librarian	.....	200.00
Aaron Arradondo	...MEDALS.....	72.00
Wayne Glanton	...Registration	305.00
Refund	Grand Lodge Meals	10.81
Interest	.....	38.22
		<u>\$1,043.53</u>

OCTOBER

Doric Lodge # 3 Dispensation 2.00

NOVEMBER

No Report

DECEMBER

Mosaic Lodge # 11.....Nov. Report Degrees.....	\$ 4.00
Mosaic " # 11.....Nov. Tax.....	133.00
Prince Hall Gr. Chapter-Memorial Service Refund.....	13.80
Pioneer Lodge # 1.....Nov. Tax.....	142.00
Past Masters Degree.....Quentin Stone # 1.....	2.00
Past Masters' Degree.....M. Webb # 7.....	2.00
Past Masters' Degree.....Dwayne Sparks # 4.....	2.00

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DECEMBER - (Cont):

Doric Lodge # 3.....	Nov. Tax.....	\$ 40.00
Palestine Lodge # 7....	Degree.....	1.00
Palestine Lodge # 7....	Nov. Tax.....	226.00

JANUARY

Mosaic Lodge # 11.....	Dispensation	\$ 2.00
Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4	August Tax	142.00
Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2	Nov. Tax	102.00
Acacia Lodge # 12	Dispensation	2.00
Acacia Lodge # 12	Degrees	3.00
Acacia " # 12	Nov. Tax	38.75
INTEREST.....		52.29
Grand Lecturer	Proficiency Tests	6.00

FEBRUARY

Grand Lecturer	Wardens Proficiency Tests	6.00
Refund	Grand Masters Attendance to Chicago Conf...	136.68

MARCH

Grand Lecturer	Sale of Supplies.....	64.00
Pride of Alberta Lodge # 9	Nov. Tax	42.00
Pride of Alberta # # 9	Degree .....	.50
Pride of Alberta " # 9	Feb. Tax	42.00
Perfect Ashlar " # 4	Nov. Tax	142.00
Perfect Ashlar " # 4	Feb. Tax	142.00
Mosaic Lodge # 11	Feb. Tax	138.00
Mosaic " # 11	Degrees	3.50
Doric " # 3	Feb. Tax	40.00
Palestine Lodge # 7	Feb. Tax	188.00
Pioneer Lodge # 1	Feb. Tax	51.75

APRIL

Regent Lodge # 5	Degrees	1.50
Regent " # 5	Feb. Tax	73.50
Regent " # 5	Nov. Tax	80.00
Acacia " # 12	Degrees	1.00
Acacia Lodge # 12	Feb. Tax	54.00
Interest		63.94

MAY

Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2 -	Feb. Tax	102.00
Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4 -	Degrees	6.00
Perfect Ashlar " # 4 -	May Tax	127.00

JUNE

Pioneer Lodge # 1	Degrees	1.50
Pioneer " # 1	May Tax	126.00
Mosaic " # 1	Dispensation	2.00
Palestine " # 7	Degrees	1.00
Palestine " # 7	May Tax	196.00
Mosaic Lodge # 11	Degrees	12.50
Mosaic " # 11	May Tax	160.00

JUNE (Cont):

Doric Lodge # 3	Degrees	\$ 3.00
Doric " # 3	May Tax	38.00
Acacia " # 12	Degrees	3.00
Acacia " # 12	May Tax	56.00
Interest		73.21

JULY

Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2	- Dispensation	\$ 2.00
Anchor Hilyard " # 2	- May Tax	116.00

AUGUST

Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4	- Degrees	1.50
Perfect Ashlar " # 4	- August Tax	144.00
Recall-Uncashed Check - "Anderson Henderson"	(Token)	5.00

FISCAL YEAR TOTAL RECEIPTS for 1969-1970 \$4,405.15

GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

August 31, 1969 thru Sept. 1, 1970:

Memorial Service		\$ 30.00
William Richardson	Grand Lodge Meals	300.00
Denise Richardson	Typist	45.00
Marlean Young	Typist	30.00
Piercy Haynes	Token & Expense	140.00
Aaron Arradondo	Token & Expense	75.00
John R. Lawrence	C.C.F.C. & Expense	56.72
Merril Taylor	Token	25.00
Charles Stalling	Token	25.00
C. L. Lawson	Token & Expense	150.00
Wm. D. McAdams	Token & Expense	100.00
William Davis	Asst. Sec'y Token	25.00
Mpls. Masonic Temple	Grand Lodge Rent	50.00
Wayne Glanton	Token	10.00
Charles Agnew	Token	10.00
Clinton Washington	Token	10.00
Edward Bailey	Token	10.00
Lee Wiley	Token	10.00
Theodore Blakey	Token	10.00
Pride of Alberta	Token for A. Henderson	10.00
James Bradford	Legal Advisor	25.00
Joe Patterson	Grand Lecturer Expense & Token	95.00
Johnson Florist	Flowers for O.E.S.	20.40
Samuel Ransom	Token	5.00
Grand Chapter	Registration-Brochure	61.00
Canadian Exchange		.21
Glen Miller	Grand Lodge Official Picture	25.75
William Richardson	Banquet Visitors	27.50
Atlantic Press	Printing of C.C.F.C. Material	16.48
N.A.A.C.P.	Final Life Membership Payment	100.00
Mpls. Masonic Temple	Rental G. Lodge Session	100.00
Marion Brown	Office Expense	25.00
Atlantic Press	Grand Lodge Stationery	50.79

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GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS (Cont):

United Negro CollegeFund Donation.....	\$ 10.00
National Polio	....Foundation Donation.....	10.00
Urban League	....Donation	10.00
Canadian Exchange	.....	9.64
Robertson Ins. Agency	....Officers Bond.....	28.00
Mpls. Spokesman	....Christmas Greeting.....	14.00
C. L. Lawson	....Office Expense.....	20.00
Safety Deposit Box	.....	6.50
Grand Master's Expense	...Special Conference.....	200.00
Wm. D. McAdams	....Refund for Gr. Master Key to Deposit Box	1.00
L. A. Gwynne	....Supplies.....	40.00
Bank Service Charge	....Sept. thru February.....	4.38
Martin O. Weddington	....Spring Conference.....	77.05
Fezzan Temple	....Scholarship.....	10.00
Prince Hall Grand Lodge	..To Relief Account.....	300.00
Canadian Exchange	.....	8.63
C. L. Lawson	....Contg. Fund.....	25.00
R. H. Johnson	....Expense to Winnipeg & Worthington	50.00
R. H. Johnson	....Expense to Grand Forks.....	25.00
Allie Wilson	....Memo. Gr. Lodge Announcements.	4.00
Marion L. Brown	....Visitation & Office Expense, Etc. to Grand Master's Conference	651.54
Grand Masters Conference	..Membership.....	40.00
Prince Hall Information Center	.....	40.00
Canadian Exchange	.....	12.62
Bank Service Charge	.....	.80

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR. \$ 3,272.01

RECAPITULATION - GENERAL FUND

Forward Balance	\$ 5,406.31
Receipts	4,405.15
TOTALS	\$9,811.46
DISBURSEMENTS	3,272.01
BALANCE as of Sept. 1, 1970	\$ 6,539.45
Balance per Audit-Aug. 1969-Mid. West Federal	\$ 5,269.68
1st Bloomington-Lake Bank	131.63
1st Nat'l Bank of St. Paul	5.00
	\$ 5,406.31
Receipts for Fiscal Year 1969-1970	\$ 4,405.15
	\$ 9,811.46
	\$ 3,272.01
Balance per Secretary's Books-Sept. 1, 1970	\$ 6,539.45
Midwest Federal	\$ 6,438.73
1st Bloomington-Lake Bank	95.72
1st Nat'l Bank of St. Paul	5.00
COMBINED BALANCES	\$ 6,539.45

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Balance in Sunshine Fund	\$ 19.31
Balance in Educational Fund	225.00
Mpls. Knights of Pythagoras	33.30
St. Paul " of "	54.55

PUTNAM GROTH FUND

Shares owned to date:

285.344

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

"RELIEF FUND"

Sept. 1969

RECEIPTS:

Acacia Lodge # 12	.....	\$ 32.00
Pioneer Lodge # 1	.....	80.00
Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2	.....	49.00
Doric Lodge # 3	.....	36.00
Pride of Alberta Lodge # 9	.....	40.00
Interest	.....	200.84

OCTOBER

No Report

NOVEMBER

No Report

DECEMBER

Mosaic Lodge # 11	-	Demit	-	\$ 5.00
Mosaic " # 11	-	Nov. Relief Tax	-	69.00
Pioneer Lodge # 1	-	Nov. " Tax	-	69.00
Doric Lodge # 3	-	Nov. " Tax	-	20.00
Palestine Lodge # 7	-	Nov. " Tax (5-App.)	-	20.00
Palestine " # 7	-	Nov. " Tax	-	110.00

JANUARY

Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4	-	Nov. Relief Tax (Reinst)	-	5.00
Perfect " " # 4	-	Nov. " Tax	-	71.00
Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2	-	Nov. " Tax	-	50.00
Putnam Groth Fund	-	(Dividend)	-	49.38
Acacia Lodge # 12	-	Nov. Relief Tax	-	31.00
Acacia " " 12	-	(Applications)	-	10.00
Interest	.....		**	197.81
				<u>\$1,145.03</u>

FEBRUARY

NO REPORT

MARCH

Pride of Alberta Lodge # 9	-	(application)	-	5.00
Pride of Alberta # 9	-	Nov. Relief Tax	-	16.00
Pride of Alberta " # 9	-	Feb. " Tax	-	16.00
Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4	-	Nov. (3 Applications)	-	15.00
Perfect Ashlar " # 4	-	Nov. Relief Tax	-	70.00
Perfect Ashlar " # 4	-	(Applications)	-	15.00

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MARCH (Cont):

Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4	- Feb. Relief Tax	-	\$ 70.00
Mosaic Lodge # 11	- Feb. " Tax	-	69.00
Mosaic Lodge # 11	- Feb. (4 Applications)		20.00
Mosaic " # 11	- Feb. (Demit)		5.00
Doric Lodge # 3	- Feb. Relief Tax	-	20.00
Palestine Lodge # 7	- Feb. " Tax	-	89.00
Palestine " # 7	- Feb. (2 Applications)		10.00
Pioneer Lodge # 1	- Feb. (Application)		2.50
Pioneer " # 1	- Feb. Relief Tax	-	68.00

APRIL

Regent Lodge # 5	- Nov. Relief Tax	-	38.00
Regent " # 5	- Feb. " Tax	-	38.00
Acacia Lodge # 12	- Feb. " Tax		27.00
Acacia " # 12	- Feb. (4-Applications)		20.00

MAY

Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2	- Feb. Relief Tax		50.00
Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4	- May " Tax		70.00
Interest	.....		28.90

JUNE

Pioneer Lodge # 1	- May Rept. (3) Dispensations		2.50
Pioneer " # 1	- Reinstatement		2.50
Pioneer " # 1	- (Demit)	-	2.50
Pioneer " # 1	- May Relief Tax		69.00
Drawn from Relief Fund by Mistake (1969)			300.00
Palestine Lodge # 7	- May Report (Application)		5.00
Palestine " # 7	- May Relief Tax		98.00
Putnam Groth Fund	- (Dividend)		28.53
Mosaic Lodge # 11	- May Report (Application)		20.00
Mosaic " # 11	- " " (Reinstatement)		2.50
Mosaic " # 11	- May Relief Tax		80.00
Doric Lodge # 3	- May " Tax		19.00
Doric Lodge # 3	- May Report (Applications)		5.00
Acacia Lodge # 12	- May Report (Applications)		5.00
Acacia Lodge # 12	- May Relief Tax		28.00
INTEREST	--		36.14

JULY

Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2	- May Relief Tax	-	57.00
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AUGUST

Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4	- Aug. Relief Tax	-	71.00
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Total Receipts for Calendar Year 69/70 \$ 2,739.10

RELIEF DISBURSEMENTS:

August 31, 1969 thru Sept. 1, 1970:

SEPTEMBER

No Disbursements -

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OCTOBER

No Disbursements

NOVEMBER

E. Johnson	- Beneficiary (W.J. Morrissey)	\$ 100.00
Bank Service	- (Printed Checks)	5.39

DECEMBER

No Disbursements -

JANUARY

No Disbursements -

FEBRUARY

L. Donaldson	- Beneficiary (Maudie Donaldson)	100.00
J. T. Smith	- Beneficiary (Bertha Smith)	100.00
Webster Stovall	- Beneficiary (Lois Boudreaux)	100.00

MARCH

S. L. Ransom	- Beneficiary (Vashti Ransom)	100.00
Purchase of Bonds and Bank-Debentures		15,000.00
Cost of Transaction	-	68.75

APRIL

B. F. Henderson	- Beneficiary (Ruth Henderson)	100.00
E. Henderson	- Beneficiary (Mozella Henderson)	100.00

MAY

No Disbursements

JUNE

L. Richardson	- Beneficiary (Lola Mae Gattling)	100.00
Bank Service Charge	- 1st Plymouth Bank	.61
A. W. Warrington	- Beneficiary (Josephine Warrington)	100.00

JULY

Bank Service Charge	-	.76
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AUGUST

Bank Service Charge	-	.91
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Total Relief Disbursements for Calendar year	\$15,976.42
69/70	

RECAPITULATION RELIEF FUND:

Grand Lodge Relief Account....1st Plymouth Bank	-	\$ 1,010.00
Disbursements.....(9 Deaths)	-	900.00
		\$ 110.00
Printing of Checks & Bank Service Charges.....	-	7.67
Balance in 1st Plymouth Bank	\$	102.33

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Midwest Federal	\$ 17,229.81
1st Nat'l Bank of St. Paul	5.00
Forward Balance	\$ 17,234.81
Receipts for Calendar year of 69/70	2,739.10
Total Receipts	\$ 19,973.91
Withdrawn & Placed in 1st Plymouth Bank	- 1,010.00
	\$ 18,963.91
Invested in Bonds & Cost of Transaction	-15,068.75
	\$ 3,895.16
Balance in 1st Plymouth Bank	102.33
Balance as of Sept. 1, 1970	\$ 3,997.49
Forward Balance	17,234.10
Receipts	2,739.10
	\$ 19,973.91
Disbursements	-15,976.42
Balance Sept. 1, 1970	3,997.49
	15,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 18,997.49

In summing up these pages of a busy year, may I thank you again for your assistance, cooperation and confidence in me. May we continue to build in the minds of men-Temples of Morality-Adorned with leaves of Wisdom and supported with financial pillows of strength.

Fraternally submitted,

CHALMER L. LAWSON,
Grand Secretary.

A motion by Bro. James Adams # 1, seconded by Bro. Lee Wiley # 3 that this report be received and placed into the hands of the Auditing Committee. Motion carried.

SPRING CONFERENCE REPORT

M. W. G. M., Past G. Masters, Grand Officers, Past and Present, Members and Friends of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction--

GREETINGS:

The "Spring Conference" of our Grand Lodge was held Saturday, May 2, 1970 at 9:00 A. M. at the Minneapolis Masonic Temple, 3832-4th Avenue South.

This Conference was open to all Master Masons of the Jurisdiction. This was the event to be at if you wanted to know more about your Grand Lodge and its Officers, its Constitution and By-Laws, how your Lodge should do its work and general information for your knowledge.

We had free lunch and coffee, prepared by the Wilson Brothers of Anchor Hilyard # 2.

This Conference was included in the Grand Master's Communica -

tion of March 28, 1970 and a proposed program was sent out for all Lodges information.

Bro. Robert H. Johnson, Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer, was Coordinator of the work. The Presiding Officer was our M. W. Grand Master, Marion L. Brown.

EVALUATION:

The Secretaries workshop and the Treasurers' Workshop were scheduled in the basement, but was moved upstairs because of the desires of some that were present. This move made some think the Conference was not up to par. The Committee regrets that it could not please everyone.

In closing, I add a Tidbit: "Many of life's rewards come to us as intangible. A kind word, a smile, a pat on the back of well done; can be precious. Masonry can be encompassed within the hand-clasp of a brother, a smile, when he greets you."

Fraternally submitted,
MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON,
Coordinator of the Work

A motion from Bro. James Adams # 1, seconded by Bro. M. Webb # 7 that this report be received and placed in the hand of the proper committee. Motion carried.

Report from CHARTERS and RETURNS by W. D. Gray # 4. (No report available to print here. If received, it will appear later in these Proceedings. A motion by P.G.M. John R. Lawrence # 4, seconded by Bro. Samuel D. Mitchell # 2, Martin O. Weddington # 4, that a rising vote of confidence be given. Motion carried.

Bro. Robert Johnson, Grand Lecturer, presented Certificates to the brothers who passed the Proficiency test. They were: Bro. Arbery Turner # 4, Bro. John E. McRae # 11, Bro. Geo. L. Madden # 12, and Bro. Isaac Fields # 11.

The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshments for the Space of one (1) Masonic hour to call on again at 9:00 A. M.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION - Sept. 16, 1970

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor with the M. W. Grand Master, Marion L. Brown, presiding.

The Grand Master asked for reports and asked that those reports not ready retire to their committees to get them ready.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS' HOUR - presided by the D. G. M. Martin O Weddington.

PIONEER LODGE # 1:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master and His Cabinet and Brethren.

I, Quentin B. Stone, Worshipful Master of Pioneer Lodge # 1, do proudly submit this report to be added to the records of this Grand Lodge for the year of 1969-70.

I am pleased to report the State of Masonry in Pioneer Lodge #1

is extremely well. The attendance and participation at regular meetings is excellent.

I am pleased to announce Pioneer Lodge # 1 has not suspended one member for non-payment of Dues, although we are plagued with illness and death. At the present we have five Brethren of whom are confined to Homes and Institutions, and never will enjoy any Masonic Intercourse with their Brethren, but these Brothers will never be forgotten.

Pioneer Lodge has a visiting committee that functions regularly.

We have added three new members to our roster, and three more hopefully before the end of the year.

On February second, Pioneer Lodge # 1 and Perfect Ashlar # 4 was honored with a joint visitation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master Marion L. Brown and Cabinet.

The lecture began with the History of Prince Hall Masonary and Masonic conduct, which we found very educationally and informative.

The Grand Master proceeded on good Public Relations:

1. Participating in all public affairs.
2. Registering and voting in all the Elections.
3. Remain active in the church, and supporting your Committee Programs.
4. To pay strict attention to all petitioners and never spare cost for new membership.

On May eighteen 1970, I was further honored by request to make the Grand Masters visitation to Worthington, Minn., Alpha Lodge # 10 Worshipful Dwayne Sparks of # 4 and myself assisted in the Degree work.

On June twenty-first, Pioneer Lodge and Perfect Ashlar attended the St. John's Day Services at the St. James A. M. E. Church, Rev. Mordeau Williams, Pastor; Gave a splendid message, Perfect Ashlar was the Host Lodge. We had a fine turn out.

On July nineteenth, Palestine # 7 - Anchor Hilyard # 2 - Perfect Ashlar # 4 and Pioneer # 1, held joint raising there were eighteen candidates. The four Masters took part in the Degree Work. Brother Roberts gave the middle chamber's. Grand Master, Marion L. Brown, gave the charge in the Third Degree.

On July 20th, the Grand Lecturer, Robert Johnson, made his visit to Pioneer Lodge. We had Degree Work. Grand Lecturer Robert Johnson's lecture was very impressive. He, also, rendered some constructive criticism, that's always appreciated. If you gain knowledge and knowledge is what all will crave.

Pioneer Lodge has made Annual contribution to the Negro College Fund; the N.A.A.C.P and to all brochures of great necessity.

Pioneer Lodge is proud to have a Grand Master and fellow members of the Lodge. We find him a sincere and dedicated person; educational and very informative in his ritualistic work.

With a dedicated brethren, such as he, Free Masonry will live on and on and never die.

Thank you!

Worshipful Master,

QUENTINE B. STONE, Pioneer Lodge
#1

A motion by Milton Henry # 1, seconded by Norman Bell # 1 that the report be received. Motion carried. The report was read by Bro. George Wilson, S. W.

ANCHOR HILYARD # 3:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Past and Present Grand Officers, Past and Present Masters and Visitors--

GREETINGS:

I, Oscar W. Holden, Worshipful Master of Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2, beg leave to submit my report. I am proud to report that Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2 has progressed tremendously during the past year. The attitude of the elected and appointed officers has been one of tremendous enthusiasm coupled with devotion to the cause of Masonry and dedication to duty. It has been an extreme pleasure to have been elected Master for a second term and to have such complete cooperation and assistance.

I am proud to make special note of our High 12 Club which has put on such activities as pancake breakfasts, barbecues, card parties and most recently a very successful Fish Fry. They are under the capable leadership of Brother Andrew J. Clark, Jr.

Anchor Hilyard is proud to report that during the past year, eight were raised to the sublime degree to Master Mason, two brothers were reinstated and one suspended. We regret that one brother was lost through death.

At this time, as Master of Anchor Hilyard Lodge #2, in behalf of the members of the Lodge, I wish to invited the next session of Grand Lodge to Minneapolis with Anchor Hilyard hosting.

Fraternally submitted,

OSCAR W. HOLDEN, W. M.

A Motion by William M. Davis # 2, seconded by Wayne Glanton # 7 that the report be received and the portion asking to host the next communication be given to the proper committee. Motion carried.

DORIC LODGE # 3:

SUBJECT: Annual Report from Doric Lodge # 3
Duluth, Minnesota 55806

TO: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction: Most Worshipful Grandmaster, Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers, and Brethren.

GREETINGS: from Doric Lodge # 3, Duluth, Minnesota:

As Master of Doric Lodge, I have tried to the best of my ability and knowledge to perform my duties as Master of the Lodge. At the beginning of the year of my term of Office things appeared relatively bleak. However, we have made a reasonable amount of progress; We have started our High Twelve Grotto Function again and have raised some funds to help the Lodge and other worthy activities in the community.

ELECTION: We held our election Nov. 3, 1970 and also installed the elected officers and appointed officers.

VISITATION: April 4, 1970, The Most Worshipful Grand Master made his regular visit to Doric Lodge and gave us in Duluth some very good inspirational information; also he assisted in raising two Brothers to the Sublime Degree of M. W.

ST. JOHN'S DAY: We had a very good turn out for the Holy Day. We were very fortunate to have a Rev. Brother of the Lodge to conduct the Services. The Eastern Star Chapter was invited to attend these Services.

Members dropped for non-payment of dues - 4 each.

INITIATION: We initiated three, passed two, and raised two to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons.

September 8, 1970, we had a visitation from the most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Brother Martin O. Weddington; he gave us some very good instructional information for the good of Masonry and Fraternity in general, also, Brother Weddington closed the Lodge in form.

In conclusion of my report I think this has been a most wonderful Administration very helpful and extremely inspirational to our Lodge. I wish to thank the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, all the Grand Officers and other Brethren for their wise and knowledgeable assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. HAMILTON, W. M.

A motion by Fred Bell # 3, seconded by Harold Sylvia # 5 that the report be received. Motion carried.

PERFECT ASHLAR # 4:

St. Paul, Minn.
Sept. 12, 1970

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

GREETINGS:

I, Dwayne W. Sparks, worshipful Master of Perfect Ashlar # 4, proudly present the following report. First, I must say it has been a honor and privilege to have served as Master of my Lodge. I have had whole-hearted support from my past Grand Masters and officers in trying to carry out my duties as they should.

During my year in office I conducted all my meeting on time as possible. I attended the spring Conference, St. John's Day, Grand Master's visitation at Worthington, Minnesota and Winnipeg Canada, I participated in two joint raising between Pioneer Lodge # 1 and Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4. I work closely with the Master of Pioneer # 1, trying to bring the Lodges closer together.

I initiated, pass, and raised five candidates to the sublime Degree of Master Masons and a few reinstatements. Sorry to report the death of two of our Brothers during the year. Past Grand Master Samuel Ransom and Edmond Moore, Past Master. May they rest in peace. We were honored to have the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer visitation and they gave us great inspiration in carrying out our duties and responsibilities.

Our Senior Warden took his Warden test and I am proud to say he

passed it with flying colors.

Our membership increased during the year and we are proud of the new members and the work they are doing. Finally, I must say thanks to Past Grand Master John R. Lawrence, Deputy Grand Master Martin O. Weddington, Past Master Clarence Duke and Past Master T. A. Ruffner for their wonderful help and inspiration in assisting me in my duties as Master of my Lodge. In closing, I must say "May Brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us."

Fraternally submitted,

DWAYNE W. SPARKS, W. M.

A motion by Willie D. Gray # 4, seconded by P.G.M. John R. Lawrence # 4 that the report be received. Motion carried.

REGENT LODGE # 5:

Most Worshipful Grand, Past Grand Officers and Brethren---

GREETINGS:

It is my pleasure to submit this report to the 76th Annual Communication, we in Regent Lodge have been trying in our small way to carry out the masonic teaching as our ancient brethren have done before us.

This is my first year as Worshipful Master, and I'm pleased to say I feel more and more a very important part of this great fraternity.

The cooperation I have received from the better informed brothers have certainly help make my position one to be thankful for.

The rate of new membership have not been at any rapid pace but we take pride in being able to communicate a very impressive lesson to those around us.

To date we have entered, passed, and raised only one, with one deceased, Brother A. Worrington. May he rest in peace.

The Annual visitation made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Master was the highlight of a very eventful day, because of the distance between our cities we look forward to such visits.

We express a hardy thanks to all who travelled to our city to make the events of July 4, a success and invited you to return again soon.

In closing may I thank the Grand Master for his guidance and wish this Grand Lodge many successful sessions.

Fraternally submitted,

K. WINN, W. M.

A motion by Harold Sylvia # 5, seconded by Floyd Tiller # 5 that this report be received. Motion carried.

PALESTINE LODGE # 7:

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction--

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Masters and Brethren.

GREETINGS:

It is with pleasure that I submit this Annual Report to this 76th Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

As the curtain comes down upon this Masonic year, with its sorrows and with its joys. Nevertheless, we are thankful to the Grand Architect of the universe for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us.

As we were preparing ourselves for the task before us, drawing our designs upon the treastle board to direct the craft in their labors, unaware that our friends and loved ones were one by one being swallowed up in the ocean of eternity. To these our brethren who departed during the following months--December, Bro. John T. Smith, Bro. George Ford; January--Bro. Webster E. Stovall; March--Bro. Elizah Henderson, during the month of May. Our Cable Tow was extended to Decatu Lodge # 34 of Sioux City, Iowa. At the request of Bro. Adolph Ollison, Worshipful Master. If Palestine Lodge # 7 would give a Masonic funeral for Brother Crady Johnson (a grave side). That duty was performed on May 20, 1970. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me write, "Blessed are the dead" which die in the Lord from henceforth, said the Spirit, that they rest from their labours." So let us live that our bodies will be as living stones for that house not made with hands eternal into heaven. So was the nature of our beginning.

On February 26, 1970, Palestine Lodge # 7, was pleased to be Host to the Grand Master's visitation. This was a join visitation between Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2 and Palestine Lodge # 7. At this visitation, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Marion L. Brown introduced his cabinet. And each Grand Lodge Officer spoke on the good of the order of Prince Hall Masons. P.G.M. John R. Lawrence eulogies of P.G.M, Samuel L. Ransom. A pillar a Gaint for free masons. His lost will be felt in the Masonic family as well as in the community and state.

Palestine Lodge # 7, was proud as well as up lifted by visitation of Most Worshipful Grand Master and his Cabinet.

Palestine Lodge # 7 participated in St. John's Day Divine Service of Pioneer Lodge # 1 at St. James A. M. E. Church, St. Paul, Minn.

It has been the feeling that the various Lodges should have a close association with each other. With this in mind we have worked with other lodges in the area. On March 15, 1970, Brother William Holden, Master of Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2, invited Perfect Ashlar # 4, Pioneer # 1 and Palestine Lodge # 7 to a joint meeting which was enjoyed by all.

Palestine Lodge # 7 celebrated Esther Day with the O.E.S. An inspiring and uplifting service.

To continue to work with the Lodges of this area, on July 19, 1970, I ask for dispensation for a raising. I invited Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2, Perfect Ashlar # 4 and Pioneer Lodge # 1 to this joint affair.

We were honored on July 29, 1970 with the visitation of Grand Lecturer, Robert H. Johnson, who was pleased to say we met his expectations.

We entered 11, raised 9, passed 9, demit 1, healed 1, we are sorry to say that we had to lose 1, (for non payment of dues-

suspended).

At this stage of my report, I feel that it should be brought to your attention the names of those faithful brothers who have stood by and assisted me whenever called to do so. Past Master Richard Richardson, Past Master Richardson and Past Master and present Secretary of Palestine Lodge # 7, Clarence Smith who has been in and out of the hospital the greater part of this year. They have all been faithful to their trust.

In my conclusion, we, at Palestine Lodge feel that we have made a strong impression upon the other Lodges in this area, for better relationship.

It is always our aim and goal that Masonry will be felt in the community as well as in the nation, but more especially in our lives, that the world without will know it's good intention.

Finally, let brotherly love prevail and every moral virtue cement us.

Fraternally yours,

McCLINTON WEBB, W.M.

A motion by William Richardson # 7, seconded by Floyd Tiller # 5 that this report be received. Motion carried.

PRIDE OF ALBERTA # 9:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Wardens and Brethren---

GREETINGS:

It is indeed, with a great deal of pleasure, that I bring to you this report on this 76th Annual Communication.

Last October the following officers were elected:

Bro. Clinton Murphy - Worshipful Master
Bro. Richard Kampjes - Senior Warden
Bro. Daniel LaFayette - Junior Warden
Bro. Ralph Taylor - Treasurer
Bro. Raymond Heslep - Secretary

Appointed officers were as follows:

Bro. Maurice Boyd - Senior Deacon
Bro. James Bridges - Junior Deacon
Bro. Hayward Hinton - Senior Steward
Bro. Alonzo Edwards - Junior Steward
Bro. Frank Leffler - Chaplain
Bro. Joseph Boyd - Marshal
Bro. Marvel Murphy - Tyler

A Christmas Party and program for the children was well attended by Masons and their families as well as members of Shiloh Church families and friends.

During the course of the year, one Brother's name was taken off the roster for non-payment of dues.

Degrees given: 2 EA, 2 FC and 2 MM. Namely Bro. Eric Cushway, Bro. John Lambert. Total membership as this report goes out - 23 M.M.

P. M. Ray Heslep is to be commended for his efforts in developing our degree team of whom we are all proud.

We had a total of 45% membership attendance over the year.

Non-members as well as members of the Fraternity when hospitalized or sick were remembered with cards, flowers or candies, etc., on behalf of the Lodge as well as frequent visitations to such persons.

We were honored with a visitation, June 6, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Brown, Deputy Grand Master, Martin Weddington, accompanied by Bro. Webb. Lodging for the visitation was taken care of by the Lodge.

We were also glad to have with us at this visitation, immediate Past Grand Master Haynes, Master of Regent Lodge No. 5, Bro. Wynn and Bro. Bailey.

Some very enlightening information was gained by all present at the "Morning Occasional Lodge" by a "question and answer quiz" conducted by the M.W.G.M.

A social function given in honor of the visitation was enjoyed by all who attended during the evening.

In response to the Most Worshipful Grand Master's orders, Pride of Alberta Lodge No. 9 commemorated St. John's Day by attending Shiloh Baptist Church in full regalia. After being conducted into the chapel by Marshal Bro. Joseph Boyd, we were introduced by Rev. Dalton Grant. The Worshipful Master delivered a short talk on the meaning of Free Masonry. This was a very colorful event with 75% roster in attendance.

The Lodge donated \$50.00 to the Shiloh Sunday School picnic in July, which was well attended.

The Lodge has purchased officers' aprons and membership certificates. The Lodge saw fit to authorize the expenditure of monies for the purpose of setting up a Masonic Library, naming Bro. Eric Cushway as its Chief Librarian.

Past Master's aprons bearing the Lodge name and number were presented to its Past Masters who have become such since its reactivation in 1967. Namely P. M. Barry Boyd and P. M. Raymond Heslep.

With permission from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, a life membership was bestowed upon P. M. Bro. Andrew Henderson on his 84th birthday by the Master of Pride of Alberta Lodge No. 9 with brethren of the Lodge in attendance, at the home of the Worshipful Master. Masonic cuff links and tie clip were presented to P. M. Bro. Henderson.

Lodge purchased a Canadian Flag to be presented to Grand Lodge at this communication.

It has been indeed an honor and a pleasure to serve as Master of the Lodge I give thanks and much credit to all the officers and members of the Lodge for their support, time and work during the year.

To the Grand Officers and members of this Jurisdiction, I thank you, on behalf of myself and the Lodge for your contributions, co-operation and loyal support, you have all shown Pride of Alberta Lodge No. 9.

I am pleased and proud to be a member of this great and good Masonic Order.

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Most Worshipful Grand Master, this concludes my report.

Fraternally submitted,

BRO. CLINTON MURPHY,

W.M. Pride of Alberta # 9, F. & A.M.
P. H. A.

A motion by Bro. Richard Kempas, seconded by Bro. Raymond Hesler that the report be received. Motion carried.

ALPHA LODGE NO. 10:

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Present Grand Officers, Present and Past visiting Grand Officers, and Brethren--

GREETINGS:

Alpha Lodge # 10 wishes to begin this report by giving thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, that he has seen fit to stay the hand of the Angel of Death from our Flock and for the Divine Guidance He has given us throughout this year.

Our year has been a progressive one in that we have raised (4) four new Masons to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. We have obtained and improved our own meeting place, and we have labored diligently toward our goals.

The visitation of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Marion Brown, was on April 18, 1970, and was a grand and memorable day for our Lodge and combined with April 19, 1970, the day when our own Sister Chapter, Ruth Chapter # 14, was granted its Charter, was a vastly enlightening day for the City of Worthington, Minnesota. Never before had they seen such a number of our people banded together, not for the purpose of pleasure, entertainment, or protest, but for the Noble cause of fellowship and the promotion of Brotherly Love, Unity, and Peace. It was on this day that our new Brethren were raised with the able assistance of Grand Master, Marion Brown, Past Grand Master, John McHie, Past Grand Patron Nathaniel Hardy, and a number of Past Masters and Brethren from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Truly this was a day that the New Masons, Alpha Lodge # 10, and our small community will never forget.

On July 26, our Grand Lecturer, Robert Johnson, made his official visitation accompanied by Past Deputy Grand Master, Aaron Arradondo, and (2) two other well informed and highly proficient Brethren. Alpha Lodge # 10 deeply appreciate the beautiful lectures and the good and wholesome instructions we received at that time.

Due to the illness and subsequent passing of his mother shortly thereafter, Our Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Martion O. Weddington, was not able to accompany our Grand Master Brown on his Official Visitation, and made a visitation of his own to our Lodge. We received from him a grand and glorious lecture on the History-- Past and present--of Prince Hall Masonry and the hopes we have for our future. Our thanks to Deputy Grand Master Weddington, and our belated, but sincere condolences in his bereavement.

Alpha Lodge # 10, at our last Grand Lodge Communication, asked, on behalf of our beloved District Deputy Grand Master, Theodore Blakey, permission to be the Host Lodge of this, this 76th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota

and its Jurisdiction. That request was granted. Our District Deputy, Brother Blakey, has almost single handedly done a wonderful job. He has handled all preparations and planned all entertainment. We are extremely proud and fortunate to have a Brother of this calibre and dedication among our number. Were it not that he holds an Office in Grand Lodge and is therefore ineligible, he would surely have been our choice for Mason of the Year, for truly he is a Master Mason in every sense of the Word.

though our past year has been a glorious one, it has, at times, been a trying and frustrating year. Due to sickness, deaths in the families of the Brethren, and the scattered proximity of our Lodge, our attendance has been atrocious. We have the same problems as all other lodges of our size. Our membership though increased in numbers we have failed to progress in other essential areas. The expense of maintaining our meeting facilities and meeting our obligations to Grand Lodge requires the strength and support of each and every one of our Brethren. We regret to report that we are not getting that support from some and this, naturally, is becoming an alarming and, needless to say, an intolerable situation. Some of us whose responsibility it is to provide leadership to the Craft have failed miserably and without due cause. It is with deepest regret that we must report that the Harmony of Alpha Lodge # 10, while not disrupted beyond repair, it is not the same as at this time one year ago. A House divided cannot stand.

During the coming elections and throughout the coming year, we shall take all necessary steps to remedy and improve this situation and to put our house in order so that our next report can be clean, unsullied and beyond reproach.

We shall march on with those of stout heart and willing mind who compose the working nucleus of our Lodge, striving always to improve ourselves in Masonry, reaching out to our weaker Brethren, and invoking the Blessings of Deity upon our Lodge that we cannot, we will not, and we shall not fail.

Once again, Alpha Lodge # 10 takes great pride in being allowed to serve as Host Lodge to this Communication of our Grand Lodge. We welcome you and submit this, our 1969-1970 report.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIE E. JOHNSON, W. M.

ALVIN L. McFARLANE, Sec.

A motion by Bro. Piercy Haynes # 5, seconded by Bro. Wayne Glanton # 7 that this report be received. Motion carried.

MOSIAC LODGE # 11:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Master, Present and Past Grand Officers, Members of Grand Lodge and Brothers---

I bring you GREETINGS from the Most harmonious and dedicated brothers that I have ever known, my Brothers of Mosaic Lodge No. 11.

It was my distinct pleasure and high honor for me, as Senior Warden to assume the duties of the Worshipful Master when our elected Worshipful Master, Milton D. Hawkins, was reassigned, in March, to an overseas assignment.

I was privilege to have, as members of my Lodge, the Right Worshipful G.S. Warden, Clinton M. Washington, the Right Worshipful

District Deputy Grand Master, Marcus H. Smith, Past Master, James E. Eubank.

Their loyal support, wise counsel and demonstrated love for the fraternity was an inspiration to me, and a motivational force within the Lodge. Brother Washington has retired from the service, in favor of his native state of New Jersey. Brother Marcus H. Smith was reassigned to an overseas assignment in Alaska.

Brother Eubank, in his new role as District Deputy Grand Master, continued to serve the Lodge in an outstanding manner.

The spirit of co-operation that prevail in the Lodge, and the willingness of each Brother to assist in the operation of the Lodge and the eagerness displayed in helping each other, plus the harmonious relationship that exist among the Craft exemplifies brotherhood and reflects the true meaning of Masonry. The competitive spirit, among the Brothers for the pursuit of Masonic knowledge has perfected the ritualistic work in the Lodge and stimulated interest. The enthusiasm generated, among the brothers in our community, has attracted outstanding candidates, resulting in outstanding brothers, Mosaic Lodge No. 11 membership total 85. During the year, we have entered seventeen (17), passed seventeen (17), raised seventeen (17), reinstated one (1), healed two (2), and suspended two (2) for non-payment of dues. We also have three (3) in waiting.

We were honored by a visit from the Most Worshipful Grand Master and some members of his cabinet.

The Grand Master's remarks was very timely and made quite an impression on the Craft. We had a very large turn out as several Brothers journeyed from Minot to attend this visitation. After visitation a banquet was held at the Non-Commission Officer's Club. I would like to thank our Grand Master for his visit and support given us. We were also visited by the Grand Lecturer, who surprised us with the Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Lecturer administered the Warden's proficiency to Brother John McRae of Mosaic Lodge No. 11, Brother George L. Madden of Acacia Lodge No. 12 and to me. All passing with flying colors. During this visit, we also passed five (5).

St. Johns Day was observed by attending services as a body at Calvary Baptist Church, whose congregation is predominately white. The members of the church voted to let us use the church so that Rev. Bro. Clifford Hughes of Mosaic Lodge could deliver the sermon. Bro. Hughes' message was very inspiring. Mosaic Lodge is very proud of Bro. Hughes. During the service the members of Onxy Chapter performed as ushers. The ladies looked very good in their regalia.

Mosaic Lodge is also proud of its charitable offering to the many organizations in the Community, such as food baskets to the needy and a \$100.00 donation toward the purchase of equipment for New Hope Baptist Church. The only Church in the Community controlled by Negroes. The idea for this church was conceived by Bro. Hodge of Mosaic Lodge, and Pastored by Bro. Hughes of Mosaic Lodge.

The Social Club has been very active and has sponsored many activities, Christmas banquet for the member and wives, Children's Christmas and Easter parties, Bus trip to the Shrine Circus, dances for people in the Community, and picnics for members, family and guests, also each departing Brother received a token.

The Grand Architect did not take any members from our midst and we are very thankful.

In closing, I wish to thank you for your indulgence and trust that our 76th Annual Communication will be our most successful communication and that peace and harmony prevail.

Fraternally yours,

ISAAC FIELDS,
Acct. Worshipful Master
Mosaic Lodge No. 11, F & AM

A motion by Bro. James Eubank # 11, seconded by Bro. John McRae # 11 that this report be received. Motion carried.

A motion by Bro. Wm. Davis # 2, seconded by Bro. Clarence W. Smith # 7, that these report be received as a group and a rising vote of thanks be given them for the splendid job they rendered during their tenure of office. Motion carried.

No report from Acacis Lodge No. 12.

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS REPORT:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers, visitors and Brethren of the 76th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota and its Masonic Jurisdiction.

From the committee on By-Laws and Constitution come GREETINGS--

Pursuant to the performance of our duty we have read and studied the By-Laws and believe that in view of the fact that several significant amendments have been made which tend to accomplish the desired results, we therefore do not recommend any changes in our By-laws and Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

JERRY ROBINS, Chairman

Theodore A. Ruffner - Harold Sylvia

Milton Henry - William M. Davis

A motion by Bro. C. L. Lawson # 2, seconded by Bro. Chas. Snagrass # 7 that the report be received. Motion carried.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

It is my honored privilege to submit my tenth Annual report as Chairman of Foreign Correspondence to the 76th Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge. Statistics reveals:

We have received well-printed, informative Proceedings from District of Columbia, Ohio, Texas, Michigan, Kentucky, Louisiana and Colorado.

We have received the following periodicals: The Plumb Line of Louisiana; Masonic Light of Missouri; The Bee Hive from Virginia; Prince Hall Craftsman of Massachusetts; a souvenir brochure from Oregon.

Rosters arrived from: Oregon, Nebraska, Maryland, Washington, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Colorado and New Jersey. Grand Lodge invitation-announcements from 27 Jurisdictions.

This office sent twenty (28) invitation-announcements to Grand Lodges and three (3) to our Eastern Star Grand Chapter.

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January - Sympathy card was sent to Mrs. Amos Bartlett upon passing of P. G. Secretary, A. Bartlett of Missouri.

February - Letters sent to twenty-six (26) Jurisdictions announcing the passing of our beloved P.G. Master Samuel L. Ransom. Condolences received were referred to the bereaved family.

October - Sent fifty-one (51) rosters of Grand Lodge Officers to sister Grand Lodges.

At the request of one of our O.E.S. sisters, sent a letter to the Grand Master of one of our large Jurisdiction, seeking a suggestion of a man (a Mason) to handle some business for her in that state. This was done to her satisfaction.

Now to be more specific, this officer presents a few excerpts from Grand Lodge Proceedings for your edification. It will not be cohesive or logical, but present diverse subjects and problems that are peculiar to our Jurisdiction as well as others.

Cordial, touching greetings were received and read from the following Jurisdictions:

District of Columbia, Maryland, Oklahoma, Missouri, Prince Hall Grand Chapter, O.E.S. Minn. Jurisdiction, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas, California, Georgia, Arkansas, Oregon, Washington, Virginia, Colorado, and New Jersey.

These words uttered many years ago state what our labors must be in order to build our "MASONIC TOMORROW" -- "Masonry has a mission to perform for its members and, through them, for the entire world, but it is as individuals and not as an organization that masonry acts. The principles of Masonry, comprising moral responsibility, justice, charity, freedom of thought and speech, stimulate men's inner life to a program of wholesome activity for the benefit of his fellow men - not merely for the benefit of his fellow Masons only."

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN R. LAWRENCE, P.G.M.

Chairman, Foreign Correspondence

Sept. 1970

PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY

Grand Master Wood - "I am deeply concerned with the fact that each year this Grand Lodge operates in the red. Whether this is due to budgetary allotments, which I personally think is the case, it is my intention to go into the details of our finances to see if this can be corrected. One area in which we must move is that of payment for supplies and proceedings furnished to the Subordinate Lodges by the Grand Lodge through the Grand Secretary's office at the request of the Lodges. On or about the 12th of July of this Masonic year, the Grand Secretary handed me a list of Subordinate Lodges whose indebtedness to the Grand Lodge amounted to more than \$2,400.00. I am happy to report that since that time this debt has been reduced to approximately \$750.00. It is not the intention of your Grand Officers to cause any hardship or embarrassment but if your Grand Officers are to carry out your bidding these obligations of the Subordinate Lodges must be met.

All of us are aware of the fact that the cost of living has increased tremendously since we set our Grand Tax at \$10.00 per year in 1959 in order to retain the \$300.00 death donation as instituted by Grand Master Jameson, and to perform other acts of Masonic charity.

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It is quite evident that before very much longer some financial adjustments must be made, if we are to continue to meet our obligations.

PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA

Grand Master Lewis - - "The trouble could be that too many persons who recently worn the purple and/or are now wearing the purple, conceive of Masonry only as a benevolent society and not as an institution. To ignore the jurisprudence, constitutions, common law, general regulations and code of discipline, each and all of which are peculiar unto the Masonic institution itself is to lay the ground work for the eventual destruction of the system of morality embodied in Masonry as the institution."

PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN

Grand Master Foster - - The difference between an active participating member and an inactive dues payer often results from the lack of incentive or enthusiasm for Masonic knowledge found in a lodge which pays little attention to ritualistic teaching."

PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

Grand Master Clayborn - - "The M.W.P.H. Grand Lodge can say it is no myth, we are millionaires. Today we have people living in no less than four of our multi-family low rent housing facilities."

On the 17th of May, we were able to close Prince Hall Terrace in Houston, Texas with 172 units, and on the 29th of April we closed Prince Hall Chambre in Dallas, Texas which will have 192 units; and I report to you that there are seven different complexes in Texas that are sponsored by you, and will eventually be owned by you exclusively.

PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF OHIO

Grand Master Bracken -- - "In my travels, I have observed, in several instances, entirely too much pettiness, too much overt Masonic politics, and apparent disregard for authority, the lack of organization, and the lack of fraternal vision. These conditions must be eliminated and prudent action substituted. The Craft is what it is because of our Masonic history, which resulted from the activities of our predecessors - we have a debt to pay for the monuments they established, and our responsibility for building bridges over which our posterity must cross, and for constructing a building worthy of serving as a repository for our contributions."

A motion by Bro. John Dorsey # 4, seconded by Bro. Clarence W. Smith # 7 that this fine report be received. Motion carried.

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction--Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, Grand Lodge, Members and Visitors:

GREETINGS my Brethren, on this our 76th Annual Communication, and may we hope to have many more.

First I would like to apologize for not being present in the fair city of Yankton, but my thoughts and heart are with all of you.

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During the past year I have attended all cabinet meetings up to June 1, 1970. I assisted District Deputy Grand Master Smith with the Degree Work at Acacia # 12, also the holding of Election and giving Past Master Degree to the newly Elected Master's of Mosaic # 11 and Acacia # 12 with the assistance of Past Eubank.

On the 10th, 11th and 12th days of May, I had the opportunity of filling the office of the Grand Master while he and the Deputy Grand Master attended the Supreme Council Meeting in Detroit, Mich.

Enclosed with this report you will find a check for twenty (\$20.00) dollars, for the Grand Master's Scholarship Fund. This was made available through the sale of Commemorative coins to Brothers of Mosaic # 11.

It has been, indeed, an honor and privilege serving as Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden of this Jurisdiction and I have made many friends within the realm of masonry in that fine state and trust that I can return to carry on again with the great fellowship.

My best regards to all the Brethren in the Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

CLINTON M. WASHINGTON 32°
R.W. Grand Senior Warden
14 Olive Street
Salem, New Jersey

The report was read by Bro. James Eubanks # 11. It was moved by Bro. William Richardson # 7, seconded by Bro. Nathaniel Hardy # 1 that this report be received. Motion carried.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS' REPORTS:

DISTRICT # 1:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction--

GREETINGS from District # 1:

First I would like to express my thanks to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for having enough faith in me to appoint me District Deputy Grand Master of Dist. # 1.

I have served the Grand Master and District # 1 to the best of my ability. I supported the Grand Master in his Annual Visitation to District # 2, Doric # 3 and the raising of candidates in Worthington, Minn.

I am very proud of Dist. # 1, it is moving ahead with peace and harmony in the raising of candidates. As Dist. Deputy Grand Master of Dist. # 1, I am very proud and pleased with the cooperation that I have received from the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Past Masters, and officers of Dist. # 1 for the past year.

I was pleased to work with the Grand Lecturer and giving proficiency to wardens in Dist. # 1. I hope and pray the Annual Communication will prevail in peace and harmony.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES A. AGNEW,
D.G.M. Dist. # 1

The report was read by Bro. Nathaniel Hardy # 1. A motion by Bro. Clarence W. Smith # 7, seconded by Bro. McClinton Webb # 7 and Bro. Milton Henry # 1 that the report be received. Motion carried.

DISTRICT # 2:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., Minn., and Its Jurisdiction at its 76th Annual Communication--

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Officers, Officers of this Grand Lodge and members of Subordinate Lodges, I bring you GREETINGS from District # 2, as District Deputy, I would like to make this following report.

Remember around this altar you have promised to befriend and help every Brother you deem worthy. Let the public know and see how Mason live, act and love one another.

We in District # 2 have depended on the Heavenly Father and in return have received His blessings for this marvelous year of peace and harmony.

I, as District Deputy, performed all my duties when asked and made the official visitation with the Most Worshipful Grand Master when he visited District # 2, also conducted, with the Grand Lecturer, the Warden Proficiency Test in our District.

The Lodges are increasing in members and may brotherly love cement us forever.

Fraternally submitted,

WAYNE GLANTON,
D.D.G.M. of Dist. No. 2

A motion by Bro. Chas. Snargrass # 7, seconded by Bro. Theo. A. Ruffner # 4 and Arbery Turner # 4 that the report be received. Motion carried.

DISTRICT # 3:

To the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Canada Jurisdiction:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Officers and Members of the Subordinate Lodges--

GREETINGS:

As District Deputy Grand Master of District # 3, I tried to fill the duties of my station to the best of my ability. I have cooperated with the Grand Master and Grand Officers Program, in my District Doric Lodge No. 3 has done fine in their work and meetings although they are small in number but strong in work and great at heart.

Brother Hamilton as Worshipful Master is doing his best to improve the Lodge to the best of his ability and Knowledge.

We are very lucky that we have some good brethren from the Air Base to help carry on the good works of this great Order.

During the year 1970 there were 3 Brothers initiated as Entered Apprentice; two passed F. C. and two raised to M.M., one reinstated, none demitted and four suspended for non-payment of dues.

We have a very nice Club "The High Twelve Grotto" and it is

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doing a fine job in helping the Lodge in its financial struggle.

St. John Day Service was held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. Alphonse Reff was the speaker and we had a very good attendance.

The Grand Master and his Cabinet's Visitation on April 4th by which he conducted the passing and raising of two candidates to the Sublime Degree of a M. M.

He, also, gave some Fraternal instruction on Master Masons and their duties to each other. The new Brethren that were initiated gave and served a very nice dinner which we all enjoyed to the highest.

In conclusion, I will state this fact; that we must stand together and work with each other and try and build this great Order so that it will stand through the ages.

Respectfully submitted,

LEE G. WILEY, D.D.G.M. # 3
Duluth, Minnesota

A motion by Bro. Fred Bell # 3, seconded by Bro. Floyd Tiller # 5 that the report be received. Motion carried.

DISTRICT # 4:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Present and Past Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens and members of the Craft.

GREETINGS:

I am pleased to report the progress of Masonry in District # 4 has been very encouraging, with a number of new brothers taking an active interest in trying to promote a healthy and more aggressive attitude in ritualistic work, creating new ideas in club activity while forming a basis towards a more solid social society.

Worshipful Master K. Winn has indeed proven and gained respect as a capable leader of the craft, while Brother H. Sylvia, President of Regent Club, along with Past Grand Master P. Haynes has devoted much time and energy towards building a sound treasury and impressing a greater need for a better Masonic fellowship.

The Grand Masters visitation was one of a spiritual value for the brothers, and we give thanks.

We mourn the lost of our dear departed Brother A. Worrington, a true stalwart of our fraternity, his memory will always be cherished among us -- may he ever rest in peace.

In closing, I wish to thank The Most Worshipful Grand Master for the opportunity to serve him in this District for this I am grateful.

Best wishes for a successful Grand Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. CARVERY, D.D.G.M. Dist. # 4

The report was read by Bro. Kenneth Winn # 5. A motion by Bro. Piercy Haynes # 5, seconded by Bro. John Hamilton # 3 that the report be received. Motion carried.

DISTRICT # 6:

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DISTRICT # 6 (Cont):

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Present and Past Grand Officers, Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brothers of the Subordinate Lodges:

GREETINGS:

I, as your District Deputy Grand Master of District # 6, beg leave to submit the following report.

First, I would like to say that it has been a great privilege and pleasure to me to have had the honor of working with a man who has such progressive ideas as our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Marion L. Brown, a man who has the foresight and will go forward.

I would like to thank all the officers and members of the Craft for their whole hearted support in my endeavor to carry out the assignments of this office.

MY OFFICIAL ACTS

1. December 11, 1969 - Held election and installed officers of Mosaic Lodge # 11, Emerado, N. Dakota.
2. December 20, 1969 - Held election and installed Officers of Acacia # 12, Minot, N. Dakota.
3. April 23, 1970 - Made official visit to Mosaic Lodge # 11.
4. May 16, 1970 - Made official visit to Acacia Lodge # 12.
5. May 28, 1970 - By order of the Grand Master, gave the Oath of Allegiance and obligated Mr. James R. Winder into Mosaic Lodge # 11.
6. July 4, 1970 - Made official cabinet visitation with the Grand Master to Regent Lodge # 5.
7. July 9, 1970 - By order of the Grand Master, gave the Oath of Allegiance and obligations to Mr. James Williams into Mosaic Lodge # 11.
8. August 1, 1970 - Assisted the Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer in giving the Warden's proficiency test to Brother Isaac Fields, John E. McRae of Mosaic Lodge # 11 and Bro. George Madden of Acacia # 12.
9. District # 6 has progressed in the last twelve months, but there is a lot that can be done. I wish to thank District # 6 for their full cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. EUBANK, D.D.G.M. # 6

A motion by P.G.M. John McHie # 7, seconded by Bro. Isaac Fields # 11 that the report be received. Motion carried.

DISTRICT # 7: -- Berry Boyd # 9 - No report.

GRAND LIBRARIAN REPORT:

881 Carroll Avenue
St. Paul, Minn. 55104
July 26, 1970

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Dear Bro. Smith:

As you asked, here is the report on supplies that have been sold to-date.

Rituals	23
Constitutions & By-Laws	27
Notices	11 dozen
Summons	8 dozen
Blue Cards	90
White Cards	407
Gold Cards	9
Petitions (Free)	141

This includes the 5 constitutions that you received on the 25th.

The financial report will be sent you along with the final report next month.

Fraternally,

LEE A. GWYNNE, Gr. Librarian

The report was read by P.G.M. Chalmer L. Lawson. A motion by John P. Dorsey # 4, seconded by James E. Eubanks # 1 that the report be received. Motion carried.

GRAND HISTORIAN REPORT:

St. Paul, Minnesota
Sept. 12, 1970

Most Worshipful Grand Master
Past Grand Master, Grand Officers,
Worshipful Masters, Warders and Brothers.

GREETINGS:

I consider it an honor and a privilege to be appointed as your Grand Historian for the past year. Altho every page of this book is not filled, I am sure you will find a lot of information in it, of the events that took place here and there. I would suggest that if any brother has any news or data concerning the Grand Lodge in the incoming year, will you please see that the Grand Historian gets it?

Fraternally submitted,
CLARENCE DUKE

The report was read by P.G.M. Chalmer L. Lawson. A motion by Theodore A. Ruffner # 4, seconded by John Hamilton # 3 that the report be received. Motion carried.

GRAND OFFICERS COMMITTEE REPORT:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and members of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction.

We, your committee on Grand Officers' reports, give the following report:

Reports were received from the following Grand Officers--Auditing Committee, R. W. Grand Historian, R. W. Grand Sr. Warden, R. W. Grand

Librarian, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Grand Secretary, R. W. Grand Treasurer, R. W. Grand Jr. Warden, R. W. Grand District Deputy Grand Masters of Districts 1, 4, and 6.

All reports received were adequate and accepted by this committee on Grand Officers reports.

1.- We recommend that all Grand Officers reports be received by the Grand Secretary fifteen days prior to the Grand Lodge session and in duplicate, to enable this committee to properly dispatch its duties.

2.- We recommend that authorization of payment of tokens to all Grand Lodge Officers be initiated with this committee.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN L. McHIE, Chairman

Milton Henry - Merrill L. Taylor

Aaron Arradondo

A motion by P.G.M. John McHie # 7, seconded by McClinton Webb # 7 that the report be received. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY REPORT:

To the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Minnesota and Jurisdiction.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Warders, and Brethren--

GREETINGS:

Your committee on Necrology begs to report, citing and commemorating before the altar of the Grand Lodge of these nine (9) faithful departed Brothers of the Craft.

Members deceased from September 17, 1969 to August 1, 1970:

Pioneer Lodge # 1

Lloyd T. Donaldson

November 7, 1969

Benjamin F. Henderson

March 13, 1970

Anchor Hilyard # 2

Lavern Richardson

May 12, 1970

Perfect Ashlar # 4

Samuel L. Ransom

December 23, 1969

Regent Lodge # 5

Arthur W. Warrington

May 26, 1970

Palestine Lodge # 7

George Ford

December 19, 1969

John T. Smith

December 21, 1969

Webster E. Stovall

January 1, 1970

Elijah Henderson

March 21, 1970

The past testifies to the future; men are made wiser through a diligent study of Folk-ways and every act performed by man as they travel this of life have something of value to contribute to the

wisdom of men. These men whom we commemorate have left many important lessons for us to be guided by. We pause her to say, thank God that we are the recipients of the lessons they passed on to us.

Humbly submitted,

ROBERT H. JOHNSON # 7, Chairman

James Adams # 1

William M. Davis # 2

Fred Bell # 3

A motion by Robert H. Johnson # 7, Seconded by Chas. Snargrass # 7 that this report be received. Motion carried.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT:

To the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction on its 76th Annual Communication.

GREETINGS:

It is an honor to be privileged to report to you the past year activities of this office.

January 11, 1970: Attended Grand Shrine Feast.

January 20, " : Gave the Warden proficiency test to Bro. Ronald Wilson of Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2.

January 24, " : Attended Past Master meeting at Masonic Temple in Minneapolis, Minn.

January 31, " : Attended Grand Master Cabinet meeting at Masonic Temple.

February 26, " : Attended official Grand Master visitation to Anchor Hilyard # 2 & Palestine # 7.

May 1, 1970 : Attended Spring Conference and conducted Master Mason Hour.

June 28, " : Attended St. John Day Service in St. Paul, Minn.

July 19, " : Attended Master Mason raising at Palestine # 7.

July 20, " : I made my official visitation to Pioneer # 1, St. Paul, Minn.

July 21, " : Made my official visitation to Anchor Hilyard Lodge No. 2, Minneapolis, Minn.

July 23, " : Attended my own Lodge, Palestine No. 7, Mpls.

July 26, " : I made my official visitation to Alpha Lodge # 10, Worthington, Minn.

July 28, 1970 : I gave the Warden proficiency test to Bro. Arbery Turner of Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4.

August 1, " : I made my official visitation to Mosaic # 11 and aid the lodge in the passing of five (5) Brothers to the second degree and it was also my pleasure to give the Senior and Junior their proficiency test along with Bro. George L. Madden at Acacia # 12.

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September 13, 1970: Attended the Annual Grand Lodge Memorial services held at Pilgrim Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.

On occasion where irregularities arose, I attempted to correct the same by firm, yet friendly censure, insisting on strict adherence to the code and ritual as they provide the regulation for the governing of our Masonic conduct in this Jurisdiction. It is proven that Masonry, in certain aspects imitates the symmetry of nature. I feel our laws should not be ignored because of whim or fancy nor evaded purely for the sake of expediency.. I have sincerely enjoyed being our Grand Lecturer for the 1969 and 1970 year and I am sorry that I will not be a candidate for the ensuing year due to more pressing problems.

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT H. JOHNSON,
Grand Lecturer.

A motion by Charles Snargrass # 7, seconded by John P. Dorsey # 4 that the report be received. Motion carried.

P.G.M. Piercy Haynes elaborated on the coming events that will take place in Winnipeg.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT:

M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. State of Minnesota and
Its Jurisdiction

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

August 31, 1970

	<u>Relief</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>General</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash in Banks			
First Plymouth National Bank	\$102.33		
First Bloomington-Lake State Bank		\$ 95.72	
Total in Checking Accounts	\$102.33	95.72	\$198.05
1st National Bank, St. Paul	5.00		
1st National Bank, St. Paul		5.00	
Midwest Fed. Savings & Loan Ass'n.	3,890.16		
Midwest " " " "		6,438.73	
Total in Savings Accounts	\$3,895.16	6,443.73	10,338.89
Accounts Receivable			
Quarterly Returns	661.00	1,188.00	
Projects		35.00	
Totals	661.00	1,223.00	1,884.00
Interest Receivable from U.S. Bonds	600.00		600.00

	RELIEF FUND	GENERAL FUND	TOTAL
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Investments			
Putnam Growth Fund	\$2,431.13		
U.S. Government Bonds	15,000.00		
Total Investments	17,431.13		\$17,431.13
Total Current Assets	\$ 22,689.62	\$7,762.45	\$30,452.07
Furniture & Equipment		828.00	
Stationery and Supplies		771.14	
Total Fixed Assets		1,599.14	1,599.14
Total Assets	\$ 22,689.62	9,361.59	32,051.21

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Accounts Payable			
George M. Ford Estate	100.00		
Grand Lodge Officers Token		910.00	
Other Accrued Expenses		---	
Contingency for Death Benefits	22,589.62		
Net Worth		8,451.59	
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	\$ 22,689.62	\$9,361.59	32,051.21

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1970

	RELIEF FUND	GENERAL FUND	TOTAL
<u>INCOME</u>			
Subordinate Lodge Returns	\$ 1,897.50	3,370.50	5,268.00
Interest	463.69	227.66	691.35
Refunds	300.00	165.99	465.99
Dividends	77.91		77.91
Sale of Supplies		264.00	264.00
Commemorative Coins		72.00	72.00
Registrations		305.00	305.00
Gross Income	2,739.10	4,405.15	7,144.25

EXPENSES:

(Deaths \$900.00, Bank Charges \$76.42)	976.42
Grand Master's Token & Expense	\$1,056.54
Grand Sec'y Token & Expense	195.00
Gr. Lecturer's " & "	170.00

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	RELIEF FUND	GENERAL FUND	TOTAL
<u>EXPENSES (Cont):</u>			
Other Grand Officers Token and Expense	\$406.72		
G.L. Meals & Relief Refund	600.00		
Rent, Insurance & Supplies	218.00		
Brochure & Pictures	86.75		
Spring Conference	77.05		
Stationery & Printing	71.27		
Visitors & Xmas Ads	41.50		
Bank Charges & Canadian Exchange	36.28		
Flowers & Safe Deposit Box	27.90		
Donations & Typist	285.00	3,272.01	
Balance	\$ 1,762.68	1,133.14	2,895.82
Income Reserved for Future Deaths	1,762.68	---	1,762.68
Net Income	\$ -0-	1,133.14	1,133.14

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Savings accounts Nos. 249451 and 249452 in First National Bank of St. Paul be closed and the proceeds placed in General Fund and Relief Fund Checking accounts, respectively.
2. That Dividends received from Putnam Growth Funds be reinvested in purchase of new shares of stock.
3. The Estate of George M. Ford of Palestine Lodge No. 7 has not satisfied our Grand Lodge for payment of \$100.00 death benefit. We recommend that the Grand Lodge advisor investigate said matter and clear up the same.
4. That unpaid vouchers for expenses incurred during the fiscal year should be in the hands of the Grand Secretary by August 15th for purposes of Audit.
5. That in view of added duties of the Assistant Secretary, his token be increased by \$25.00.
6. That the form used in this report be accepted for use in future auditing reports. In future years a "Funds Flow" should accompany the Income Statement and Balance Sheet.
7. That the contents of this report be accepted as read.
8. That \$910.00 tokens be paid to Grand Lodge Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON ARRADONDO # 7, Chairman

John McRae, S.W. Mosaic # 11

Fred Bell, # 3

M. O. Weddington # 4

Richard Kampjes, S.W. P.O.A. # 9

Norman Bell # 1

A motion by P.G.M. John R. Lawrence # 4, seconded by Arbery Turner # 4 and Richard Kampjes # 9 that this fine report be received. Motion carried. And the Recommendations be adopted.

GRAND INSPECTOR OF CLUBS REPORT:

As Grand Inspector of Clubs and a resident of the thriving Metropolis of the state capitol of Minnesota, I feel like when I leave there I'm camping out. The Brethren of our party left the city with some doubts of our visit to the 76th Annual Communication of Minnesota and its jurisdiction in Yankton, on in big city like the small western town of South Dakota. The fact that we became lost on the way of course didn't help matters at all. Our deep seated feelings were quickly subdued upon arrival though--WHY? First upon finding the welcome mat was thick cushiony and red. Second, the banquet at the First United Methodist Church which was one of the best to my knowledge ever granted this august body.

So to work and the completion of the Grand Inspector of Club. Certainly that Western saying it's not a question of putting the cart before the horse but rather helping relieve the load of the proverbial mule which in this case is the subordinate lodges.

The Grotto's of most of these lodges were instrumental in helping ease the load--let me enumerate--rather than be partial I will lump the labors of all the grottos--such as sponsor "Miles for Millions" donated to Lodge \$1,000.00, donated to West Indian Society, numerous functions for children, wives and families, fishing derby, two lodges joining together for a Bar-be-que to raise funds. Pancake breakfast and fish fry.

The double Eagle chorus last night opened with the song "AMEN"--In my final summation I will close with "AMEN." Yes, I would like to sing it louder--"AMEN,"--Yes, the grottos did help lighten the load.

Fraternally submitted,

NORMAN BELL # 1

Piercy Haynes

A motion by Jerry Robbins # 1, seconded by Fred Bell # 3 that this report be received. Motion carried.

A verbal report from Inspector of Clubs was given by P.G. M. Piercy Haynes.

COMMITTEE ON PLACE REPORT:

A report was given by the Chairman, James Adams, inviting the 77th Annual Communication to Minneapolis, Minn., 1971 with Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2 as Host.

A motion by P.G.M. John R. Lawrence # 4, seconded by Lee Wiley # 3 that the 77th Annual Communication will meet in Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 1971 with Anchor Hilyard as Host. Motion carried.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Past Masters, Past & Present Grand Officers and Members of the M.W.P.H. Grand Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons for the State of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction:

GREETINGS:

The Committee on Grand Master's Address was called at 3:00 P. M. Monday, Sept. 14, 1970, with Chairman, Martin O. Weddington, presiding. The meeting was recessed until 8:30 P. M. The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 P. M. After invoking the blessing of the Diety, and a brief discussion and explanation of the duties and responsibilities of the committee, with the members present, the Committee began its deliberation. Our assignment requires us to study the Grand Master's Address.

The first order of business was a reading of the Address. The message in its entirety gives the Committee pleasure in stating that it is intensive and scholarly. Its unique literary production and highly classical diction and composition reflect credit upon our Grand Master and honor to our Craft. His greetings show his goodness and humbleness of heart and we have every reason to reciprocate. After analyzing this address of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, we feel inadequate to put into words our appreciation for a year of hard labor, and we say thanks to one of the most outstanding men, who has presided over this Grand Lodge.

He pays tribute to those of our Brethren who have laid down their working tools and journeyed into that strange country from whose bourne no traveler has ever returned. We, who survive, can dedicate ourselves to their unfinished tasks.

We feel justified in saying that the gratitude of the Grand Lodge goes out to our Grand Master for the profound interest and for the remarkable manner in which he managed the affairs of this Grand Lodge.

Under Fraternal Relations: We are happy to note real brotherhood exist between the Bodies and Rites in our Jurisdiction.

Under State of the Craft: It is a pleasure to note conditions as improved.

Under Visitations: It is easy to see that the Grand Master fulfilled all of his obligations.

Under Dispensations: His Dispensations prove our Lodges are working.

Under Recommendations: It shows our Grand Master is concerned about our complete realm of activities.

We must protect the prestige built up by our predecessors. Through a show of respect for the past, we have courage to face the future.

We, your Committee on Grand Master's Address, have deemed it a pleasure to have perused this Document. The Committee that has found joy in scrutinizing the Address, finds a greater joy in knowing that the work for the past year has been accomplished.

Fraternally submitted,

MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON 33^o, Chairman

S. Mitchell # 2

Floyd Tiller # 5

Raymon A. Heslep # 9

A motion by Clarence W. Smith # 7, seconded by Isaac Fields # 11 that the report be received. Motion carried.

P.G.M. Lapercell P. Greene # 4 presented Mosiac Lodge # 11 with the gavel for making the most master masons in this Jurisdiction.

Bro. Clarence Smith # 7 asked that the song "This Little Light" be sung in memore of P.G.M., Samuel L. Ransom--déceased.

Bro. Willie Johnson gave a report on the raffle held in Worthington by Silver Crown Coub, Acasia 12 Club.

The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshments for a space of one Masonic Hour.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION - Sept. 16, 1970

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to Labor by the sound of the gavel in the Grand East.

Singing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

Report from banquet by D.D.G.M. Theodore Blakely # 10. (No printed report available).

A motion by Chas. Snargrass, seconded by Merrill Taylor # 4, Fred Bell # 3, Norman Bell # 1, McClinton Webb # 7, Jerry Robbins # 1 and John McHie # 7 that a rising vote of thanks be given to this committee for a fine banquet. Motion carried.

Reading of Minutes of morning session. A motion by Willie D. Gray # 4, seconded by Norman Bell # 1 that the minutes be adopted as read. Motion carried.

PAST MASTERS COUNCIL REPORT:

956 Marshall Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota
September 8, 1970

Most Wonderful Prince Hall, Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons
State of Minnesota--

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge in Session:

I, Julius W. Clemmons, President of the Past Masters Council, beg leave to submit the following report.

We the members of the council feel that we have had quite an inspired year. On December 14, 1969, we did confer the degree of Past Master on the following Masters:

Brother Stone of Number 1
Brother Webb of Number 7
Brother Sparks of Number 4

We were quite successful in having a good attendance at our meetings during the year of 1970.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS W. CLEMONS,
President

The report was read by Oscar W. Holden # 2. A motion by Osear W. Holden # 2, seconded by Wm. Richardson # 7 that the report be received. Motion carried.

than \$100, or for disability benefits of more than \$150 to any one person in any one year; or

(7) To any domestic lodge, order, or association which was incorporated under the laws of this state prior to the year 1917 and has been doing business in this state since incorporation and which now has less than \$4,000 in cash or in securities acceptable to the Commissioner and which has heretofore agreed, in its constitution or bylaws, to pay \$300 as death benefits and \$200 as funeral expenses, and which does not operate with a view to profit and which shall hereafter pay no funeral expenses and pay not more than \$300 as death benefits, and shall hereafter collect from its members, at their then attained ages, regular payments of assessments not lower than those required by the National Fraternal Congress table of mortality with interest at four percent per annum; and save and except as in this section otherwise specifically modified, limited or qualified that any such domestic order or association which has more than 500 members, and provides for death or disability benefits, and any such domestic lodge, order, or association which issues to any person a certificate providing for the payment of benefits shall not be exempt by the provisions of this section, but shall comply with the requirements of this chapter. All foreign associations transacting business in this state shall comply with the provisions of section 64A.36.

Subd. 2 AID ASSOCIATIONS. Any aid association confining its membership to one religious denomination, not operating for profit, and not charging stipulated premiums, which has been so operating in this state for more than 30 years and which pays death benefits not exceeding \$2,000 in any one case, shall not be subject to the insurance laws of this state.

Subd. 3. INFORMATION FURNISHED COMMISSIONER. The Commissioner may require from any association such information as will enable him to determine whether the association is exempt from the provisions of this chapter. No association which is exempt by the provisions of this section from the requirements of this chapter shall give or allow, or promise to give or allow, to any person any compensation for procuring new members.

The report was read by P.G.M. Chalmer L. Lawson. A motion by Aaron Arrondondo # 7, seconded by Fred Bell # 3, Martion O. Weddington #4 that the report be received. Motion carried.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, submit the following report:
We approve the Grand Master's letter to the Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, Council of Royal and Select Masters, Commandery of Knights Templar, giving them authority to operate in Minnesota and its Masonic jurisdiction.

OFFICIAL ACTS

1. We consider this not an official act.
2. Should be under Dispensations.
3. Not an official act.
4. We concur
5. Not an official act.
6. Not an official act.
7. We concur.
8. Not an official act.
9. We concur

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OFFICIAL ACTS: (Cont):

10. We concur.
11. We concur.
12. Not an Official Act.
13. We concur.
14. We approve of all the civic ventures in which the Grand Master participated.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We approve.
2. We do not approve.
3. We do not approve.
4. We do not approve. Requires constitutional change.
5. This recommendation to go to Budget Committee.
6. We concur.
7. We concur.
8. We do not concur because we do not have a Council Knights of Pythagoras.
9. We refer to Budget Committee.
10. We do not approve--requires constitutional change.
11. We do not approve.
12. We approve.--For a new charter.
13. We do not approve

Fraternally submitted,

LAPERCELL P. GREENE 33⁰, P.G.M. Chr.

Lee G. Wiley, Doric Lodge # 3

James E. Eubank, Mosaic # 11

Wm. A. Richardson, Palestine # 11

John L. McHie, P.G.M.- Piercy Haynes, P.G.M.

Nathaniel L. Hardy, Pioneer # 1

Roy A. Heslip, P.M.P.O.Ao # 9, Sec'y.

A motion by Richard Davis # 7, seconded by W. D. Gray # 4 that the report be received. Motion carried. A motion by Bro. Jerry Robbins, 2nd by Bro. Wayne Glanton # 7 that we vote separately on each amendment. Motion carried.

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| 1. | Approved. | Motion by Glanton, seconded by Johnson | - Carried. |
| 2 | Disapproved. | " " Johnson, | " Webb - Carried. |
| 3. | Disapproved. | " " McHie | " Hardy " Carried. |
| 4. | Disapproved | " " McHie | " Smith " Carried. |
| 5. | Budget Com. | " " McHie | " Holden - carried. |
| 6. | Concur | " " McHie | " Gray - carried. |
| 7. | Concur | " " Glanton | " Hamilton - " |
| 8. | Disapproved | " " Holden | " Snargrass - " |
| 9. | Budget | " " Bell | " Holden - " |
| 10. | Disapproved | " " Holden | " Webb - " |
| 11. | Disapproved | " " Glanton | " Hamilton - " |
| 12. | Approved | " " Smith | " Holden " - |
| 13. | Disapproved | " " Glanton | " Bell - " |

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:

BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1971:

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE

Token.....\$ 200.00

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51.00

G.L. EXPenses - Arradondo

1970		Travel	1970	Office
Sep. 27 - Worthington	Meals Gas + Oil	5.00	Sep. 29 - Phone - Florida	1.65
Oct. 2-4 - Duluth	Room + Meals Gas + Oil	32.81	Sep. 29 - Phone - Duluth	1.48
Oct. 6 - Edmonton	- Phone	12.13	Oct. 4 - Postage	6.00
Oct. 14 - Grand Forks	- Phone	1.43	Oct. 14 - Postage	12.00
Oct. 17-18 - Grand Forks	Room + Meals Gas + Oil	55.26	Oct. 14 - Insty Print	1.483
Oct. 27 - Worthington	- Phone	13.85	Typing + Mailing 133 Letters	11.00
Nov. 9 - Worthington	- Phone	4.13	Oct 17 - Telegram - Florida	2.80
Nov. 9 - Worthington	- Phone	4.13	Nov. 14 - Postage	7.02
Jan. 10 - Worthington	Meals & Bangat	17.04	1971	
Feb. 17 - Grand Forks	- Phone	88	Feb 16 - Postage	6.00
Mar. 4 - Duluth	- Phone	3.69	Mar. - Insty Print	1.483
Mar. 19-21 - Duluth	Room + Meals Gas + Oil	51.00	Mar. 31 - Postage	1.560
Apr. 17-18 - Grand Forks	Room + Meals Gas + Oil	14.40	Mar. 31 - Typing + Mailing	12.00
Apr. 19 - Duluth	- Phone	44.00	Apr. 19 - Phone	
Apr. 19 - Yankton + Grand Forks	- Phone	21.74	Apr. 19 - Other Page	18.15
May 8 - Worthington	Meals Gas + Oil	6.00	May 17 - Insty Print	2.00
May 29-30 - Winnipeg	Room + Meals Gas + Oil	9.35	May 17 - Stamps	4.00
June 12-13 - Minot	Room + Meals Gas + Oil	40.53	May 18 - Phone to 4 - Districts	16.61
To Date		25.25	June 16 - Phone	2.09
July 16-19 - Edmonton	Food Gas + Oil	47.74	July 26 - Phone - GFAB	3.19
July 18 - Edmonton	Kingsway Motel	31.45	Aug. 1 - Phone - Indiana	6.00
		459.26	Aug 1 - Phone - Ohio	3.96
		36.00	Aug 9 - Insty Prints	4.94
		77.00	Aug 9 - Stamps	8.66
Total Expenses		603.71		168.87
Reimbursement Received		471.77	\$ 28.23 Due	10.000
Balance		131.94		68.87

Conference of Grand Masters (Jackson, Miss.)

May 12	N.W. Airlines	158.00
	Meals + beverage	6.00
May 19-22	- Registration, Rooming, taxes + Ra.	72.00
May 22	- Heidelberg Hotel	60.00
Total Expenses		350.00
Reimbursement Provided		350.00
Balance		None

Legal Research Grand Master's Conference:
~~Registration Fee~~.....\$ 50.00 + \$5.00
P.H.I.C.....40.00 55.00
Travel & Subsistence.....300.00
Office rent, supplies, typing...175.00
Official Visitations.....500.00 \$ 1,065.00

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE:

Token.....\$ 75.00
Other.....(not to exceed).....100.00 \$ 175.00

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN'S OFFICE:

Token.....\$ 25.00 \$ 25.00

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN'S OFFICE:

Token.....\$ 25.00 \$ 25.00

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE:

Token.....\$150.00
Contingency.....60.00
Travel....(Not to exceed).....175.00 \$ 385.00

GRAND TREASURER'S OFFICE:

Token.....\$125.00
Office Expense.....35.00
Travel....(Not to exceed).....175.00 \$ 335.00

GRAND LECTURER'S OFFICE:

Token.....\$100.00
Postage.....10.00
Travel....(Not to exceed).....175.00 \$ 285.00

CHAIRMAN FOREIGN CORRES.:

Token.....\$100.00
Contingency.....50.00 \$ 150.00

GRAND ASSIST. SECRETARY

Token.....\$ 50.00 50.00

GRAND LIBRARIAN

Token.....\$ 25.00
Contingency.....50.00 \$ 75.00

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Token 7 @ \$25.00.....\$175.00 \$ 175.00

GRAND PUBLIC RELATIONS & PUBLICIST

Contingency.....\$ 10.00 \$ 10.00

GRAND LODGE EXPENSES

Memorial Services.....\$ 40.00
Spring Conference...(Not to exceed)...\$ 75.00
Typist for annual communication\$ 75.00
\$15.00 per person per day
Flowers for Grand Chapter.....\$ 20.00
Printing of proceedings.....\$350.00
Grand Master's Apron.....\$100.00
Annual Photo.....15.00
Meeting Room.....50.00

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Meals (150 @ \$3.00).....\$ 450.00

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Masonic Heart Hospital.....\$ 50.00
 United Negro College Fund..... 25.00
 Urban League..... 25.00 \$1,275.00

Total Carried Forward \$4,230.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

Legal Expenses & Tokens.....\$ 50.00
 Insurance..... 10.00
 Grand Historian..... 25.00

GRAND INSPECTOR OF CLUBS

Token.....\$ 25.00
 Travel...(Not to exceed)..... 100.00 210.00

ANTICIPATED INCOME & RECEIPTS

500 members @ \$8.00 Grand Lodge Tax.....\$4,000.00
 Net Share of Grand Lodge Registration..... 300.00
 Miscellaneous..... 400.00
\$4,700.00

Excess Receipts
 or Expenditures for year \$260.00

Recommendations:

1. We recommend that payment of tokens to Grand Lodge Officers, be based on their reports being written and mailed to the Grand Secretary and the report of the committee on Grand Officers Reports.

2. In view of the fact that our life membership to the N.A.A.C.P. is paid up, we recommend that \$50.00 per year be contributed to the Masonic Heart Hospital

Collar Repair
 Typewriter
 Tape Recorder

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Merrill L. Taylor # 4, Chr.
 John L. McHie # 7

Wm. D. McAdams # 7 - Clarence Duke # 4
 Milton Henry # 1 - Chalmer L. Lawson # 2

Recommend # 3 that a tape recorder be secured for each Grand Lodge Session, to record the Minutes of the Communication. These tape recorders can be rented if you do not see fit to purchase one.

A motion by P.G.M. John McHie # 7, seconded by Bro. Clarence W. Smith # 7 that the report be received. Motion carried.

GRAND LODGE INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Master, Officers and and members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minn., and Its Jurisdiction---

We wish to submit the following report on Investments.

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Purchased in 1961 from Putnam Groth Fund, 189 Shares at purchase price at \$10.68 per share. Shares have now accumulated to 285,344 shares. Current market value _____.

The appointed committee on investments met on Feb. 14, 1970 to decide on more Investments. The committee decided to Purchase Federal Land Bank Bonds through 1st National Bank of Minnesota in the amount of \$5,000.00 at the rate of 8,500. These bonds are short term and mature March 20, 1971.

Also, purchased through 1st National Bank of Minneapolis \$10,000 in Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures at the rate of 8.15 per cent. First coupon due 9-1-70. On Sept. 1, 1970, the 1st coupon was received to the amount of \$405.24 which is for six months. These debentures mature March 1, 1973.

Fraternally submitted,

AARON ARRADONDO, Chairman
William D. McAdams

John L. McHie - Chalmer L. Lawson
William Sutherlin - James Bradford

A motion by Bro. William M. Davis # 2, seconded by P.G.M. Chalmer L. Lawson that the report be received. Motion carried.

Final report of the CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

<u>LODGES</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>P. M.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Pioneer # 1	3	6	9
Anchor Hilyard # 2	4	3	7
Doric # 3	4	2	6
Perfect Ashlar # 4	3	6	9
Regent # 5	3	3	6
Palestine # 7	3	9	12
Pride of Alberta # 9	3	1	4
Alpha # 10	4	1	5
Mosiac # 11	3	1	4
Acacia # 12			
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To the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge:

We, the member of Alpha Lodge # 10, request not a new Charter as stated in the recommendation. We have no wish to move the Charter from Sioux Falls, S. Dak. We wish only a re-wording of our present charter, including Worthington, Minnesota as our legal meeting place.

Suggest as follows:

Alpha Lodge # 10 of Worthington, Minnesota and Sioux Falls, S. Dak., if this is possible.

WILLIE E. JOHNSON, W. M.

APPEALS and GRIEVANCES

It is pertinent and a serious situation at this time, that we act now, in the protection of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction in reference of a Charter to be issued

to Worthington, Minnesota to operate legally under a due Charter, under a name and number suitable to confer with the State of Minn., and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The Charter in Sioux Falls, S. D. be surrendered, due to the lack of insufficient membership. Under the Constitution and By-Laws of this Jurisdiction, we demand that the matter of this consideration be acted upon and adopted at this 76th Communication. This is mandatory that any Lodge must function under a legal charter.

The gavel was turned over to P.G.M. John R. Lawrence to conduct the Annual Election of Officers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Grand Master - Aaron Arrondodo - elected on first ballot
Deputy Grand Master - Martin O. Weddington
Grand Senior Warden - Theodore Blakey
Grand Junior Warden - Milton Henry
Grand Treasurer - William D. McAdams
Grand Secretary - Chalmer L. Lawson
Grand Lecturer - P.G.M. John L. McHie

Installation of officers by Bro. LaPercell Greene.

The session was closed in ample form by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Master, Marion L. Brown.

CHALMER L. LAWSON 33^o,
Grand Secretary.

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Sept. 15, 1970

To: The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, Present and Past Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Proxies and brethren in this our 76th Session of The Most Worshipful Prince hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

Fraternal Greetings -

We are assembled in the proud city of Yankton, in the proud state of South Dakota, to give an account of our stewardship, transact such other business as may properly come before us, and to elect officers.

Worshipful Grand Wardens you will arch the Worshipful Grand Chaplain, so that he may approach the Sacred Altar, that he may make supplication to our Heavenly Father and acknowledge our failings and plead that His mercy will ever sustain us.

Necrology

Deity has sounded the tocsin, whereby nine brothers have answered its command and are now at peaceful rest in the City of Eternity. We cannot close this register without honorable reference of Senior Past Grand Master Samuel L. Ransom. We miss his congeniality and dedication, and yet we can find solace in knowing that the loss of our brethren in death is Heaven's gain.

Fraternal Relations -

The numerous Proceedings we have received plus our correspondence to them is a strong indication of real brotherhood. The relationship with our Concordant Bodies and Appendant Rites continue to unfold most favorably. Our presence and participation in the Summit Conference for Grand Masters, sponsored by the Northern and Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, (Prince Hall Affiliation).

The Conference of Grand Masters and the Pilgrimage to the grave of our first Grand Master, Prince Hall, in Boston was endowed with reverence, good fellowship and inspiration. Although we experienced a restructuring of the Conference, we still must await the accruing benefits of this action. Past Grand Masters Percy A. Haynes and P.G.M. Lapercell P. Greene also were participants. The Conference did approve of our nomination of P.G.M. Haynes as Regional Director for the midwestern states. The approved calendar for future Conferences list, Jackson, Miss. for 1971 and St. Paul in 1972.

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Fraternal Relations (Con't)

Pursuant to the desires of several brethren to reactivate Chapter

of The Holy Royal Arch Masons of The Most Excellent General Conference of Grand Chapters Holy Royal Arch Masons, Inc., Prince Hall Affiliation, United States of America. This office after careful consideration and correspondence granted permission to the General Grand High Priest to renew our former affiliation. On the seventh and eighth day of August, nineteen companions and knight templars were arched and dubbed. We solicit your prayers for a successful Royal Arch Chapter and Commandery in this Jurisdiction.

The State of the Craft

A critical examination of the Craft can best be described as improved. This statement is not meant that there are no voids. The Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters will reveal to you some of the problems that may exist. Our Official Visits to the subordinate Lodges revealed their work was in order. We pay a sincere debt of gratitude in that they received us with Grand Honors and laid the proverbial red carpet of Hiram. We did experience a sense of heaviness on learning of the planned departure from District #6 of two of our active Grand Lodge Officers, namely, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Clinton M. Washington and Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Marcus J. Smith. Their Brother James E. Eubank was appointed to complete the years work of District Deputy Grand Master. The records will reveal that this District is one of our most valuable assets.

Visitations

Sept. 17, 1969	The Grand Lodge Diamond Jubilee Banquet at the Pick-Niccollet Hotel, Mpls. Minn.
Sept. 18th	Prince Hall Grand Chapter of O. E. S. of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction
Sept. 19th	Grand Chapter O. E. S. Banquet at Holiday Inn, St. Paul, Minn.
Sept. 25th	Participated in the District Meeting of Model Cities which was held at my home.
Sept. 26th	Congratulated Brother Kelly H. Turner, P. G. Warden, on his Fifty Years of continuous membership.
Oct. 4th	Recognition Banquet North Star Consistory #14, Holiday Inn, St. Paul.
Oct. 25th	Past Mater's Council, St. Paul.
Nov. 25th	Pioneer Lodge #1 Past Master's Party, Sweden House, St. Paul.
Dec. 14th	Past Master's Council, Mpls.

Visitations (Con't)

Jan. 11, 1970	Fezzan Temple #26, Annual Feast
Jan. 24th	Past Master's Council, Mpls.
Feb. 18th	Home of Brother Ransom, now deceased, for prayer.
Feb. 26th	Official Visitation District #2
Mar. 18th	Official Visitation District #1
Apr. 4th	Official Visitation District #3
Apr. 18th	Official Visitation District #5
Apr. 19th	Grand Chapter Official Visitation of Ruth Chapter #14, Worthington, Minn.
Apr. 25th	Official Visitation Mosaic Lodge #11
May 2nd	Spring Conference, Mpls.
May 3rd	Fraternal Worship Service Sabathani Church, Mpls.
May 9 - 11	Supreme Council, Detroit, Mich.
May 16th	Official Visitation Acacia #12
May 29th	Fezzan Temple #26, Gala Day Observance
May 29th	Memorial Day Service, Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul
May 30th	Fezzan Temple #26, Worship Service, St. Peter A.M. E. Church Mpls.
June 6th	Official Visit District #7
June 14th	Esther Day Service, Mt. Olivet Church, St. Paul,
June 21st	St. John's Day Service, St. James Church, St. Paul.
June 29th	Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4, Award Night
June 28th	Grand Chapter O. E. S. Tea, Mpls.
Aug. 13 - 16	Conference of Grand Masters, Boston, Mass.
Aug. 16th	Masonic Pilgrimage, Boston, Mass.
Aug. 17-18-19	Shrine Imperial Session, Boston, Mass.

Dispensations

Oct. 7th	Doric Lodge #3	Work out of time	Fee \$2.00
Oct 20th		Work out of time	Fee \$2.00
Nov. 20th	Regent Lodge #5	Work out of time	Fee \$2.00
Mar. 18th	Palestine Lodge #7	Healing	No Fee
May 24th	Acacia Lodge #12	Raise 7 Candidates	Fee \$2.00
June 23rd	Acacia Lodge #12	Request of May 24th reduced to 5 Candidates.	\$2.00 Credit.

Dispensations - (Con't)

July 17th	Palestine Lodge #7	Work out of time	Fee \$2.00
July 29th	Doric Lodge #3	Two Degrees in one night	Fee \$2.00

Official Acts

1. Assigned city of Grand Lodge Communication to Yankton, S. D., after conferring with Alpha Lodge #10.
2. *B92* Granted dispensation for six months, beginning Nov. 1st at half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the regular fee.
3. Directed District Deputies for list of all Past Masters.
4. Issued proclamation for Spring Conference.
5. Directed Committee of Greivances and Appeals to confer with Pioneer Lodge regarding understanding of the new increase in per capita tax.
6. Directed Grand Trustees to check the contents of safety Deposit box.
7. Issued proclamation for St. John's Day.
8. Held regular cabinet meetings.
9. Appointed Bro. James Adams of Lodge #1, as Assistant Grand Chaplain.
10. Appointed Bro. James Eubank of Lodge #11 to serve as District Deputy Grand Master #6.
11. Notified Senior Grand Warden to serve in the office of Grand Master during the visit of Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master to the Supreme Council in Detroit, Mich.
12. Traveled to Detroit at my expense.
13. Notified Deputy Grand Master to serve in the office of Grand Master during visit to Conference of Grand Masters.
14. Participated in Memorial Day Service at Oakland Cemetery.

Summary

We are grateful to the many Jurisdictions in permitting us to review their Annual Proceedings. Many hours has been spent in digesting their contents. We know that most of our knowledge comes from the information of others.

There are many matters of our years stewardship which our Grand Lodge Committess will report in detail for your consideration. To them we give our heartfelt thanks.

The tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth was truly evident in all of our Official Visitations. We commend the Craft in pursuing this Godly dedication and recognition. We shall not become amiss in failing to give signal honor for the thirty-two Past Grand Masters (the living and the dead), whose untiring labor permitted us to be here thus assembled.

Conclusion

As we enter the decade of the seventies, there are many presently saying: "All is not well. Whiter shall we go?" The Prophet Jeremiah epitomizes our thinking when he said: "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered."

To understand the writings and lectures of many informed people, should enable all of us to devote our lives to constructive thinking and action. Rev. J. H. Jackson, President of The National Baptist Convention in addressing the National Sunday School Congress in 1965 was very eloquent when he expounded, what we must do to relieve the negative conditions in today's world. There are five institutions we must touch, namely:

1. Right use of the classroom.
2. Voting Booth
3. Good relationship with friends and factories.
4. The Bank
5. The Church.

As we clear out trestle-board, permit me to recite E. P. Allerton's analogy of "Beautiful Things", which I dedicate to you and all Prince Halls wherever assembled.

Beautiful Faces are those that wear -
It matters little if dark or fair -
Whole-souled honesty printed there.

Beautiful eyes are those that show,
Like crystal panes where hearthfires glow,
Beautiful thoughts that burn below.

Beautiful lips are those whose words
Leap from the heart like songs of birds,
Yet whose utterance prudence guards.

Beautiful hands are those that do
Work that is honest and brave and true,
Moment by moment the long day through.

Beautiful feet are those that go
On kindly ministries to and fro,
Down lowliest ways, if God wills it so.

Beautiful shoulders are those that bear
Ceaseless burdens of homely care
With patient grace and daily prayer.

Beautiful lives are those that bless
Silent rivers of happiness,
Whose hidden fountains but few may guess.

Again we thank you for permitting us to travel with you and for you.

Yours in Masonry,

Marion L. Brown
Marion L. Brown
M. W. Grand Master

Recommendations

1. We recommend that the Finance Committee evaluate the 75th Anniversary Banquet given at the Pic-Nicollet Hotel by the host Lodge and reimburse said Lodge of their deficit of \$108.36 which was disbursed from their general fund.
2. We recommend that after Jan. 1, 1971, that no Master Mason of this Jurisdiction pursue the ceremonies of initiation in the Concordant Bodies and Appendant Rites of Prince Hall Masonry, until he has proven proficient in the obligation of the third degree.
3. We recommend that the wearing of all Masonic jewelry with derogatory connotations be abandoned. e.g. re: "The balls and cane."
4. We recommend that a youth committee and a student aid and scholarship committee be standing committees of three with staggered terms of service.
5. We recommend support to the:
 1. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
 2. United Negro College Fund, Inc.
 3. National Urban League, Inc.
 4. The National Foundation - March of Dimes.
6. We recommend that the Prince Hall Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Stars of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction be presented a good-will bouquet of fresh flowers during their 45th Annual Communication.
7. We recommend continued and active participation in the Annual Conference of Grand Masters.
8. We recommend participation in The International Supreme Council Order of the Knights of Pythagoras at their workshop and demonstration meeting to be held in the Holiday Inn., Kansas City, Kansas on the 19th and 20th days of September.

Recommendations (Con't)

9. We recommend that \$50.00 be contributed for the support of the Prince Hall Information Center, and \$40.00 to the Legal Defense Fund, Inc. of the N.A.A.C.P. at the conference of Grand Masters.
10. We recommend that burial relief be increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00, on the certification of ten years of continuous membership and have continued in good standing in the Minnesota Jurisdiction.
11. We recommend that Past Grand Treasurers and Past Grand Secretaries be eligible nominees to the office of Grand Master.
12. *We recommend the Grand Master issue a duplicate charter, free and of charge, changing the name to Worthington, Minn.*
13. *We recommend the Annual Proceedings be released three months after the closing of the Grand Lodge Communication.*