

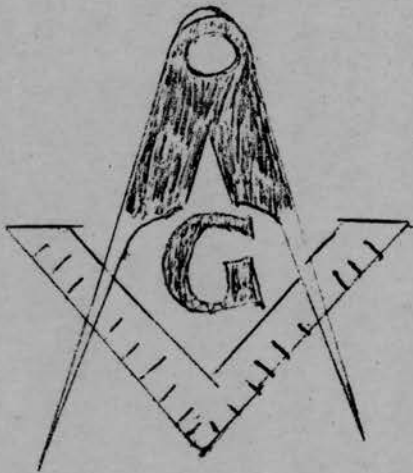


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Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4 opened in form on the third degree with all present master masons.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master and his cabinet were then escorted in and Grand Honors given.

Rollcall of all Grand Officers was read by the Grand Secretary Chalmers L. Lawson #2.

This was followed by the reading of the credentials by Brother William M. Davis #2, assistant Grand Secretary, and a sufficient number of representatives from the necessary number of lodges were present to open the 79th annual communication.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert Johnson #7 declared this Grand Lodge open in ample form, and instructed the Grand Marshall Arberry Turner #4 to declare it so in the south, west and the Grand East.

Reading of the rules governing this session was by Brother Morris Miller #1, Grand Parliamentarian, who moved for adoption and was seconded.

A break in the session was called to admit the mayor of St Paul, Larry Cohen who brought greetings to the session. After timely remarks from the mayor, response was given by P.G.M. Lapercell Green, who stated that we have a lot of good men in the area who were masons and were potential men to be selected for promotions and appointments that would enhance better living conditions and relationships in the St Paul area. The mayor was then escorted out and the session was resumed.

On the question of the motion to adopt the rules there was considerable misunderstanding in regards to the rules that stated (when a motion was made, only the name of the maker should be recorded and the name of the seconder was not necessary to make the motion legal as long as there was a second), after much discussion P.G.M. Lapercell Greene to ammend the rule in question by adding that the name of one seconder only would be entered into the records. Move for adoption of the rules was then passed.

The Honorable Grand Master Glanton Dawson and the Honorable Deputy Grand Master Oscar Baker of the Michigan jurisdiction were escorted to the east and Grand Honors given. Grand Master Dawson brought greetings from his jurisdiction and wished us a harmonius session.

P.G.M. Joseph Patterson arrived and was escorted to the east and given Grand Honors.

This was followed by the reading of the committees appointed with the Grand Master filing the nexessary vacancies.

This was followed by the reading of the proclaiming of the Grand Master by P.G.M. Chalmers Lawson, Grand Secretary.



Greetings were read from The Honorable Wendell Anderson, Governor of Minnesota, Prince Hall Grand Chapter, O. E. S., United Supreme Council and Council of Deliberation of North Star Consistory, and all of the Golden Circle.

It was moved by Merrill Taylor #4 and seconded by Clarence Smith #7 that the greetings be received. Carried.

The gavel was turned over to the Deputy Grand Master Merrill Taylor, as the Most Worshipful Grand Master delivered his annual address of his stewardship for the year. Moved by P.G.M. John Mc Hie #7 that the address by the Grand Master be received and the recommendations be turned over to the proper committees. Seconded by P.G.M. Chalmers Lawson #2. Carried

The session was then called from labor to refreshments to resume at 1 30 P. M.

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The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 1 45 P.M. by the sound of the gavel in the east.

We then heard the report of the Grand Treasurer Dan McAdams #7. It was moved by Clarence Smith #7 that the report coming from the Grand Treasurer be received and placed with the proper committee. Seconded by Harold Johnson #4. Carried. A rising vote of confidence was given by the body for the extremely detailed report.

We then heard the report from the Grand Secretary P.G.M. Chalmers L. Lawson #2. It was moved by Samuel Mitchell #2 that the report be received and placed with the proper committee. Seconded by Harold Sylvia #5. Carried.

Report of the Investment committee was given by Dan McAdams #7 and his committee. It was moved by P.G.M. Lapercell Greene #4 that this report be received. Seconded by Harvey Moss #7 P.G.M. Carried It was then moved by Carl Griffen #1 and seconded by Clarence Duke #4, that this report also be given to the proper committee. Carried.

The report of the C. C. of F. C. by P.G.M. Lapercell Greene was then heard. Moved by Conway Bolling #1 and seconded by Samuel Mitchell #2 that the report of the C. C. of F. C. be received. Carried. A rising vote of thanks for a job well done was given by the body.

The report of the committee on Grievances and Appeals was heard from Chairman Samuel Mitchell #2. Motion to receive by Nathaniel Hardy #1 and seconded by Lawrence Henderson #2. Carried.

The report of the Rt. Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. Merrill Taylor #4 was read. Motion to receive by George Taylor #4 and seconded by John Spencer #12. Carried.

A report from the past master,s council was given by the president, Arbery Turner #4. It was moved to receive by Merrill Taylor #4 and seconded by James Lynn #4. To be placed in the archives. Carried.

The report of the annual spring conference was read by Merrill Taylor, Deputy Grand Master. It was moved by Lawrence Henderson #2 and seconded by Clarence Duke #4 to receive and placed with the proper committee. Carried. A rising vote of thanks was given to the Deputy Grand Master, for carrying out this chore in a fine manner.

A floral gift was brought in and many thanks were given by the body For this gift from the Grand Chapter O.E.S.

Report was now had from the District Deputy Grand Master Clarence Duke #4 of District #1. It was moved by William Davis #2 and seconded by Charles Agnew #1 that this splendid report be accepted and placed on file. Carried

We now had the Worshipful Master,s hour conducted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert Johnson #7.

First report came from Charles Agnew, W. M. Pioneer #1, It was moved by Carl Griffen #1 and seconded by Nathaniel Hardy #1 That this splendid report by accepted. Carried

Report of Morris Miller W. M. Anchor Hilyard #2. Moved by William Daves #2 and seconded by Samuel Mitchell that this splendid report be accepted. Carried

Report of Charles Stalling, W. M. Doric #3. Moved by Nathaniel Hardy #1 and seconded by Lawrence Henderson #2, that this splendid report be accepted. Carried

Report of Harold Johnson W. M. Perfect Ashlar #4. Moved by Clarence Duke #4 and seconded by Brother Pequet #4 that this splendid report be accepted. Carried.

Report of Kieth Parsons W. M. Regent #5. Moved by Theodore Blakey #14 and seconded by Conway Bolling #1 that this splendid report be accepted. Carried.

Report of James K. Ash W. M. Palestine #7. Moved by P.G.M. Harvey Moss #7 and seconded by James A. Kinney that this splendid report by accepted. Carried.

Report of Don LaFayette W. M. Pride of Alberta #9. Moved by Hayward Hinton #9 and seconded by Lawrence Henderson #2 that this splendid report be accepted. Carried

Report of James Winder W. M. Mosaic Lodge # 11. Moved by Maurice Mitchell #11 and seconded by James Ash #7 that this splendid report be accepted. Carried

Report of Jesse James W. M. Acacia Lodge #12. It was moved by John Spencer #12 and seconded by William Lacy #12 that this splendid report be accepted. Carried

Report of Henry Lee Martin W. M. of Boaz Lodge #14. It was moved by Willie Johnson #14 and seconded by Theodore Blakey #14 that this splendid report be accepted. Carried

A rising vote of confidence was given for these young masters for a job done in the epitomy of perfection.

We then had the report of the resolutions committee by Brother Morris Miller #2 It was moved by Morris Miller #2 and seconded by Charles Agnew #1 that this report be accepted. Carried.

The Grand Lodge was now called from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 6 30 P. M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called the craft from refreshment to labor at 6 45 P. M.

The report of District Deputy Grand Master Chares Snargrass of District #2 was now heard. It was moved by James Adams #1 and seconded by Conway Bolling #1 that the report be received and placed with the proper committee. Carried.

District # 3 report was now given by Charles Stalling for the absent District Deputy John Hamilton #3. It was moved by Charles Snargrass #7 and seconded by Clarence Duke #4 that this report be received and placed with the proper committee. Carried.

The report of District Deputy Grand Master Herbert Carvery #5 was read, by Kieth Parsons. It was moved by Harold Sylvia #5 and seconded by John Spencer #12 that the report be received and placed with the proper committee. Carried

The report from Willie Johnson District Deputy Grand Master of District #5 was then read. It was moved by Henry Lee Martin #14 and seconded by James Adams #1 that the report be received and placed with the proper committee. Carried.

The report of District Deputy Grand Master Maurice Mitchell of district #6 was read. It was moved by James Winder #11 and seconded by Jesse James #12 that this report be received and placed with the proper committee. Carried.

The report of District Deputy Grand Master Barry F. Boyd of district #7 was read. It was moved by James Adams #1 and seconded by Kieth Parsons #5 that this report be received and placed with the proper committee. Carried.

Report of the committee on printing, by Dan Mc Adams #7. Moved for acceptance by William Davis #2 and seconded by Mc Clinton Webb #7. Carried.

Report on publicity by P.G.M. Joseph Patterson. Moved to receive by Charles Snargrass and seconded by Charles Stalling # 3. Carried.

Report of Transportation committee by Mc Clinton Webb #7. It was moved by James Ash #7 and seconded by Kieth Parsons # 5 that the report be received. Carried.

Report of the Obituary committee, which opened with a song, Precious Lord and a prayer by Brother Milton Henry # 1. Moved by James Adams #1 and seconded by Clarence Duke #4 that report be received and resolution be sent to proper committee. Carried.

Introduction of the Pythagoras Youth Group Organization with Curtis Whitlock #7 Master Counsellor.

Report of the Grand Lecturer Willie D. Gray. Moved for receiveing by John Spencer #12 and seconded by Clarence Smith to be placed in the hands of the proper committee. Carried.

It was then the minutes for the day were read for corrections. It was moved by Nathaniel Hardy #1 and seconded by Milton Henry #1 that the minutes be received as corrected. Carried.

The craft was then called from labor to refreshments until the sound of the gavel in the Grand East.

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The craft was called from refreshment to labor at 9 40 A. M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Herman E. Smith of Wisconsin was escorted to the east and given grand honors. M. W. G. M. Smith gave a short congratulatory speech on our 79th annual communication.

The report of the Rt. Worshipful Grand Junior Warden was then heard by Harold Sylvia #5. Moved by Keith Parsons #5 to receive and placed with the proper committee and seconded by Lawrence Henderson # 2. Carried.

The report of the Rt Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, Brother Eubanks # 11 was read by James Winder #11 in the absence of the Grand Senior Warden. Moved by John Spencer #12 and seconded by Jessie James #12 that the report be received and placed with the proper committee. Carried.

Report of the committee on petitions by Chairman Willie Johnson #14 was read. Moved by George Taylor # 4 and seconded by Parnell Davis #2 that the report be received. Carried.

The Grand Librarian, Clarence Smith #7 was presented. The motion to receive was made by James Kinney #7 and seconded by John Spencer #12. Carried.

Report of the Trustees was made by Dan McAdams #7. It was moved by Harold Johnson #4 that the report be received. Seconded by Don Layfette. Carried.

Brother Theodore Blakey gave a short resume on the bi-centennial in South Dakota for 1974. He said that he hopes the Grand Lodge could participate, and solicited the P.H. family to direct participation.

The report of the resolutions committee was given by the chairman, Morris Miller #2. It was moved by Brother Miller that the report be accepted and seconded by Henry Lee Martin #14. Carried.

The resolution to amend the by-laws in regards to representation, page 131, to read (No brother shall be representative of his lodge as a proxy except he be a duly elected officer). Moved to adopt by John Spencer #12 and seconded by George Taylor #4 that this change be instituted. Carried.

The report of the committee on works and returns was given by Ted Blakey #14. After unreadnesses by Maurice Mitchell #11, James Winder #11, and Henry Lee Martin #14, it was moved by Willie Gray #4 and seconded by Charles Agnew #1 that the report of this committee, with the necessary corrections be accepted. Carried.

Report of the committee on the Grand Master's address, read by Martin Weddington P.G.M. #4. It was moved by Charles Agnew #1 and seconded by Clarence Duke #4 that this report be received and placed on file. Carried.

Grand Master Dawson and Deputy Grand Master Baker of the Michigan jurisdiction were escorted to the east and accorded Grand Honors.

The committee on place gave their report, Nathaniel Hardy #1, chairman reading. Of the offers to host Grand Lodge in 1974, the offer by Regent Lodge #5 was accepted. Assuring the 80th communication will be held in Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada. Moved to accept by Henry Lee Martin #14 and seconded by Dan McAdams #7. Carried.

A communication from the United Supreme Council A.A.S.R. was read. It was moved by C. W. Smith #7 and seconded by Eugene Lewis #1 that the communication be received and placed on file. Carried.

The report of the scholarship committee was read by P.G.M. Martin Weddington #4. Moved by Floyd Tiller #5 and seconded by Barry F. Boyd #9 that the report be received and properly disposed of. Carried

The grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12 05 P.M. to resume at the sound of the gavel in the Grand East.

September 19, 1973 P. M.

The official visitation of the Grand Chapter O.E.S. was received by Grand Master Robert Johnson. The reception was most cordial and remarks by the Grand Master were followed by remarks from the Grand Matron and the Grand Patron and also the visiting Grand Masters. Next was presented the Order of the Golden Circle. Greetings were brought by Morris Miller #2 representing the Commander in chief of the North Star Consistory #14 Greetings were also extended by Lawrence Henderson M.W.P.M.

Greetings were then extended by Omar Chapter Heroines of Jerico U. D. State of Illinois by Merrill Taylor Grand Joshua.

Greetings were also extended by Fezzan Court # 7 Daughter of Isis by Daughter L. Bradford, second Lt Commandress.

The auxilliaries of the several bodies were then escorted out to some beautiful music by Brother William Davis #2 at the organ.

The report of the masonic awards committee was read by P.G.M. John Mc Hie #7 chairman. The Mason of the Year Award went to Mike Cates #7 and the giant gavel went to Mosaic Lodge #11 as having the highest proportionate increase in membership. Anchor Hyliard Lodge #2 received the Booster Club award. It was then moved by James Ash #7 and seconded by James Scott #11 that this report be received. Carried.

The report of the non-Prince Hall Mason committee was read by James Adams #1. It was moved by James Ash #7 and seconded by Conway Bolling #1 that this report be received and placed on file. Carried.

The report of the auditing committee was read by Charles Snargrass #7, chairman. It was moved by P.G.M. Lapersell Greene #4 that the report be accepted. seconded by Charles Agnew #1. Carried.

The report of the committee on Grand Officers reports was then heard. It was read by Clarence Duke #4, chairman. It was moved by James Adams #2 and seconded by William Davis #2 that the report be received. Carried

The report of the committee on jurisprudence was read by P.G.M. John Mc Hie #7 chairman. It was moved by P.G.M. Lapercell Greene #4 that the report be received but that the recommendations be acted upon separately. Seconded by Morris Miller #2.

Recommendation #1 in re (Tenure of office) Moved by Charles Agnew #1 and seconded by P.G.M. Aaron Arradondo #7 that this recommendation be accepted.

Recommendation #2. in re (publication of proceedings) Moved by John W. Spencer #12 and seconded by James Scott #11 that this recommendation be accepted. Carried.



Recommendation #3 in re (Wardens profficiency test) Moved by Charles Agnew #1 and seconded by Jessie James #12 that this recommendation be accepted. Carried.

Recommendation #4 in re (Rituals) Moved by Morris Miller #2 and seconded by J. W. Henderson #4 that this recommendation be accepted. Carried.

Recommendation # 5 in re (Honorary Past Grand Master Title) Moved by William Miller and seconded by P.G.M. John Mc Hie #7 that this recommendation be not accepted. Carried.

Recommendation #6 in re (age of applicants) Moved by Morris Miller #2 and seconded by P.G.M. Joe Patterson that this recommendation be accepted. Carried.

Recommendation #7 in re (financial allocation to regional conference of Grand Masters) Moved by P.G.M. Martin Weddington and seconded by P.G.M. John Mc Hie #7 that this recommendation be referred to the budget committee. Carried.

Recommendation # 8 in re ( Fiscal year) Moved by Morris Miller #2 and seconded by P.G.M. John Mc Hie that this recommendation not be accepted. Carried.

Recommendation # 9 in re (Tax Increase) The committee did not concur, but offered a substitution of \$ 2.00. It was moved by Clarence Duke #4 that the substitute recommendation by the committee be accepted. Seconded by Morris Miller #2. Carried.

Recommendation #10 in re (lodge club funds) Moved by Dan McAdams #7 and seconded by Eugene Lewis #1 that this recommendation be accepted. Carried

The report on the youth group was then read by P.G.M. Aaron Arradondo #7. Moved by Charles Agnew #1 and seconded by James Ash #7 that this report be received. Carried.

The report of the budget committee was then heard. It was moved by Charles Agnew #1 and seconded by Henry Martin # 14 that this report be adopted. Carried.

The R. W. Grand Secretary then made a motion that the acting assistant secretary W. Lacey #12 be given a \$10.00 token. This was seconded by the R. W. D. G. Master Merrill Taylor. Carried.

The report of the committee on correcting the constitution and by-laws was read, by P.G.M. Aaron Arradondo #7, chairman. It was moved by Aaron Arradondo #7 and seconded by James Smith #1 that the report be turned over to the Grand Secretary then turned back to P.G.M. LaPercell Greene for distribution to the field for \$1.00 each copy, and such monies received be turned over to the scholarship fund. Carried. A resolution from this committee was presented by P.G.M. Aaron Arradondo #7 and seconded by Charles Snargrass #7 to allow an investment of our monies in debentures at 9.75%. After a lengthy discussion on unreadiness this motion was defeated.

A resolution was presented by the obituary committee to erect a monument over the grave of our first Grand Master. Moved by P.G.M. Lapercell Greene #4 and seconded by James Kinney #7 that this resolution be adopted. Carried.



It was brought to our attention that Brother Ted Blakey had been voted to received the Mason of the Year award some time back but had never been presented with it. It was moved by James Ash #7 and seconded by Merrill Taylor #4 that the award be presented this session. Carried.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was now held. Election was conducted by senior Past Grand Master John L. Mc Hie.

Grand Master	Robert H. Johnson #7	Majority
Deputy Grand Master	Milton Henry #1	Majority
Grand Senior Warden	Barry F. Boyd #9	Majority
Grand Junior Warden	Maurice Mitchell # 11	Majority
Grand Treasurer	Dan McAdams #7	Unapposed
Grand Secretary	John L. Mc Hie #7	Unapposed
Grand Lecturer	Richard Davis #7	Majority

After the installation ceremonies The Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert H. Johnson #7 closed the 79th annual communications in Ample Form.

Rt Worshipful Grand Secretary  
Chalmers Lawson #2

Attest  
Most Worshipful  
Grand Master  
Robert H. Johnson #7

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the minutes of the 79th annual communication in 1973 A.D.

Robert H. Johnson  
Most Worshipful Grand Master

*Robert H. Johnson*

John L. Mc Hie  
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

*John L. Mc Hie*

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
for 1973

Scholarship

W. Glanton #7, Chairman  
M. O. Weddington #4, Co-Chm  
J Adams #1  
M. L. Brown #1

Returns and works of Lodges

T. Blakey #14 -Chairman  
C. W. Smith #7  
Chas. Stalling #5

Auditing

C. L. Snargrass #7 -Chairman  
N. L. Bell #1  
J. D. Cook #7 (for information)  
C.L. Lawson #2 (for information)  
W.D. McAdams #7 (for information)  
W. M. Davis #2

Petitions

W. E. Johnson #14 -Chairman  
James Scott #11  
J. C. Patterson #2

Grand Lodge Picnic

Past Master Council  
President- Chairman

Transportation

Mc Clinton Webb #7 -Chairman  
R. C. Covington #7 Co-Chm  
F. D. Bell #3

Budget

Charles Agnew #1 -Chairman  
C. J. Snargrass #7 Co-Chm  
S. D. Mitchell #2  
C. L. Lawson #2 (for information)  
W. D. McAdams #7 (for information)  
J. W. Clemons #14  
James Eubank #11

Jurisprudence

John Mc Hie #7 Chairman  
E. H. Lewis #2  
M. O. Weddington #4  
Harold Sylvia #5  
Barry F. Boyd #9  
M. S. Miller #2

Credentials

W. M. Davis #2 Chairman  
W. Lockhart #7 Co-Chm  
Herbert Carvery #5  
R. J. Carson #1  
J. C. Patterson #2

Investments

W. D. McAdams #7 Chairman  
A. Arradondo #7 Co-Chm  
J. N. Bradford #1 (Legal Advisor)  
Charles Agnew #1  
Arbery Turner #4  
Barry F. Boyd #9

Revision of By-Laws

A. Arradondo #7 Chairman  
R. J. Carson #1 Co-Chm  
J. N. Bradford #1 (Legal Advisor)  
C. L. Lawson #2  
Barry F Boyd #9  
James Adams #1  
D. Sparks #4

Finance

John Mc Hie #7 Chairman  
M. L. Taylor #4 Co -Chm  
Charles Agnew #1  
W. D. McAdams #7  
C. L. Lawson #2  
N. L. Hardy #1

### Obituaries

C. Bolling #1 Chairman  
Milton Henry #1 Co-Chm  
L. P. Greene #4  
W. D. Gray #4

### Grand Offiders Reports

Vannoy Martin # 1 Chairman  
Clarence Duke #4 Co-Chm  
S. D. Mitchell #2  
C. M. Stalling #3  
R. Kampjes #9

### Printing

Robert Johnson #7  
C. L. Lawson #2  
W. D. McAdams #7

### Trustees

R. H. Johnson #7 Chairman  
C. W. Smith #7 Co-Chm  
M. L. Taylor #4  
H Sylvia #5  
C. L. Lawson #2  
M. O. Weddington #4  
J. E. Eubank #11  
R. A. Heslep #9

### Revision of Directory

A. J. Brisco, #2 Chairman  
L. P. Greene #4 Co-Chairman

### Rules

M. S. Miller #2 Chairman  
Nathaniel Hardy #1  
Floyd Tiller #5  
W. M. Davis #2

### Charity

M. L. Taylor #4 Chairman  
Harold Sylvia #5  
W. D. McAdams #7  
C. L. Lawson #2  
C. W. Smith #7

### Grand Masters Address

M. O. Weddington #4 Chairman  
George Wilson #1 Co-Chm  
C. J. Snargrass #7  
W. M. Davis #2  
M. Mitchell #11  
Chas. Stalling #3  
H. L. Martin #14  
Barry Boyd #9  
Harold Sylvia #5

### Spring Conference

M. L. Taylor #4 Chairman  
A. J. Brisco #2 Co-Chm

### Publicity

J. C. Patterson #2 Chairman  
Ted Blakey #14 Co-Chm  
W. E. Johnson #14  
C. M. Stalling #3  
W. Glanton #7  
G. Wilson #1  
K. Parsons #5

### Appeals and Grievances

Jerry Robins #1 Chairman  
S. D. Mitchell #2 Co-Chm  
Arbery Turner #4  
R. E. Davis #7  
J. W. Clemons #4

### Place

N. L. Hardy #1 Chairman  
Jessie James #12 Co-Chm  
W. A. Richardson

### Charters and Dispensations

Marion L. Brown #1 Chairman  
Dan La Fayette #9  
Richard Davis #7

#### Masonic Awards

John L. Mc Hie PGM #7 Chairman  
C. L. Lawson PGM #2  
La Percell Greene PGM #4  
J. C. Patterson PGM #2  
A. A. Arradondo PGM #7  
H. A. Moss PGM #7  
M. L. Brown PGM #1

#### Non - Prince Hall Masons

A. J. Brisco #2 Chairman  
James Adams #1 Co-Chm  
J. C. Patterson #2  
C. H. Griffen #1  
W. M. Lockhart #7

#### Resolutions

R. C. Covington #7 Chairman  
H. M. Carvery #5 Co-Chm  
M. S. Miller #2  
M. L. Brown #1

#### Necrology

Willie D. Gray #4 Chairman  
Milton Henry #1 Co-Chm  
C. L. Lawson (for information)

#### Youth Groups

A. A. Arradondo #7 Chairman  
J. C. Patterson #2 Co-Chm  
L. Whitlock #7 (for Information)

The following is the report of the committee on credentials.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Wardens  
and brothers of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

We your committee having carefully examined the credentials presented  
by the several subordinate lodges find them to be correct and in order  
with the qualified alternates. We also find that there are the required  
number of representatives from the required number of lodges necessary  
to open this 79th annual communication.

#### Fraternal

W. M. Davis #2 Chairman  
Herbert Carvery #5  
R. J. Carson #1  
J. C. Patterson #2

Report of the committee on rules.

Rule 1 The credentials committee, directly after the opening ceremonies of the meeting, shall report the number of delegates and or proxies registered as present with proper credentials, and shall make a supplementary report after the opening exercise at the beginning of each day that business continues.

Rule 2 A resolution offered by an individual member shall be in writing, signed by the maker and seconder --each of whom shall be voting members of the Grand Lodge -- and shall be sent directly to the desk of the Grand Secretary.

Rule 3 All resolutions except those proposed by committees, and all recommendations made in reports of officers or committees that are not in the form of a resolution, shall be referred without debate to the Resolutions committee. Recommendations made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall be presented to the committee on Grand Officers Annual reports.

b) Each member who offers a resolution shall be given an opportunity to explain it to the Resolutions committee if he so requests.

c) The resolutions committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the Grand Lodge with the committees own recommendation as to appropriate action, these and all other resolutions referred to the committee except questions which the committee by a vote of two-thirds of its members may decide not to refer or report.

d) The Grand Lodge can by a majority vote suspend this rule 3 and can consider a question, or can order the resolutions committee to report at certain time, even if the committee voted not to report it.

Rule 4 No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question on the same day. or longer than three (3) minutes without permission from the Grand East.

Rule 5 All reports and other materials for the permanent record or printed proceedings shall be in typing and immediately on presentation, shall be sent to the Grand Secretaries desk.

Rule 6 Only the name of the mover of the motion will be recorded in the minutes NOT the name of the seconder.

Morris Miller #2 Chm  
Nathaniel Hardy #1  
Floyd Tiller #5  
W. M. Davis #2

ADDRESS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER  
ROBERT H. JOHSON

R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Officers, Visiting Dignitaries, Brethren of the Craft.

Since the beginning of time a citadel or fortress has stood as a place of refuge from harm or evil, a protection from invasion of enemies or a haven of rest for the weary. Although great efforts were expended in building these massive physical structures, nevertheless, most of them have been destroyed by the ravages of war and time. There is a citadel, however, that is invulnerable above and beyond all attacks and circumstances. "A Mighty Fortress is our God," assuring all fellow Masons that the Supreme Architect is a refuge and help in trouble and affliction.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, standing for 107 years, depicts the citadel of Masonry here from all over the globe.

I am grateful for this opportunity to stand on this hallowed ground, to recount to you my stewardship for the past twelve months. This year indeed has been a unique experience; it has provided for new facets which have proven helpful. Likewise, it has caused many to put forth a greater effort to re-evaluate our image and for us to require a strict adherence to the basic tenants of our Order to make Prince Hall Masonry a perpetuating reality. Our year started with faith in God and a determination to do our best.

Today, I am here somewhat battered, slightly buffeted, a little grayer, thinner at the temple, very tired, but still confident that Bread cast upon the water by many faithful brothers, whom I have attempted to bolster and sustain, is coming to fruition. This year our exposure to people of many religious faiths, encouraged greater sensitivity in understanding the human needs and values of the craft. My faith in each of you is a personal expression of my belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The sand of time have swiftly passed into eternity carrying with it some pleasant memories and some heartaches. But we are assembled to deliberate upon the accomplishments of a cycle and then walk up to the threshold of a new Masonic year. Whatever was or has been accomplished was through the Divine guidance and the support of the faithful craft. We are told, and I believe, that prayer is the Soul's sincere desire unuttered or expressed, the burden of a hidden fire that burns within the breast, it is the Christian's vital breath, the Christian's native air, his watchword at the gate of death--he enters heaven with prayer. In keeping with our accepted Masonic dogma of first invoking Divine assistance, let us pause as we begin these deliberations to give thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for His guidance which each of us has sustained.

Worshipful Grand Chaplin, do your duty as the Worshipful Grand Organist will accompany, softly, with a prayer, after which we will remain standing as we sing a verse of "Bless Be The Tides That Bind"

The hands of time beckon and it turns living moments into memories. Ten (10) Lodges have provided us with invaluable experiences and meaningful associations. The opportunities to blend many voices and ideas; to share in the fun and sorrows of brothers and sisters; to applaud the talents and services of all of our groups in public and private performances--are all now a portion of this Jurisdiction's history.

It was the hope of this administration to inculcate self help and support, as well as community participation; assuring the appreciation of each others' differences. Our membership come from all corners of the globe; they represent various faiths, communities and strata of life. They have joined to form a vital, working jurisdiction. This is our Grand jurisdiction, this year--"Unity from Diversity". This Grand Lodge represents the bonds of common experiences and significant relationships among individuals. On September 18, 1973, the light at the crossroads turned "Green"--we slowly, accelerated into a new era

#### OBSERVATIONS

In the light of today's explosive world, Masonry cannot be confined to our lodge rooms alone. Today's generation cries "Become Involved!" and create according to your own standards! There is a need for a vibrant cultural learning experience in Masonic life to complement the dogmas of our regular communications. The fight for survival by long established fraternities and sororities entails a battle for the minds of the younger generation. But hark ye! In seeking their own truths, youth approaches the formidable, questions the contradictions and hypocracies and--judges. To those of an older generation, there is a reluctance to turn over the reins to the younger innovators. It is not always easy to think unselfishly, but the time has come for all of us to think and act big! The wider we open the doors of our thinking for creative expression from the "new breed", the more progressive our fraternity will become. "Remember--some mighty important people are watching every move we make; they are our kind; the leaders of tomorrow!"

#### NECROLOGY

The questions is asked in the Holy Writ "What man is he that liveth and shall not see death?" Coming down through the ages we get the answer, "Not one".

Let us pause for a few mementos to reflect and take note of the vacant seats arround us--Softly and tenderly. Death has invaded our ranks and made our hearts heavy. The mystery of death, like the mystery of birth, continues to defy understanding; we are never quite ready when the day has ended. There is not one in this assemblage who does not have a personal interest in our brothers upon whom the seal of finality has been placed. Being members of our great fraternity places us all on a common ground. Those who passed, all were men who squared their actions as they went about their earthly labor. The young may die; the old must die; the wiseth knoweth now how soon. We think today with reverence of those brothers who have disrobed, retired, and sought solace in that Grand Lodge above. There is no work, nor knowledge,



nor wisdom in the grave. But after the strong hand of death has alarmed the tiled door and leveled all in the humiliation of the grave, the Almighty hand of the Supreme Grand Master shall prevail and exalt every brother in that Grand Lodge above. There the unfinished designs upon the Trestle Board will be completed; there the scales of doubt and procrastination shall fall from our eyes and the purpose of the Divine Plan shall be viewed in all its splendor.

Those of us who took time out from our daily tasks to attend the last sad rites of our deceased brothers did so--not just because he was our fraternal brother, but because as they lived, they had so let their stars shine by their daily actions that we were proud to have known them and were glad to do so. It is of great import that our departed brothers were members who attended their respective lodges, so that when their summons came they were known as members, not just names. They were brothers whom we met "on the level"; watched them as they "acted by the Plumb", and saw them as they departed "upon the Square".

While going about their earthly labors, some contributed more than others; some had more to offer. As Masons, all are equal. So it has been this year; we have returned to mother earth, restored to the bosom of nature, many of our fraters. Among them William B. Lewis #1, Ellis G. Harris #2, John Nealy #5, David Reese #1, Woodrow Reed #4, Floyd Manson #1, and Lee Wiley #3, and so many from other lodges who were properly eulogized during our Lodge of Sorrow. Let us resolve that as we continue to benefit from their labors their memory shall remain with us forever.

#### STATE OF THE NATION

The urban-racial crisis in America is viewed as a far more dangerous threat to the stability of the nation than any other problem--foreign or domestic. The fact is that the gap between the whites and blacks has not been closed. In today's affluent society there needs be a prompt and effective effort to provide everyone with a minimum income. America must give credibility to the rights of minority groups to determine their own destiny by supporting the concept of community participation in the control of educational and other institutions as other ethnic groups have done.

Walther P. Reuther, President of the United Auto Workers, professed profound sympathy for youngsters' disenchantment with things as they are. He cited three things as main factors at the root of this disaffection:

1. "A large gap of hypocrisy in our present 'mass culture' that has left youth 'alienated from a sense of human community'."
2. Society has been unable to translate its rapidly expanding technology into human terms and make it serve human needs.
3. "Things are in the saddle and things are getting bigger. Meanwhile, man is getting smaller and smaller."

Another point of view was expressed by Astronaut Walter Cunningham who labeled our as a Permissive Society. He said we were "sicker" than the younger generation because we permitted the wild behavior of the young. Cunningham further stated that "our generation is sicker because we tolerate the tearing down of our places of learning and the disrespect of our Government."

To Black America, the white man, like everyone else, has accepted things as they have been over the years. The impetus for change, if the community is to progress, will have to come from the Black communities. Despite the strides that have been made on the economic level in recent years, there still is not the necessary acceptance of the principle of integration.

But the white world and the black world between--people who are neither capitalist nor revolutionaries--are not communicating. The anti-white rhetoric among black extremist has died down considerably, but there is a feeling of urgency in the context of a black America moving toward one of the highest pitches of activity of this century. In support of many of these approaches, I suggest to Prince Hall Masons that many of us have become middle class and forgotten the people we were designed to serve.

#### THE STATE OF THE CRAFT

The time honored custom of concluding a tenure with a renumeration of the achievements of such period might cause one to be expansive, bragging and ostentatious. While this may be a prerogative of leadership, I do not consider it completely necessary if the lines of communication and the interest of the membership have remained stimulated.

We feel there has been a moral re-birth in our ranks this year which will enable us to build even more solidly the real foundations which underlay our Masonic life. We are and have been challenged, as members of this great fraternity, the Masonic order to give living reality to our principles and make proud the countless members and well-wishers whose names have emblazoned our history. We are not content to live in the past, however satisfying. They were plied by Masons of another day. We must live Masonry. We cannot pause at merely knowing grips, words and signs. We must exhibit signs that indicate a desire to do what is right. Our signs should indicate Faith; they should stand for Hope, and they should suggest Charity.

The leaders of 1973 in our jurisdiction accepted a great challenge--and in the face of our own misgivings at times, followed our direction to advance many times in the faces of our enemies. But we, like Gideon, did approach our tasks with humility, by dignity. In the spirit of humility we have refused the advantages of specialized honor and many supposed pre-requirements of this high office. To those Masters, Wardens, and brothers, with whom I have labored this year, I ask you to continue to be the Joshuas of our times and be willing to lead our hosts of Masons around the walls of our Moral Jerichoes--blowing the trumpets of Justice and Duty so loudly until the walls of lethargy, complacency and self-aggrandizement come tumbling down in the face of the rhythm of our resistance to wrong doing. If we attempted to do anything--it was to make Masonry here in the Jurisdiction of Minnesota a living reality. We asked you to address your purposes to the permanency of our Masonic temple as a bastion or world brotherhood.

One approach in the program plans of this administration was to develop, through discussions, mutual exchange of ideas, strong, knowledgeable Masters and Wardens who had or would develop what we call Drive or Leadership. We felt such charisma would cause the membership to rise above routine or average performance. Throughout 1973 we have hailed the Masters as the leaders of this Jurisdiction; this was not a fallacy. Some attempts were made to usurp their authority, but in the majority of these instances, issues were resolved without the official intervention of the MW Grand Master. In all of the approaches to procedures we have not, I repeat, have not ordered nor proclaimed innovations in the governmental structure of the Craft.

We have insisted upon a reaffirmation of those principles which are paramount in all Masonic jurisdictions. The fact that many tangibles had not been enforced over a period of time is irrelevant. We cannot, we must not condone those who would defy constituted leadership or authority.

When our joint Masters and Wardens, council first met, I was asked what I expected of them; my reply was a simple answer: "Their very best performance". They cannot succeed alone. We hope they have created an environment that stimulates progress through the personal touch, their own enthusiasm, their receptiveness to new ideas, their own spirit to set challenging goals for their units and courage to welcome appraisals of their own progress toward these goals.

#### CONCLUSION

Let us redouble our efforts to become involved and be aware of the magnitude of our operation here; it requires the support of all of us. We do not propose nor do we support any effort to destroy any group; we would insist that any and all information relative to the involvement of the Lodges and Chapters in this renovation program be documented. This Masonic complex does not belong to any one individual or group; it represents the sweat and toil of all our Jurisdiction. We will not see your efforts dissipated further.

Allied bodies and subordinate units, all are an integral part of any complete Jurisdiction. This premise does not pre-suppose that all are equal stature. The Grand Lodge, your Grand Lodge, is as it has been for 79 years the supreme authority in this Jurisdiction. It permits and extends to other groups the privilege to practice their forms of Masonic dogma, as forces for good, in its environs. But this permissiveness does not mean that the Grand Lodge relinquishes its authority to insist that the basic principles of Masonry be adhered to. Likewise, the Grand Lodge must remain the authority to determine what innovations, literature, new bodies or visitors, compatible to our Jurisdiction are permissible. This is not a new approach; it is a reaffirmation of a time honored principle. As your Grand Master I have a responsibility to assure that all of the Blue Lodges remain strong. The practice of brothers advancing, many times in less than a year, to the other branches of Masonry leaves much to be desired. Many times, despite the glamour of these degrees, we have not put Masonry into these men, we have put these men into Masonry.

God has been our Co-Pilot; he was with us all the way; it was my plea..."Jesus Savior Pilot Me".

So Mote It Be,



Robert H. Johnson, 32°  
M. W. Grand Master--1973

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. While our present by-laws do not show a tenure for the office of the Grand Master; at the 1963 proceedings the Grand Lodge accepted a recommendation from the M.W.G.M. Lawson to make that tenure two years (which is as it presently stands). However, I recommend that the tenure be now changed to four years, beginning with the election of the next Grand Master.

I believe the reasons for this change is obvious as it will provide for management-by-objectives.

2. That Grand Lodge proceedings should be available to the membership not later than 90 days after adjournment, at an amount not to exceed cost; and that there be included a summary of all new laws.

### Warden's Test

3. Recognizing that the Warden's Test is inadequate...

1. I recommend that ARTICLE VII Sec 7 para 2 (bottom of page 95), be amended, by inserting the words: "and demonstrate administrative capabilities, with some knowledge of the" after the word: "masonry".
2. That public relations, management by objectives, and leadership skills be included in the test, but not limited to those areas mentioned;
3. That greater emphasis be placed on the administrative capabilities of the candidate. Suggested percentage rating:

Administration.....	50 %	of test
Constitution and by-laws.....	20 %	"
G. M. and W. M's perogatives.....	15 %	"
Ritualistic work.....	15 %	"

4. That the office of the R.W.G.L. be charged with the responsibility of compiling the test, the substance of which shall be solicited with the help of the Grand Master, and other available sources;
5. That the revised test be put into immediate effect after its completion, but not later than three (3) months after this session is adjourned.
4. Because of the now high cost of our present ritual (an increase of about 110% in 14 years); and also because of the difficulty the code imposes on the masters of the lodges to find instructors for candidates; I conferred with other Grand Masters and found a majority of these jurisdictions favored using the open ritual. I therefore recommend that this jurisdiction adopts the Look of the East by Lester as its official ritual.

5. The office of the M.W.G.M. exists not because of the Grand Lodge or the Constitution, but because of the Land marks. The uniqueness of this office is such that it will exist even if the Grand Lodge does not exist. After one year in this office I believe that my experiences in it could never have been had outside of it. Therefore I believe that no one should be awarded the title of Honorary Grand Master with all rights and privileges pertaining thereto; and I accordingly make that recommendation.
6. I recommend that the age limit be lowered to 18 for membership into our Subordinate Lodges in the Jurisdiction of Minnesota.
7. I recommend that \$25.00 be allocated to the Midwest Regional Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters and Masons, to help defray expenses of this very worthwhile organization.
8. Many Cabinet Members, Past Masters, and Subordinate Lodge officers have brought to my attention the very short period of time elapsing between Grand Lodge Annual Communication (third Tuesday in September) and Grand Lodge Fiscal Year (August 31). Quarterly Returns of lodges are often in the hands of the Grand Secretary for the August 31st Quarter but the Treasurer does not have ample time to make the deposit of monies in order to close his books for his yearly report.

The Auditing Committee is not able to perform its functions in the short period before Grand Lodge Session; the Finance Committee and Budget Committee work's are difficult due to incomplete financial reports from which they gather meaning figures.

Being cognizant of aforementioned difficulties, I recommend that Grand Lodge Fiscal Year be changed to August 1st through July 31st.

9. I recommend an increase in the Grand Lodge tax from eight dollars to thirteen dollars to be distributed in the following manner:
  1. One dollar (\$1.00) to be paid into the Scholarship Fund. This fund will be administered by a special committee with responsibility to design programs and or competitions which will attract the contestants. The awards MUST be made annually, and must not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00), beginning with the 80th Annual Communications.
  2. Two dollars (\$2.00) shall be earmarked for a "self-help" program from which subordinate lodges may borrow for the purchase of real property or such other causes as they may deem necessary. A special committee comprised of one representative from each lodge shall be appointed to administer this fund. No loans will be made until the fund has reached five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).



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3. The last two dollars (\$2.00) shall be applied to the general fund to offset the rising cost of operations of the Grand Lodge.
10. I further recommend that Article XXXVII Section 5 Paragraph 2 (pp 144-145) be amended by striking three hundred dollars (\$300.00) after the words "in excess of" and insert one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). This should make it possible for the clubs to attempt larger projects and hopefully, enhance their treasuries by even more. It should be kept in mind that at any given time the parent lodge has the right to demand all or any part of such funds if its financial situation so dictates.



Robert H. Johnson  
Most Worshipful Grand Master

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OFFICIAL ACTS AND VISITATIONS

1972  
SEPTEMBER

- 20 Assumed the Gavel of Authority upon due installation as Grand Master in Grand Forks, ND.
- Attended joint Banquet of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.
- 21 Visited 47th Annual Communication of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, at Hoilday Inn in Grand Forks, ND; accompanied by most of the elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers. I was graciously received by Grand Matron, Ethelyn F. Sampson, Grand Patron, Chalmer L. Lawson, and the entire O.E.S. membership.
- 22 Appointed Past Grand Master, Lapercell P. Greene, Grand C.C.F.C.
- 23 Conferred with Past Grand Master, Martin O. Weddington.
- 24 Visited and talked with Mr. David W. Roffers, Principal of North High School, in regard to incident between black and white students.
- 29 Granted Acacia Lodge #12 dispensation to elect Worshipful Master and Wardens from the floor by two-thirds majority vote of the members present at that meeting only.

OCTOBER

- 1 Attended Fezzan Temple #26 Scholarship and Gala Day meeting.
- 2 Visited Grand Secretary, Chalmer L. Lawson 33° P.G.M., in Northwestern Hospital.
- 3 Met with Printing Committee in regard to Grand Lodge stationery.
- Observed Anchor Hilyard Lodge #2 election of officers along with D.D. Grand Master, Charles J. Snargrass. Jr.,
- 4 Granted Acacia Lodge #12 dispensation to elect a Master from the floor and ordered D.D. Grand Master, Maurice L. Mitchell, and Grand Senior Warden, James E. Eubank, to conduct the election and give the Past Master's degrees' to Luther Pleasant and Master elected.
- 5 Conferred with Edna Turner, Worthy Grand Matron on joint visitation.
- 6 Attended Alta Commandry #23 meeting.
- 7 Attended Past Potentate's meeting.



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OCTOBER

- 8 Attended Smorgasborg given by O.E.S.
- 10 Attended Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4 and presented Past Grand Master, James R. Lynn, with apron and was honored by being asked to conduct their annual election.
- 12 Attended my lodge Palestine Lodge #7, and again was asked to conduct its election of officers.
- 14 Represented Grand Lodge along with Ill. Potentate Beverly Roland, at meeting with Joseph Kenny, President of the Black Hawk Publication Co.
- 15 Participated in the giving of Past Master's degrees to newly elected Worshipful Master.
- 16 Inspected Bldg. purchase by Pioneer #1 and observed meeting.
- 17 Picked up Grand Lodge stationary from Atlantic Press.
- 19 Granted dispensation to Doric #3 to hold election other than the regular time.
- 21 Attended Fezzan Temple monthly meeting and was introduced to the Nobility as Grand Master.
- 26-27-28 Represented Grand Lodge at elevation of 17 Sublime Princes' of the Royal secret 32° and a banquet held the evening of the 28th.
- 29 Visited Grand Secretary, Chalmer L. Lawson, P.G.M. 33°.

NOVEMBER

- 4 Attended Lux Club Pancake Breakfast.
- 6 Ordered Brother Thomas Jones, Vice President of Princh Hall Masons and O.E.S. Temple Association, to call meeting for the expressed purpose of an election of officers.
- 9 Observed Palestine Lodge #7 meeting.
- 11 Held conference with Charles Agnew, Worshipful Master of Pioneer Lodge #1.
- 12 Informed Grand Secretary to notify cabinet of meeting.
- 13 Issued Proclamation in regards to St. John the Evangelist Day.
- 14 Conferred with Grand Secretary about Annual Proceeedings.
- 16 Met with Grand Worthy Matron, Edna Turner.

NOVEMBER

- 17 Received communication from the Honorable Peyton J. Thomas, Grand Master of Michigan and Midwest Regional Chairman.
- 18 Met with Grand Secretary, Chalmer L. Lawson, P.G.M. 33°. Met with Grand Convention Coordinator & Publicity, discussed plans for 79th Annual Communication.
- 19 Traveled to Duluth for 100th year birthday of Ema Grand Watts, oldest Past Worthy Matron.
- 20 Visited with Grand Librarian, Clarence W. Smith.
- 22 Wrote letter to all Worshipful Masters and Wardens calling a meeting for the purpose of discussing our lodges membership, ritualistic work, and Administrative work.
- 25 Represented Grand Lodge at Council of Deliberation.

DECEMBER

- 4 Had Luncheon with Mrs. Ava Jones, Treasurer for the MN Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation.
- 8 Had Lunch with Dr. Donald Spigner; discussed what part Prince Hall Masons could play in Health Education in our community.
- 9 Held Grand Cabinet meeting. Outlined duties of each officers, then presented guidelines for the following programs:
  - 1. Membership increase.
  - 2. Youth Group Pythagoras Jurisdictional wide.
  - 3. Awards for Outstanding Service Mason and Profand alike.
  - 4. Present an Awareness Program to the Public, such as, voter registration, housing for the elderly, and health education.
  - 5. Instructed the Investment Committee to investigate another way to invest our funds.
- 21 Received invitation to hold Spring Conference in Yankton, SD from the Chamber of Commerce and Grand Lodge Session.
- 24 Observed St. John the Evangelist Day with the Craft at New Salem Baptist Church

JANUARY-1973

- 15 Represented Grand Lodge at a Police and Community Race Relation meeting.

JANUARY

- 17 Received communication from Grand Master, Peyton J. Thomas of the Michigan Jurisdiction, stating that the Midwest Conference of Regional Grand Masters would be held in Detroit, Michigan; on the 16th thru 18th of February 1973.
  - 24 Meeting with Grand Matron and discussed rite for 79th Session.
  - 25 Conferred with P.G.M. Aaron A. Arradondo about Knights of Pythagoras progress.
  - 26 Granted dispensation to Doric Lodge #3 to do work other than the regular time.
  - 27 Represented Grand Lodge at creation of 13 new nobles.
  - 28 Represented Jurisdiction at Annual Grand Shrine Feast.
  - 31 Met with Twin Motor Lodge Manager and discussed plans for 79th Session.
- Issued dispensation to Doric Lodge #3, Palestine Lodge #7, Pioneer Lodge #1, and Anchor Hilyard Lodge #2 to raise candidates out of time.

FEBRUARY

- 4 Received telephone call from Worshipful Master Keith Parsons of Regent Lodge #5 on death of Charter Member Bro. John Neely at age 104.
- 5 Attended joint raising of District 1 & 2.
- Granted dispensation to Doric Lodge #3 to congress degrees.
- 16-18 Attended Midwest Regional Grand Masters Conference in Detroit, Michigan; accompanied by D.D. Grand Master, Martin O. Weddington, P.G.M.
- 17 Granted Dispensation Anchor Hilyard Lodge #2 for 90 days to confer third degree at a fifty percent reduced and Grand Lodge tax be reduced also.
- 20 Attended healing at Anchor Hilyard #2.

MARCH

- 3 Issued Proclamation #2, St. John the Baptist Observance.
- 4 Notified Jurisdiction of corner-stone laying. Invited all body to participate.
- Conferred with D.D. Grand Master, Barry Boyd, on conditions and moral of District #7.
- 5 Granted dispensation to Pride of Alberta #9 to re-submit petition short of regular time.
- 6 Informal Cabinet meeting; decussed ritual charge.

MARCH

- 18 Received call from Martin O. Weddington P.G.M., Ill. Deputy of the Orient on the passing of Ill. Solergin Grand Commander Leland French.
- 19 Ordered Grand Treasurer to draw an order on the treasury for \$120 to cover plane fare to Cleveland for Funeral service for Leland French.  
Represented Jurisdiction at Blue House held for Leland French.
- 20 Attended funeral service for Ill. Solegrin Grand Commander.  
Official visitation with Grand Cabinet to District #2.
- 28 Issued Edict #1 to all Worshipful Masters, Secretaries, and Lodges.

APRIL

- 5 Represented Grand Lodge at joint Visitation of Grand Matron.
- 8 Laid corner-stone for Greater Sabathni Baptist Church.
- 21 Official Visitation to Fezzan Temple #26.
- 28 Official Visitation to Distric #6, Mosaic Lodge #11, Grand Forks, ND.

MAY

- 6-7-8 Attended the United Supreme Council Session, Philadelphia, PA.
- 9-10-11 Represented Grand Lodge at Conference of Grand Masters in New Haven, Conn; was accompanied by Deputy Grand Master Merrill L. Taylor, Past Grand Master Martin O. Weddington, Past Grand Master Aaron A. Arradondo, Grand Treasurer William "Dan" McAdams, and Grand Librarian Clarence W. Smith.
- 12 Represented Grand Lodge at Fezzan Temple #26 Potentate Ball.
- 15 Observed proficiency test of Bro. Lawrence Henderson, S.W. of Anchor Hilyard #2.
- 16 Granted dispensation to Pioneer Lodge #1 for meeting out of time.
- 19 Official visitation to District #3, Doric Lodge #3, Duluth, MN.
- 24-25-26 Observed North Star Consistory #14 Elevation.

JUNE

- 1 Ordered Deupty Grand Master, Merrill L. Taylor to represent me at visitation of District #5, Boaz Lodge #14, Worthington, MN.
- 10 Represented Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of MN and its Jurisdiction at Easter Day.

JUNE

- 24 Observed St. John the Baptist Day at St. Peters A.M.E. Church.
- 30 Official Visitation to District #4, Regent Lodge #5, Winnipeg, Canada.

JULY

- 13 Issued Proclamation, notifying the craft to convene in the 79th Annual Communication, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on September 18, 1973 ready to work.
- 14-15 Official visitation to District #7, Pride of Alberta Lodge #9, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- 28 Official Visitation to District #8, Acacia Lodge #12, Minot, ND.
- 30 Meeting with Prince Hall Masons and Order of the Eastern Star Temple Bldg Assoc.
- 31 Meeting with all Prince Hall Concordid Body in reference to I.R.S. reading for file 990 & 990T form.

AUGUST

- 3 Granted dispensation to Pioneer Lodge #1, Anchor Hilyard Lodge #2, Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4, and Palestine #7 to do work out of time and for more than the Constitution number allowed.
- 11 Attended Past Masters' Council meeting.
- 14 Asked Investment Chairman to see if there was any possible way to channel some of our income into a permanent Scholarship fund; so as to cause this Jurisdiction to be able to award a Scholarship yearly.
- 16 Issued a summons to all Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge Committees to be present on Monday, September 17, 1973 at 11:00 a.m., in the Twin Motor Motel.
- 18-25 Represented the Jurisdiction at the Annual Imperial Convention in Detroit, Mich.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Official Cabinet Meeting.
- 9 Attended Prince Hall Day Picnic at Como Park Zoo.
- 16 Attended Joint Memorial Service for Grand Lodge at Masonic Temple.

## DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS REPORT

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers past and present, Members of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and It's Jurisdiction, visiting Brothers.

It is indeed a pleasure for me to greet this august body at it's seventy-ninth annual communication. It has been my fervent desire and earnest effort to perform the duties that are appendent to the office of Deputy Grand Master.

In reflecting over the past as the year comes to an end, I find that it has been my good fortune to be available and in attendance at all but one of the Grand Masters stated visitations to the various subordinate Lodges.

In the month of February, I, with the Grand Master and Past Grand Master Weddington attended the " First Midwest Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters and Masons. This meeting was held in Detroit, Michigan and is designed to deal with certain basic matters that are common and similar to every jurisdiction. This Midwest region is one that was formed from the Grand Masters Conference and consists of eight jurisdictions, namely: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The host Grand Master of Michigan, Payton J. Thomas and his committee prepared an interesting agenda and we were royally entertained. In the month of May it was another journey for me, this to the Grand Masters Conference held in New Haven, Connecticut. Minnesota was well represented with attendance of Grand Officers past and present. This was an experience that I had not before encountered; aside from the regular meetings and workshop, we were transported by buss away from the city for a luncheon that included a visit to a Masonic Home that it was said to be supported by both A.F.&A.M. (white) and Prince Hall Masons.

It was expressed that the A.F.&A.M. (white) Prince Hall Masons, Knights of Columbus and B'nai B'rith order all work hand in hand for the progress of their community.

I represented the Grand Master at Worthington, MN for the official visit to Boaz Lodge #14 on June 16th. at the Grand Masters request.

It was my delightful pleasure to make the presentation of a "Fifty Year Masomic Pin" to Bro. Kelley Turner of Pioneer Lodge #1. Bro. Turner has been a mason over fifty-five years and is a Past Grand Officer. I joyfully fulfilled this request of the Grand Master honoring one who has been in the service for more than "Half a Hundred Years.

Spring Conference was held June 23rd. This was late to be called spring but because of a crowded calendar that was the date that was decided upon. I believe the results were rewarding for all who attended. The co-chairman Bro. Albert Briscoe and I did our best to make it a success; the details of which are covered in another report.

I have tried to fulfill all requirements and assignments pertaining to the office. Challenges were ever present as they are in every endeavor, but I meet them with a hope to overcome and succeed.

I wish to thank all of those brothers who were at my service when called upon for assistance. May brotherly-love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Fraternally,  
*Merrill L. Taylor*  
Merrill L. Taylor

Deputy Grand Master



To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Past and Present Grand Officers, Members of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and Brothers.

Greetings my Brethern, on this 79th Annual Communication, and may we hope to have many more.

First I would like to apologize for my not being present in St. Paul, but my thoughts and heart are with all of you.

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 request.

I assisted District Deputy Grand Master Mitchell with the Degree work, at Acacia # 12, also the holding of elections and the giving of Past Masters Degree's to the elected Master's of Mosaic # 11 and Acacia # 12.

I attended many other functions of other jurisdictions while in my travel to the Washington Jurisdiction.

It has been, indeed, an honor and privilege serving as Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden of this jurisdiction for the second year, 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 Brethern in the jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

James E. Eubank, 32°  
R.W. Grand Senior Warden  
18 FMS Box 12278  
APO SF 96239

\$50.00	token
25.00	to Minot
<u>\$75.00</u>	TOTAL

## REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the state of Minnesota and its jurisdiction. Prince Hall Affiliation.  
To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Past and present Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters of the subordinate lodges and brothers.

In the capacity of Grand Junior Warden for the year of 1973, I had a wonderful and glorious year. Naturally being a member of Regent Lodge #5 I must say the lodge had a wonderful year, a lot of activity, banquets and dances, fishing derby and community picnic, which was quite successful. A number of Grand Lodge officers attended these affairs as well as the subordinate members.

I had the pleasure of being with the Grand Master during the visitation to Winnepeg, Grand Forks and Minot. Each visit was educational and fruitful. From each visit I gained more in Masonic knowledge.

Before I close this humble report to you, I will say once again it gives me great pleasure to stand before you today, and say I did to the best of my ability fulfill the office of Grand Junior Warden, and thank you for this elected office for the year of 1973. In the past fifteen years I have missed but one Grand Communication, and I hope never to miss another, as long as the Grand Architect of the Universe gives me health and strength.

This most humble report I submit to you. May God bless each and every one of you.

Fraternally

Harold Sylvia #5

# GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past and Present Grand Officers, Officers and Members of the Subordinate Lodges and Visitors.

## Greetings:

I do hereby submit this Annual Report of all monies received and disbursed during the Fiscal Year of September 1, 1972 - August 31, 1973.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

### "GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS"

#### September/72

Mosaic Lodge # II .....	August Tax .....	\$180.00
Mosaic " # II .....	Degrees .....	2.50
Pioneer " # I .....	August Tax .....	134.00
Acacia " # I2 .....	August Tax .....	92.00
Acacia " # I2 .....	Application .....	10.00
Perfect Ashlar #4 .....	August Tax .....	142.00
Anchor Hilyard #2 .....	August Tax .....	104.00
Boaz Lodge # I4 .....	Nov-Feb-May-August Tax .....	120.00
Boaz " # I4 .....	Degrees .....	1.00
Mosaic " # II .....	Contribution Roll Book .....	8.25
Prince Hall Grand Chapter O.E.S.,.....	Refund on Organ Rental .....	62.57
Perfect Ashlar #4 .....	Contribution Roll Book .....	8.25
Grand Lodge Registration .....	.....	325.00
Grand Librarian .....	Return .....	86.60
Grand Lecturer .....	Passing Chair .....	12.00
O.E.S. ....	Meal Tickets .....	6.00
Clarence W. Smith .....	Return from Contg. Fund .....	18.41
Return from Picnic Committee .....	.....	13.45
O.E.S. ....	Luncheon .....	60.00
Bank Interest .....	.....	85.65

October/72 ..... No Report .....

#### November/72

Regent Lodge # 5 .....	August Tax .....	\$ 70.00
Palestine " # 7 .....	November Tax .....	230.00
Perfect Ashlar #4 .....	November Tax .....	140.00
Palestine Lodge #7 .....	Degrees .....	1.00

#### December/72

Acacia Lodge # I2 .....	Dues Cards .....	3.30
Acacia " # I2 .....	November Tax .....	92.00
Acacia " # I2 .....	Degrees .....	1.00
Acacia " # I2 .....	Dispensation .....	4.00
Mosaic " # II .....	November Tax .....	184.00
Mosaic " # II .....	Degrees .....	2.50
Regent " # 5 .....	Supplies .....	2.60

# SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS (Cont):

Received check from W. Payne for North Star Consistory #14-made out to M.W. Prince  
Hall Grand Lodge ..... \$ 15.00  
Bank Interest ..... 99.80

## " GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS " January/73-August 31/73

### January/73

Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4 ..... Supplies ..... 3.65  
C.W. Smith ..... Supplies ..... 5.50  
C.W. Smith ..... Supplies ..... 21.50  
Pioneer Lodge # I ..... November Tax ..... 137.00  
Pioneer " # I ..... Over payment of \$16.00 on Nov. Tax ..... 16.00

### February/73

Palestine Lodge # 7 ..... February Tax ..... 236.00  
Palestine " # 7 ..... Degree ..... 1.50  
Palestine " # 7 ..... Dispensation ..... 2.00  
Anchor Hilyard # 2 ..... November Tax ..... 98.00

### March/73

Mosaic Lodge #II ..... February Tax ..... 178.00  
Mosaic " #II ..... Degrees ..... 2.50  
Mosaic " #II ..... Passing Chair ..... 2.00  
Doric " # 3 ..... November Tax ..... 48.00  
C.W. Smith ..... Supplies ..... 2.05  
Pride of Alberta #9 ..... November Tax ..... 46.00  
Regent Lodge # 5 ..... November Tax ..... 70.00  
Regent " # 5 ..... Degrees ..... 1.50  
Bank Interest ..... 103.37

### April/73

Acacia Lodge #12 ..... February Tax ..... 86.00  
Acacia " #12 ..... Degrees ..... 3.00  
Doric " # 3 ..... Supplies ..... 25.00  
Pride of Alberta #9 ..... February Tax ..... 46.00  
Pride of Alberta #9 ..... February Tax ..... 140.00

### May/73

Doric Lodge # 3 ..... February Tax ..... 48.00  
Palestine Lodge # 7 ..... May Tax ..... 236.00  
Doric Lodge # 3 ..... Supplies ..... 12.00

### June/73

Boaz Lodge #14 ..... November-February Tax ..... 48.00  
Boaz " #14 ..... Degree ..... .50  
Boaz " # 14 ..... Dispensation ..... 2.00  
Mosaic " #II ..... May Tax ..... 190.00  
Mosaic " #II ..... Degrees ..... 8.00  
Regent " # 5 ..... May Tax ..... 72.00  
Regent " # 5 ..... Degree ..... 1.00  
Perfect Ashlar # 4 ..... May Tax ..... 136.00  
Anchor Hilyard # 2 ..... February Tax ..... 98.00

# GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS (Cont):

July/73

Anchor Hilyard Lodge # 2 .....	May Tax .....	\$ 104.00
Acacia Lodge # 12 .....	May Tax .....	90.00
Acacia " # 12 .....	Degrees .....	3.50
Interest on Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Bond .....		229.06
Bank Interest .....		112.50
Doric Lodge # 3 .....	May Tax .....	48.00
Pioneer Lodge # I .....	February Tax .....	124.00
Pioneer " # I .....	Degrees .....	1.00
C.W. Smith .....	Supplies .....	8.40

August/73

Palestine Lodge # 7 .....	August Tax .....	<u>242.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS .....		\$5405.51

The below listed are carried in the General Fund as miscellaneous Fund

Sunshine Fund .....	\$ 19.31
Educational Fund .....	315.00
St. Paul Knight of Pythagoras .....	<u>54.55</u>
	\$ 388.86



1972--1973

GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS

September/72

Rev. Willie D. Blackwell .....	Memorial Service .....	\$ 15.00
Lapercell P. Greene .....	C.G.F.C. ....	189.13
Jeremiah Davis .....	Typist .....	37.50
Carol A. Haggard .....	Typist .....	37.50
N.L. Hardy .....	Token & Expense .....	175.00
J. Eubanks .....	Token .....	50.00
Barry F. Boyd .....	Token .....	50.00
C.L. Lawson .....	Token .....	175.00
W.D. McAdams .....	Token & Expense .....	185.00
W.D. Gray .....	Token-Postage-Travel .....	285.00
Clarence W. Smith .....	Token .....	50.00
M.O. Weddington .....	Token & Supplies .....	300.00
James Ash .....	Reimbursement-Hospitalers Room .....	53.73
C.O. Duke .....	Token .....	35.00
Samuel D. Mitchell .....	Token .....	35.00
L.G. Wiley .....	Token .....	35.00
H. Sylvia .....	Token .....	35.00
W. Johnson .....	Token .....	35.00
Maurice Mitchell .....	Token .....	35.00
Raymond Heslep .....	Token .....	35.00
Flowers presented to Grand Chapter O.E.S. ....		13.00
Holiday Inn Motel .....	Grand Lodge Meals .....	296.00
James Eubanks .....	Travel Expense .....	45.00
Clara M. Davis .....	Supplies for Memorial Service .....	3.50
E. Brent .....	Programs for Memorial Service .....	6.65
Grand Chapter O.E.S. ....	Share of Registration .....	65.00
Holiday Inn. ....	Visitors Registration .....	20.28
Clarence W. Smith .....	Grand Trustee .....	25.00
Grand Chapter O.E.S. ....	Share of Banquet Flowers .....	10.40
Doris Jones .....	Grand Chapter share of joint Banquet Expense ..	8.90
W.M. Davis .....	Asst. Grand Secretary .....	50.00
Organ Rental .....	For Grand Lodge Meeting .....	75.00

October/72

C.L. Lawson .....	Postage & Supplies .....	25.00
October Bank Service Charge .....		.76

November/72

Atlantic Press .....	Grand Lodge Stationary .....	93.33
James Bradford .....	Token .....	25.00
Robert H. Johnson .....	Reimbursement for repair f Tape Recorder ..	17.76
McCoy Publishing Co. ....	Past Grand Masters Aprons .....	123.10
Pommers Mfg. Co. ....	Mason of the year Award .....	16.25
Mpls. Temple Ass'n. ....	Office Rental .....	75.00

December/72

Clarence W. Smith .....	Contg. Fund .....	50.00
Robertson Ins. Agency .....	Secretary & Treasurer Bond .....	28.00
Bank Service Charge .....		.99
Replacing North Star Consistory # 14. ....	Checking .....	15.00



1972--1973

GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS

January/73

Ist. Bloomington Lake Bank .....	Safety Deposit Box .....	\$ 6.50
Canadian Discount .....	Money Exchange .....	2.15
Mpls. Spokesman .....	Xmas Greeting .....	15.00

February/73

R.H. Johnson .....	Purchase of (I) 50 year Pin .....	9.88
Instant Printing Co. ....	Pythagoras .....	64.22
R.H. Johnson .....	Purchase of Typewriter for Gr. Lodge ..	250.00
C.L. Lawson .....	Contg. Fund .....	15.00

March/73

Julius Clemons .....	Picnic Committee .....	15.00
Grand Lodge .....	Greeting in Connecticut Brochure .....	30.00
Robert H. Johnson .....	Trip to Cleveland Ohio .....	120.00

April/73

Sabathani Baptist Church .....	Donation at Corner Stone Service .....	25.00
Atlantic Press .....	Membership Dues Cards for Pythagoras ..	39.52
C. L. Lawson .....	Expense to Grand Forks & Printing .....	35.00

May/73

Canadian Exchange .....	.....	2.37
Bank Service Charge .....	.....	.91
Grand Master .....	Legal Research .....	50.00
Prince Hall .....	Information Center .....	40.00
Robert H. Johnson .....	Travel Expense to Gr. Masters Conference	300.00
W.D. McAdams .....	Expense to Grand Forks .....	25.00

June/73

C.L. Lawson .....	Expense to Worthington .....	25.00
L.P. Greene .....	Out for Gr. Lodge Proceeding Cover .....	35.00
Prince Hall Grand Chapter O.E.S. ....	Share of Bus Trip .....	18.20
Omar Club .....	Luncheon for Spring Conference .....	56.00
Merrill Taylor .....	Spring Conference Expense .....	2.80

July/73

C.L. Lawson .....	Postage-Envelopes for mailing A. Returns	5.00
Mpls. Masonic Temple .....	Rental for Spring Conference .....	15.00
Robert H. Johnson .....	Official Visitation .....	200.00
A. Johnson & Sons .....	Florist for L.G. Wiley .....	13.00
William D. McAdams .....	Travel Expense-Worthington & Winnipeg .	50.00
Allie Wilson .....	Printing of Proceedings .....	195.00

Aug./73

Bank Charges .....	.....	52
Total Disbursements .....	.....	\$4,597.85

# GENERAL FUND RE-CAP

Forward Balance .....	Savings Acct. ....	\$ 6,905.67
Forward Balance .....	Checking Acct. ....	<u>3,001.84</u>
Total Savings .....	and Checking Acct. ....	9,907.51
Receipts .....		+ <u>5,405.51</u>
Totals .....		\$15,313.02
Disbursements .....		- <u>4,597.85</u>
Balance in General Fund .....		\$10,715.17

SUPPLEMENT REPORT  
RELIEF FUND 1972-1973

September/72 (Receipts)

Boaz Lodge #14 .....	Nov-Feb-May-August Tax .....	\$ 60.00
Boaz " #14 .....	Owed from Previous Quarter .....	14.00
Anchor Hilyard #2 .....	August Donation .....	51.00
Perfect Ashlar #4 .....	August Donation .....	70.00
Pioneer Lodge #1 .....	August Donation .....	65.00
Mosaic " #II .....	August Donation .....	90.00
Mosaic " #II .....	Application .....	10.00
Mosaic " #II .....	Demit .....	5.00
Acacia " #I2 .....	August Donation .....	46.00
Acacia " #I2 .....	Reinstatement .....	5.00
Bank Interest .....		163.32

October/72 ..... No Report .....

November, 72

Regent Lodge #5 .....	August Donation .....	35.00
Palestine " #7 .....	Nov. Donation .....	112.00
Palestine " #7 .....	Application .....	10.00
Palestine " #7 .....	Reinstatement .....	5.00
Perfect Ashlar #4 .....	Nov. Donation .....	69.00
Perfect Ashlar #4 .....	Reinstatement .....	5.00

December/72

Acacia Lodge #I2 .....	Nov. Donation .....	16.00
Acacia " #I2 .....	Application .....	5.00
Acacia " #I2 .....	Demit .....	5.00
Mosaic " #II .....	Nov. Donation .....	92.00
Mosaic " #II .....	Application .....	20.00
Mosaic " #II .....	Demit .....	5.00
Bank Interest .....		172.78

January/73

Pioneer Lodge #1 .....	Nov. Donation .....	66.00
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February/73

Palestine Lodge #7 .....	Feb. Donation .....	115.00
Palestine " #7 .....	Application .....	15.00
Anchor Hilyard #2 .....	Nov. Donation .....	48.00

March/73

Bank Interest .....	10,000 Bond .....	420.00
Doric Lodge #3 .....	Nov. Donation .....	24.00
Mosaic " #II .....	Feb. Donation .....	39.00
Mosaic " #II .....	Application .....	35.00
Pride of Alberta #9 .....	Nov. Donation .....	17.00
Regent Lodge #5 .....	Nov. Donation .....	35.00
Regent " #5 .....	Application .....	5.00
Bank Interest .....		180.00

# SUPPLEMENT RECEIPT FROM LOGSHEET (Cont.)

## April/73

Acacia Lodge #12 .....	Feb. Donation .....	43.00
Acacia " #12 .....	Applications .....	20.00
Acacia " #12 .....	Demits .....	25.00
Pride of Alberta #9 .....	Feb. Donation .....	16.00
Perfect Ashlar #4 .....	Feb. Donation .....	69.00

## May/73

Doric Lodge #3 .....	Feb. Donation .....	24.00
Palestine #7 .....	May Donation .....	115.00

## June/73

Boaz Lodge #14 .....	Nov-Feb Donations .....	24.00
Boaz " #14 .....	Applications .....	5.00
Mosaic " #11 .....	May Donation .....	95.00
Mosaic " #11 .....	Applications .....	30.00
Regent " #5 .....	May Donation .....	36.00
Regent " #5 .....	Application .....	5.00
Perfect Ashlar #4 .....	May Donation .....	67.00
Perfect Ashlar #4 .....	Demit .....	5.00
Anchor Hilyard #2 .....	Feb. Donation .....	48.00

## July/73

Anchor Hilyard #2 .....	May Donation .....	49.00
Anchor " #2 .....	Reinstatements .....	7.50
Anchor " #2 .....	Demit .....	5.00
Acacia Lodge #12 .....	May Donation .....	45.00
Acacia " #12 .....	Applications .....	15.00
Bank Interest .....		190.32
Doric Lodge #3 .....	May Donation .....	24.00
Pioneer Lodge #1 .....	Feb. Donation .....	68.00
Pioneer " #1 .....	Application .....	5.00

## August/73

Palestine Lodge #7 .....	Aug. Donation .....	118.00
Palestine " #7 .....	Applications .....	35.00
Palestine " #7 .....	Reinstatements .....	10.00

Total Receipts .....		\$3,408.93
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1972-1973

Relief Fund Disbursements

September/72	None	
October/72	None	
November/72		
Lucy Harris	Beneficiary of E.G. Harris	\$ 150.00
December/72	None	
January/73	None	
February/73		
Ruth Lewis	Beneficiary of W.E. Lewis	150.00
John Nealy	Estate Royal Trust Company	150.00
March/73		
Arly Reese	Beneficiary of David A. Reese	150.00
Bank Service Charge		.52
April/73		
Bank Service Charg		.55
May/73	None	
June/73		
Mrs Beatrice Reed	Beneficiary of Woodrow Reed	150.00
Bank Service Charge		.76
July/73		
Myrtle J. Manson	Beneficiary of Floyd Manson	150.00
Myrtle Hughes	Beneficiary of L.G. Wiley	150.00
August/73		
Emmie Jean Ward	Beneficiary of James Ward	150.00
Total Disbursements		\$1,201.83

Forward Balance--Sept. 1, 1972	\$14,211.49
Receipts	3,408.93
Total Receipts	\$17,620.42
Disbursements	- 1,201.83
Balance in Relief Fund	\$16,418.59

**"RE-CAP OF ALL GRAND LODGE FUNDS"**

Balance in General Fund .....	\$10,715.17
Balance in Relief Fund .....	<u>+16,418.59</u>
Total Balance in General and Relief Funds .....	\$27,133.76

**"RELIEF FUND INVESTMENT"**

Putman Growth Fund-Valu of Shares .....	\$ 3,403.59
Federal Intermediate Land Bank Bond .....	<u>+10,000.00</u>
Total Relief Fund Investments .....	\$13,403.59
 General Fund and Relief Fund Balance .....	 \$27,133.76
Putman Fund Growth & Federal Land Bank Bond .....	<u>+13,403.59</u>
GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS .....	= <u>\$40,537.35</u>

Fraternally Submitted  
*Carlmer L. Lawson*  
 Carlmer L. Lawson  
 R.W. Grand Secretary



## REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND TREASURER

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

Once again it is my privilege to meet in this 79th  
Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge to give an account  
of my Stewardship as Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer for  
the year of 1972-73, and I thank this Grand Lodge for the  
trust they have placed in me to fill this office, I assure  
you I have done so to the best of my ability.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Grand Master,  
Grand Secretary, and all other officers and members.

I submit the following report from the office of the  
Grand Treasurer for the year ending Aug. 31, 1972 to Aug.  
31, 1973.

### GENERAL FUND

BALANCE IN SAVING ACCT MID-WEST FEDERAL	\$ 6,905.67
" " Checking Acct. 1st Bloomington Lake Bank	3,001.84
TOTAL	\$ 9,907.51
Receipts from Lodges \$407.50-Int. from Relief Included	5,004.19
Interest	401.32
TOTAL	\$ 15,313.02
DISBURSEMENTS	4,597.85
BALANCE	\$ 10,715.17

### SUMMARY OF BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND

BALANCE IN MID-WEST FEDERAL BANK	\$10,306.66
BALANCE IN 1st BLOOMINGTON LAKE BANK	408.51
TOTAL	\$10,715.17

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

BALANCE IN SUNSHINE FUND	\$ 19.31
BALANCE IN EDUCATIONAL FUND	315.00
BAL. IN KNIGHTS OF PYTHAGORAS, MPLS.	00
BAL. IN " " " , ST. PAUL	54.55
BAL. IN BUILDING FUND	6,000.00

NOTE: The above balances are included in the General Fund balances.

RELIEF FUND

Forward Balance Aug. 31, 1972 - Midwest Federal	\$ 13,299.35
" " " " 1st Plymouth Nat'l Bk.	912.14
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	\$ 14,211.49
Receipts from Lodges, Aug. 31, 1972 to	
Aug. 31, 1973	\$ 2,702.50
Interest	706.43
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	\$ 17,620.42
Less Disbursements:	
8 Deaths @ \$150.00 ea.	
Bank Service 1.83	1,201.83
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	\$ 16,418.59

SUMMARY OF BALANCES IN RELIEF FUND

BALANCE IN MID-WEST FEDERAL BANK	\$15,708.28
BALANCE in 1st PLYMOUTH NATIONAL BANK	710.31
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	\$16,418.59
1st National Bank of Mpls.	
(1) Federal Bank Bond	10,000.00
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	\$26,418.59
304.708 Shares of Putnam Groth.	
@ 11.17 per Share	3,403.59
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	\$29,822.18

TOTAL ASSET COMPUTATION ALL FUNDS

Relief Fund - Midwest Federal Bank	15,708.28
1st Plymouth National Bank	710.51
1st National Bank	10,000.00
304.708 Shares of Putnam Groth	
Per Share \$11.17	3,405.52
General Fund	<u>10,715.17</u>
TOTAL	40,537.35

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

Proternally submitted,

W. D. HOADAMS,  
M.V. Grand Treas.

St. Paul, Minnesota  
September 18, 1973

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT

To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past and Present Grand Officers, visitors and friends of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota And Its Jurisdiction.

Greetings:

Once again I would like to thank the Members of this Grand Lodge for having enough confidence in me to elect me to serve another term as Grand Lecturer. I hope I have not been a complete disappointment to you.

Of the many things we had planned to do only about half was done; not to make excuses, but mostly because of the change in my working schedule. Which goes to show that we can plan, but the Man upstairs can change our plans, nevertheless I can say with a bit of satisfaction to my self that we had a good year.

I wish to thank our Grand Master for allowing me to make all of my out-of-town visits with the exception of Minot alone with him. I can report that we found most of the Lodges very interesting with the work and doing a commendable job, also the Lodges in the Twin Cities.

We attended Spring Conference, all cabinet meetings and most of the public and closed affairs of the Masonic family.

I wish to thank District D.G.M., Clarence O. Duke and Charles Snargrass, also others for assisting me in giving our Wardens their test, and for taking charge in my absence. I am happy to report that no Wardens that took the test failed.

Our Joint Memorial Service on Sunday, September 16, 1973 was quite a success, very well attended and a very superb message by our own Rev. Bro. Charles Ford. We are fortunate to have such outstanding members among our Craft.

Although our hearts has been sadden by the Grim Reaper, taking away ten (10) of our Members we would like to believe that they are not dead, but asleep in that Celestial Lodge above of just men made perfect.

Once again, Most Worshipful Grand Master I wish to thank you and the many Members of this Grand Lodge for council and assistance in carrying out the duties of my office.

Fraternally,

Willie D. Gray, G.L.

# ANNUAL REPORT

Office of Grand Librarian

September 18, 1973

Supply Money	\$50.00	Expenditure	\$50.00
Expenditures?		Left on hand-	<u>45.36</u>
Regent Lodge mailing	.40		4.64
Acacia Lodge Mailing	.24		
Mosaic Lodge Mailing	.40		
3 Mackeys Jurisprudence	12.50		
Mailing	.50		
Pride of Alberta Mailing	.21		
500 Past Master,s cards	29.12		
Regent Lodge Mailing	.54		
Acacia Lodge Mailing	<u>1.45</u>		
	\$45.36	4.64 Return from Supply	
		<u>118.02</u> Sales in Cash	
		\$122.66	

## Monies Received in Cash

2 Rituals	\$16.00	
3 Simons Monitors -due cards	8.17	
2 Simons Monitors - due cards	5.00	
Mosaic Lodge Due Cards	6.60	
Pioneer Lodge Due Cards	4.45	
1 Ritual	8.00	
1 Ritual, 1 Constitution		
and By-Law	9.50	
Palestine Lodge Due Cards	6.70	
1 Simon Monitor	2.50	
1 Ritual	8.00	
Pride of Alberta	33.10	
1 Constitution By-Law	1.50	
1 Simon Monitor-3 Constitution	7.00	
1 Constitution By-Law	<u>1.50</u>	
	\$118.02	Cash on hand

Received by check. Turned over to Grand Secretary

Dorice Lodge	\$25.00
Perfect Ashlar Lodge	3.65
Regent Lodge	2.60
Acacia Lodge	3.30
Anchor Hilyard Lodge	21.50
1 Mackeys Jurisprudence	5.50
Anchor Hilyard Lodge	2.05
3 Simon Monitors, 3 Constitution By-Laws	12.00
Regent Lodge	8.40
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	\$84.00

Sold through Grand Librarian Office

\$118.02	Cash
<u>84.00</u>	By check
\$202.02	Total

Submitted by Clarence W. Smith

Supplement		
Pioneer Lodge	\$27.00	
Anchor Hilyard Lodge	1.60	
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## PUBLICITY REPORT

Joseph C. Patterson, Director

Met with Committee of Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4 of St. Paul to select site of 79th Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction. Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, Host, selected Twins Motor Inn, 1975 University Avenue. Reported back to Grand Master, Robert H. Johnson on our selection.

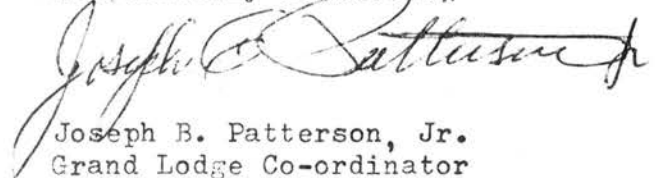
### August 22nd:

Extended invitations to Grand Master Dawson of Michigan, Grand Master Eugene Renn of Nebraska, Past Grand Master Henry Fort, Ill., Past Grand Master Thomas Waldin, Ind. Past Grand Master Alexander, Wisconsin. Grand Master Clarence Foster, Ind.

### Sep. 10, 1972

News Media. Published announcement of The 79th Annual Communications of The Most Worhsipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction in the Minneapolis Spokesman.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph B. Patterson, Jr.  
Grand Lodge Co-ordinator  
Publicity Dir.

Willie E. Johnson, Co-Chairman

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ANNUAL REPORT  
PAST GRAND MASTER - LAPERCELL P. GREENE, 33°  
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE OF  
THE SEVENTY-NINTH (79) ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens,  
R. W. Grand Officers

I take pride in reporting that Minnesota enjoys harmonious relationships with all Jurisdictions. I am grateful to Prince Hall Grand Lodges, Secretaries, and C.C.F.C.'s for dispensing and distributing the information and invitations that we have received.

Many jurisdictions are concerned with declining memberships and lack of subordinate lodge attendance. They are stressing more interest in the matters that concern our communities, Urban Leagues, N.A.A.C.P., Housing and development and others. But first we as Prince Hall Masons must do a good public relations job, and each individual P.H.M. must sell Prince Hall Masonry and we as Masons need good relationship and publicity. More news of our activities brought to the public in newspaper articles and the news media.

The chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence throughout the Prince Hall Jurisdictions of Freemasonry are trying to bring to the craft in a condensed form an account of the unusual and interesting happenings of the Masonic World. To compare procedures of other jurisdictions and to send to other Jurisdictions the rosters, proceedings and other matters.

To follow all these detailed duties to fellow C.C.F.C. s is an outline of extent to Prince Hall Jurisdictions which is as follows"

1. Many jurisdictions have reduced the age of applicants for lodge membership to 18 years. Some are changing the use of the black-ball, requiring more than one for rejection. Physical qualifications are being examined for some changes.

2. Death has invaded our sister jurisdictions, taking some we have known and worked with, and who have contributed much to the progress of Masonry.

July, 1973, the Grand Master of Kansas, the Honorable: P. G. Potter, 33<sup>o</sup> and many others.

The Northern Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masons the Honorable: Leland D. French, 33<sup>o</sup>, one of Americas outstanding Masons. Condolence was sent to its headquarters and the family.

3. The Southern Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masons conducted its Annual Session in the Republic of Liberia, October 28th, 1972. I was an invited guest on the list of events. Dinner by special invitation of President and Mrs. William Tolbert Sr. at the Executive Mansion. This was a wonderful affair.

I would like to give some highlights of this affair if we have the time.

Proceedings have been received from Colorado, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Washington State. Publications received from Ohio, the Lamp; Va. Bee Hive; Texas, Quarterly; N. Y. Prince Hall Sentinel. Pa. the Light; Michigan, Voice of Prince Hall; Indiana Informer; Trestleboard Delaware and "Prince Hall Free Mason Journal" of Illinois.

A review of some of the jurisdictions is brought to your attention.

COLORADO reports 746 members. 12 Lodges. 95th Annual Communication, assets \$56,215.00. They report 11 deaths, paying \$300.00 donations. They possess Stocks, Mutual Funds, U.S. Bonds, totaling \$40,692.00. The Grand Lodge education tax is .50 cents per quarter, for scholarships. Minimum are 18 years adopted. Donations to National Urban League \$200.00. Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, \$200.00; Conference of Grand Masters \$140.00. The Grand Historian made one report at the 93rd Annual Communication and a second report at the 95th, showing history from 1882 to 1956, then from 1956 to 1971.

INDIANA, proceedings for the 111th, 112th and 113th Communications. Membership, 3,324. Deaths 75. Foundation that was established 1957 now has cash value of \$57,150.00 and Market value of \$93,163.00. Deputy Grand Master plans and programs State workshops for each District. Grand Senior and Junior Wardens report to the Grand Lodge each year. Grand Lecturer is appointed. Five (5) Past Grand Masters present at this session.

IOWA, Reports 535 members. They donate one Scholarship of \$250.00 to deserving student. Their Grand Lodge program is underwritten by a firm that gets the ads, and as a contract agreement, is made returns to the Grand Lodge quite a sum. Eight (8) deaths reported. The Deputy Grand Master is appointed. Eight (8) Past Grand Masters attended the last session. Vernon H. Baker, who had served as Deputy Grand Master, was elected Grand Master.

MICHIGAN, Reports 3,969 members. Forty eight Lodges; 82 Deaths, 106th Annual Communication. Twenty Three (23) Scholarships have been reported since 1967 for a total of \$18,500.00.

NEW YORK. 7,039 members reported; 84 deaths. Total assets \$562,497.00. Grand Lodge officers made a trip to Barbados where they brought into Prince Hall family 85 Brothers with a Dispensation for 3 Lodges. Thirty (30) members of U.D. Lodge in St. Lucia acquired the French Temple, complete in every detail costing \$38,000.00. At this session, Past Grand Master, Louis Fair Jr., was granted an annual donation of \$480.00 for long distinctive services. A code of procedure for the Grand Lodge was adopted, regulating all activities of the Order. A memorial fund was proposed that would provide financial assistance for every Master Mason to assist in burial, starting at \$200.00 and increasing \$100.00 each year until a maximum of \$500.00 is reached. The tax will be \$1.00 per month. Donations were made to N.A.A.C.P., \$1,000.00, Negro College Fund \$400.00, S.C.L.C., \$400.00 and Sickle Cell Anemia \$500.00.

OHIO, reported 5,939 members, 107 deaths, total assets \$258,423.00. Awarded 3 scholarships \$300.00 each. Benefits of Charity increased from \$250.00 to \$300.00. Established a continuity of Grand Lodge programs. Adopted a uniform Burial service. A Protocol Manual and the enforcement of proper Masonic Dress for each occasion. Invitations for future Grand Sessions received for 4 years in advance. It was reported that the Dayton Housing Project was 100% occupied. The Sunset Hills Apartments in Springfield had 47 tenants. September 8, 1971 was the final closing of Columbus project \$1,503,000.00. Mortgage payments on each project paid on time in each case. Another project in Cincinnati in operation.

PENNSYLVANIA. Meeting same time as Illinois. Quarterly executive sessions are held each year. District Deputy Grand Lecturers report to Grand Lodge on progress of each district, efficiency of Lodges, and preparation for Leadership. D.D.G. Masters report to Grand Lodge and acquaint Lodges with Grand Lodge program. To report on procedures and compliance. There is maintained a division of the Grand Lodge activities by special committees. Total assets \$858,695.00. Cash in Mortuary Fund \$119,771.00. Two Hundred Forty two (242) deaths. State Director of Youth reported that there were 113 members of the Knights of Pythagoras in the Grand Council. District Deputy Grand Master, P. I. Gorralla for the district of Capetown S. Africa and wife were present. Grand Lodge agreed to change name of Lodge #75 from Ethiopia to Southern Cross. A U.D. Lodge in Kimberly S. A. was chartered St. Patrick #76, September 25, 1971. These Lodges submit Annual reports with all assessments paid. Donations made to N.A.A.C.P. \$1,000.00. Negro College Fund \$1,000.00; March of Dimes \$1,000.00; Urban League \$25.00; Grand Masters Conference \$500.00. There was established a Henry M. Baysmore Jr. Fund for the purpose of granting scholarships and Financial assistance for students with ability at Institutions of Higher Learning. Initial Grant of \$20,000.00 and Annual Grants of \$1,000.00 for 10 years. Brother James C. Swinson, who served as C.C.F.C. for Penn for more than 28 years passed March 11, 1971. Nominations for Office are made Monday at 11:00 A.M. and Election is held by ballot Tuesday at :00 P.M. Publication "Light" Magazine published 4 times each year costs \$5,500.00

VIRGINIA, reports membership 15,415. Assets \$356,458.00 Two hundred thirty five (235) Lodges. Mortuary balance \$264,195.00; Deaths 275. Interest and investments \$15,253.00. Paid Charity \$6,365.00. Education \$9,947.00. Bee Hive Magazine \$11,415.00. Donated to N.A.A.C.P. \$700.00; Va State Conference N.A.A.C.P. \$250.00. United Negro College Fund \$1,000.00. Norfolk Hospital \$300.00. Heart

Fund \$2,250.00. Knights of Pythagoras, \$500.00. Conference of Grand Masters \$300.00. Virginia has a tax of .60 cents magazine, .40 cents charity, education .40 cents \$1.50 quarterly endowment. To improve public relations each Lodge obtains a dispensation to appear as a Lodge in Sunday morning Worship in the various Churches.

TEXAS. Membership 25,557; 554 Lodges; Deaths 635; Relief checks of \$200.00 are paid as first payment. Later checks of \$320.21 paid to beneficiaries. Total \$502.21. Donations made to N.A.A.C.P. \$1,000.00, Conference of Grand Masters \$500.00; Scholarship grants \$5,575.00. Texas sponsored 7 housing units Crockett, 70 units, Ft. Worth (2); 110 and 76 units. Navasota 60 units, Silsbee 100 units. Houston 160 units; Dallas 192 units. Total 8,628,554.00 dollars. Texas has Lodges in Tucson, Ariz., West Temple #425, 1 in Salt Lake City Beautiful #395 and 2 in Nevada Omega #556 and Mizpah #206, Reno. P.G.M. J. T. Maxey installed the Grand Master, I. H. Clayborn; then Grand Master Clayborn installed the officers of Grand Chapter, O.E.S. and the officers of Grand Court Heroines of Jericho. All meetings same time.

WASHINGTON STATE, Membership 1,548, 27 Lodges, Assets \$1,077,348.00. Lodges in Phillippines Japan, Guam and Okinawa, and Taiwan. Four building projects, Tacoma self sustaining; Seattle, Spokane and Okinawa. They maintain a strong credit union. The Grand Lodge voted on accepting 18 year olds for initiation. Scholarships totaling \$800.00 awarded.

KANSAS. A copy of the address of Grand Master P. G. Porter calls attention to the decision rendered by the United Supreme Court November 19, 1956, which outlawed the St. John Scottish Rite A. & A. Masons in Kansas. This group attempted to operate again and were arrested and fined and forbidden to parade or hold any meetings in the State. Cash securities and property of the Grand Lodge \$152,371.00. Scholarships \$1,900.00. Donation to the Dr. Martin Lutheran King Jr. Hospital \$5,000.00.

Based upon information obtained from reports, publications and other sources, I find that there is a definite need for:

1. Masonic Education Program to prepare men for leadership. An Officers training school established by the Grand Lodge.
2. More time taken with candidates to instruct, to inspire, to inform and develop their understanding of benevolence charity, friendship, morality and brotherly love.
3. Inovations in the third degree for amusement of those on the side lines that teach nothing but puts the candidate in a frame of mind exactly opposite of that desired.
4. Investigate Lodges whose officers are unable to confer degrees or administer leadership. Lodges that exist in name only.

GREETINGS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM: ARKANSAS, CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, GEORGIA, IOWA, LOUISIANA, OHIO, OKLAHOMA, ONTARIO, PENNSYLVANIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA, WASHINGTON STATE, NEW YORK, MICHIGAN, INDIANA, WISCONSIN, MISSOURI AND



NEW JERSEY. OTHERS STILL COMING AND WILL BE ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT. I deeply appreciate the privilege of serving as C.C.F.C. for the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The many valuable and very lasting friendships made, and the opportunity to communicate with other Masonic Jurisdictions and transmit these bits of information to our members is an enjoyable service.

Fraternally submitted,

*Lapercell P. Greene*

Lapercell P. Greene 33<sup>o</sup>  
C.C.F.C. of Minnesota



September 18, 1973

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Right Worshipful Grand Warden and Officers, both Past and Present, and Brothers of the Craft of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

Greeting in the name of the Lord, We The Committee Of The Obituary submit the following report.

Death has visited our Jurisdiction and called several of our brethren to the Grand Lodge above, the Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to call 10 (ten) of our beloved brethren from labor to reward, We cherish their memories here, may their lives as Masens serve as a living monuments to us who are left behind.

William B. Lewis	Pioneer Lodge # 1	November 15, 1972
David A. Reese	Pioneer Lodge # 1	February 11, 1973
E. G. Harris	Anchor Hilyard # 2	October 6, 1972
Floyd Manson	Anchor Hilyard # 2	May 26, 1973
Wallace G. Partee	Anchor Hilyard # 2	August 14, 1973
Lee G. Wiley	Doric Lodge # 3	June 17, 1973
Woodrow Reed	Perfect Ashler # 4	February 18, 1973
Bishop A. Neal	Perfect Ashler # 4	July 24, 1973
John Nealy	Regent Lodge # 5	January, 31, 1973
James W. Ward	Palestine # 7	August 12, 1973

We the Obituary Committee was ordered by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to locate the grave site of our first Grand Master of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction, We visited the grave of THOMAS LYLE at Oakland Cemetary on Jackson St. ST. Paul, Minnesota and found it to be in back. We the committee on obituary wish to submit a resolution, to be sent to the resolution committee and to the budget committee, That The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free And Accepted Masens, Minnesota and its Jurisdiction place a monument on the grave of our first Grand Master of Prince Hall Affiliate THOMAS LYLE.

The date we wish that this monument be obtained and placed before our 80th, annual communication.

Respectfully submitted,

C. BOLLING # 1, Chairman  
M. HENRY # 1, Co-Chairman  
L. P. GREENE # 4,  
W. D. GRAY # 4.

The following are reports of the Worshipful Master's hour which was chaired by the Rt. Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

Pioneer Lodge #1.

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

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, Past and present Officers and members of this Grand Lodge.

Greetings/

I Charles A. Agnew Worshipful Master of Pioneer Lodge #1 submit the following report. First of all I like to thank all of my officers and past masters and members who helped and advised me all year. We raised 12 members and lost 2. At this time the total membership is 84. It has been an active year as the four lodges in the twin cities who worked together and raised the total of 28 brothers.

Past Master Milton Henry gave the third degree. The District Deputy Grand Master Clarence Duke #4 gave the warden's test to Pernell Davis of Pioneer #1. Pioneer is buying a building and we are having social projects every saturday, and with God's help we will own the building.

Fraternally

Charles A. Agnew  
Worshipful Master

## MASTER'S REPORT—ANCHOR HILYARD # 2

To the M.W.G.M., P.G.M's, officers, members and visitors, this report is divided into two parts, the first of which looks at the state of the order and reviews the objectives and priorities that were established, along with approaches and results. The second part will deal with some of my beliefs as they relate to my one year's experience.

### A look at some statistics

After getting over the pleasurable shock of my election as Master, I took an inventory of my inheritance and found that there were fifty-two members on the roster; hardly any money in the treasury; and no visible means of support. In addition, apathy was high, morale low, and members participation almost non-existent. Looking at myself, I was a relative unknown to most members on that roster, and a mere acquaintance to a few. This made the task to govern even more difficult since I had to sell myself as well as the programs I may offer.

Objectives. I established the following objectives and presented them to the Lodge at our first meeting in November

1. To stimulate active participation within the Lodge
2. To create Pride in belonging among the members
3. To provide opportunity for greater fellowish, and
4. To give depth, meaning and stability to the craft.

The program was accepted as presented, and implementation started that same night. To carry out objective no. one "To stimulate participation," I printed some identification cards, and used them whenever I called on members who did not know me. I called every name on the roster that could be reached by telephone, many of whom I spoke to monthly. I have kept a register of attendance which serves as a guide when calling for our monthly meetings. The response was good. Compared to the year immediately preceeding when from March to September (nine meetings) we were only able to raise a quorum for two of those nine meetings; from October to February (a similar number of meetings), the attendance averaged twelve per meeting with a range of from twelve to nineteen; an increase of over twenty-four percent.

For my no. two objective—"To create pride in belonging," I had certificates made at my own expense, so that every Master Mason will receive one. Presentation was made at a party on February 18, 1973, attended by seventy (70) persons—members and their wives. Channel 9 T.V. camers were there, although they were not able to show any of the scenes that night. At that party I reported on the progress that was made thus far, and laid all the cards on the table. The response was favourable.

Objective no. three..."To provide opportunity for greater fellowship," has been attempted through the efforts of one of our auxiliaries which provides the refreshments we enjoy after meetings. In addition, the same auxiliary functions as a membership committee so as to provide continuity between the lodge and the membership. In fact, I see unlimited use for this very willing group of workers, as response to their efforts have been most favourable.

In the mean time, our financial situation was less than desirable. The rate of our expenses far exceeded the snail-like trickle of our income, so that the successful collection from the member carried a breathing spell of preparation for transfer to the Grand Lodge, or to pay the month's rent. Logically, we had two options: (1) To increase membership, and (2) Raise funds. Beginning with the latter, this was clearly a matter for an auxiliary; looking at our existing Hi-12 record and its present function (including the last three years), this is what I saw: "A small reticent group of proud men, proud of their past performances. Some voiced noble sentiments about their loyalty to the lodge, yet remained tacit. Many members did not attend lodge meetings, although those same members seldom missed the club's meetings. My own impression was that the club had set its social functions as higher priority than the lodge's financial abyss. I summarized that this could well be due to the club's members' lack of awareness of the lodge's needs, after all, if they do not come to meetings of the lodge they will not know what's going on. Conversely, I am equally convinced that the officers of the club knew full well the club's responsibility to the lodge, as they continued to function within the framework of the laws. You might well ask why then did I permit them to continue to function? There were some unique features in the make-up of this club which I considered to be potential strengths if they could be properly directed. (1) There was a strong sense of identification with the club and its past, and (2) The nucleus spoke the same lan-

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guage and understood each other. Because of these and a few other traits which I considered to be valuable, I elected to leave the Hi-12 as it was and to create a new club that will be more sensitive to the needs of the lodge. The new club is called the Booster, and one of the many ways in which it differs from the Hi-12 is that it is designed to be used as a vehicle through which we may communicate meaningfully with our community, and hopefully make ourselves visible. (By ourselves, I mean masonry, not just Anchor Hilyard members).

M.W.G.M, I am pleased to announce to you and this Grand Lodge that our Booster Club has made great strides since its beginning, and that it has contributed in no small way to our success this past year. Because of the gratitude I feel for the help they have given to Anchor Hilyard's Lodge, it is fitting that I should publicly thank the officers and members of that club. I can think of no better place, and ask your indulgence to introduce those men at this time. They are: (elected)

Pascol Todd.....President

Lawrence Henderson.....Vice President

William Scott.....Treasurer

Chalmer Lawson.....Secretary

Will all other members of the booster club present please stand..applause!! Special thanks must also go to Brother Albert J. Briscoe Jr. for his invaluable contributions to the club. Anchor Hilyard surely has benefited.

The second option was to try to increase membership. For this, we obtained a dispensation to confer the three degrees for half of the normal price. The dispensation was granted for 90 days from March 1st. to June 30th., and in that period we processed ten petitions, six of whom are now Master Masons. From October to August we initiated nine men, passed nine, and raised nine. We admitted two members by demits, healed two, and reinstated five. Total number of names added was eighteen (18). Unfortunately we lost three to the grim reaper-death. (1) Brother E. G. Harris October 6, 1972 (2) Bro. Floyd E. Manson July 3, 1973, and Brother Wallace Partee on August 16, 1973. We suspended three for non-payment of dues. Therefore, the total number of names added to our roster was ten (10). Our membership now stands at sixty-two (62). The significance of this addition is best realized when you know that in the last three years we have not added one Master Mason. In addition,

we have conferred the title of honorary member on Brother Charles Gaskins from Jephthah Lodge No. 89 in New York on June 5th, 1973.

Summary

1. Taking up where we left off in February, attendance from March to the first meeting in September shows an average seventeen members (17) per meeting. The range was from 12 to 20, This represents an overall increase in membership participation for this last year to over 40 %
2. The increase in participation may have several interpretations. However, there could be little doubt that this has the potential of also increasing membership awareness of Masonry. Just looking at our last raising of thirty men, and the motivation they manifested as a group, suggested that these kinds of atmospheres could be stimulating. Actually, a few of our newly made members are fired-up and ready to go.
3. Objective # 4 is more philosophically oriented, and its success or failure has to be measured by different yardsticks. Since the record speaks for itself, I will like to direct your attention to one of the tools which may be used to appraise the effective of objective # 4... "To give depth, meaning and stability to the craft." But before we look at the tool let me say that I <sup>believe</sup> ~~know~~ that the problems which I inherited as Master are not peculiar to Anchor Hilyard's Lodge. If that is true, then we must ask: "How many other lodges have had a similar problem, and how did they overcome them?" also we would do well to ask "How many masters could go back into their records and find the solutions which worked for them?"

The point of this line of questioning is to demonstrate that one must be able to predict the outcome of his plan of action if he is to obtain desired results. That is how history is written--by design. Speaking to many masons, I get the impression that ~~many~~ <sup>they</sup> are of the opinion that the craft is declining. If there is any truth in that belief, then one possible reason might well be that we have not prepared ourselves to cope with the changing times.

Every organization has the need to periodically take stock of itself, as they grow, gearing their programs and structure to the changing needs of the people they serve. Therefore, we ought to begin with an evaluation of the organization as one tool which is accessible.



I believe that this could best be attained through a process of self-evaluation conducted by individual lodges, and that it will be more useful if it were designed to show the relationship between lodges and their programs, as these may relate to the Grand Lodge's objectives.

We should keep in mind that the effectiveness of an organization depends upon many factors, not only conscientious adherence to accepted rules of good administrative practice, but also on the spirit of the membership which, when coupled to cohesiveness in purpose and mutual respect, forms the core of an organization. An organization with good external methods which lacks the full spirit of cooperation and dedication to purpose, will fail, but one with a flourishing spirit of cooperation and active pursuit of a common purpose will certainly overcome organizational defects and methods.

Because of these beliefs, I therefore recommend to this Grand Lodge

1. That it should define its objectives through which its visibility in the community may become apparent, and that those objectives be made available to all Masters.
2. That all masters be directed to include one or more of those Grand Lodge objectives in their own plans for possible execution in their term (s) of office.
3. That the office of the R.W.G.L or some other appropriate body such as the Past Master's Council or both be charged with the responsibility of being resource persons to the masters as they work towards these goals.

Before I close this report, I must thank all the members of my lodge for their fine support. If in the execution of my duties I have stepped on any toes, I am sorry. To those who feel that I should harness my zeal I say:

I reap small grains of Masonry with all I have of skill;  
Some say I mow them very well, and some, that I do ill.  
And those who say that I do well, speak from their brotherhood;  
Much better those criticize could do, if they but would.  
But whether I reap well or ill, I know not, nor much care;  
I bind my sheaves as best I know, and more no man may dare.

*Morris S. Miller*  
Morris S. Miller, W.M.

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RESOLUTION

Whereas, The body of this organization is more than the sum of its parts; and

Whereas, The effectiveness of any organization depends largely upon the spirit of its parts; and

Whereas, We recognize that the spirit of our Fraternity is beginning to wear thin under the pressures of our times

- Resolved, 1. That, it is the sense of this member that the M.W.P.H.G.L should take a self-inventory to see the relevance of its present activities and functions, utility of its resources, and determine goals for its future.
2. That, upon completion of the inventory, the grand lodge should define its goals and objectives for four years (4), and that these be made available to each lodge in the jurisdiction.
3. That, the grand lodge should direct all masters to include one or more of these objectives in their own plans, reporting on same at each grand lodge session.
4. That, the office of the R.W.G.L and or the Past Masters Council be directed to act as resource persons to the masters.

Morris S. Miller  
Morris S. Miller, mover

9-18-73.

Charles R. Miller  
Seconded

September 18, 1973

*free & accepted masons*  
To The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of Minnesota  
and its Jurisdiction. To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand  
Officers, Past Grand Officers, Masters, Officers, and Brothers

GREETINGS from Doric Lodge No. 3

I, as Master of Doric #3 am very thankful and pleased to be  
here to relate to you, on this Annual Communication, the  
progressiveness and harmony Doric has displayed this year. We  
have carried out all the Proclamations and Directives of The Most  
Worshipful Grand Master.

We are a Lodge in sorrow of our beloved Brother Lee G. Wiley;  
that the Grand Architect saw fit to call him, and yet during his  
illness and at his death, Doric solidified to take on the chores  
that were his, yes, we'll miss this good and faithful Brother.

We have had our pleasant moments also; during the year though  
it was brief for two brothers, we initiated, passed and raised three  
brothers, Bro. Baker, Bro. Lyles, & Bro. Tate, who still labors among  
us at this time.

There have been times that things could have been more united  
but thanks to our Master for giving us the peace, harmony, love,  
and initiative to carry on the work through the year.

Doric Lodge #3 is small numerically but as large as the  
largest in every other Masonic way.

May this Communication be not quite as good as the next, and  
better than the one before.

May the Grand Architect bless and guide us in harmony, peace,  
and love in all our ways and in all our future labors and actions.

Fraternally yours,

*Charles M. Stalling*  
Charles M. Stalling  
Doric Lodge #3

September 18, 1973

To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Grand Officers, Brothers constituting this Grand Body of the 79th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons State of Minnesota and its Jurisdictions.

GREETINGS:

Once again I'm proud to represent Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, and also having the opportunity of playing a small part in putting this all together.

After being re-elected for my second term as Master of the Lodge, the first Act that I performed was the appointment of Officers. Those elected were as follows: George Taylor, Senior Warden; Thomas Henderson, Junior Warden; Merrill A. Taylor, Secretary; Martin O. Weddington, Treasurer. Appointed were: J. W. McClinton, Senior Deacon, Dwayne Sparks, Junior Deacon, Delbert Johnson, Senior Steward, James Buckner, Junior Steward, J. P. Dorsey, Chaplain, Arbery Turner, Assistant Secretary, and Marshall, Al Owens, Tiler. Trustees: C. O. Duke, W. D. Gray, Al Owens. The next Act was to appoint a Committee hosting this Grand Lodge. They were Merrill Taylor, Martin O. Weddington, Lapercell P. Greene, and Clarence Duke with Merrill Taylor as Chairman, and I must commend him on the fine job he has done.

Perfect Ashlar in the past year, I am sorry to say has only entered, passed and raised one candidate. We have had two Demits to us, and I deeply regret to say that the Dread Messenger, Death, has claimed the life of two of our Beloved Brethern, Woodrow Reed, and Bishop Neal. May their Souls find eternal peace in that Celestial Lodge where all good Masons hope to meet.

Perfect Ashlar moved its home once again this year from the Elks Lodge in St. Paul to Pioneer Hall after we had received an invitation from the Brethern of Pioneer No. 2, to use their facilities which was deeply appreciated. On April 14th, after some discussion with Brother

Gray to discuss the possibility to organize a Building Fund Committee in District No. 1. Brother Gray also acted as Chairman. All Lodges and Chapters were represented. On May 20, a second meeting was held. The name was adopted for the group at this meeting. The United Building Fund Committee of Prince Hall Affiliates, the primary concern of this committee would be to discuss and to raise funds to purchase a building or help Pioneer enlarge their existing property on an equal basis. On Sunday June 17th, at the American Legion in St. Paul, a general meeting was called. This was the only meeting I was unable to attend.

On a visit to one of my members in a nursing home I found that Perfect Ashlar has another 50 year member. Brother Clifford Harris with 53 years a member.

Throughout the year I tried to attend as many Masonic functions as possible, but due to illness, and working the hours I do, I found things at times a little impossible, but I would like to add on the Memorial Services that were held last Sunday, my own recommendation that the Masters or representatives from each Lodge would have something or some gesture to each passing member, that would be appropriate than just going to the Altar and snuffing out a candle. Our Sisters in the Eastern Stars are leading us in recognizing members, money raising, and in a lot of other areas where we as men and Masons should be leading. We, in this Jurisdiction have a lot of examples we should be setting. Brothers, as the Order comes from the South (look to the East) it means just that. Looking to the East means looking to the Masters of the Lodge, Past Masters, Past Grand Masters, and Grand Masters, and everything constituting this Grand Body of the Prince Hall Masons.

And now may the Blessings of Heaven rest upon us all Regular Masons, and Brotherly love prevail, and every moral and virtue cement us. But most of all let those final words have meaning in our hearts to all.

Fraternally and Respectfully

Submitted,

Harold Elwyn Johnson, Perfect Ashlar  
Lodge No. 4, Worshipful  
Master

Regent Lodge # 5

The most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Officers and members of the subordinate lodges of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and it's Jurisdiction.

Greetings.

I, W. Kieth Parsons, Worshipful Master of Regent Lodge #5 presents the following report.

Serving this, my second term as the Worshipful Master of Regent Lodge #5, has been a most exciting and rewarding year. Within those past twelve months nearly every member has brought to our deliberations and activities, a renewed enthusiasum and energy making our past year a corner stone for growths in activities and membership upon which Masonry of Prince Hall Affiliated can build for many years in Canada.

Membership.

We proudly report this past year brought 4 initiations. we have passed 2 of these new brothers and raised 2. One brother returned to the fold on his reinstatement. One brother demitted to True Resolution Lodge in Vancouver, B. C. Our loss is their gain. It is with extreem sense of soorow that we report the passing of Brother John Nealy (past S. W. ). Brother Nealy was our last surviving charter member, having been raised June 29, 1914. Brother Nealy was born September 12, 1881 in Jacksonville Florida, passed on in Winnipeg, Manitoba 1973 at the age of 91 years.

Myself and several other brothers accompanied Past Grand Master Piercy Haynes to 2 lodges of Manitoba Grand Lodge Jurisdiction upon the lecture of the history of Prince Hall Masonry.

St John's Day was properly observed with the congregation of Pilgrim Baptist Church, and many of our brethern accompanied the sisters on Esther Day.

Our District Deputy Grand Master Brother H. Carvery visited officially and spoke honestly and sincerely, from which our brethern learned.



My particular thanks to the many brothers and sisters who accompanied our Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert Johnson upon his official visitation to Regent Lodge #5. All of whom made the subsequent Banquet and dance and our annual fishing derby and picnic its usual great success.

Regent Lodge hosted its third annual "Miss Ebony Pageant" and subsequently participated in the Manisphere parade with our contestants and queen.

1974 marks two important anniversaries for Regent Lodge #5. June 29, 1974 is our 60th birthday and 1974 is Winnipeg's Centennial. It is the hope and desire of Regent Lodge #5 that this Grand Lodge session will grant us the privilege of hosting its next annual communication, thereby sharing with us some of the excitement and festivities planned in our city's Centennial Year. May it please our Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert Johnson to accept on behalf of this Grand Body the enclosed Winnipeg Centennial Commemorative license plate and our pledge the next Grand Lodge Session will be remembered for the next 100 years.

1972-73 has been good to Regent Lodge, therefore may we ask the Supreme Architect of the Universe to grant all of our brethren and their lodges, wisdom for their deliberation, strength for their tasks and peace for their lives.

Fraternally yours

W. Kieth Parsons  
Worshipful Master

PALESTINE LODGE NO. 7

TO: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past and Present Grand Officers, Members of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction, and Visitors.

GREETINGS:

It is indeed an honor to stand before you at this 79th annual communications and represent Palestine Lodge No. 7. It is with humility that I submit this report and start by thanking my Wardens for their support and a special thanks to my secretary and treasurer whose experience and loyalty enabled me to realize a successful year. I give special thanks to the Past Grand Masters and Past Masters of my lodge who made their wisdom and knowledge available to me and assisted me in dealing with the many technical problems and challenges peculiar only to the office of Worshipful Master. I also thank Brother John Warder, President of the First Plymouth National Bank who donated refreshments for the hospitality room. Without the unswerving support of individuals such as those I have mentioned, it would have been impossible to assume the responsibilities of the East and enjoy the fruits of success that I feel were accomplished by Palestine Lodge during the year.

I am pleased to report we had representation in support of the Most Worshipful Grand Master visitations to all lodges with the exception of The Pride of Alberta which unfortunately distance and time was against us.

Palestine Lodge participated in the St John Evangelist service held at the New Salem Baptist Church, St John The Baptist service at St Peters AME church and the corner stone laying ceremony at Sabthani church.

I am also pleased to say that Palestine Lodge participated in joint raisings with the sister lodges of the twin cities and enjoyed an inspiring performance by Brother Rufus Carson, Pioneer Lodge #1, PM.

Our Lux Club sponsored the showing of a double feature movie with very successful results. The club also has purchased the house and two lots adjacent to the south side of the masonic temple and are in the process of closing. The tentative plans are to convert the house into a lodge club lounge which will be available for use by the masonic organizations.

Palestine Lodge was honored to have Brother John McHie, SPM represent the Most Worshipful Grand Master at services held at Doric Lodge #3 for Brother Lee G. Wiley.

Statistically our roster as of August 31, 1973 was 121 members. During the year we had one (1) brother pass; two (2) suspensions; four (4) reinstatements; entered four (4); raised three (3) to the sublime degree of Master Mason and had no demits.

On August 18, 1973 the Grand Architech called Brother James Ward from labor to rest. Brother Ward had been a faithful member of the lodge, a faithful steward in the church, and a staunch member of his community. He will be sadly missed, yet, in our professed belief in the diety we know he has merely completed one phase of the journey in his quest for admission to that kingdom of fadeless light where he will dwell in the glory of our Righteous Father forever.

In conclusion I say to you, " Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven".

FRATEERNALLY

JAMES K. ASH  
Worshipful Master

Pride of Alberta # 9

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons  
State of Minnesota and its jurisdiction, Most Worshipful Grand  
Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters  
and brothers -

Greetings from Pride of Alberta #9 Edmonton, Alberta Canada -

It gives me great pleasure to bring you this report, to the  
annual 79th Grand Lodge Convention.

Before taking the chair I was brought to the 4th degree by Past  
Masters Bro. Raymond Heslsp, Bro. Clinton Murphy and Bro. Richard  
Kampjes. It has been a pleasure to have served as master of Pride  
of Alberta #9 although business pressure has not always allowed  
me the time to spend working for the lodge, that I feel is required.

This past year has been a year of learning. There has been many  
happy occasions as well as disappointments, but we have to take the  
bitter with the sweet - to make us mature and grow stronger in  
character so we may practice this "Great art" of Masonry so that  
brotherly love may prevail universally.

Some of the highlites of the year past are -

1. In december 1972 the lodge donated \$100.00 to the Shiloh Baptist  
church Sunday School for the gifts of Christmas and the treats.
2. Sunday Dec.24'72 we were well represented in full regalia at  
Shiloh Baptist Church to celebrate St. John the evangelist Day, as  
ordered by our Most Worshipful Grand Master.
3. On June 24,73 St. John the Baptist Day was celebrated at Shiloh  
Baptist Church by Pride of Alberta Lodge #9 in full regalia.
4. The sum of \$2000.00 was set aside to cover modifications and  
renovations to the church hall - that is to improve the hall with  
a new floor, panel the walls and build cupboards that we may store  
our lodge furniture in a more convenient place.
5. Contributed \$200.00 to Shiloh Baptist Church to help pay the cost  
of repairs to the leak that has developed at the front wall and  
step endangering the storage room where we are presently storing  
our furniture.

6. July 14'73 was a very happy time when we were visited by Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert Johnson, Rt. Worshipful Grand Lecturer Willie D. Gray and of course our own Barry Boyd, Rt Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master to give us good and wholesome instructions. We are always pleased to entertain our brothers from afar.

7. Our Sick committe chairman Bro. Hayward Hinton is still doing a marvelous job in his hospital visiting, flowers and gift taking to the sick and oppressed. We of Pride of Alberta #9 are very fortunate to have Hayward Hinton, who incidently, is here with us today to do his work in our behalf.

Our disappointments are that we have brought only one brother to the first degree. Although we have more petitions out awaiting to come in, I would like to have seen the lodge make more steps forward in the past year.

Our Lodge Club - The Edmonton Grotto Club is still doing a wonderful job in fund raising, mainly due to the efforts of three members - namely Bro. Raymond Heslep, Bro. Clinton Murphy and Bro. Richard Kampjes and we of Pride of Alberta #9 are very fortunate to have these three working in our behalf. The Club is also providing part-time work for some of the young people in the community. The Club provides funds and prize ribbons for the Shiloh Baptist Sunday School as well as provided the funds for the entertainment for Grand Lodge visitations. We hope, in the near future, to start to build a Masonic Temple and Hall for our and the community use.

We hope in the next year we will enjoy more steps forward. I would like at this time to give recognition and thanks to all other brothers not mentioned by name who gave their loyal support and help in this past year and let them know I stand behind them in any way I can help the next officers of the lodge.

This Most Worshipful Grand Master concludes my report.

Fraternally  
Daniel LaFayette  
Worshipful Master

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Present and Past Grand Officers members of the Grand Lodge and Brethern.

I bring you greetings from the dedicated brothers of Mosaic Lodge No. 11.

It was a great pleasure for me to be elected worshipful Master of Mosaic Lodge No. 11 during our last election.

I was fortunate to have as members of my Lodge the R.W.G.S.W. James E. Eubank and R.W.D.D.G.M. Maurice L. Mitchell, their loyal support and timely advice has greatly helped me over numerous obstacles.

Mosaic Lodge No. 11 has a wealth of dedicated brothers who will and have gone the length of their cabletow to help and aid the sick, needy and distressed, they readily devote their time in instructing the Entered, Passed and raised brothers.

The competitive spirit of the Brothers of Mosaic Lodge No. 11 in obtaining more Masonic knowledge has greatly stimulated interest in the newly raised.

On 28 April 1973, we were honored to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his Cabinet visit us and through words of wisdom and steadfast information the members of Mosaic Lodge No. 11 have become more efficient.

During the year we have entered fifteen (15) candidates, passed twelve (12) and raised twelve (12), lost three (3) through demits and none (0) through suspensions. Received one (1) into the Lodge.

Brother James E. Scott, our revered Senior Warden was administered the Warden's proficiency test which he scored one of the highest scores in this jurisdiction.

Mosaic Lodge No. 11 is proud to have assisted some needy persons in the community such as food baskets for Christmas, \$50.00 donation to a military whose trailer and possessions were destroyed by fire also liberal contributions to the March of Dimes and Muscular Disptrophy.

St. Johns Day was observed by attending Cavalry Baptist Church in Emerado, North Dakota.

The Social Club has been active in sponsoring a fall formal ball which was graced with the presence of the Illustrious Lapercell Green also in conjunction with the Eastern Stars, they sponsored a community picnic.

In closing I wish to <sup>THANK</sup> thank you for your indulgence, and with your help and prayer Mosaic Lodge No. 11 will grow wiser and stronger

Fraternally Submitted,

*James R. Winder*  
JAMES R. WINDER  
Worshipful Master



To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters and Brethren. Greetings:

Having been priveleged by The Grand Architect of The Universe, and strongly supported by all officers and Brethren of Acacia Lodge #12, F & A M (PHA), I as Master for the past year do humbly submit our annual report.

1. 21 Oct 72: Acacia Lodge No. 12 began its new year. As Master of the Lodge I pledged to work harmoniously with the Lodge. Specific goals that I set for the Lodge as Master were:

- a. Continuity of Masonic Ideals.
- b. Increased membership from worthy profanes.
- c. All stations and offices to be filled by members of the Lodge.
- d. Increased participation at Lodge meetings and study classes.
- e. Institution of benevolent fund for rapid response in financial assistance to distressed brethren.
- f. Obtaining due recognition Base wide as a chartered Lodge particularly from the top echelon.

2. 4 Nov 1972: Installed elected and appointed officers in conjunction with an installation dinner at the Minot Air Force Base NCO Club.

3. 18 Nov 1972: The policy of giving tokens to departing brothers was initiated. Tokens include items such as tie clasps, cuff links, cigarette lighters, etc.

4. Again in November, a mass check for Sickle Cell Anemia was spearheaded by Acacia #12. The Base Dispensary obtained the necessary equipment and published schedules whereby all Blacks who desired this test was administered. Of the people checked, a total of ten showed traits of Sickle Cell Anemia.

5. Nov - \$25.00 presented to the Base Chaplins Thanksgiving Basket.
6. Nov - \$50.00 presented to Operation Christmas Basket.
7. St. Johns the Evangelists day was observed by a contingent from Acacia #12. In Dec at Base Chapel #1.
8. A proposal to the base for the initiation of a lottery for the purpose of awarding a scholarship fund to a deserving dependent was disapproved. However alternate means of raising funds for this purpose are being considered.
9. The Tuskegee Institute Choir gave a concert at the Base Theatre. Approx 80 people were in this entourage. Brethren of Acacia Lodge #12 were instrumental in providing lodging for choir members.
10. A contingent of Acacia Lodge #12 visited Mosaic Lodge #11 on 31 Mar 73 and helped in raising 2 brothers to the subline degree of a Master Mason.
11. Apr 73: Degree teams were appointed to increase the proficiency of the JW & SW and to prepare them for ascending to the East.
12. May 73: Past Master Aprons were presented to Past Masters Jones and Pleasant in conjunction with a dinner. The lodge was opened and closed in public for this occasion.
13. St. John the Baptists Masonic Day was observed by Acacia #12 enmass at Base Chapel #2 on June 24, 1973.
14. July 73: Grand Lodge visitation was held at the Holiday Inn. Warden proficiency tests were administered SW Spencer, Acacia #12 and SW Scott of Mosaic #11 of Grand Forks. That night a welcoming dinner was given for the Grand Master, his cabinet and visitors. In attendance was the Base Commander, and the Commander of the 5th BW. Following the dinner was a social hour. The visitation, dinner, and social hour was highly

successful and gratifying.

15. August 73: A record hop was sponsored for the youth of MAFB. The hop was highly successful and we've had many inquiries as to when another would be held.

16. The following is a brief synopsis of how Acacia #12 fared with membership during this past year:

a. 8 brothers initiated, passed and raised.

b. 7 members suspended for non-compliance in their financial obligation to lodge.

c. 3 brothers demitted from Acacia #12.

17. Overall I feel that Acacia progressed admirably even though we had many key members to transfer from Minot AFB to fulfill their military commitments elsewhere around the world. With the winddown of crisis in Southeast Asia our members should be stationed here longer. We of Acacia proudly predict that 1974 will be the year that Acacia will stand-out above all other lodges in this jurisdiction.

  
JESSIE JAMES 32°  
Worshipful Master

September 18, 1973

Most Worshipful Grand Master of this Most Worshipful  
Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of  
Minnesota and its Jurisdiction, Cabinet Members,  
Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Visitors, and Brothers:

Boaz Lodge No. 14, brings you Greetings from Worthington,  
Minnesota.

I, Henry Lee Martin (W.M.) of Boaz Lodge No. 14  
wishes to make this report.

This has been a good year for us. Although we have  
not been able to hold regular meetings each month due to  
the fact we are a small Lodge, and the summer months are  
filled with vacations, etc., but I am happy to say we have  
not had any deaths this year and no sickness. I have not  
suspended any members. We held our Election of Officers  
in October of 1972. The Officers were as follows:

H. Martin W.M.  
G. Posey, S.W.  
A. McFarland J.W.  
W. McRunnel, Treas.  
A. McFarland, Sec.

J. Kirkwood S.D.  
L. McFarland  
P.M. A. Wheeler, Tyler  
P.M. W. Johnson, Chaplain

We made our Annual Visit to Yankton, South Dakota,  
where we met with Bro. Ted Blakey, and had a regular meeting.  
Bro. Blakey had everything prepared when we arrived. A  
meeting place, food, etc. It is always a pleasure to visit  
Bro. Blakey.

On June 16th we were honored with the Visitation of  
the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and his Cabinet. We opened  
our Lodge and accepted the Deputy Grand Master and his Cabinet.

Our Secretary and Treasurer books were checked by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, C. Lawson, and D. McAdams. We were told our books were in excellent shape.

We heard remarks from the Deputy Grand Master, Taylor. Also past Gr. Master, M. O. Weddington, Past Grand Patron, N. Hardy, Bro. Leonard Madden, Bro. Bill Davis, Bro. C. Smith.

We were also lectured by the Grand Lecturer, Bro. Willie Gray. He told us some of the mistakes we were making, also lectured us on our dress code. All remarks were well received. The meeting closed in Form.

I did not get a chance to attend Spring Conference because of other commitments. I did get a chance to worship with the Brothers on St. John's Day Services held in the Twin Cities.

Our Lodge Club has not functioned too well this year. We had a Beef Raffle which was a success. We wish to thank all the Brothers, who helped us so dearly. Without your help and support this Raffle could not have been a success. So again, thank you all very much.

We are hoping the coming year will be much better. We are striving to build our Membership. We now have eleven members. This is the end of my Report.

Submitted by,

Henry L. Martin (W.M.)  
Boaz Lodge No. 14

St. Paul, Mn.

Aug. 16, 1973

To the most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters. Officers and Brethren of this Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

Greeting:

Once again a Grand Master has seen fit to appoint me District Deputy Grand Master of District one. Once again I have call on all of my reserves<sup>OKES</sup> in trying to do a good job. One of my first duties was, since I was on the housing committee to assist them in trying to find a suitable place to hold Grand Lodge in '73. After we had check a number of places, It was decided that we would hold our Grand Lodge at the twin City motor inn, Prior and University. in St. Paul, Mn.

In Oct.-- Made a trip to the North Western hospital to see our Grand Patron Bro. Lawson who was recovering nicely from illness.

In Nov. I attened the wake of Bro. Louis of Pioneer # 1.

Dec. 9-- I attened the Grand Masters cabinet meeting at lodge Hall in Mpls.

Dec. 24-- I could not attened the St. John Evangelist service because my wife fell down and dislocated her shoulder three days be for that Sunday.

Jan. 13-- I made a trip to Brother Marion Brown home to put my seal and signa ture on his lodges quarterlytax report to grand lodge.

Jan. 18 -- Sent a letter to Bro. Dr. L. W. William Grand Master of Arkansas for information concering a bro. that would like to demit to Perfect Ashlar # 4.

Feb. 14-- Sent a letter to Bro. O. E. Vandenburg Past Grand Master of Illinois for information concering a Bro. who would like to demit to PerfectAshlar lodge # 4.

Feb. 14-- I was presented at the visitation of bro. David Reese of



Pioneer Lodge # one.

Feb. 19-- Visit Pioneer lodge # one, and I am glad to report that be for I had work my way in to the lodge room, I could hear B ro. Brown, Past Grand Master asking the craft question, and if they could not answer them he would tell them where they could find the answers.

Feb. 20-- I attened the visitation of B ro. Woodrow Reed of Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4.

March 10-- I was among those that was present at a meeting that was called by the Grand Master at his home.

April the 8th. -- I was present at the corner stone laying at the Sabathani Baptist Church.

In the year of 1972 P ioneer lodge #1 purchase a building at Concordia and Milton.

The first meeting of perfect Ashlar #4 was held April 10, 1973 at Pioneer Lodge # all Lodge Hall.

May 19-- I attened a meeting at Pioneer lodge they had five candidates for the first degree.

June the 10th.-- I attened Esther day service in Minneapolis.

June 16-- I was part of the Deputy Grand Master cabinet when he made his Official visit to Worthington Mn.

June 17-- visit B ro. Lee Wiley in St. Josephs hospital in St. Paul.

June 18-- The Matron of Elizabeth Richey Chapter #2 ask St. Paul Chapter #1 to give the funeral service for Bro. Lee G. Wiley of Duluth.

June 19-- I acted as Patron for the St. Paul Chapter #1 for the funeral service of Bro. Lee Wiley.

June 23-- I attend the spring converence, I gave some instruction on the duties of a D. D. G. Master.

June 24-- I was among those present to observe St. John day at St. Peters A. M. E. Church.

July 2-- Visit Pioneer lodge #1 They were doing well.

July 4-- Visit Bro. M. Brown home to put my seal on two of Pioneer Lodge Grand Lodge tax forms.

July 5-- Got answer from Aaron Arradondo to a question that the internal revenue service center wanted, mail it the same day.

July 15-- I visit Bro. James Thomas who was sick at home.

July 25 2pm in room 3e of Pioneer lodge #1 by letter they had a bro. by the name of Pernel Davis (There Senior Warden) who was prepared to take his proficiency test the 20th. of Aug. I informed the Grand Lecture Bro. Gray the same day.

July 27 -- I attended the Masonic funeral of Bro. Bishop Neal of Perfect Ashlar lodge #4 and acted as Senior deacon.

July 28-- I attended the church service of Bro. Bishop Neal.

Aug. 19-- Went to the fairview hospital to see Bro. Bill Davis.

Aug. 19-- Went to the Bethesda hospital to see Bro. Nathaniel Hardy.

Aug. 20-- Made an official visit to Pioneer lodge # 1 to give a proficiency test to there senior warden ( Bro. Pernel Davis). as the Grand Lecture had to work, his master and one of there past masters and my self gave the test. He mad a passing mark of 92 and one 1/3.

Aug. 25-- Was among those present to help raise thirty brothers to the subline degree of a master mason.

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,



D. D. G. M. of District # 1

St. Paul, Mn. 55104

DISTRICT # 2:

TO: THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, PAST GRAND MASTERS, PRESENT AND PAST GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF PRINCE HALL MASONS OF MINNESOTA AND ITS JURISDICTION.

GREETINGS:

On this our 79th Annual Communications, I beg to give you the following report as District Deputy Grand Master of District # 2.

First I would like to thank the Grand Master for giving me this appointment, and it has been an honor to serve and to be a part of this administration.

During the year 1973, every thing went quite well in my District, the brothers of Anchor Hilyard Lodge #2, and Palestine Lodge #7, were on their toes, and so do to the efforts of every one we got a lot of work done.

Our first duty to be performed was to hold the election of officers for Anchor Hilyard Lodge #2, and then the same for Palestine Lodge #7.

Both Lodges in Minneapolis have been working hard, so therefore there has been a good increase in membership.

Both Worshipful Masters, Morris S. Miller and James K. Ash, have done beautiful jobs in having good and inspiring meetings.

I helped the Grand Lecturer to give the Wardens test to Brother Lawrence Henderson, and James A. Kinney Sr. and we are happy to report that they both passed.

Our two (2) Lodge Clubs in Minneapolis, are working very hard and are helping the lodges as perscribed by the by-laws.

The Grim reaper passed among us this year and took away some of our beloved and good standing brothers, they will not only be sadly missed by us but by the community as well.

I observed Saint John's day.

In closing, I wish to say again that this has been a pleasure and an Honor to work as your District Deputy Grand Master in District #2, and that you will have many accomplishments, and that peace and harmony will prevail during this Annual Communications.

Fraternally Submitted:

*Charles J. Snargrass Sr.*  
Charles J. Snargrass Sr.  
D.D. G. M. District #2  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### District #3

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, representatives of all subordinate lodges and to the 79th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

### Greetings

This is my first year in office as District Deputy Grand Master and it has been rewarding and fruitful in experience in Masonry. I would like to express my appreciation to all the officers and brothers of Doric Lodge #3 for their help in making my tasks possible during my tenure of office.

I was especially proud of the progress of Doric Lodge #3 during the raising of three brothers. The work was diligent and the craft was lead in the true arts of Masonry. I was proud to have had the Grand Master and his cabinet on May 19, 1973. Grand Master Johnson, Deputy Grand Master Taylor, Past Grand Master McHie, Grand Lecturer Gray, and Worshipful Master Ash of Palestine Lodge #7. The instruction we received from all Grand Lodge visitors was enlightening and inspirational to all.

And now, I would like to say a few words concerning a man whom I call a brother in many ways, Bro, Lee Wiley. He is a loss to me and all of us in his passing. He did all to the best of his ability and heart. We would do well to mark him as a man and a Mason.

In closing my report I would say to you, May God bless and keep you.

Fraternally

John H. Hamilton  
D. D. Grand Master Dist 3

### District 4

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers and Members of this Masonic Jurisdiction.

### Greetings -

It is with pleasure I submit this report as D. D. G. M. of District 4.

The past year has been a fruitful one for Regent Lodge #5. The brothers have taken a new interest in masonic work, rotating Sunday study sessions have been initiated, prompting nine past wardens to request proficiency tests.

I had the honor to accompany Past Grand Master P. Haynes on two speaking engagements to our white brothers Lodge in Winnipeg, and I must say all who attended these sessions were very much impressed and pleased with his talks and many of our white brothers are pushing for the recognition of Prince Hall Masons.

The Grand Visitation and the follow up dance and fishing derby were all great successes.

This past year Regent has raised 2 and reinstated 1 and we mourn the loss of Brother J. Nealy, a charter member. May he rest in peace.

Worshipful Master K. Parsons has worked very hard to lead members of his lodge in sound masonic growth.

Regent Club, under the leadership of its president L. Bishop, has made great strides in helping to unify each and everyone on a more fraternal and social basis.

In closing may I thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the opportunity to serve him in this Grand Lodge and to extend best wishes for a harmonious session.

Fraternally

Herbert Carvery  
D. D. G. M. #4

District #5

To the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rt Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Rt Worshipful Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers and visiting Grand Officers.

Brethern -

It is with great pleasure that I, Willie E. Johnson D. D. Grand Master district 5 submit this report.

We have lost no brethern to the grim reaper at the writing of this report. My Worshipful Master, Henry Lee Martin has maintained the numerical brotherhood as per the year before. One year ago, I was forced to submit a pessimistic report, because I saw no further potential for the expansion of the lodge. That is no longer true. My Worshipful Master informs me that we have the potential to draw from even in Sioux Falls. Therefore we find the same situation exists as at the time of the formation of Boaz Lodge #14. In order to truly further the cause of freemasonry in District 5, something must be done to extend the subordinate powers of Boaz Lodge, Under our present charter or we must work to reactivate Alpha Lodge #10, if possible. To this specific end, I ask that my Worshipful Master be authorized, with the District Deputy, whomever he may be, to go into Sioux Falls and other out lying towns wherever we may find a worthy candidate for membership. This the Worshipful Master and brethern of Boaz #14 will do on their own, for the improvement of Boaz Lodge # 14 and District # 5.



Although we have no advance in membership, I can truthfully say that we have made great advances in harmony and unity. The ones of us in Boaz #14, now realize the task before us and each one has demonstrated his dedication through his strict adherence to the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master.

We have as every year, made a visitation to Yankton, So. Dakota to be in fellowship with our essential Bro. Theodore Blakey.

On Several occasions, The Worshipful Master, our Junior Warden and Senior Warden and myself have gone to Sioux Falls in an effort to re-instate Alfred White, Maurice Coakley and Ted Parker. They always promise us that they will do various things, yet they never carry out their promises. Still we refuse to be discouraged and we will keep trying. With the help of the Grand Lodge and the continued labors of our dedicated brethern we shall continue to strive for improvement both in numbers and quality of men whom we accept into our order.

Fraternally

Willie E. Johnson  
D. D. G. M. District #5

District # 6

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, present and Past Grand Officers and members of this Grand Lodge -

These are the official acts performed by me during the year, as District Deputy Grand Master. On the 7th day of October, the Rt Worshipful Senior Grand Warden and myself traveled to Minot No. Dak. to Acacia Lodge # 12, at the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to conduct a special election and give the past masters degree to the newly elected Jessie James and Worshipful Master Luther Pleasant.

On October 12, 1972 I assisted the R. W. G. S. Warden in conducting the election of officers and giving the past master's degree to W. M. J. Winder.

On May 26, 1973, visisted with Acacia Lodge # 12 for presentation of the Past Master's certificates to Brothers Luther Pleasant and James Jones.  
April 28 visited Mosaic Lodge with the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Attended Calvary Baptist Church with Mosaic Lodge on St John's Day.

June 30, visited Regent Lodge with the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

July 28, visisted Acacia Lodge with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and at his will and pleasure, I conducted the Warden's proficiency test that was given to Bro's James Scott, S, W, of Mosaic Lodge and John Spencer, of Acacia Lodge.

August 7, annual visit to Mosaic Lodge.

I take great pride in saying to this Grand Lodge that this has been more than a pleasure to serve as Dist. Dep. Gr. Master for this district. The Moral in this district is very high, the W. M. of Mosaic and Acacia Lodges



have exemplified themselves in outstanding manner. I thank you for your trust.

Fraternally

Maurice Mitchell

D.D.G.M. Dist # 6 - 8

District # 7

It has been my extreme pleasure to have been able to serve as District Deputy Grand Master of District #7, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction for the year 1972 - 1973.

While we can look about the world and see poverty, the housing crisis, unemployment and severe illnesses such as mental health, it becomes apparent that money alone cannot solve these problems, but rather that the talents and resources of the young men of the United States and Canada can combine with our financial power and brain power to turn these problems into opportunities and these opportunities into solutions for the betterment for the whole of mankind.

I am sending my personal salute to Worshipful Master Dan La Fayette and the members of his Lodge who have worked so hard to continue the growth in the District. True leadership does not come easily for, it requires significant sacrifices by individuals and decisions which are not always popular. Throughout this year, I have been impressed by the way Worshipful Master Dan La Fayette has made the decisions that are necessary and continued this concern by projecting his work into the Long Range Planning Area which is membership in order that we will have a sound footing in the future.

The co-operation and dedication of Worshipful Master Dan LaFayette and his Lodge cannot be overstated and on your behalf, I would like to again congratulate them.

PRIDE OF ALBERTA FOUNDATION

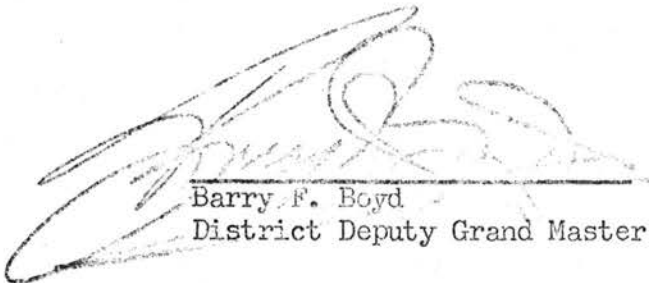
May I initially extend my congratulations to P. M. Ray Heslep, P. M. Clinton Murphy and the brothers of Pride of Alberta Lodge No. 9 for their activities during this past year, in building up Pride of Alberta building foundation. All Brothern through the Jurisdiction, I believe, recognize the burden that this building foundation has placed on the Brothern over the last number of years. Their activities will do much to place Pride of Alberta Lodge No. 9 on a sounder footing in the future. The Pride of Alberta Foundation will continue to be a vehicle for raising money to provide land and buildings in which Pride of Alberta Lodge No. 9 can operate.

The membership of District #7 has had a slight increase. Many Lodges have built sound foundations for expansion in the future; however, it is becoming more clear that we are continually underestimating our attraction and we do have the power to increase our membership substantially if we are prepared to work at it and to sell the fraternity in which we believe so greatly. In the coming years I feel that we must take a more positive approach to membership and take a longer and closer look at the membership problems in the large metropolitan areas. Certainly as the trend continues with the people moving from the small towns to the larger cities, we must expand our thinking in order to bring more and more young men in the urban areas into this fraternity, while continuing to maintain our base in the small communities.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert H. Johnson and the members of his cabinet for their tremendous assistance to me. A special thank you to my wife for accepting the challenge and providing me with such a welcome understanding.

It is with regret that I sign off my final official report to you, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted:



Barry F. Boyd  
District Deputy Grand Master

## SPRING CONFERENCE REPORT

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers past and present, Members of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and it's Masonic Jurisdiction, Visiting Brothers.

We the committee on the Spring Conference submit the following:

When the Grand Master announced that June 23rd was the day set aside for Spring Conference, it immediately became our duty to get a program under-way.

Communications were sent to each lodge in the jurisdiction and to each District Deputy Grand Master. It was stated specifically that the conference was not for Grand Lodge Officers only, but for all Prince Hall Masons and for all Prince Hall Masons and for their participation. It was the desire and hope of this committee that the younger Masons would heed this opportunity to come and learn and get involved. Work-shop was set up for each office with each Grand Officer being assigned to conduct and to be in charge of his shop according to his office.

The summary was high-lighted by the Worshipful Masters that were present as they talked of a need for solidarity in the lodges and stated that they had made plans to get together and hold a meeting with the Worshipful Masters that were absent.

Even though our spirits may have been low because of lack of attendance, it was elating to observe five brothers from Acacia Lodge # 12, Minot, ND making their entrance. They were Bro. Jessie James, Worshipful Master; Bro. John Spencer, Sr. Warden; Bro. William Lacy, Secretary; Bro. Warren Fitzgerald, and Bro. Rudolph Matier, Sr. Deacon. Also attending were Bro. Henry Martin, Worshipful Master of Boaz Lodge # 14, Worthington MN; he was accompanied by Bro. Willie Arbery.

Brothers McAdams and Past Grand Master Arrandondo and others gave

reports on issues arising from the Grand Masters Conference, such as tax information and the ten-thirty sixplan that was introduced.

The Grand Master greeted us and made remarks relating to the rising cost of our present ritual and other topics pertaining to the good of the order.

A delicious luncheon was served by the newly formed "Omara club Heriones of Jericho."

We were disappointed in the attendance from the younger masons and from the brothers that are away from districts #1 and 2. However, it is understandable as many brothers were in the cities a few weeks prior for other Masonic events.

This is a resume of the Spring Conference. We tried to render a service that would be beneficial to all masons in the jurisdiction and stay within the budget.

Fraternally,  
*Merrill L. Taylor*  
Merrill L. Taylor #4 Chairman  
Albert J. Briscoe #2 Co-Chm.

To: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A.M. of the State Of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and members of the Seventy-ninth annual communication.

Greetings:

I, Arbery Turner Jr., President of the Past Masters' Council beg to submit the following report.

On February 10, 1973 I was elected to serve as president for the ensuing year when Past President, Julius Clemmons relinquish ~~his~~ stewardship, with the following elected and appointed officers:

Vice President, Morris Miller  
Senior Warden, Nathaniel Hardy  
Junior Warden, Samuel Mitchell  
Treasurer, Clarence Smith  
Secretary, Merrill L. Taylor  
Asst. Secretary, Wm. M. Davis  
Chaplain, Marion Brown  
Tyler, Chalmers Lawson.

During the meeting a rising vote of graditude was externed to Past President, Julius Clemmons for his years of devoted service.

Our membership is not to the potentiality of our past masters strength, we encourage all the Past Masters that can avail themselves to join the council and those who are members to find time to attend our quartely meetings.

During our May meeting our dues was increased to two-dollars retroactive to January 1973, in order that we may finance a promotion so we can excourt our wive to an affair, preferably during the Yuletide Season if possible, Worshipful Master, Harold Johnson, consented to spearhead this project with his own selection of committeemen.

Although our treasure is small we were able to make a contribution to the Grand Masters' hospility room.

My sincere graditude is extended to Brother, Bevely Roland, who assisted in the chairmanship of our Prince Hall Day Picnic which was held at Como Park, Sun. Sept. 9, 1973, with the assistance of the following brothers, Mike T. Kates, Lawrence Henderson, Caleb Moore, James Buckner, Lewis Whitlock, and Martin O. Weddington, and sisters Alberta Henderson, Diana Price, Tony Young and many other members who gave of themselves unrelently. There was an excess of Five-hundred in attendance, in which all seem to enjoy themselves. Due to the increase in the price of foodstuff our Picnic exceeded the 300.00 that was allotted in the budget for the Prince Hall Day Picnic, the total cost for the picnic was 440.00, for our future picnics I would suggest we should provide for an escalation clause, for the budget of \$300.00 will not provide for an adequate picnic. It was a pleasure for the committeemen to be able to assist in providing their services for the Prince Hall Day Picnic.

Once again I plead for the past masters who can avail themselves to join with us.

Respectively Submitted,  
Arbery Turner, Jr.,  
President of Past Masters Council.



COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
August 15, 1973

TO THE MW GRAND MASTER, WORKMEN AND VISITORS  
AT THE 79TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE  
MW PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, MINN. & ITS JURISDICTION

GREETINGS:

Having worked in the vineyard under usual human handicaps, we completed the task assigned and submit to you the following:

1. A 4-page typed list of pen and changes of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction, Constitution, By-Laws and Ceremonies. This entails one constitutional change and 44 by-laws changes between 1951 and 1973.
2. 258 pages of loose-leaf copy for printer.
3. Two estimates for printing of 258 page loose-leaf book:

	<u>2,000 books</u>	<u>3,000 books</u>	<u>4,000 books</u>
A. Cost per book	\$1.75	\$1.55	\$1.3425
Cost of cover	<u>1.25</u>	<u>1.25</u>	<u>1.25</u>
Total per book	\$3.00	\$2.80	\$2.5925
B. Cost per book	1.40	1.25	1.10
Cost of cover	<u>1.25</u>	<u>1.25</u>	<u>1.25</u>
Total per book	\$2.65	\$2.50	\$2.35

4. One bill of \$50.00 for out of pocket expense of typist, editor and proof-reader for preparation of above listed documents.

A Worker on the Clay Banks,

*Aaron A. Arradondo*

Aaron A. Arradondo, PGM #7, Chairman

Martin O. Weddington P.G.M. # 4

LaPercell P. Greene P.G.M. #4

John L. McHie P.G.M. # 7

Barry F. Boyd D.D.G.M. 7 # 9

James Adams #1

Harold L. Sylvia J.G.W. # 5

## REPORT OF THE MASONIC AWARDS COMMITTEE

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and members -

After a careful deliberation for a most difficult decision, it is our pleasure to make the award for Mason of the Year to Brother Mike Kates of Palestine Lodge # 7.

We are also awarding the giant gavel of Masonry for the greatest percent of increase in numerical strenght to Mosaic Lodge # 11. Their increase was a net 9%. Coming a close second was Pioneer Lodge # 1 with a net increase of 8.5%.

### Recommendation -

We recommend giving Masonic certificates to the other masons recommended.

We, your committee on awards have been ordered by the Grand Master to check the constitution and by-laws of the A.H.B.Club. The club has had their by-laws accepted by the mother lodge Anchor Hilyard #2 on August 8, 1973.

We find the constitution and by-laws exceptionally good. We find only one thing that we feel should be worded to bring a cleared understanding. Article 5, Sec 4, does not indicate that the club's audit report getting to the mother lodge by their meeting for business and annual election in September. We recommend that this be changed.

Fraternally

John L. Mc Hie PGM, Chm  
C.L. Lawson PGM  
Joe Patterson PGM  
LaPercell Greene PGM  
Marion Brown PGM  
A. A. Arradondo PGM  
M. O. Weddington PGM  
H. A. Moss PGM  
J. R. Lynn PGM

### Grievances and Appeals -

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and members -

We your committee on Grievances and Appeals are most happy to report there are no Appeals or Grievances.

Samuel Mitchell #2 Chm  
A. Turner #4  
R. E. Davis #7  
J. W. Clemons #4

M.W. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE, F & A M, STATE OF MINNESOTA AND

ITS JURISDICTION

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

August 31, 1973

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>RELIEF FUND</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cash in Banks			
1st Plymouth Bank	\$ 710.31		
1st Bloomington - Lake Bank		\$ 408.51	
Total in Checking Accounts	710.31	408.51	\$ 1,118.82
Midwest Federal Savings & Loan	15,708.28	10,306.66	
Total in Savings Accounts			26,014.94
Accounts Receivable			
Quarterly Returns	590.50	1,045.00	
Total			1,635.50
Interest Receivable	68.00	68.00	136.00
Investments			
Putnam Growth	3,403.59		
U.S. Bonds	10,000.00		
Total Investments	13,403.59		13,403.59
Total Current Assets	30,480.68	11,828.17	42,308.85
Furniture & Equipment		1,116.00	
Stationery and Supplies		650.00	
Total Fix Assets		1,766.00	1,766.00
Total Assets	\$30,480.68	\$13,594.17	\$44,074.85
<u>LIABILITIES &amp; NET WORTH</u>			
Accounts Payable			
Grand Lodge Officers Tokens		1.375.00	1,375.00
Contingency for Death Benefits	30,480.68		30,480.68
Net Worth		12,219.17	12,219.17
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	\$30,480.68	\$13,594.17	\$44,074.85

# STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

August 31, 1973

## INCOME

	RELIEF FUND	GENERAL FUND	TOTAL
Subordinate Lodge Returns	\$2,881.00	\$3,274.75	\$6,155.75
Interest	774.43	369.52	1,143.95
	<u>3,655.43</u>	<u>3,644.27</u>	<u>7,299.70</u>

## EXPENSES

Death Benefits	1,200.00		
Bank Charges	1.85		
Administration Expense	407.50		
G.L. Officers Expense & Tokens		2,164.13	
G.L. Meals & Machine Rental		371.00	
Visitors Meals & Lodging		29.18	
Rent, Insurance & Supplies		266.38	
Brochures, Ads & Refunds		60.00	
Spring Conference		58.80	
Stationery, Printing & Postage		438.72	
Other Expenses (\$250.00 paid for assets)		629.64	
TOTAL	<u>1,609.33</u>	<u>3,977.85</u>	<u>5,587.18</u>
BALANCE	2,046.10	333.58	1,712.52
Income Reserved for Future Deaths	<u>2,046.10</u>		<u>2,046.10</u>
NET INCOME (loss)	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 333.58</u>	<u>\$ (333.58)</u>

## RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that \$1,375.00 for Officers Tokens be paid.

Respectfully Submitted,

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

*Chas. Snargrass*  
 C. J. Snargrass, # 7, Chairman  
 N. L. Bell, # 1, Co-Chairman  
 A. A. Arradondo, # 7, Co-Chairman  
 C. L. Lawson, # 2, (for information)  
 W. D. McAdams, # 7, (for information)

September 18. 1973

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honored Guests, Present and Past Grand Officers, Visitors and Brethern of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction:

Greetings:

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address has carefully studied the Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Grand Master's Address revealed several points of wisdom.

He recognizes that we need Programs, Objectives and Purposes, Membership improvement, Leadership and Lodge Operational improvement, Community awareness and Participation, and Lodge or Temple Facilities.

We note "Unity" was part of the Motto for this year also.

We are reminded, those who are here today, must someday die. He realizes we will miss our deceased Brothers. The Grand Master thanks the Brothers who attended the last rites of our deceased Brothers.

He sees the need for Black and White America to get together.

He tells society, the need for better income and education in the black community.

The Grand Master says, "We will no longer live in our past." He knows Worshipful Masters cannot succeed alone. He requests that we all support our Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Officers.

The Grand Master sees promise for a brighter future. He wants us to be active and praise-worthy, an essential part of our present society. He wants us to realize our potentials and accelerate our efforts.

We commend the Grand Master for his thinking. We feel the Grand Master is dedicated to the Cause of Prince Hall Masonry.

(2)

We the Committee on the Grand Master's Address approve and recommend the adoption of the Grand Master's Address.

Sincerely and Fraternally Submitted,

M. Mitchell C. M. Stalling  
M. Mitchell # 11 C. M. Stalling # 3

C. J. Spargrass H. L. Martin  
C. J. Spargrass # 7 H. L. Martin # 14

B. F. Boyd Eugene H. Lewis  
B. F. Boyd # 9 E. Lewis # 1 Co Chairman

H. Sylvia W. M. Davis  
H. Sylvia # 5 W. M. Davis # 2

J. James M. O. Weddington  
J. James # 12 M. O. Weddington # 4 Chairman



COMMITTEE ON YOUTH GROUPS -

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers and members -  
Greetings -

On December 9, 1972, Grand Master Johnson appointed P.G.M. Aaron Arradondo as chairman, or rather Grand Director of the Order of the Knights of Pythagoras. During the month of December 1972 and January 1973, Bro, Arradondo proceeded to completely revise and edit the Pythagorean Ritual. During this period he conferred many times with the Grand Master concerning the Pythagoras group.

On February 9, 1973, we secured from Insty Print 100 copies of the Ritual, 200 copies of the application form and 100 copies of the Temple floor plan for Knights of Pythagoras, at a total cost of \$64.00, paid for by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

On February 17, 1973 and March 10, 1973, meetings were held with Grand Master Knight Johnson, Grand Knight Arradondo, Grand Director of P. R. Lewis Whitlock, and Grand Knight Chairman of Education Mike Kates, along with several youths aged 9 - 20, concerning the proposed organization of a Council of Knights of Pythagoras.

On March 12, 1973, the Minnesota Grand Council of Knights of Pythagoras established its first subordinate council, Sons of Pythagoras Council #1. It is a pleasure for us to invite each Prince Hall Mason in Minnesota Jurisdiction to visit and participate in our labors. Also on that date we dubbed 10 young men Knights of Pythagoras, each of which were elected and appointed to a council office. They set their monthly meetings in Mpls for the 2nd monday of every month for 6.30 P.M.

On April 9, 1973, Sons of Pythagoras Council # 1, held a pancake feed, open to the public, which they netted \$75.00.

On April 28, 1973, the Sons of Pythagoras Council #1 dubbed 7 additional members bringing the total Knighthood to 27 members.

On September 8, 1973, Grand Master Knight Johnson presided over the first Grand session of the Minnesota Grand Council of Knights of Pythagoras in Minneapolis, Mn, from 9.30 - 11.30 A. M.

We submit this report together with a copy of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws for whatever this body deems appropriate.

Fraternally

A. Arradondo, Chm #7  
J. C. Patterson #2  
L. E. Whitlock #7  
H. Sylvia #5  
J. Adams #1  
B. Boyd #9  
M. Kates #7

GRAND OFFICERS REPORTS -

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and members -  
Greetings -

We the committee on Grand Officer's Reports, find it a pleasure to find everything in order, and approve the actions of these officers during the past year.

Fraternally - C. Duke Chm  
S. Mitchell  
C. Stalling

	MEMBERS	LAST REPORT	INITIATED	PASSED	REINSTATED	ADMITTED	REJECTED	SUSPENDED	DEMITTED	EXPULSION	DEATH	INCREASE	RAISED	PAST MASTER	DECREASE
PIONEER LODGE # 1	73	67	6	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	12	18	0
ANCHOR HILYARD LODGE # 2	62	59	10	9	5	2	0	4	2	0	3	3	8	12	0
DORIC LODGE # 3	21	23	3	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	2	3	7	2
PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE # 4	67	71	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	16	0
REGENT LODGE # 5	37	36	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	9	0
PALESTINE LODGE # 7	121	118	5	5	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	3	15	0
PRIDE OF ALBERTA LODGE # 9	23	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
MOSIAC LODGE # 11	96	90	9	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	12	7	0
ACACIA LODGE # 12	46	44	8	8	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	8	7	2
BOAZ LODGE # 14	11	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0
<u>total</u>	556	539	45	46	10	4	1	13	8	0	10	17	46	93	4

ANY BROTHERS RAISED AFTER AUGUST 25, ARE NOT RECORDED ON THIS REPORT BECAUSE THAT IS THE DATE THESE REPORTS  
WERE DUE

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and members -

We the committee on returns and work, commend the lodges for getting their reports ready and in neatness and order. Some who had not finished their reports came and helped us get them in the report of this committee. For this we thank them.

Fraternally

Clarence Smith #7 Chm  
Marion Brown #1  
Dan LaFayette #9  
Charles Stalling #3  
Ted Blakey #14

#### COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and members of this Grand Lodge -  
That there were no printing of any matter outside of the annual proceedings  
and of course, the Grand Lodge stationary and the C.C.F.C. material.

Fraternally

Robert Johnson #7 G. M.  
W. D. McAdams #7 G. T.  
C. L. Lawson #2 G. S.

#### COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS -

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rt Worshipful Grand Cabinet, Past Grand  
Masters, Officers and members of the subordinate lodges -

We, the committee on Petitions, find that there have been no petitions  
submitted to our Grand Lodge for either new charters or changes of  
charters or jurisdictions of the same.

Fraternally

W. E. Johnson #14 Chm  
J. C. Patterson #2 Co-Chm

#### COMMITTEE ON NON-PRINCE HALL MASONS -

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge -  
Greetings -

We the committee on Non-Prince Hall Masons submit this report - During the  
year of 1972 - 1973, there was little activity in the field of Non-Prince  
Hall Masonry. However two (2) were healed.

This committee feels that there is a great need for more extensive effort  
in this area, as far as Non-Prince Masons are concerned.

We recommend that any member of this Prince Hall family that is in contact  
with any mason who is affiliated with the other side, be concerned as to  
their legality of our Prince Hall Masons and try to encourage them to  
become united with us and denounce their affiliation.

Fraternally

James Adams #1 Chm  
Duane Sparks #4  
McClinton Webb #7  
C. H. Griffen #1

## TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge -

We, the Trustee Committee, submit our findings and report. We surveyed the office of the Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary, Grand Librarian, Safety Deposit Box and its contents at the first Bloomington Bank of Minneapolis and checked the paraphernalia. The majority of our findings may be reviewed in the ledger book. We are pleased with the sound investment at First National Bank - Federal Land Bank Debentures, Putnam Growth Funds, in which the full report will be submitted by the Rt Worshipful Grand Treasurer.

- We recommend
1. That a new filing cabinet, which was authorized at the last session be purchased.
  2. That a standard size picture of our Past Grand Masters be placed in the Grand Lodge Office for view. We have one of John R. Lawrence and one of M. O. Weddington.
  3. That a staff and stand for the Canadian Flag be bought.
  4. That the flags be kept by the Grand Librarian

Fraternally

Clarence Smith #7 Chm  
William D. McAdams #7  
Chalmers L. Lawson #2

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge -

It would be gratifying if it were possible for us to suggest a program of positive action, so comprehensive in its planning, so complete and so convincing in its presentation that it would arouse the imagination and project pride of all in this room today.

We find ourselves trying to go two ways at the same time. Out of one side of our mouths we say, "Give us more money and we will do a job that you will be proud of." At the same time we know some will not agree on raising our Grand Lodge tax. What is the right course of action?

We recommend that this Grand Lodge present a Scholarship Grant of \$300.00.

We recommend that we give some consideration to applicants who have connection to any of our membership.

Fraternally

M. O. Weddington #4 Chm  
A. Arradondo #7  
W. D. McAdams #7  
Charles Agnew #1

# ANNUAL REPORT

Office of Grand Librarian

September 18, 1973

Supply Money	\$50.00		\$50.00
Expenditures?		Expenditure	<u>45.36</u>
		Left on hand-	4.64
Regent Lodge mailing	.40		
Acacia Lodge Mailing	.24		
Mosaic Lodge Mailing	.40		
3 Mackeys Jurisprudence	12.50		
Mailing	.50		
Pride of Alberta Mailing	.21		
500 Past Master,s cards	29.12		
Regent Lodge Mailing	.54		
Acacia Lodge Mailing	<u>1.45</u>		
	\$45.36		
		4.64 Return from Supply	
		<u>118.02</u> Sales in Cash	
		\$122.66	

## Monies Received in Cash

2 Rituals	\$16.00	
3 Simons Monitors -due cards	8.17	
2 Simons Monitors - due cards	5.00	
Mosaic Lodge Due Cards	6.60	
Pioneer Lodge Due Cards	4.45	
1 Ritual	8.00	
1 Ritual, 1 Constitution		
and By-Law	9.50	
Palestine Lodge Due Cards	6.70	
1 Simon Monitor	2.50	
1 Ritual	8.00	
Pride of Alberta	33.10	
1 Constitution By-Law	1.50	
1 Simon Monitor-3 Constitution	7.00	
1 Constitution By-Law	<u>1.50</u>	
	\$118.02	Cash on hand

Received by check. Turned over to Grand Secretary

Dorice Lodge	\$25.00
Perfect Ashlar Lodge	3.65
Regent Lodge	2.60
Acacia Lodge	3.30
Anchor Hilyard Lodge	21.50
1 Mackeys Jurisprudence	5.50
Anchor Hilyard Lodge	2.05
3 Simon Monitors, 3 Constitution By-Laws	12.00
Regent Lodge	8.40
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	\$84.00

Sold through Grand Librarian Office

\$118.02	Cash
<u>84.00</u>	By check
\$202.02	Total

Submitted by Clarence W. Smith

Supplement	
Pioneer Lodge	\$27.00
Anchor Hilyard Lodge	1.60
1 Constitution By-Law	1.50
1 Constitution By-Law	1.50
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## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The resolutions committee processed five resolutions which were presented for action.  
All five were adopted. The committee did not reject any resolutions.

Fraternally submitted

Morris Miller #2 Chairman  
( Pro - Tem)

## GRAND LODGE INVESTMENTS -

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, and members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction -

We wish to submit the report on investments - In 1961. 189 shares of Putnam Growth Fund shares were purchased at \$10.68 per share. These shares have accumulated to 304.70 shares because of market splits. They have a market value of \$3,403.59.  
We reinvested \$10,000.00 a Federal Land Bank investment in a March bond with a yield of 6.75 per-cent and matures in January 5, 1976. First coupon was paid July 1, 1973 - next coupon due January 1974, and will be paid every 6 months until maturity.

## RESOLUTIONS -

Resolved that the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge invest relief money as follows -

- (a) \$10,000.00 in FICB Consolidation Bonds at 9.75% yield  
Dated October 1, 1973, due July 1, 1974
- (b) \$5000.00 in Banks for Coops Consolidation Bonds at 7.70%  
Dated October 1, 1973 due April 4, 1977.

Rurthur resolved that this Grand Lodge invest general fund monies (earmarked for building fund) as follows -

- (a) \$5000.00 in Banks for Coops Consolidation Bands at 7.70%  
Dated October 1, 1973, due April 4, 1977 -
- (b) \$1000.00 balance left in present account.

Supplemental receipts estimated at \$1,500.00 for Relief Fund and \$600.00 for General Fund are ready for deposit into savings accounts at the Grand Lodge Session.

Fraternally submitted

W. D. McAdams #7 Chairman  
A. Arradondo #7 Co-Chm  
James Bradford #1 Legal Advisor  
Charles Agnew #1  
Arbery Turner #4  
Barry F. Boyd #9

Arbery Turner

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE -

The meeting was called to order by John L. Mc Hie, P.G.M., chairman at 2.00 P.M., Sept. 17, 1973.

The chairman read the official acts of the Grand Master. The official acts of the Grand Master, that we considered official acts, we approved. We suggest that the Grand Master be more descriptive in stating his official acts, so they can be segregated.

We the committee acted on the recommendations separately -

1. We concur (to begin with the next elected Grand Master other than Brother Johnson)
2. We concur
3. We concur      a-1 concur  
                     b-2 concur  
                     c-3 concur  
                     Sec 4 - to be changed to include an Advisory  
                                 Committee to be set up by the Grand  
                                 Master to assist the Grand Lecturer  
                                 in compiling the test.
4. We concur
5. We do not concur
6. We concur
7. We concur and send to the budgett committee.
8. We do not concur. (We feel this problem would not exist if Lodge secretaries send their reports in on time.)
9. We do not concur. (We recommend that an increase of \$2.00 be made to apply to the general fund to meet the rising costs of operating Grand Lodge. )
10. We concur.

Fraternally

John L. Mc Hie #7 Chm.  
E. H. Lewis #1  
M. O. Weddington #4  
H. Sylvia #5  
B. F. Boyd #9  
M. S. Miller #2

September 19, 1973

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Officers, Visiting Grand Dignataries.

We your Committee on Place beg to report as follows.

Having received an invitation from Regent Lodge # 5 to convene our next Grand Session, the 80th Session with them in order that we might assist them in celebrating their centinial year of the city.

We your committee are pleased to recommend that we accept this invitation coming from Regent Lodge # 5.

Your Committee

*Nathaniel L. Hardy*  
Nathaniel L. Hardy

*Jessie James*  
Jessie James

William A. Richardson

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, Brethren of this  
Jurisdiction and Visiting Brothers.

#### Report of the Masonic Awards Committee

After careful deliberation with a responsibility of arriving at  
a most difficult decision; we submit the following.

For Mason of the Year Award, it is our pleasure to make the  
award to Brother James Slemmons of Palestine Lodge No. 7.

The giant gavel of Masonry for the greatest percent of increase in  
numerical strength for Lodges is awarded to Boaz Lodge #14. Their  
percent of increase was 27%. Doric Lodge #3 was second with a  
percent of 19% increase, Acacia Lodge #12 was next with 17½%.

Recommendations: We the committee recommend that the Lodge with  
the largest numerical gain be awarded a Certificate of Merit.

Fraternally submitted:

John L. McHie, P.G.M. Chairman

Lapercell P. Greene, P.G.M.

Marion L. Brown, P.G.M.

Martin O. Weddington, P.G.M.

P.A. Haynes, P.G.M.

To: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Officers, Delegates and visitors to this 80th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand F. & A.M. Minnesota & its Jurisdiction.

We your Committee on Scholarships beg leave to submit the following report.

We find \$315.00 in the Scholarship fund.

This Grand Lodge will receive a gift of \$100.00 from the widow of our Late Past Grand Master, Charles D. Doty.

We are asking that \$85.00 \$100.00 be withdrawn from the General Fund and transferred to this Scholarship Fund.

We would like to make available Two ~~Sl~~ Scholarships of \$250.00 each. One Scholarship of \$250.00 would be made available to an applicant from the metropolitan area and one Scholarship would be/made available to an applicant from the outlying area.

To perpetuate the Scholarship Fund, we recommend an increase in the Grand Lodge Tax of \$1.00.

We recommend that the awards be made annually.

Fraternally submitted.

J. Hamilton #3

A. Turner #4

H. Sylvia #5

J. Kenney #7

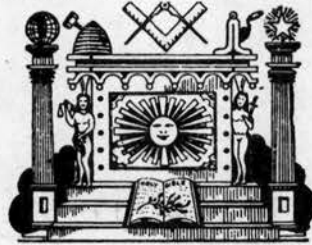
Martin O. Weddington, Chairman

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# Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge

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Fox River Bond

25% COTTON



Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officer's, Bretheren,  
of this Jurisdiction and Visting Brothers.

We the Committee on The Grand Master's Address take great  
pleasure in present ng the following:

After carefully perusing the Grand Master's Address, we  
find it to be a document of intense and deep analytical value.  
Analytical because of it's profound statements concerning masonry,  
and above all, reflecting the sincere dedication of our Grand  
Master. It's unique and informative composition reflects the  
highest credit upon our Grand Master and this craft.

We feel that under the leadership of the Grand Master, this  
jurisdiction has made tremendous strides, however, notwithstand-  
ing, our goals must be relegated to a much higher plane - This  
was most aptly put by the Grand Master during his entire address.

He paid tribute to our departed bretheren in a most straight-  
forward and sincere manner. His elocution being most elegantly,  
but simply put - We who survive should dedicate our lives to  
their unfinished tasks.

In closing, we the committee further feel that a rousing  
vote of thanks and commendation should be extended to our  
Grand Master for his outstanding diligence and dedication to the  
aims of Masonary in general, and this Grand Lodge in particular.

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Fraternally Submitted,

Bro. James Winder \_\_\_\_\_

BBro. Warren Fitzgerald \_\_\_\_\_

Bro. Charles Agnew \_\_\_\_\_

Bro. Charles Stallings \_\_\_\_\_

(Chrmn) Bro. Martin O. Weddington \_\_\_\_\_

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