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MILTON HENRY 33°
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

The Masonic year 1974-75 has been one of sadness and joy; achievements and disappointments, but is this not a reality of life.

In recent years a metamorphose has taken place in many "Prince Hall Grand Lodges" including our own. This is not inherently bad. All institutions must adjust to the times yet there are certain fundamental values that must be maintained for these are the jewels which have enabled Masonry to survive and progress over the centuries. All change is not bad and change for change sake is not good.

A TRIBUTE TO PRINCE HALL

As we convene the 81st Annual Communication, let us pause to pay tribute in this bicentennial year of "Prince Hall Masonry" to a most illustrious American Past Grand Master Prince Hall. This man of genius made it possible for all free born men who are well recommended to enjoy the labors and refreshments of free Masonry.

Prince Hall was born at Bridgetown, Barbados, British West Indies, about September 12, 1748. He was free born. His father, Thomas Prince Hall, was an Englishman, and his mother a free black woman of French extraction.

In 1765, at the age of 17, he worked his passage on a ship to Boston, where he worked as a leather worker, the trade learned from his father. Eight years later he had acquired real estate and was qualified to vote. He was religiously inclined and later became a preacher in the Methodist Church with a charge at Cambridge.

On March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and fourteen other free Negroes of Boston were made Master Masons in the Army Lodge attached to one of General Gate's regiments, then stationed near Boston.

This Lodge granted Prince Hall and his brethren authority to meet as a Lodge, to go in procession on St. John's Day, and as a Lodge to bury their dead; but they could not confer degrees nor perform any other Masonic "work".

For nineteen years these brethren, together with others who had received their degrees elsewhere, assembled and enjoyed their limited privileges as Masons. Finally in March 1784, Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England, through a Worshipful Master of a subordinate lodge in London for a warrant or charter. On September 29, 1784, the Warrant was issued. It was not delivered, however, until three years later, owing to the fact that the brother to whom the matter was entrusted failed to call for it. It was delivered, however, on the 29th day of April 1787 by Captain James Scott, a seafaring man and incidentally, a brother-in-law to John Hancock, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

On May 6, 1787, by virtue of the authority of this Charter, African Lodge No. 459 was established and began work as a regular Masonic Body.

In accordance with Masonic usage of that time, A General Assembly of Black Masons met in Mason's Hall, Water Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on June 24, 1791 and formed African Grand Lodge with Prince Hall as its first Grand Master; which office he held until his death in December, 1807.

On June 24, 1808, pursuant to a call from Nero Prince, the Deputy Grand Master, representatives of the three then existing lodges, met in Boston and changed the name of the Grand Lodge to the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.&A.M. of Massachusetts in memory of Prince Hall.



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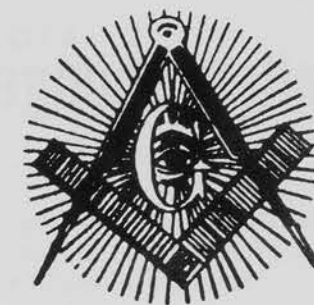
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1975

9:00 - 11:00 A.M. Registration
11:00 A.M. Roll Call of Grand Lodge Officers and Committee Members
1:30 A.M. Grand Lodge Committee Meetings

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1975

8:00 A.M. Erecting of Monument of P.G.M.T.H. Lyle
9:30 A.M. Ritualistic Opening: Pioneer Lodge No. 1
10:30 A.M. Reception of Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Officers
Welcome Address
Response
11:00 A.M. Proclamation
Official Opening of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall
Grand Lodge - 81st Annual Communication
Welcome Address: Pioneer Lodge No. 1
Response
Report on Committee on Rules
Grand Master's Address
Grand Secretary's Report
Grand Treasurer's Report
Grand Officer's Report
Reading of Minutes
12:30 P.M. Luncheon
2:00 P.M. Official Pictures of Grand Lodge
Call from Refreshments to Labor
Committee Reports
Spring Conference Report
Past Master's Council Report
Master's and Council Warden's Report
4:00 P.M. Worshipful Master's Hour
Committee Reports
Report of District Deputy Grand Masters
5:30 P.M. Reading of Minutes
7:00 P.M. Call from Refreshments to Labor
Roll Call
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1975

Roll Call

Final Committee Reports

Call from Labor to Refreshments

Luncheon

Call from Refreshment to Labor

Visit of Worthy Grand Matron and Cabinet

Visit of Most Ancient Matron and Members

Visit of Loyal Lady Ruler and Members

Visit of Illustrious Commandress and Members

Reading of Minutes

Election and Installation of Officers

Closing of the 81st Communication

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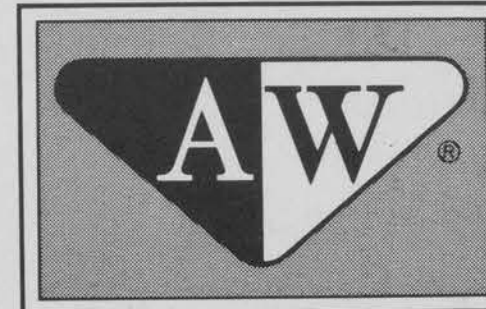
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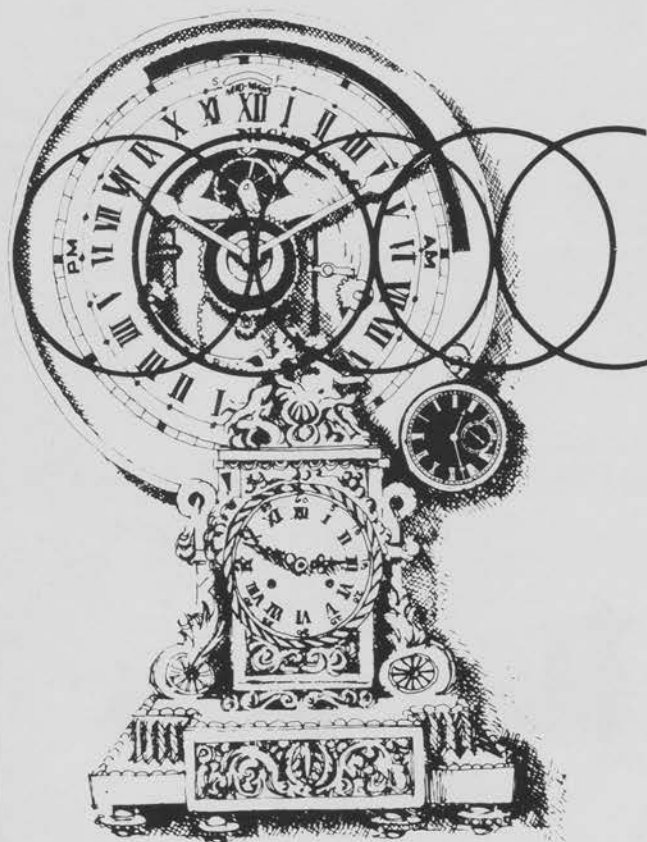
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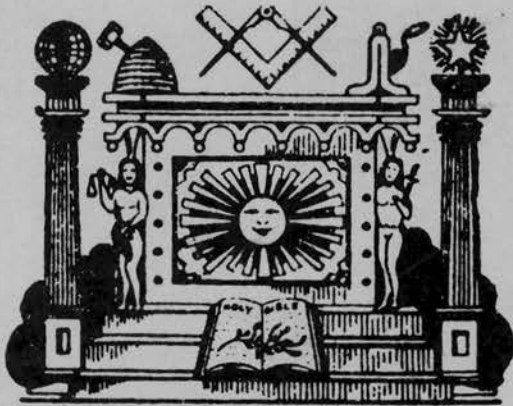
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Office of Grand Master

June 26, 1975

To: Grand Lodge Officers and Subordinate Lodges

Greetings:

I, Milton Henry, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A.M. of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction pursuant to Article III of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge hereby proclaim that the 81st Annual Communication will convene in the City of St. Paul, State of Minnesota, 8:00 o'clock a.m. at Oakland Cemetary, Sycamore and Jackson Streets on September 16, 1975 for the purpose of erecting a monument to the Honorable T. H. Lyle, first Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota; after which the grand Body will convene at the St. Paul Hotel, 5th and St. Peter Streets at 9:30 a.m. for official opening of the 81st Annual Communication. Pioneer Lodge No. 1, Brother James Martin, Worshipful Master is host lodge. All Grand Lodge business as prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge will be therein transacted.

Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters and legal representatives of the several Subordinate Lodges owing allegiance to this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge are to take due and timely notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and private seal this 27th day of June 1975.

Milton Henry
M. W. Grand Master

September 16, 1975

The craft accompanied by the Grand Worthy Matron, Doris Jones and the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star assembled at Oakland Cemetary, Sycamore and Jackson Streets, St. Paul, Minnesota at 8:00 o'clock for the purpose of unvailing a monument erected to the Honorable Thomas H. Lyle, first Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A.M. of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

The service was well attended and most inspiring.

The program was as follows:

PROGRAM

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE T. H. LYLES, FIRST
GRAND MASTER OF THE MINNESOTA JURISDICTION

Invocation..... R. W. Willie Gray, Grand Chaplain

Song..... Lift Every Voice and Sing

Historial Resume of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge F and
AM of Minnesota

Song Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

Address..... M. W. Marion L. Brown P.G.M.

Benediction..... Grand Chaplain Gray

Commendations were extended to the Committee that designed and purchased the monument by the Grand Master. Committee members were as follows:

M. W. Martin O. Weddington, P.G.M., Chairman
R. W. William D. McAdams, Grand Treasurer
R. W. Conway Bolling, Jr. Grand Steward

MINUTES

St. Paul, Minnesota
September 16, 1975

The Host Lodge, Pioneer No. 1, opened in form on the Third Degree at 9:30 a.m. with Bro. James Martin, W. M. presiding in the East. Also present and assisting the W. M. were Bros. Parnell Davis, S. W., Bob West, Jr. W., Jas. N. Bradford, Scy, Ruford Davis, Treas., Joe Lewis, S. D., Don Lewis, Jr. D., T. Shelby, Chaplain, Merrill Jones, J. S., Don Agnew, S. S., and Jas. Smith, Marshall.

After the opening the W. M. welcomed visiting W. M.'s; had them escorted to the East.

Thereafter the Grand Master having indicated his readiness was received and he and his Cabinet were escorted in due form, received, given Grand Honors and presented to the Craft. Thereafter the W. M. of the host lodge presented the gavel and symbol of office to the G. M. The Grand Master, having assumed the chair, introduced the visiting Grand Officers and his cabinet, directed them to take their stations, and ordered that the Roll be called.

Roll call was then read by R. W. J. McHie, Grand Secretary. Following roll call, the Grand Secretary reported that the credentials showed legal representation from the required number of lodges necessary to open a Grand Lodge. A quorum being present, the G. M. directed that his Proclamation be read. After the reading of the Proclamation, the G. M., by virtue of the authority of his office, declared the 81st Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge (Free and Accepted Masons) of the State of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction open in due form; this was then proclaimed in the Grand South, the Grand West and the Grand East by the R. W. Aubry Turner, Grand Marshall. M. Miller #2 was appointed Grand Parliamentarian.

Bro. Conway Bolling gave the welcoming address and Harold Sylvia, R. W. Sr. G. W. responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Grand Honors were then extended to visiting Grand Officers from other jurisdictions.

The Honorable Lawrence Cohen, Mayor of the City of St. Paul, was then received and escorted to the East where he extended a welcome to the Grand Lodge from the City of St. Paul. The R. W. Barry Boyd #9, Deputy G. M. gave the response on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

After the conclusion of the courtesies between the Mayor and the Grand Lodge, the G. M. recalled the Grand Lodge to labor and proceeded to give the Grand Master's Address. At the conclusion of his Address the G. M. read his Recommendations.

P. G. M. Martin O. Weddington #4 moved that the Grand Master's Recommendations be received. Conway Bolling #1 seconded the motion. Carried.

The Deputy G. M., Barry Boyd #9 then presented the Deputy G. M.'s Report.

Conway Bolling #1 moved that the report be received and given to the appropriate committee. Motion seconded by R. Davis #7. Carried.

Report of the Rules Committee given by M. Miller #2. The report contained 6 rules recommended to govern the proceedings of the 81st Annual Communication; they were to be voted upon separately.

M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of Rule #1. Dorsey #4 seconded the motion; carried; rule 1 adopted.

M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of Rule #2. Davis #2 seconded the motion; carried; rule 2 adopted.

M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of Rule #3. Hixon #12 seconded the motion; carried; rule 3 adopted.

M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of Rule #4. Stalling #3 seconded the motion; carried; rule 4 adopted.

M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of Rule #5. Duke #4 seconded the motion; carried; rule 5 adopted.

M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of Rule #6. Richardson #7 seconded the motion; carried; rule 6 adopted.

R.W. J. McHie, Grand Secretary, then read his report and moved its receipt.

Clarence Smith #7 seconded the motion; carried.

W. D. McAdams, R.W. Grand Treasurer read his report covering fiscal year 1974-1975.

Clarence Smith #7 moved that the report be received; seconded by C. Lawson #2.

Question by P.G.M. Martin O. Weddington #4 regarding one account having an amount in excess of \$20,000, the Grand Lodge having resolved to limit accounts to \$20,000 in a single depository. The Grand Treasurer responded that deposits were now covered by Federal Deposit Insurance up to \$40,000.

Question put by Grand Master. Motion carried.

H. Sylvia #5, G.S.W. read his report.

M. Webb #7 moved the report be received; seconded by LaFayette #9. Motion carried; report received.

Jr. Grand Warden's report read by Willie E. Johnson #14.

J. Oliver #12 moved the report be received and placed in the archives. N. Hardy #1 seconded the motion. Carried.

W. Davis #2, Grand Organist, announced that tickets were available for the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. Banquet celebrating their 50th anniversary. G. M. urged the cooperation and participation by the Craft.

Merril Taylor #4, Grand Worthy Patron, presented flowers to the G.M. on behalf of himself and Sister Doris Jones, Worthy Grand Matron from the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. Accepted by the G.M.

Bro. LaFayette #9 read the Report of District No. 7.

Bro. R. Shaw #9 moved the report be received. H. Sylvia #5 seconded the motion. Carried.

Bro. Vannoy Martin #1 read the Report of District No. 1.

Bro. C. Agnew #1 moved the report be received. Bro. J. Winder #11 seconded the motion. Carried.

J. Winder #11, Deputy G.M. at Large, read his report.

J. Oliver #12 moved the report be received. V. Martin #1 seconded the motion. Carried.

Charles Agnew #1, District Deputy G.M. read his report.

Wm. Richardson #7 moved the report be received. Pernell Davis #1 seconded the motion. Carried.

Nathaniel Hardy #1, Grand Historian, read his report and presented a poster containing pictures of Past Grand Masters mounted thereon.

W. D. Gray #4 moved the report be received, bills be paid and a vote of thanks be given. C. Duke #4 seconded the motion. Carried. Rising vote of thanks given.

12:30 p.m. The G.M. called the Craft from labor to refreshment for one Masonic Hour, subject to reconvene at the call of the gavel in the East at 2:00 p.m.

2:45 p.m. G.M. called the Craft from refreshment. Minutes of the morning session read by Jas. N. Bradford, Acting Secretary.

Minutes corrected and received.

Richard E. Davis #7, Grand Lecturer read his Report.

C. L. Lawson #2 moved the report be received and turned over to the proper committee. LaFayette #9 seconded the motion. Carried. The Grand Master personally thanked the retiring Grand Lecturer and gave a rising vote of thanks.

R. W. Barry Boyd #9, Deputy Grand Master read the Report of the Spring Conference.

Willie Johnson #14 moved the report be received and filed. Oliver #12 seconded the motion. Carried. Grand Master commended the Deputy Grand Master, the host lodge at Worthington and all who participated for an excellent Spring Conference and gave a rising vote of appreciation.

C. Duke #4, Grand Librarian, read his Report.

Clarence Smith #7 moved the report be received and placed in the proper hands. Oliver #12 seconded the motion. Carried.

In regard to an item in the Grand Librarian's report citing the Grand Master as being indebted for the cost of one Ritual, the Grand Master reported that the Grand Master's Office did not have a Ritual; that the Ritual was ordered for the Office, not the G.M. personally. Whereupon. J. Winder #11 moved that the Grand Lodge pay the cost of the Ritual for the Grand Master's Office. H. Cousins #12 seconded the motion. Carried.

Robert R. Hixon #12 read the Report of the VI District for John Spencer #12.

Oliver #12 moved the report be received and expenses reimbursed. F. Tiller #5 seconded the motion. Carried.

R.W. D. McAdams, Grand Treasurer, raised a question concerning the reimbursement of Grand Officers for whom a token is provided in the budget. The G.M. responded that, the Grand Lodge being an autonomous body, it could authorize the reimbursement. Matter referred to the Budget Committee.

A. Wheeler #14 read the District Deputy's Report for District #5.

W. D. Johnson #14 moved that the report be received. Seconded by Blakey #14. Carried.

P.G.M. Perry's #3 Report for District #3 was read by Stalling #3, Grand Senior Deputy.

John McHie #7 moved that the Report be received and placed with the proper committee. J. Hamilton #3 seconded the motion. Carried.

G.M. Milton Henry then commented favorably on the Midwest Regional Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters and Masons and mentioned the outstanding work done by the Honorable Johnny K. Kato, M.W.G.M. of Wisconsin and its Jurisdiction in connection with the Midwest Regional Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters and Masons.

He then presented G.M. Kato who addressed the Craft and invited them to attend the Wisconsin 51st Annual Communication to be held on July 21, 1976 at the Concourse Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin.

Deputy Grand Master Myers of Wisconsin was then introduced; he also addressed the Craft. Bro. Theodore Crutcher, a W.M. of a Blue Lodge in Wisconsin was also introduced and permitted to address the Craft as a tribute to the work of Masonry that is done in the subordinate lodges.

Greetings and Communications were then read by R.W. J. L. McHie, Grand Secretary. Included in the Communications was a report P.G.M. Harvey Moss #7 was ill, hospitalized, but in satisfactory condition. Bro. Moss, the only Black member of TRUST, a charitable organization which furnished and delivered meals to senior citizens, requested that the Grand Lodge give a donation to TRUST.

Clarence Smith #7 moved the Greetings and Communications be received and that those requiring action be acted upon. Seconded by John Dorsey #4. Carried. The TRUST request was given to the Budget Committee.

P.G.M. C. Lawson #2, Grand C C of F C read his Report.

M. Miller #2 moved the report be accepted and that P.G.M. Lawson be given a vote of thanks. W. Davis #2 seconded the motion. Vote of thanks given.

G.M. Milton Henry then called for Committee Reports.

Richard Davis #7 read the Report of the Obituary Committee.

W.M. H. Martin #14 moved the Report be received and filed. Stalling #3 seconded the motion. Stalling also questioned the listing of P.G.M. Percy Greene as a member of Pioneer #1. The report was corrected. Motion carried. G.M. commented favorably on the Report.

Clarence Smith #7 and C. Stalling #3 gave the Report of the Trustee Committee.

W.M. W. Johnson #14 moved the receipt of the Report. Seconded and Carried.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS HOUR. The G.M. relinquished the gavel to the Deputy Grand Master, B. Boyd #9 who presided of the W.M. Hour.

Pioneer #1: Report given by W.M. James Martin.
H. Martin #14 moved receipt of the report.
B. West #1 seconded the motion. Carried.

Anchor-Hilyard #2: Report given by W.M. Morris Miller.
C.L. Lawson #2 moved receipt of the report.
J. Oliver #12 seconded the motion. Carried.

Doric #3: Report given by W.M. John Hamilton, Sr. #3
Bell #3 moved receipt of the report.
Stalling #3 seconded the motion. Carried.

Perfect Ashlur #4: Report given by W.M. John P. Dorsey #4.
M. O. Weddington #4 moved receipt of the report.
Harold Johnson #4 seconded the motion. Carried.

Regent #5: Report given by W.M. Carl Mayes #5.
Harold Sylvia #5 moved receipt of the report.
Louis Grant #4 seconded the motion. Carried.

Palestine #7: Report given by James K. Ash, W.M.
Julius Clemmons #4 moved receipt of the report.
Wm. Davis #2 seconded the motion. Carried.

Pride of Alberta #9: Report given by W.M. Ray Heslep #9.
Robert Shaw #9 moved receipt of the report.
Dan LaFayette #9 seconded the motion. Carried.

Mosaic #11: Report given by W.M. Dorris Miles #11.
Chas. Wilder #11 moved receipt of the report.
Strickland #11 seconded the motion. Carried.

Acacia No. 12: Report given by W.M. Robert Hixon #12.
Harry Cousins #12 moved receipt of the report.
Oliver #12 seconded the motion. Carried.

Boaz No. 14: Report given by W.M. Henry Lee Martin #14.
Willie Johnson #14 moved receipt of the report.
Ted Blakey #14 seconded the motion. Carried.

Chalmers Lawson #2 moved that a vote of appreciation be given for the work done by the Worshipful Masters. Seconded by Willie D. Gray #4. Motion carried; vote of appreciation given.

Deputy Grand Master B. Boyd then returned the gavel to the W.M., Milton Henry.

The Grand Master then explained to Boaz #14 the reasons for no G.M. visitation, citing conflicting dates. The W.M. of Boaz #14 concurred that there were valid extenuating factors preventing visitation by the G.M.

In regard to Doric #3 the G.M. expressed his regrets that he had been unable to visit as often as he would have liked; however he made two visitations to Doric #3. This is one more than is constitutionally required.

The G.M. then spoke highly of the dedication, knowledge and brotherhood as exemplified by the smaller lodges such as Doric and Boaz.

The Worshipful Masters were then dismissed.

The Grand Master then strongly admonished the Committees to complete their reports so that the Craft could conclude the business of the Annual Communication on time.

The Grand Master then called the Craft from labor to refreshment for the space of one Masonic Hour to reconvene at the sound of the gavel at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 17, 1975.

September 17, 1975
St. Paul, Minn.

The 81st Annual Communication was reconvened at 0916 hours by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Milton Henry calling the Craft from refreshment to labor.

Officers present: Milton Henry #1, M.W.G.M.; Barry Boyd #9, Deputy Grand Master; James Kinney #7, Acting Sr. Warden; Willie Johnson #14, Jr. Warden; James Ash #7, Acting Secretary; Dan McAdams #7, Treasurer; Chas. Stalling #3, Sr. Deacon; Dorris Myles #11, Acting Jr. Deacon; J. Oliver #12, Acting Jr. Steward; H. Cousins #12, Acting Sr. Steward; Willie Gray #4, Chaplain.

Past Grand Master Percy Haynes #5 was presented to the Craft and given Grand Honors, after which he gave a brief greeting to the assemblage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appeals and Grievances Committee Report given by Bro. James Winder #11.
Bro. J. Oliver #12 moved the receipt of the report.
Bro. B. West #1 seconded the motion. Carried.

Report given by Bro. James Winder #11, Grand Master at Large.
Bro. Joe Oliver #12 moved its receipt.
Bro. C. Duke #4 seconded the motion. Carried.

Grand Master Milton Henry stated that it should be recorded that District Deputy Grand Master Spencer #11 had turned in his regalia, and that W.M. Hixon #14 delivered it to the Grand Lodge.

The lodge was then recessed at 0945 hours and called to order again at 1000 hours.

The Grand Master then reported on "Recognition of Non Prince Hall Masons and the visitation between he and Grand Master Duncan of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, AF & AM. He read his memo of August 18, 1975 concerning that meeting and one comment which was unsigned. He also read a letter in response by Grand Master John G. Lewis of the Jurisdiction of Louisiana.

Past Grand Master Wm. O. Green of Michigan then spoke to the Craft concerning this subject, after which he was given a standing ovation and Grand Honors.

RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION: Grand Master's Recommendations be prepared in sufficient copies for all. Bro. H. Cavery #5 moved its adoption. Bro. C. Smith #7 seconded. Carried.

RESOLUTION: Banner Cloth and Banner at cost not to exceed \$250., effective at 82nd Communication. PGM Weddington #4 moved its adoption. M. Miller #2 seconded. Carried.

Report of District Deputy Grand Master Herb Cavery #4.
Motion by Bro. Sylvia #5. Seconded by Bro. W. Davis #2. Carried.

Grand Master suspend rules on Reports. Bro. Snargrass #7 Report to be submitted.
Moved by C. Agnew #1. Seconded by W. Davis #2. Motion carried.

Grand Officers Committee Report read by N. Hardy #1. D. LaFayette #9 moved its receipt. J. Adams #1 seconded the motion. Carried.

Report of the Publicity Committee read by Bro. Harold Johnson #4. Bro. Jas. Ash #7 moved its receipt. Bro. W. Davis #2 seconded the motion. The Grand Master commented on the absence of the Newsletter, stating that it was too big a project and beyond the financial resources of the Grand Lodge. Carried.

The Grand Master then directed that Bro. Mike Kates #7 be escorted to the East. Whereupon he was then presented as the Illustrious Potentate of Fezzan Temple #26 and the special guest of the Grand Master. The Illustrious Potentate then gave a moving address to the Craft urging their participation in the Shrine as well as other branches of Masonry to which they might belong.

The Report of the Committee on Petitions was read by Bro. J. Adams #1. Bro. Jas. Ash #7 moved receipt of the report; seconded by Bro. M. Webb #7. Carried.

The Report of the Scholarship Committee was read by Bro. Harold Johnson #4. Bro. Ash #7 moved the receipt of the Report; seconded by Wheeler #14.

Unreadiness stated by Bro. C. Smith #7; he questioned the recommendation that the scholarship money be given directly to the student rather than to the school. Discussion then followed. Bro. Ash #7 supporting the giving of small amounts directly to the student on the grounds that it was needed for personal expenses such as transportation, etc. The Grand Master spoke in behalf of the individual named as recipient. Bro. M. Miller #2 asked whether the Scholarship Committee had established any policies regarding the giving of scholarships. Answer by Grand Master in the negative. The Grand Master then stated that the committee had sought the assistance of Phyllis Wheatly House and had utilized some of their recommendations. Bro. T. Blakey #14 then suggested that the checks be made out to both the student and the school. Bro. Stalling #3 raised the issue of monitoring and asked how it could be accomplished. Since the committee report contained a recommendation the G. M. ended discussion on the matter and called for the Question. The motion carried. The Report went to the Resolutions Committee.

M. Miller #2 read the Report of the Masters and Wardens Council.
Jas. Ash #7 moved that the report be received and placed in the hands of the Secretary.
Seconded by J. Oliver #12. Carried.

Committee on Place read by Jas. Winder #11.
J. Oliver #12 moved its acceptance.
M. Webb #7 seconded the motion.

A question was then raised by BOAZ as to why that lodge was not represented on the committee. Discussion then followed of Worthington as a site for the Grand Lodge in 1976. Reference was made to the fact that Worthington had deferred in favor of St. Paul for 1975 because of the 50th anniversary of the O.E.S.

A standing vote was then taken on the committee report and recommendation.
11 in favor of the committee report and recommendation; 15 against.
Report was accepted.

The Grand Parliamentarian then ruled that there was now no recommendation before the body.

The Grand Master then asked for "invitations" from the floor.

H. Martin #14 W.M., then moved that Worthington be the site of the 1976 Grand Lodge. Willie Jones #14 seconded the motion.

J. Oliver #12 then extended the invitation to have the 1976 Grand Lodge at ACACIA.

Chas Wilder #11 then extended the invitation for MOSIAC.

Whereupon the Grand Master called for a vote. The results were:

Worthington, with Boaz #14 as host:	Yea - 20
ACACIA	Yea - 4
MOSAIC	Yea - 0

The Grand Master then proclaimed that the 1976 (82nd Communication) would be held at Worthington, Minnesota with Boaz No. 14 as host lodge.

Bro. B. Roland #7 then questioned why those lodges seeking to be host to the Grand Lodge didn't present brochures setting forth the accommodations the host city would provide. Bro. Clarence Smith #7 supported this observation. Bro. Jas. Ash #7 then recommended that the Grand Master so admonish the lodges.

Report of the Awards Committee presented by Past Grand Masters Weddington #4, Arrandondo #7, Brown #1, Lawson #2, read by PGM Brown #1.
Ash #7 moved its receipt and placement with the Grand Secretary.
Webb #7 seconded. Carried.

Report of Committee on Annual Return read by PGM Brown #1.
Ash #7 moved its receipt and filing with the Grand Lodge Secretary.
Duke #4 seconded. Carried.

12:15 having arrived, the Grand Master declared labor dispensed with for the space of one Masonic Hour; subject to recall at the sound of the gavel in the East.

2:00 p.m. Visitation of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S.
Worthy Grand Matron Doris Jones introduced by Grand Master. Acknowledgement of the presence of the visiting Past Grand Matron, O.E.S. from Milwaukee, Sister Juanita Carter of the Wisconsin Grand Chapters, O.E.S., was given by the Grand Master. She extended greetings. M. O. Weddington, Past Grand Master gave the welcoming address.

Grand Chapter officers were then introduced, as were the leaders and officers of the other appendant organizations of the O.E.S., to wit.

Daughters of Isis, Daughter Venora Mae Bradford, Illustrious Commandress; Golden Circle, Mary Lee Lynn, Loyal Lady Ruler and Heriones of Jericho, Alberta Henderson, Ancient Matron.

Bro. Merrill Taylor #4, Worthy Grand Patron was then introduced and gave greetings.

Upon the retirement of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. the MWGM then called the Craft from refreshment to labor by the sound of the gavel in the East.

Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. Grand Master's Recommendations.
C. L. Lawson #2 read the committee report.
M. Miller #2 read the Committee Recommendations.

Recommendation No. 1. Committee concurred. M. Miller #2 moved the adoption.
C. Duke #4 seconded the motion. Carried.

Recommendation No. 2. Committee concurred. M. Miller #2 moved the adoption.
Shaw #9 seconded the motion. Carried.

Recommendation No. 3. Committee concurred. M. Miller moved the adoption.
Richardson #7 seconded the motion. Carried.

Recommendation No. 4. Committee concurred. M. Miller #2 moved the adoption.
Hamilton #3 seconded the motion. Carried.

Recommendation No. 5. Committee did not concur. M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of the committee recommendation. J. Ash #7 seconded. Carried.

Recommendation No. 6. Committee did not concur. M. Miller #2 moved adoption of the committee recommendation. J. Ash #7 seconded. Carried.

Recommendation No. 7. Committee did not concur. M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of the committee recommendation. F. Bell #3 seconded. Carried.

Recommendation No. 8. Committee concurred. M. Miller #2 moved its adoption. Arrandondo #7 seconded the motion. Carried.

Recommendation No. 9. Committee did not concur. M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of the Committee recommendation. J. Oliver #2 seconded. Carried.

Recommendation No. 10. Committee did not concur. M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of the committee recommendation. Hamilton #3 seconded. Carried.

Recommendation No. 11. Committee did not concur. It was recommended that the resolution was unnecessary as the Grand Master already had the authority. No vote necessary.

Recommendation No. 12. Committee did not concur. M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of the committee recommendation. H. Cousins #12 seconded. Carried.

Recommendation No. 13. Committee did not concur. M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of the committee recommendation. R. E. Davis #7 seconded. Carried.

Recommendation No. 14. Committee did not concur. Miller #2 moved the adoption of the committee recommendation. R. Davis #7 seconded. Motion did not carry. Discussion on unreadiness by PGMs McHie #7, Weddington #4, Arrandondo #7, and Lawson #2; all spoke in favor of the GM's recommendation. Recommendation prevails.

Recommendation No. 15. Committee concurs. M. Miller #2 moved the adoption of the Grand Master's recommendation. Carried.

The Grand Master commended the Jurisprudence Committee on the manner in which they carried out their responsibility.

The Grand Master then asked the Committee to read again his Recommendation No. 3. Upon being advised that the committee had concurred and the recommendation adopted, he dismissed the committee with further congratulations.

The Grand Master then asked for a motion that \$1,000 be appropriated from the General Fund for Bicentennial purposes. Arrandondo #7 made the motion. M. Miller #2 seconded the motion. Unreadiness and question by Bro. McHie #7 to the Grand Treasurer as to the availability of the money. Grand Treasurer replied that the expenditures were determined by the receipts.

The Grand Master then asked for a standing vote. 28 Yea; 1 Nay; Carried.

Registration Committee Report read by N. Hardy #1. J. Dorsey #4 moved its acceptance. R. Davis #7 seconded. Carried.

Report of the Audit Committee read by PGM M. O. Weddington #4, who moved its acceptance. Winder #11 seconded the motion. It was explained by PGM Weddington #4 that the committee did not conduct the audit; that pursuant to a directive of the Grand Lodge a "professional auditor" had conducted separate audits of (1) the Grand Treasurer's books and (2) the Grand Secretary's books. C. Duke #4 seconded the motion. Carried.

Report of the Budget Committee read by Agnew #1; assisted in the presentation by McAdams #7. V. Martin #1 moved adoption of the report. R. Davis #7 seconded the motion. Carried. A question raised by Arrandondo #7 in regard to the amounts allowed for the Grand Masters Council and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. In his discussion Bro. Arrandondo mentioned additional checks which had been issued during the year doubling the amount recommending by the committee. The committee then concurred in the recommendations which raised the amounts from \$50 to \$100 for the Grand Masters Council and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Carried.

Grand Lodge Picnic report given verbally by Bro. Sparks #4. Bro. A. Turner #9 to submit written report to Grand Masters Council when it is written up. Accepted. Motion by Bro. Smith #7; Seconded by M. Taylor #4.

PGM M. O. Weddington #4 moved that Bro. N. Hardy #1 be given an additional token of \$25 for the exceptional job and extraordinary expenses incurred by Bro. Hardy in compiling and assembling the pictures of Past Grand Masters. Seconded by Bro. Shaw #9. Carried.

The Grand Master then announced that the Grand Lodge visitation to the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. would be held on Thursday, September 18, 1975 at 3:00 p.m.

The Report of the Awards Committee was then clarified. There are 2 awards: 1 for the greatest percentage increase (to accommodate the small lodges) and 1 award for the lodge having the greatest numerical increase. The 1976 Grand Master is to see that Bro. Blakey #14 receives the Mason of the Year Award he won in 1960.

There being no further committee reports or other business for the good of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master then designated and appointed PGM C. Lawson to conduct the election of officers.

Thereafter, the Grand Parliamentarian then explained the election procedures, and those Grand Lodge Officers eligible for election to the exalted office of Grand Master were introduced.

PGM William O. Green of Michigan was designated by the Grand Master to install the newly elected officers.

Three "Tellers" were then appointed by the Grand Master.

Thereafter the Grand Master declared all offices vacant and turned the gavel over to PGM C. Lawson; the Secretary then proceeded to determine the "voting strength."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

elected on the first ballot:

M. W. Grand Master.....	Milton Henry #1
Deputy Grand Master.....	Barry Boyd #9
Grand Senior Warden.....	Charles Agnew #1
Grand Junior Warden.....	James Winder #11
Grand Treasurer.....	William D. McAdams #7
Grand Secretary.....	Marion L. Brown #1
Grand Lecturer.....	Clarence Smith #7

PGM William O. Green (Michigan) conducted the installation of Officers.

Milton Henry, Grand Master then asked those appointed officers who had served during his previous administration to accept reappointment.

Upon resuming the Gavel and there being no further business to come before the 81st Annual Communication, the Grand Master then closed the Grand Lodge in ample form.

Respectfully submitted,

James Bradford, Acting Assistant
to the Grand Secretary

John L. McHie, Past Grand Master
Grand Secretary

July 21, 1975

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
1975

SCHOLARSHIP

R. Covington #7, Chairman
W. Glanton #7, Vice Chairman
P. Woods #4
H. Johnson #4

RETURNS & WORK OF LODGES

M. Brown #1, Chairman
P. Haynes #5, Vice Chairman
C. Smith #7
T. Blakey #14
P. Davis #1

AUDITING

W. Glanton #7, Chairman
A. Arradondo #7
M. Weddington #4
J. McHie #7 (For information)
W. D. McAdams (For information)
R. Kampjes #9
A. Turner #4

PETITIONS

J. Adams #1, Chairman
C. Bolling #1, Vice Chairman
C. Duke #4
R. Johnson #7
W. Johnson #14

GRAND LODGE PICNIC

D. Sparks #4 & Members of
the Past Master's Council

NECROLOGY

R. Davis #7, Chairman
W. D. Gray #4, Vice Chairman
J. McHie #7
J. Dorsey #4

HOSPITALITY

Worshipful Master J. Martin #1
& Staff

BUDGET & FINANCE

C. Agnew #1, Chairman
B. Boyd #9, Vice Chairman
J. McHie #7
J. Patterson #2
D. Sparks #4
D. LaFayette #9
W. D. McAdams #7

JURISPRUDENCE

C. Smith #7, Chairman
B. Boyd #9, Vice Chairman
H. Sylvia #5
M. Miller #2
C. Lawson #2
C. Stallings #3
M. Taylor #4

CREDENTIALS

W. Davis #2, Chairman
W. Gray #4, Vice Chairman
J. McHie #7

PRINTING

M. Henry #1, Chairman
J. McHie #7
W. D. McAdams #7

MASONIC AWARDS

C. Lawson #2, Chairman
J. McHie #7
P. Haynes #5
J. Patterson #2
H. Moss #7
M. Brown #1
A. Arradondo #7
M. Weddington #4
R. Johnson #7

GRAND MASTERS ADDRESS

C. Snargrass #2, Chairman
J. Winder #11, Vice Chairman
P. Kennedy #3
M. Weddington #4
R. Johnson #7
D. LaFayette #9
V. Martin #1

COMMITTEE ON ERECTING
A MONUMENT TO PAST GRAND
MASTER THOMAS LYLE

M. Weddington #4, Chairman
W. D. McAdams #7
C. Bolling #1

INVESTMENTS

W. McAdams #7, Chairman
A. Arradondo #7
J. Patterson #2
B. Boyd #9
J. Adams #1
R. Kampjes #9

OBITUARIES

C. Bolling #1, Chairman
W. Gray #4, Vice Chairman
R. Davis #7
M. Brown #1
G. Wilson #1

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS REPORT

N. Hardy #1, Chairman
B. Boyd #9
A. Wheeler #14
P. Kennedy #3
J. Clemons #4
H. Carvey #5

SPRING CONFERENCE

B. Boyd #9, Chairman
H. Martin #14, Vice Chairman
W. Johnson #14
A. Wheeler #14
T. Blakey #14

TRUSTEES

C. Smith #7, Chairman
M. Henry #1
H. Sylvia #5
B. Boyd #9
W. Johnson #14

CHARITIES & DISPENSATIONS

S. Mitchell #2, Chairman
W. Richardson #7, Vice Chairman
P. Haynes #5
J. Clemons #4
T. Blakey #14

RULES

M. Miller #2, Chairman
M. Henry #1
R. Johnson #7
J. Hamilton #3

PUBLICITY

H. Johnson #4, Chairman
J. Patterson #2, Vice Chairman

APPEALS & GRIEVANCES

V. Martin #1, Chairman
J. Winder #11, Vice Chairman
C. Snargrass #2
F. Bell #3
A. Wheeler #14
P. Kennedy #3
G. Wilson #1

PLACE

J. Winder #1
D. LaFayette #9
M. Taylor #4
C. Duke #4
R. Carson #1
D. Myers #11

RESOLUTIONS

H. Carvey #5, Chairman
M. Miller #2, Vice Chairman
W. Gray #4
W. Lockhart #7
C. Mayes #5

CHARITY

M. Henry #1, Chairman
B. Boyd #9, Vice Chairman
H. Sylvia #5
W. Johnson #14
D. McAdams #7
J. McHie #7

REPORT OF 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. Resolutions 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 the committee, 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 Resolution Committee if he so request.
 - c. The resolution committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the Grand Lodge with the committee's own recommendation as to appropriate action, these and all other resolutions referred to the committee except questions which the committee by the vote of two-thirds of its members may decide not to refer or report.
 - d. The Grand Lodge can by a majority vote to suspend this rule and consider a question, or can order the resolutions committee to report at a certain time, even if the committee voted not to report it.
- Rule 4. No member shall speak in debate more than once on the question on the same day or longer than three minutes without permission from the Grand East.
- Rule 5. All reports and other materials for permanent record or printed proceedings shall be in typing and immediately on presentation shall be sent to the Grand Secretary's desk.
- Rule 6. Only the names of the mover of the motion, and one seconder will be recorded in the minutes.

R. Johnson, P.G.M. #7

J. Hamilton #3

M. S. Miller #2, Chairman

B. Boyd, D.G.M. #9 M. Henry, M.W.G.M. #1

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ANNUAL ADDRESS

To the Rite Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge Officers. Also to the Members and Visitors to the 81st Communication

Greetings:

Twelve months ago this august Body bestowed upon me the highest honor it can confer - that of electing me to the high and noble office of Grand Master of this Great Jurisdiction. When aspiring for this high and honorable office I examined myself to the depth of my understanding to determine whether or not I possessed the intellect, attitude, experience and moral fiber to assume this responsibility of leading this jurisdiction to greater heights. The answer was a resounding "yes". Later I came to know that the responsibilities of this office are extremely weighty and are much more taxing than I had anticipated. However without your support and assistance and the guidance of the Grand Architect of the Universe little of value could have been accomplished. I wish to thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve you and the jurisdiction for the year 1974-75. I have endeavored in every particular to be worthy of the trust you reposed in me.

In his journey through the three Symbolic Degrees each candidate is taught to seek light, more light and further light. Masons from the very beginning are taught to be seekers of light. We are taught the Tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, Friendship and Morality and we practice them to a degree. Despite the fact that we are Master Masons we have as yet received light but partially; light is one of hope. We gather strength from it secure in the knowledge that the Master Workman is continually showing us more light so that we may improve ourselves in masonry and in our relationship with God and all mankind. This brethren is the Mission of Masonry.

Necrology

Man that is born of woman is but a few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower and is cut down. He fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not. Therefore brethren we must walk in the light while we have light for

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the darkness of death may come upon us at a time when we may not be prepared. We should regulate our lives by the line of rectitude and truth to be duly prepared for translation from the terrestrial to the celestial Lodge of good men made perfect by faith.

Since we assembled a short twelve months ago the Supreme Architect of the universe in His infinite wisdom has called a number of our brethren from labor to refreshment. We have eulogized them, we mourned their loss; but there comes a time when the barred doors and the Tiler's weapon affords no impediment.

It is with deep remorse that we mourn the loss one of the stalwarts of this jurisdiction, the Honorable L. P. Green, Past Grand Master and I feel it is appropriate that at this 81st Communication we pay tribute for his tireless efforts on behalf of Masonry, so let us stand in honor of this great masonic genius.

State of the Nation

We in America have seen in recent times the erosion of trust in the leadership of our government. We have seen men fired by lust for power, betray the confidence that was reposed in them. We have seen good men exploit the innocent because of overzealousness. Some of us have learned in our further travels that overzealousness is not good even though it may be for a good cause.

Nevertheless we must not become despaired or become cynical; for every age has had its crisis and every generation has faced a menace which at times seemed unsurmountable. But with your trust in God your faith is well founded. Therefore let us arise and express our concern for decency and morality in every aspect of our lives. Let us begin to work cooperatively with our local, state and national government to again restore government of the People, by the People and for the People.

State of the Craft

This has been a year of sadness and joy, dissappointments and achievements, frustrations and fulfillment but these brethren are the realities of life.

At the onset of this administration we were determined to maximize communication throughout the jurisdiction. This has been accomplished. Should we have accomplished nothing more than maintaining the usual masonic activities, stablizing the peace and harmony in the jurisdiction and maintaing a high level of communication this would have been a good masonic year. However our efforts have been much broader than this.

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At the beginning of this masonic year we set forth nineteen objectives. Some have been achieved, some have been achieved partially and others have not been achieved. In retrospect one realizes this was perhaps an over ambitious program - there is just "so much" one can accomplish in a given span of time.

It would be too time consuming to deal with all of the objectives and activities of this masonic year, therefore, I shall highlight a few. On December 14, 1974 the Grand Lodge in appropriate ceremonies removed the corner stone from the old Hallie Q. Brown Community Center. This magnificent structure was erected by Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4 in a joint venture. The corner stone and artifacts therein are in safekeeping. It is my desire that this Grand Lodge together with the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center sponsor a joint Bicentennial Program exhibiting to the community some of the historical as well as contemporary facts concerning the history of Prince Hall Affiliated Masonry and our race. A recommendation will be made to that effect.

We established a commission on Recognition of Non-Prince Hall Masons. The commission has been alive and a report will be submitted at a later time during these proceedings. The erecting of the monument to the first Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota F. & A. M. has been accomplished. The scholarship program has become implemented and various committees have been set to work to examine the administrative procedures of our jurisdiction. Likewise the reports on the Midwest Regional Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters and Masons and the report on the Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters will be given at a later time.

Because of the vastness of our jurisdiction I appointed two Deputy Grand Masters at Large and three Administrative Assistants. Admittedly this was an experiment. It worked well in some districts and enhanced the administrative process considerably. However it proved to be unsuitable for other districts. Before entering upon this experimental model it was discussed with the District Deputy Grand Masters and they voiced support of the venture. The basic concept is sound but it must be used with discretion.

Illustrious Potentate Mike Kates of Fezzan Temple #26 requested endorsement of Fezzan Temple's request to host the Imperial Council of AEAONMS of North and South America and its Jurisdiction in the year 1982. Accordingly I pledged the full support and cooperation of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and the Office of the Grand Master to Fezzan Temple #26 in this venture.

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On the local lodge level the progress in total has been excellent. As I traveled throughout the several districts of this jurisdiction I was encouraged by the commitment to masonry I saw, particularly among the younger officers and brethren. The leadership in our subordinate lodges in almost every instance is excellent. I was particularly impressed by the close fraternal relationship that exists in some of our subordinate lodges. These lodges have achieved a feeling of "oneness" which is almost a state of masonic perfection. Yet, problems do arise from time to time in these close knit lodges as in others; but because of the unique quality of their fraternal relationship and the tender but firm and positive approach which is applied satisfactory resolutions are achieved without embarrassment to the brethren or harm to the craft. This is the state of fraternal relationship we must all strive to achieve.

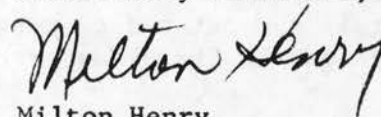
Fraternal Relations

My predecessors established close fraternal relationships with other Prince Hall Jurisdictions throughout the Domain. We in this administration have endeavored to maintain them and build upon them, the Past Grand Masters of our jurisdiction, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Lecturer, the Grand C. C. of F. C., the Grand Trustee, Past Deputy Grand Master M. L. Taylor, and others have been most viable in this regard and we all are indebted to them for the favorable image they have portrayed of our jurisdiction throughout the "Domain".

Our relationship with coordinate bodies continues to be constructive. Certainly issues have arisen as they have in the past and undoubtedly shall in the future. But nothing must impinge upon the uniquely close "Masonic Family" relationship we enjoy with all of the masonic bodies in this jurisdiction. It was most gratifying to be told by sister jurisdiction that their goal is to emulate us in that respect.

In closing may I say this is an experience the like of which there is no other. I have enjoyed the labor and refreshments of this office and hope that I have made a worthwhile contribution to masonry and to mankind.

Fraternally Submitted,



Milton Henry
M. W. Grand Master

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OFFICIAL ACTS AND VISITATIONS

1974
SEPTEMBER

- 18 Assumed gavel of authority.
Closed 80th Annual Communication.
Attended Joint Banquet of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.
- 19 Visited the 49th Grand Session of the Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.
- 23 Ordered issuance of \$64.00 from the Grand Lodge Treasurer for purchase of copies of the Minneapolis Spokesman to be sent to Non-Twin City lodges.
- 24 Granted dispensation authorizing D. D. G. M. Snargrass to heal an irregular Mason.
- 30 Made several Grand Lodge appointments.
Telephoned D. D. G. M. John W. Spencer regarding Masonic work.

OCTOBER

- 7 Visited Pioneer Lodge #1.
- 9 Order \$150.00 drawn from Grand Lodge Treasurer for lunch for visitors from throughout the jurisdiction who attended the funeral of the late P. G. M., L. P. Green.
Visited the widow of the late P. G. M., L. P. Green.
- 10 Visited the widow of the late P. G. M., L. P. Green.
- 11 Visited the widow of the late P. G. M., L. P. Green.
- 12 Visited the widow of the late P. G. M., L. P. Green.
- 13 Attended Masonic funeral service of P. G. M., Green.
- 14 Attended religious service and Masonic burial of P. G. M., Green.
- 23 Authorized issuance of \$12.50 for ad in brochure of Mount Olivet Church.

26 Visited Doric Lodge #3.

Granted dispensation to pass a brother to the Fellow Craft Degree out of time - said dispensation was granted to Palestine Lodge #7, no fee assessed.

NOVEMBER

2 Held Grand Cabinet meeting to set forth Grand Lodge program.

7 Visited Palestine Lodge #7.

20 Conferred with Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron regarding joint visitations.

21 Released itinerary for Grand Lodge visitations.

Received and handled a telephone call from D. D. G. M. Spencer regarding an administrative matter.

Ordered Grand Secretary to prepare St. John the Evangelist Day Proclamation for my issuance.

23 Met with Grand Secretary and Grand Publicist regarding proposed newsletter.
Telephoned D. D. G. M. Kennedy regarding the work in District #3.

24 Visited the family of the late Past Grand Worthy Matron, Harriet Jones.

25 Attended fraternal funeral services of Past Worthy Matron, Harriet Jones.

26 Attended religious funeral service of the Late G. W. M., Harriet Jones.

28 Telephoned Brother Thomas Waldron of Indiana regarding the Midwest Regional Conference of P. H. Grand Masters and Masons.

DECEMBER

1 Met with G. M. At Large Martin, D. D. G. M. Agnew, Grand Lecturer Davis, Worshipful Master Dorsey of #4 and his officers regarding the Masonic work.

3 Telephoned Brother Thomas Waldron of Indiana regarding the Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons.

6 Conferred with Brother Lewis Whitlock regarding youth work.

10 Conferred with P. G. M. Weddington and Mr. Henry Thomas of Hallie Q. Brown Community Center regarding a joint venture in removing the corner stone from the "old Union Hall" built by P. A. Lodge #4 in a joint venture.

- 12 Sent communication to Craft regarding removal of corner stone
- 14 Assembled with Craft as a body to remove corner stone.
- 18 Telephoned Worshipful Master Henry Lee Martin regarding Spring Conference.
- 20 Ordered \$120.00 drawn on Grand Lodge treasury for travel to Indiana to funeral of Grand Master Chivers, Grand Master of Indiana.
- 22 Attended Masonic services of Grand Master Chivers.
- 23 Attended religious service of Grand Master Chivers.
- 26 Telephoned Worshipful Master Henry Lee Martin of #14 regarding Spring Conference
- 29 Attended St. John the Evangelist Commemorative Service at St. John's Baptist Church - Minneapolis.
- 30 Sent communication to the Worthy Grand Matron regarding St. John the Evangelist Day Service.

1975
JANUARY

- 2 Changed date of Spring Conference and date of Grand Lodge Visitation to District #3.
- 5 Attended a dinner of the Loyal Ladies of the Golden Circle.
- 10 Sent letter to Worthy Grand Matron regarding breakdown of communication pertaining to St. John the Evangelist Day Service.
- 11 Visited Worshipful Master Martin of #1 and Worshipful Master #4 in the hospital.
- 14 Visited Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4.
- 16 Communicated with P. G. M., Clarence Foster of Indiana regarding the Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons.

Communicated with P. G. M., William O. Green of Michigan, Coordinator of Midwest Regional Conference of P. H. Grand Masters and Masons.
- 19 Attended Grand Feast of Fezzan Temple #26 and received an award.
- 20 Attended fraternal funeral service of Past Illustrious Commandress Botts.
- 25 Assisted in conferring the Master Mason Degree in District #2.

- 27 Attended a meeting of the Ramsey County Bicentennial Commission.
- 28 Visited Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4
- 29 Met with Manager of St. Paul Hotel to inspect facilities for the 81st Annual Communication.
- 31 Issued proclamation proclaiming February 23, 1975 "Golden Sunday #1" in honor of the Golden Anniversary of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Met with D. D. G. M., Agnew of District #1.
Sent communication to Worshipful Masters of District #1 and Grand Lodge Officers regarding visitation to District #1.
- 6 Drew \$100.00 for expenses to Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons.
- 7-8 Attended Midwest Regional Conference of P. H. Grand Masters and Masons in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- 13 Sent communication to Sister Cecyle Doty, Past Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas acknowledging other contribution to our scholarship fund in memory of her husband our late Past Grand Master, Charles D. Doty.
- 14 Attended the Potentate Ball of Fezzan Temple #26.
- 21 Appointed scholarship committee and presented to them their charge.
- 23 Attended "Golden Sunday #1" church service.
- 25 Made official Grand Lodge visitation to District #1.
- 27 Participated in a meeting on desegregating the public schools of St. Paul.

MARCH

- 3 Sent communication to Grand Lodge Officers and Subordinate Lodges regarding Grand Lodge Official Visitation to District #3.
Appointed a new chairman for the Masonic Awards Committee.
- 7 Sent communication to Scholarship Committee regarding method of selecting recipients.

- 9 Cancelled school of instruction for District #1.
- 12 Conferred via telephone with Worshipful Master Myles of Mosaic #1 regarding Grand Lodge Visitation.
- 18 Sent communication to subordinate lodges regarding Grand Lodge brochure.
- 19 Conferred with Grand Historian, N. L. Hardy.
- 21 Visited Fezzan Court together with the Potentate and Nobles of Fezzan Temple #26.
- 22 Made official Grand Lodge visitation to District #3.
- 27 Attended Maundy Thursday Feast of North Star Consistory #14.
- 29 Conferred with Grand Historian
- 31 Sent communication to Deputy Grand Master Boyd regarding the Spring Conference.

APRIL

- 1 Conferred with D. D. G. M. Snargrass regarding the excellent status of the secretariat and treasurer's books in District #2.
- 5 Attended Spring Conference in Worthington, Minnesota.

Appointed P. G. M. McHie to be principle speaker at "graveside commemorative service" of the first Grand Master of Minnesota, P. G. M., T. H. Lyle.

Conferred with D. D. G. M. Wheeler, Jr. Grand Warden Willie Johnson and Worshipful Master Martin of #14.
- 7 Received phone call from Grand Secretary advising me to telephone D. D. G. M. Wheeler and suggesting that I return to Worthington to handle a Masonic matter.

Drew \$30.00 from Grand Treasurer for expenses to Worthington, Minnesota.

Telephoned D. D. G. M. Wheeler in Worthington who advised me he could handle the matter and my presence was unnecessary.
- 13 Conferred with Brother Whitlock regarding youth work.

Conferred with Rev. Amos T. Chester of St. James AME Church, St. Paul regarding St. John the Baptist Day Service.

- 16 Conferred with Illustrious Potentate Spencer regarding youth work.
Established commission on Non Prince Masons.
- 17 Conferred with P. G. M. Robert H. Johnson regarding youth work.
- 19 Made official visitation to Mosaic Lodge #12, Grand Forks, North Dakota.
- 21 Granted dispensation to Pioneer Lodge #1 to give middle chamber out
of time - fee waived.
- 22 Extended Masonic charity to a brother from the Nebraska Jurisdiction.
- 27 Named Pioneer Lodge #1 host for St. John the Baptist Day.
- 30 Changed official Grand Lodge Visitation dates for Pride of Alberta #9
and Boaz #14.

MAY

- 1-2-3 Attended Region #5 Gala Day in St. Louis, Missouri.
- 6-7-8 Attended the Conference of P. H. Grand Masters in Portland, Oregon.
- 7 Appointed P. G. M., M. O. Weddington as my personal representative to
the funeral of R. W. Belleview P. G. M., Grand Secretary of the Most
Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.
- 9 Conferred with a brother regarding his unmasonic conduct.
- 10 Conferred with Worshipful Master Dorsey of Perfect Ashlar #4 regarding
Masonic work.
- 11 Conferred with G. M. At Large regarding an administrative matter.
- 16 Conferred via phone with Worshipful Master Myles regarding an
administrative matter.

Sent communication to Fezzan Temple #26 thanking them of the honor
bestowed upon me at the Grand Feast.

Sent communication to Craft regarding "Queen Ester Day".
- 17 Sent communication to Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Illinois
regarding his visit to Minnesota.
- 18 Conferred with Sister Marilee Lynn, Associate Grand Matron, regarding
an administrative matter in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

- 19 Proclaimed the Acimnos Ceipher by W. W. Dagget as official ritual of the Jurisdiction.
- 20 Conferred via phone with Brother Strickland, Worthy Patron, regarding an administrative matter in Grand Forks.
- Conferred via phone with G. M. At Large Winder regarding an administrative matter in Grand Forks.
- 22 Proclaimed June 22, 1975 as day for St. John Commemorative Service.
- 23 Authorized reimbursement of 48.16 to P. G. M., Martin O. Weddington for representing me at funeral of P. G. M., Grand Secretary of Wisconsin.
- 24 Participated in "joint raising" for Districts #1 and 2.
- 30 Contacted Grand Master Archibal Duncan of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota A. F. & A. M. regarding a summit meeting.
- Sent communication to Craft regarding the Grand Lodge Scholarship.
- Sent communication to Craft advising them when representatives from the Black Haw Company would be in their area.
- Sent communication to Pride of Alberta #9 regarding the time of arrival of the Grand Lecturer and I.

JUNE

- 1 Attended Jubilee Day Services.
- Attended reception honoring P. G. M. Harvey Moss for 75 years of service to his church.
- 2 Visited Pioneer Lodge #1 to discuss the pending St. John the Baptist Day Service.
- 3 Conferred via phone with D. D. G. M., Daniel LaFayette.
- 8 Attended Queen Ester Day Service with the Order of the Eastern Star.
- 10 Visited Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4 to discuss impending St. John the Baptist Day Service.
- 12 Conferred with Worshipful Master James Martin regarding St. John the Baptist Day Service.

- 14 Made official Visitation to The Pride of Alberta #9.
- 15 Sent historical data to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of Prince Hall Grand Master for publication in the Prince Hall Masonic Year Book.
- 18 Extended a formal invitation to Grand Master Archibal Duncan, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota A. F. & A. M. to meet at the summit.
- 19 Conferred with Worshipful Master Carl Mayes of Regent #5 regarding St. John the Baptist Services.
- Issued dispensation to Regent Lodge to hold St. John the Baptist Day Service on June 21 - no fee involved.
- 21 Changed date of Grand Lodge Visitation to Boaz #14.
- 22 Attended St. John the Baptist Day Services.
- 27 Issued proclamation for the 81st Annual Communication.
- 28 Traveled to Grand Forks, North Dakota to participate in an elevation by North Star Consistory #14.

JULY

- 4 Attended a creation in Winnipeg, Canada.
- 5 Made official Grand Lodge Visitation to Regent #5.
- 6 Conferred with Senior Grand Warden Sylvia, D. D. G. M. Carvey and Worshipful Master Mayes regarding an administrative matter.
- 8 Conferred via phone with Worshipful Master Hixon of Acacia #12.
- 9 Conferred via phone with G. M. At Large Winder regarding the Grand Lodge Visitation to Acacia #12.
- Met with official of the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center regarding the Grand Lodge Scholarship.
- Finalized plans for a summit meeting with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota A. F. & A. M.
- 10 Visited Palestine Lodge #7 to discuss an administrative matter.
- 12 Held Grand Cabinet Meeting.

- 13 Conferred with D. D. Grand Master Agnew.
- Conferred with Worshipful Master Dorsey of #14.
- Conferred via phone with P. G. M. William O. Green of Detroit, Michigan regarding the impending meeting with the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota A. F. & A. M.
- Conferred via phone with Grand Master Taylor of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and his Grand Secretary regarding recognition and the impending meeting with the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota A. F. & A. M.
- 17 Sent communication to Fezzan Temple #26 and P. H. Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star regarding Grand Lodge brochure.
- 18 Sent communication to staff members who participated in the meeting with the members of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota A. F. & A. M.
- 19 Conferred with Brother Ralph Wright regarding candidates in Rochester, Minnesota, who wish to have a lodge established there.
- 20 Visited the widow of the late Brother William Burrell.
- 21 Sent communication to Brother Robert Covington, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.
- Sent communication to Worshipful Master Hixon of Acacia Lodge #12 regarding the arrival of the Grand Lecturer and I for the Grand Lodge Official Visitation.
- Purchased an ad in the Grand Chapters brochure.
- Made Grand Lodge Committee assignments.
- 22 Met at the summit with Officers of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota A. F. & A. M.
- 23 Sent letter to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Illinois indicating my displeasure with establishing a Holy Royal Arch Chapter in St. Paul and indicating it should be disbanded.
- 25 Conferred with D. D. G. M. Snargrass and D. D. G. M. Agnew separately regarding administrative matters.

- 26 Conferred with Past Master Sparks, President of the Past Master's Council.
Consulted with Worshipful Master Miller of Anchor Hilyard #2.
- 27 Attended "Golden Sunday" Service with the Order of the Eastern Star.
- 31 Met with D. D. G. M. Snargrass regarding the Grand Lodge brochure.

AUGUST

- 1 Arranged bus transportation to Oakland Cemetery on September 16, 1975 to erect a monument to P. G. M., Thomas H. Lyle.
- 2 Made Grand Lodge Visitation to Acacia Lodge #12.
- 4 Talked with Potentate Mike Kates regarding Fezzan Temple's desire to host the Imperial Council in 1982.
- 6 Sent communication to Illustrious Potentate Kates pledging the support of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and the Office of the Grand Master should Fezzan Temple's invitation to the Supreme Council be accepted to host the Imperial Council in the year 1982.
- 12 Conferred with Grand Lecturer Davis.
- 14 Sent communication to D. D. G. M. Carvey regarding an administrative matter.
Sent communication to D. D. G. M. Perry Kennedy explaining my inability to visit District #3 before the 81st Communication convenes.
Made unsuccessful efforts to finalize Grand Lodge Visitation to Boaz #14.
- 20 Made unsuccessful efforts to finalize Grand Lodge Visitation to Boaz #14.
Sent communication regarding Cabinet Meeting for August 30, 1975.
- 30 Held Grand Cabinet Meeting.

SEPTEMBER

- Attended First Anniversary of the Heroins of Jerico.
- 1 Conferred via phone with P. M. Clinton Murphy, Assistant Secretary of Pride of Alberta #9.
- 4 Conferred via phone with Deputy Grand Master Boyd.
- 5 Visited Omar Chapter #29, Holy Royal Arch.
Attended Illustrious Commanderess Ball.
- 7 Attended Grand Lodge Picnic.
Attended Queen of Sheba's Annual Tea.
Conferred with the attorney for the Grand Lodge.
Met with officers of Pioneer Lodge #1.
Conferred with the Manager of the St. Paul Hotel
- 8
- 14 Attended Joint Memorial Service.

EXPENSES

October, 1974:	
Special official visit to District #3:	
Transportation, food for District Deputy	
Grand Master Agnew, Grand Master at Large	
Martin, Grand Lecturer Davis:	47.50
December, 1974:	
Air fare to Indianapolis	114.73
Taxi fare from airport	10.00
Room for two nights	36.00
Food	30.00
	<u>190.73</u>
February, 1975:	
Transportation to Fort Wayne, Indiana	54.95
Room rent	38.60
Food	20.00
	<u>113.55</u>
March, 1975:	
Travel and food for visit to District #3	17.00
Travel to Worthington via bus for Spring	
Conference	17.90
Lodging	5.00
Food	8.00
	<u>30.90</u>
April, 1975:	
Travel to Grand Forks	15.00
Lodging	Free
Food	22.00
	<u>37.00</u>
May, 1975:	
Travel to Portland, Oregon	244.75
Registration	25.00
Lodging	37.00
Food	40.00
	<u>346.75</u>
June, 1975:	
Edmonton	219.00
Parking	10.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	10.00
	<u>239.00</u>
July, 1975:	
Travel to Winnipeg	23.00
Lodging	30.00
Food	25.00
	<u>78.00</u>
August, 1975:	
Travel to Minot	120.73
Lodging	Free
Meals	10.00
	<u>130.73</u>
Total Travel Expenses:	1,166.68
Other Expenses:	
Typing	120.00
Xeroxing	80.15
Postage	60.00
	<u>260.15</u>

FUNDS DRAWN FROM GRAND LODGE TREASURY

- I. December, 1974:
\$170.00 - Transportation, etc. to Indianapolis, Indiana to attend funeral of the Grand Master of Indiana.
 - II. February, 1975
\$100.00 - Transportation, etc. to Fort Wayne, Indiana to Midwest Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters and Masons.
 - III. March, 1975:
\$ 77.00 - Expense to District #3 for official visitation and for Spring Conference travel expense. (Spring Conference travel expenses were drawn in advance.)
 - IV. April, 1975:
\$ 30.00 - Expense for purpose of visit to Worthington. The visit was cancelled and fund was applied to official visitation to Mosaic #12 on 4/19/75.

\$300.00 - For expense to Conference of Prince Hall Grand Masters in Portland, Oregon.
 - V. June, 1975:
\$ 48.16 - For reimbursement to P.G.M. Martin O. Weddington for representing the Grand Master at the funeral of the Grand Secretary of Wisconsin.

\$275.00 - Expense for official visit to Minot, North Dakota.
 - VI. July, 1975:
\$ 50.00 - Expense for official visit to Minot, North Dakota.
- Total drawn for visits and travel plus maintenance: \$1,050.16.

Milton Levy

ANNUAL REPORT FROM DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past and Present Grand Officers, Members and Friends of this 81st Communication of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction.

GREETINGS:

As another year draws to a close I once again have an opportunity to submit to you, Shareholders of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Its Jurisdiction my annual report as your Deputy Grand Master. The past year gave your Grand Lodge Cabinet an opportunity to do their part in supplying you with the necessary materials to carry out your tasks, to improve the image of the organization and to accept greater responsibility in the operation of your Grand Lodge.

We thank you, our Grand Lodge Cabinet, for the opportunity we have had to do our part to make this great Organization greater.

Let's take a look at the various areas that fall under the responsibility of the Deputy Grand Master.

We are all very fortunate as members of this Jurisdiction to have such a dedicated and talented Grand Lodge Cabinet working for us. We have a team, gentlemen, who work as hard on both the most menial and the most challenging tasks. We are also fortunate in that we have a cabinet with experience. The current team has been together for the past (12) months and that experience is now paying large dividends.

I will never be able to properly express my appreciation to those brothers who through their hard work and dedication have made my job a lot easier.

One thing I would like to point out is that titles can be deceiving and, believe me, everyone does a lot of work every day who are not covered by a title.

I would like to give specific recognition to three brothers who are the unsung heroes of this Jurisdiction: Brother John McHie, Brother Jim Ash, and Brother Wayne Glanton. Brother John and Jim are the old pros of this Cabinet since both will be celebrating their first anniversary on this cabinet this month. Both have been of great assistance, using their knowledge to help find important information in a time of need. How does one describe his right arm? I find it very difficult to describe in a few words the outstanding job that one, Brother Wayne Glanton has done for the organization. He has been like an extra right arm not only to me but at times to other brothers of the Jurisdiction. Words cannot express how fortunate we are to have such a talented and dedicated brother in our organization.

Possibly the biggest "facelifting" job of them all concerned the Ritualistic and Administrative programs. With the assistance of Brothers McHie, MacAdams and Miller, a group of Masters and Past Masters, we completely redesigned the program. I'm

very pleased with the kind comments received. The brothers themselves tell me that the Spring Conference has improved and attracted their attention. Unfortunately some of the Lodges did not take full advantage of the material that was available at the Spring Conference.

Visited Boaz Lodge #14 with Most Worshipful Grand Master Milton Henry and Chaired the Spring Conference. Visited Pride of Alberta Lodge #9 with the Most Worshipful Grand Master Milton Henry and Grand Lecturer Richard Davis on his annual visit.

My expenses for the year as your Deputy Grand Master come to \$284.68.

Fraternally submitted,

Barry F. Boyd 32
Deputy Grand Master

REPORT OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

September 15, 1975

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

This report I submit to this Grand Body for the year 1975 is very short. As Grand Senior Warden my duties were not weighty. I visited all the sick Brothers who were within my reach. I accompanied the Grand Master on a few of his yearly visitations to the subordinate Lodges, and I am standing here today in the Grand West enjoying the fruits of this Grand session.

This short and humble report I submit to you.

Fraternally submitted,

Harold Sylvia, R.W.G.S.W.
Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

September 16, 1975

To: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction,
Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Right
Worshipful Past and Present Grand Officers, Visitors and Brethren.

It has given me great pleasure to serve this Craft as Jr. Grand Warden during this preceding year.

I shall be eternally grateful for this honor bestowed upon me by this great body.

Regretably my first duty in this office was one of sorrow, the attendance of the funeral of Past Master LaPercelle P. Greene whom we all loved and admired. His presence here among us is sadly missed by all.

I was extremely pleased to act as assistant and coordinator to Deputy Grand Master Barry Boyd in his endeavor of the Promotion of our Spring Conference which was held in Worthington, Minnesota on April 5, 1975. I was aided and ably assisted in this endeavor by Worshipful Master Henry Lee Martin and Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Arnold G. Wheeler.

I feel that the person who performs a duty should be the judge of his own performance.

I have not lived up to my own expectations in that I have not made my visitations with the Grand Master to the various subordinate Lodges of the Jurisdiction as I had planned when I accepted the duties of Jr. Grand Warden.

Man proposes, but still the Grand Architect of the Universe disposes.

Now at the close of this year I hope that in some small way I have made contribution that will be deemed an asset to the Good of this Great Order and be remembered in the future as having been of assistance to the furtherance and perpetuation of Masonry in this the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

Fraternally,

Willie E. Johnson #14
R. W. Jr. Grand Warden

REPORT OF THE RT. W. GRAND SECRETARY
FISCAL YEAR 1974-75
GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

September	1974		
Acacia #12	Tax	2.50	
	Proficiency	6.00	
Pioneer #1	Proficiency	3.00	
M. Henry		15.00	
C. Doty	Contribution		100.00
Lunches	Sisters		
	Gr. L.	23.30	
Registrations	Gr. L.	444.00	

TOTALS 593.80

October 1974
No receipts

TOTALS -----

DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. Ross	Mem. Ser.	15.00
Pilgrim B. Ch.	Mem. Ser.	15.00
P. B. Ch. Choir	Mem. Ser.	10.00
Flowers		20.00
L. Greene	Token Exp.	128.52
M. Henry	Token Exp.	175.00
B. Boyd	Token Exp.	50.00
R. Davis	Token Exp.	110.00
Wm. Davis	Token Exp.	50.00
Nat. Type.	Type rent	15.00
D. Armstrong	Typist	24.00
A. Faulks	Typist	48.00
K. Parsons	Hospitality	80.00
Clara Davis	Bal on flwrs.	1.75
C. Duke	Token Exp.	50.00
A. Wheeler	Token Exp.	10.00
V. Martin	Token Exp.	50.00
C. Snargrass	Token Exp.	50.00
P. Kennedy	Token Exp.	50.00
H. Carvey	Token Exp.	50.00
W. Johnson	Token Exp.	50.00
R. Kampjes	Token Exp.	50.00
C. Smith	Token Exp.	25.00
J. McHie	Token Exp.	225.22
W. McAdams	Token Exp.	185.00
Marlborough Hotel	Meals	619.41
R. Johnson	Token Exp.	889.00
J. McHie	Supplies	61.50
Telephone		22.67
C. Duke	Contingency	60.00
TOTALS		3,190.07

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New checks		7.20
Gr. L. Office rent		75.00
St. James Ch. (Greene's funeral)		150.00
Mpls. Spokesman	News release	65.00
Adding Machine		54.89
Gr. Sec. Supplies		16.69
Mt. Olivet Church	Ad	12.50
James Bradford	Token Exp.	25.00

TOTALS 406.28

G R A N D S E C R E T A R Y R E P O R T

November 1974

P. Of A.	9	Tax	50.50
Doric	3	Tax	74.25
Palestine	7	Tax	369.50
Acacia	12	Tax	139.50
Boaz	14	Tax	28.00
Prince Hall Picnic Refund			143.09
Regent	5	Tax	92.50
A. H.	2	Tax	180.00
P. A.	4	Tax	173.00
Pioneer	1	Tax	162.50
Mosaic	11	Tax	209.00
Gr. Lib.		Mosaic	53.16

TOTALS 1675.00

Telephone		46.37
G. M. Conf.	Form 99	40.00
New ledger		8.74
Temple	Meeting	5.00
Flowers	Greene	41.60
Telephone		32.16

TOTALS 173.87

December 1974

Interest Income		117.04
Gr. Lib.	Acacia	6.35
Gr. Lib.	P. of A.	7.74
Blackhawk		81.20
Gr. Lib.	P. A. 4	126.50

TOTALS 221.79

Gr. Sec.	Supplies	71.58
C. Snargrass	Supplies	228.75
Glanston Const.	Cabinets	54.00
Service Charge		.73
M. Henry	Indiana	170.00

TOTALS 525.06

January 1975

Lux Lounge	Extension	
	on Phone	19.25

TOTALS 19.25

A. Turner	Trophy	17.50
Spokesman	Xmas	15.00
Telephone		28.80
Courier	Xmas	10.00
1st Bloom Bank	Safe Box	7.00
Canadian Exchange		1.99
Gr. Sec.	Supplies	19.70

TOTALS 99.99

February 1975

Palestine	7	Tax	377.00
Gr. Lib.		P. of A.	22.80
P. of A.	9	Tax	51.00
A. H.	2	Tax	180.00
P. A.	4	Tax	177.00
Gr. Lib.		P. A.	6.44
Gr. Lib.		A. H.	25.34
Gr. Lib.		Doric	18.97
Doric	3	Tax	59.25
Acacia	12	Tax	130.50
Acacia	12	Delinq.	2.50
Pioneer	1	Tax	210.00
Pioneer	1	Delinq.	40.50
Mosaic	11	Tax	230.50
Regent	5	Tax	95.00

TOTALS 1626.80

C. Snargrass		59.00
Telephone		19.27
Midwest Conference		25.00
M. Henry	Exp. Mid. Conf.	100.00
Proceedings		102.76
Telephone		32.69
Atlantic Press	Sta.	270.14
Gr. Sec.	Supplies	5.00
Brochure (Conf. Gr. M.)		25.00
Canadian Exchange		.14

TOTALS 639.00

G R A N D S E C R E T A R Y R E P O R T

July 1975

Int. from bond	332.50	Ad (Gr. Ch.)	44.00
Palestine	2.00	R. Davis (Minot)	120.00
Fezzan (brochure)	20.00	Telephone	41.30
Regent (brochure)	10.00	M. Henry (Minot)	50.00
		A. Turner (picnic)	450.00

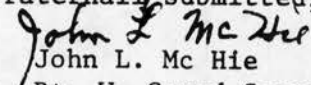
August	Totals 1975		364.50 705.00
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Gr. Chap. (brochure)	10.00	Exp for Gr. Lodge	11.00
P. of A. 9 "	20.00	Telephone	24.45
P. A. 4 "	20.00		
Palestine 7 "	24.00		
A. H. 2 "	20.00		
Pioneer 1 "	20.00		
Acacia 12 "	44.00		
Doric 3 Tx	70.00		
Palestine 7s Tx-Deg.	386.50		
P. A. 4 Tx-Deg.	209.50		
Mosaic 11 Tx-Deg-Disp.	217.50		
Pioneer 1 Tx-Deg.	213.50		
Acacia 12 Tx-Deg.	133.00		
Regent 5 Tx-Deg.	103.50		
Blackhawk (brochure)	250.00		
Gr. Lib. (P.A.4)	121.10		
Gr. Lib. (Pal. 7)	184.50		
A. H. 2 Tx-Deg.	177.00		
P. of A. 9 Tx	60.00		
Gr. Lib. (P. of A.9)	62.25		
Gr. Lib. (Pioneer 1)	28.86		
Gr. Lect.(Prof. tests)	8.00		
Misouts (overpay)	6.10		
Int. Income	133.68		

	Totals		2542.99 35.45
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Grand Totals	8716.42		8149.26
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I wish to commend the subordinate lodges for their compliance with the request that the quarterly and annual reports be sent in on time. There has been much improvment on this line but some of us are still late in getting the reports in on the designated time period. I hope the District Deputy Grand Masters will be more alerted to this.

Fraternally submitted,

 John L. Mc Hie
 Rt. W. Grand Secretary

G R A N D S E C R E T A R Y R E P O R T

March 1975

Gr. Lib.	Regent	40.90
Gr. Lib.	P. of A.	10.84
Gr. Lib.	Palestine	18.00
Doric	Bal. on Tax	4.00
Gr. Lib.	Mosaic	6.61

TOTALS 80.35

Jessie James	Token-Exp.	80.00
M. Henry	Exp.	77.00

TOTALS 157.00

April 1975

Boaz	Tax & fee	33.00
Gr. Lib.	P. of A.	10.94
Overpay on Gravestone		10.00

TOTALS 53.94

Cheevers	meals	
	Spr. Conf.	69.00
Thompson Hotel	rooms	20.00
Gr. Chap.	Sch. Din.	10.00
M. Henry	Exp.	30.00
Telephone		23.64
Gr. L. Oregon	Bal on ad	10.00
J. Clemmons	Dep picnic	10.00
Mpls Granite	Headstone	473.00
J. Clemons	Bal picnic	5.00
M. Henry	Exp.	300.00
Conference	Legal fund	50.00
Conference	PHIC	50.00

TOTALS 1050.64

May 1975

Palestine	7	Tx	375.00
Mosaic	11	Tx	203.50
Acacia	12	Tx	127.00
P. A.	4	Tx	174.00
Over pay headstone			40.00
P. of A.	9	Tx	56.00
P. of A.	9	arrears	2.50
Regent	5	Tx	103.00
A. H.	2	Tx	165.00
Pioneer	1	Tx	208.00
Pioneer		supplies	2.50
Doric	3	Tx	70.40
		Totals	1526.90

Totals 1526.90

Telephone	13.13
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Totals 13.13

June 1975

Cr. Lib.	Palestine	11.10
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Totals 11.10

Telephone	37.60
Weddington (Milwaukee)	48.16
M. Henry (Edmtn)	275.00
R. Davis (Edmtn)	210.00
Daggetts (rituals)	560.00
Telephone	22.71

Totals 1153.47

GRAND SECRETARY REPORT
RELIEF FUND

RECEIPTS

DISBURSMENTS

September 1974

Acacia	12	1.00	Bk Ser. Chg.	.67
Totals		1.00		.67

October 1974

None

None

November 1974

P. of A.	9	Relief	20.00	Gertrude Greene (L. P. G.)	150.00
Doric	3	Rel.	27.00	Bliss Kemp (H. K.)	150.00
Palestine	7	Rel.	146.00	Bk Ser Chg	.55
Acacia	12	Rel, Dem.	65.00		
Boaz	14	Rel.	14.00		
Regent	5	Rel.	35.00		
A. H.	2	Rel.	68.00		
P. A.	4	Rel, App	86.00		
Pioneer	1	App, Rel, Rein	95.00		
Mosaic	11	Rel.	79.00		
Mosaic	11	Dem, Apps, re	40.00		
Totals			675.00		300.55

December 1974

Interest Income	238.96	Bk Ser Chg.	.97
Interest from bond	332.50		
Totals	571.46		.97

January 1975

None

None

February 1975

Palestine	7	Rel.	169.00	Fern Gates (W. G.)	150.00
P. of A.	9	Rel.	15.00		
A. H.	2	Rel, App.	88.00		
P. A.	4	Rel, App.	78.00		
Doric	3	Rel.	28.00		
Acacia	12	Rel, D. A.	81.00		
Pioneer	1	Rel, Rein, A.	111.00		
Mosaic	11	Rel, D, Rein	110.00		
Regent	5	Rel	36.00		
Totals			716.00		150.00

1056.59

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Other Grand Officers and Members
of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

I submit this report from the office of the R. W. Grand Treasurer for the fiscal
year 1974-1975.

RELIEF FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT

MIDWEST FEDERAL

Balance Forward 8-31-74	\$ 18,496.02
Interest 9-23-74	238.96
Receipts 10-22-74	1.00
Receipts 12-7-74	675.00
Total	\$ 19,410.98
Transferred to Checking 12-9-74	900.00
Total	\$ 18,510.98
Interest 12-23-74	247.18
Interest from First National Bank 1-27-75	\$ 332.50
Receipts 3-19-75	716.00
Total	\$ 19,806.66
Canadian Exchange 3-20-75	-4.40
Total	\$ 19,802.26
Interest 3-24-75	247.12
Receipts 6-13-75	712.00
Balance to August 21, 1975	\$ 20,761.38
Interest 6-23-75	263.96
Deposit 8-31-75	707.00
Total	\$ 21,732.34

RELIEF CHECKING ACCOUNT

FIRST PLYMOUTH NATIONAL BANK

Balance Forward 8-31-74	\$ 308.99
Transferred from Savings 12-11-74	900.00
Total	\$ 1,208.99

Resolution:

Whereas, The display of our regalia enhances our appearance, and sets the mood of a session, and
 Whereas, This P.H. Grand Lodge lacks two very important pieces of regalia: A Banner and an Alter cloth.

Be it

Resolved, That this P.H. Grand Lodge acquires an alter cloth and a Banner at a cost not to exceed \$250.00, and Further resolve, that these be available for the 82nd Annual Communication

Martin C. Weddington, P.G.M. P.A. #4
 William D. McAdams G.T. P. #7.

RELIEF CHECKING ACCOUNT
Continued

Six (6) Deaths @ \$150.00 each	\$ 900.00
Bank Service for three (3) months	2.19
Balance	306.80
Accumulated Shares as of 6-6-75	338.181
Shares of Putnam Growth held at Piper Jeffery and Hopwood gain of	12.206
Federal Inter-Credit Bank Consolidated Bond Held at First National Bank of Minneapolis Maturity Date 1-5-76	\$ 10,000.00

GENERAL FUND

Balance in General Fund Savings Account	\$ 8,789.68
Interest 9-23-74	117.04
Receipts 10-22-74	11.50
Receipts 12-9-74	1,675.00
Interest 12-23-74	123.51
Total	\$ 10,716.73
Canadian Exchange 12-9-74	-1.99
Receipts 1-27-75	221.79
Total	\$ 10,936.53
Transfer to Checking 12-31-74	1,000.00
Canadian Exchange 1-27-75	-.14
Receipts 3-19-75	1,646.05
Interest 3-24-75	130.64
Transfer to Checking 3-27-75	1,500.00
Balance in Savings Account 8-31-75	\$ 10,213.08
Interest	133.68
Total	\$ 10,346.76

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Balance in First Bloomington Bank 8-31-74	\$ 3,771.43
Receipts	582.30
Total	\$ 4,353.73

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Continued

Transfer from Savings 1-3-75	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 5,353.73
Transferred from Savings 3-27-75	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$ 6,853.73
Receipts 6-13-75	2,373.19
Receipts 8-8-75	375.60
Total	9,602.52
Receipts 8-31-75	3,116.31
Total	\$ 12,718.83
Disbursements from 8-31-74 to 9-1-75	<u>9,566.13</u>
	\$ 3,152.70

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

Balance in Sunshine Fund		
Previous Balance in Educational Fund	\$315.00	\$ 19.31
Received from Ms. C. D. Doty in memory		
of P.G.M. Charles D. Doty	100.00	415.00
Balance in Knights of Pythagoras		54.55

SUMMARY OF BALANCES IN ALL ACCOUNTS

Relief Fund Savings - Midwest Federal	\$ 21,732.34
Relief Fund Checking - 1st Plymouth National Bank	306.80
General Fund Checking - 1st Bloomington Lake National Bank	3,152.70
General Fund Savings - Midwest Federal	10,346.76
Bond-First National Bank of Minneapolis	10,000.00
Friday, August 29, 1975 - 338.181 Shares in Putnam	
Growth at \$9.15 per Share	3,094.36
Total Worth	48,632.96

NOTE: \$2,167.09 Interest received for the year plus accumulated
Shares in Putnam Growth.

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

Fraternally submitted,

W. D. McAdams
R. W. Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

September 17, 1975

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Brothers, I do hereby submit the following report of my activities as Grand Lecturer during the past year.

September 18, 1974	Re-elected to the office of Grand Lecturer.
October 4, 1974	Attended Past Potentate Ball at the Thunderbird Motel.
November 14, 1974	Contacted Brother Rev. Charles Ford regarding Saint John the Evangelist Day Services at the Saint John Baptist Church of which he is Assistant Pastor.
November 29, 1974	Attended Palestine Lodge #7 to give 2nd part of Proficiency Test to Brother Charles Cook, Sr.
December 3, 1974	Received confirmation from Brother Ford that the services were set for December 22, 1974 at the Saint John Baptist Church.
December 7, 1974	Called the Grand Master and informed him the services for Saint John the Evangelist Day were set.
January 10, 1975	Went to Insty Print and made arrangements to have Proficiency Cards printed.
January 14, 1975	Picked up cards at Insty Print. The cost will go down in in my expenses.
February 14, 1975	Attended Potentates Ball at the Thunderbird Motel.
February 23, 1975	Attended Masonic Funeral services for Past Grand Master, LaPercell P. Greene.
February 25, 1975	Attended Official Visitation to District #1. Perfect Ashlar was host lodge. The meeting was well attended.
March 1, 1975	Went to Doric Lodge with the Grand Master and Past Grand Master, McHie, to set up Lodge of Instruction.
March 17, 1975	Made Official Visitation to Pioneer Lodge.
March 22, 1975	Drove to Duluth, MN, for Official Visitation with Grand Master, D.G.M. Charles Agnew, D.D.G.M. at Large Martin, P.G.M. Robert H. Johnson, and P.G.M. John McHie, Jr.
April 15, 1975	Traveled by bus to Grand Forks, ND, for Official Visitation.

April 24, 1975 Made Official Visitation to Palestine Lodge #7 and Anchor Hilyard.

May 29, 1975 Called Grand Treasurer to request check for airfare to Edmonton.

June 3, 1975 Received check for \$210.00 (Two Hundred and Ten Dollars).

June 14, 1975 Flew to Edmonton for Official Visitation with the Grand Master; also gave Proficiency Test to Brother Robert Shaw.

July 5, 1975 Made Official Visitation to Regent Lodge #4, along with O.E.S.

July 20, 1975 Received communication from D.D.G.M., John W. Spencer, for the written test for 2 (two) Wardens.

July 20, 1975 Met with Grand Lecturer of O.E.S., Sister Gray, to get Memorial Services together.

July 25, 1975 Received tests back and graded them.

August 2, 1975 Made Official Visitation to Acacia Lodge #6. Gave Proficiency Test to Brother George Strickland, Brother Harry Cousins, from Mosaic Lodge #11, Brother Charles Wilder, Jr., Brother Joe Oliver, from Acacia Lodge #6. All Brothers passed with flying colors. Assisting me were D.D.G.M., John W. Spencer; and D.D.G.M.A.L., James Winder.

September 14, 1975 Attended Saint John the Baptist Memorial Services at the Greater Sabathani Baptist Church.

TOTAL EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE YEAR

Air fare to Edmonton	\$210.00
Air fare to Grand Forks	120.00
Bus fare to Grand Forks	26.00
Insty Print	7.50
Stamps	8.00
TOTAL	<u>\$371.50</u>

The total air fare has been
 paid to me by the Grand Treasurer \$210.00
 120.00
 \$330.00

During the past 2 (two) years, as Grand Lecturer of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction, I have tried my best to fulfill my duties. I thank all of you for the trust that you have put in me, and I pray to God that I have lived up to your expectations. I feel as though it is time for me to move on and make room for some NEW TIMBER. Thank all of you very much. It was indeed a challenge and a privilege.

Fraternally,

Richard E. Davis
 R. W. Grand Lecturer

REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF C.C. OF F.C.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Milton Henry, Past Grand Masters, Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Members of the Craft, and Visiting Brothers.

Greetings:

The chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence begs leave to make the following report.

First I thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master for this appointment and thereby affording me an opportunity to serve our Jurisdiction in this line of endeavor. I can truthfully say that it has been a challenge to me, for which I am sincerely grateful.

Although this is my freshman year, it has been a busy one to the end, but it has been joyous and fruitful in its entirety. This year my office has been in contact with all Grand Jurisdictions of Prince Hall Affiliations on a national level, we've heard from some of them, others we have not. I wish to acknowledge the pleasant and warm Fraternal relations that exist and to commend them for their accomplishments. Their letters, rosters, proceedings, periodicals, etc., have been very enlightening and informative.

Upon my appointment, I did send to all Prince Hall Jurisdictions in the United States and abroad, rosters of our newly elected officers and proceedings of our Grand Jurisdiction. This is the way that this office has carried on during this entire Masonic Year. There has been something coming and going.

We have heard from and received forms of literature from thirty-three (33) of our sister Jurisdictions which was very gratifying to me, being a freshman in this field expertisement we met some old friends along the way through communication which made me feel at home even with the experts.

I, close this report thanking the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Sister Gertrude Greene for assisting me during the transition period to this office.

Fraternally submitted,

Chalmer L. Lawson, P.G.M. 33^o
C.C.F.C.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS AT LARGE REPORT

September 16, 1975

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Subordinate Lodges

Subject: Deputy Grand Master at Large Report

During the last year I had the honor of being present at several Masonic functions in the jurisdiction. I missed in the passing of the chair on Bro. Myles in Winnipeg, Canada. Later in the year I helped pass the chair on Bro. Hixon in Grand Forks. During the Visitation in Grand Forks I assisted the Grand Master in healing a Mason in Minot, North Dakota.

I was part of a team who administered the Warden's proficiency test on Bro. Wilder and Strickland of Mosaic #11 and Bro. Cousins and Oliver of Acacia #12, all of whom showed great proficiency and received their certificate. I was called on by the Grand Master to communicate with the outlying Lodge to resolve a small problem that had occurred during the year. With the great wisdom of the Grand Master and the help of Diety I was able to perform these duties to his satisfaction.

Request reimbursement of the following official visitation expenses:

1. November 8, 1974 to Winnipeg, Canada	\$40.00
2. July 5, 1975 to Winnipeg, Canada	65.00
3. August 2, 1975 to Minot, North Dakota	<u>45.00</u>
Total	\$150.00

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Winder #11
Deputy Grand Master at Large

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Present and Past Grand Officers, Members of Subordinate Lodges of Prince Hall Masons of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

Greetings:

It was a pleasure as well as a privilege to have served in this appointed office of Deputy Grand Master at Large.

Everything has gone along very well in District #1 and 2. Every one has worked very hard to get the job done.

The District Deputy Grand Masters and I have been in close contact all year long and work together. I had the pleasure to make several visits with the Grand Lecturer. I also had the pleasure to make several visits with the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

Vannoy Martin
Deputy Grand Master at Large
District 1 and 2

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES

District No. 1

To: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons

Greetings:

I, District Deputy Grand Master, Charles A. Agnew submit the following report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers, Members of the Subordinate Lodges.

It is with great pleasure that I submit the following report from District #1 to this Grand Lodge. I would again like to thank the Grand Master for this appointment and to say that it has been a pleasure to serve in this administration. I have received 100% cooperation from the Worshipful Masters of this District. I also had the privilege of visiting District #2 and assisted in raising new Brothers. I was pleased the way the Worshipful Masters carried out their work. I made four visitations with the Grand Master and was very pleased with the way the work was conducted.

May God Bless Us All.

Fraternally submitted,

Charles A. Agnew
D. D. G. M. District #1

District No. 3

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

Greetings:

I beg leave to submit the following report at the close of another year. I have tried to fill the office and duties of my station to the best of my ability.

This year we were pleased to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his cabinet officers on two occasions, and as always we were proud to accept them and learn from their instruction and fruitful remarks to the craft.

District #3 has not attained the high goals this year that I feel should be attained. We have experienced poor attendance this year due to working hours of members. However, I am sure that we can progress in this area and improve this coming yr.

I have assisted the Worshipful Master in all his endeavors whenever possible. I only regret that I cannot make a more favorable report, but I sincerely believe that this coming year will improve.

In closing my report, I am proud to serve this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and to be a humble part of it. May the Lord bless each and all of you.

Fraternally,

Perry E. Kennedy
D. D. G. M. #3

District No. 4

To: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers, Members of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Minnesota and Jurisdiction.

Greetings:

It is indeed an honor to submit this report as D.D.G.M. District #4 to the Annual 81st Grand Communication.

The past year has eld satisfaction for the Brothers in District #4. Membership is up slightly and attendance has improved greatly; in general promoting a healthy Masonic atmosphere seems to be the order of the day, and I would be remiss if I did not mention the Clubs and the Sisters of our Masonic family who are contributing to this success, and it is my feeling that greater things can be done to improve our position in the community and the Jurisdiction at large.

My Masonic acts for the year:

November 3, 1974 Conducted the election of Officers for Regent Lodge and gave the Past Master's Degree to Worshipful Master C. Mayes.

November 10, 1974 Gave the Past Master's Degree to Worshipful Master Miles of Mosiac Lodge #11 with Past Grand Master Martin O. Weddington in attendance.

June 22, 1975 In pursuivant to the Grand Master's Proclamation, attended along with Lodge Members at St. John's Day Service, Pilgrim Baptist Church.

July 5, 1975 Attended the Grand Master's Visitation of Regent Lodge #5.

Now Grand Master let me express my concern as to the relationship between District #4 and The Grand Lodge. Although we are somewhat removed geographically, we look forward to the Annual Visitation of the Grand Master, realizing the Grand Master does have a full agenda for travel and more than one visit yearly would be impossible, but I do feel that one visit prior to Grand Master's Visitation by the Grand Lecturer should be expected so that out-of-town Lodges may be kept more in tune with the Grand Master and Grand Cabinet. This I feel is a priority in order to promote sound Masonic growth. Many Brothers in the Jurisdiction have never had the opportunity to attend Grand Lodge or Grand Visitation for reasons beyond their control. Occasions such as this could prove an effective measure in bridging the communication gap between the Grand Lodge, the District and these less fortunate Brothers.

Further, I recommend the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, so that all articles will be brought up-to-date in accordance with amendments made in the past ten years or as far back as records can be found.

In closing may I thank the Grand Master for the opportunity to serve him as District Deputy and the Brothers of Regent Lodge for their great support.

May we be ever mindful that the good we do unto one another, as Masons and men, can only be exemplified by the good the world sees as a good deed unto mankind and that this be a living proof that Masonry is alive and living in the State of Minnesota and Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

District No. 5

H. M. Carvery, D.D.G.M.

To: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M., Minnesota and its Jurisdiction, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Grand Cabinet Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Past Grand Officers, Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Subordinate Lodges.

Greetings:

As District Deputy of District #5, I Arnold G. Wheeler, Sr., wish to submit the following report:

The year 1974-75 has been one of many facets. We have had many ups and downs this year. It has not been an easy year, but we have managed to stay together.

We did observe the legal holidays as set forth by the Masonic Order.

We had a very enlightened spring conference being conducted in the City of Worthington by the Deputy Grand Master, Brother Barry Boyd. This meeting proved to be most informative, educational and fruitful. This meeting was held at the Thompson Hotel; many of the Brethren visited with us.

We do feel after some discussion that things can work out and should show some improvements.

Several of our Brethren in this District #5 are busy with many different activities school, army guards, service organizations and community work, and we keep busy and active in various capacities.

Looking forward to a better year for 1975-76 through Christ and the help of us all.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold G. Wheeler, Sr.
D. D. G. M. #5

District No. 6

September 1, 1975

To: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Past Grand Officers, Past Masters.

Greetings:

You saw fit to honor me by appointing me to serve as Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth District of our glorious and august Jurisdiction for the past Masonic year and it affords me great pleasure and pride to be able to unequivocally report to you that ALL is well and flourishing with Mosaic Lodge No. 11 and Acacia Lodge No. 12. Both Lodges are enjoying excellent health and regards membership and participation. As a result of applying themselves to insuring that "only the best can pass the test", both Lodges can boast that they are comprised of Brothers who LOVE TO WORK TOGETHER!

Each Lodge has made significant and impressive contributions towards the improvement of community relations and the perpetuation of Masonic traditions, standards and ideals. Each has, on numerous instances, rallied to the immediate assistance of less fortunate souls. Members of Acacia Lodge No. 12 initiated and are perpetuating a Sunday Morning Radio Program which has grown (by popular demand) from 1 hour to a 4 hour format over Radio Station KCJB-FM and presents "Gospel Goodness from the Magic City of Minot, North Dakota." The reports of the activities of these Lodges will more graphically be presented by their respective Worshipful Masters, whose unselfish, untiring, knowledgeable and inspired marshalling motivated these laudable accomplishments.

During the years of my Masonic experience I have had occasion to visit numerous Lodges of several jurisdictions. Also I have been present when Mosaic Lodge No. 11 and Acacia Lodge No. 12 were visited by members of other Jurisdictions and, as a result, can express that the Masonic instruction provided by Mosaic and Acacia Lodges is thorough and ritualistically correct.

My official visits to the Lodges comprising the Sixth District impressed me that the administration of each Lodge is accomplishing their many responsibilities in a manner which is above reproach. Each Worshipful Master has been blessed with knowledgeable and capable Wardens, each has a Secretary who expeditiously applies himself to the business of keeping concise, intelligent and easily discernible records. Each Lodge is financially solvent.

I am regretful that the responsibilities of my avocation prevent my being with you to present this report in person, but I am joyed by my recollection of the many beautiful experiences we have shared...and God willing, we will share in the future. Though climatic conditions and illness thwarted my desires to be "the most traveled district deputy in the jurisdiction", the Worshipful Masters of this district and myself kept each other WELL informed.

In closing, I express to you that I am forever and profoundly thankful to you for allowing me to know the honor and privilege of serving the Lodges that comprise this most dynamic, energetic, efficient, knowledgeable and capable District.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Spencer, 32^o
District Deputy Grand Master
District No. 6

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF MINNESOTA AND ITS JURISDICTION

District No. 7

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Fellow Grand Lodge Officers, and Brethren of Subordinate Lodges of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction

I am happy to have been selected by our M.W.G.M. as D.D.G.M. for District #7. Although my duties appeared to be light, it seems the work is never done, one never seems to accomplish what one sets out to do. In addition to my duties as Tyler of Pride of Alberta Lodge No. 9, I visited the Lodge as D.D.G.M. twice once in the company of M.W.G.M. Milton Henry and R.W.G.L. Richard Davis on June 14, 1975 and again on August 11, 1975. I also inspected the Lodge books and records and found them to be in good order.

One year ago as Master, I reported that progress in Pride of Alberta #9 was on the upswing -- this is now a proven fact! Under the very able leadership of W.W. Raymond Heslep, our Craft has reached new goals. We have raised four Brothers this year, have one fellow craft presently in the Lodge, and are processing three petitions and four brothers have taken and passed the Warden's Proficiency Tests. Attendance figures continue to hold firm at approximately 51.5%.

Our degree team has improved considerably under Bro. Clinton Murphy, our Director of Ceremonies. M.W.G.M. Milton Henry and R.W.G.L. Richard Davis took active roles in raising Bro. Dale Clark during their annual visitation. Our craft thoroughly enjoyed working along with these fine Officers. A social evening was held after the visitation and our brethren took this opportunity to make the M.W.G.M. a member of Scottish Clan "MacHenry", and presented him with a set of pipes of the realm. R.W.G.L. Richard "Hornblower" Davis was presented with a Desert Bugle.

On St. John's Day the Lodge visited Shiloh Baptist Church in full regalia with 60% attendance. We visited Bro. Andrew Henderson, a life member of the Lodge who is bedridden, both at Christmas and on the occasion of his 87th birthday. M. W. G. M. Milton Henry also visited Bro. Henderson which we know not only cheered Bro. Henderson but once again proves to all Master Masons every where that brotherly love is a hallmark of Free Masonry.

The Officers of the Lodge held an informal visit with M.W.G.M. Sandy Milligan and R.W.G.S.W. Ken Crockett of A.F. & A.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta. The matter of visitation and recognition of Prince Hall Masonry was discussed. These Officers were very sympathetic toward the problem and promised to make definite plans to advise us this year regarding the possibility of the Grand Lodge of Alberta extending these courtesies.

Our Grotto Club continues to assist the Lodge and has undertaken a new endeavor -- the manufacture of custom cases, such as Lodge Regalia cases, this being a contribution from our Bro. Robert Shaw who is an untiring worker in the Lodge.

Pride of Alberta #9 has instituted a series of Masonic lectures and historical talks to help all of us improve. This has proven to be a very popular and worthwhile idea.

In closing I am pleased to report that harmony prevails with District #7. Our Brethren are all working together well and taking active parts in the Lodge. It is very gratifying to see, and I am proud to be part of this great work. We look forward to continued improvement and brotherly love, the Grand Architect of the Universe guiding our every effort.

Respectively submitted,

D. L. LaFayette
R.W. District Deputy Grand Master
District #7

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEE

September 9, 1975

From the Grand Librarian's Office
(My findings in the Grand Librarian's Office)

1. One long white envelope (plain)
2. 28 long white envelopes with the return of the North Star Consistory #14
3. One long white envelope, return address to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
4. Two stamp pads
5. I have seven stamp pads from our Past Grand Masters. They consist of Percy Haynes, Lapercell Greene, M. W. Weddington, Arron Arrodondo.
6. One order blank from W. W. Daggett Publishing Company
7. 20 pieces celebrating our 75th Anniversary
8. 35 demit forms (Blue Lodge)
9. 4 Prince Hall Masonic Year Books (1958)
10. One Mackeys Jurisprudence of Free Masonry
11. 3 Prince Hall Masonic Directories
12. 98 Constitutions and By Laws
13. 166 Lodge notices
14. 19 plain sheets of white paper 8 x 11½"
15. 1 Masonic catalogue from Harry Klitzen Company
16. 4 folders from conference of Grand Master in the year of 1972
17. Due cards white 525 (Blue Lodge)
18. 288 Past Master's cards (Blue Lodge)
19. 112 Gold cards (Dues)
20. 85 petitions (for the Blue Lodge)
21. 94 Summons (Blue Lodge)
22. 98 Constitutions and By Laws

23. 13 Look to the East
24. One Grand Lodge Seal
25. One tape recorder with seven tapes
26. One diary account (reference only)
27. One catalogue from Harry Klitzen Company
28. 2 pictures
29. One official souvenir program 64th Session of the Imperial Council
30. Two catalogues of Anthony Nizzardiri Masonic Company
31. One permanent Catalogue #84
32. One Nacoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Co. Catalogue
33. I have three maps of the State of Minnesota with the words (proceedings of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction with space for the name of the Grand Master's Grand Secretary and the P.G.M. C.C.F.C.
34. I have 13 two-cent stamps.
35. 4 Daggett Rituals
36. 7 stander Monitors
37. 3 staplers
38. One metal box 10½ by 7 by 4½"

Fraternally submitted,

Clarence W. Smith
Grand Trustee

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

Office of Grand Librarian
August 31, 1975

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, passed and present Masters, Members and Friends of this Great Order.

Greetings:

I, your Grand Librarian, wish to submit the following report as of September 1, 1974 to August 31, 1975.

Total amount of money received for supplies up to Aug. 31
1975 from Grand Treasurer Bro. McAdams was

\$848.75

Supplies Sold -846.72

Deficit 2.03

Pioneer Lodge #1	\$ 31.36		
Anchor Lodge #2	25.34	owes	\$150.45
Doric Lodge #3	18.97		
Perfect Ashlar #4	254.04		
Regent Lodge #5	40.90		
Palestine Lodge #7	213.60		
Pride of Alberta Lodge #9	52.32	owes	\$ 62.07
Mosaic Lodge #11	59.77		
Acacia Lodge #12	6.35	owes	\$ 51.53
Boaz Lodge #14		owes	\$ 11.64
The deadline got by your Grand Librarian of Aug. 31, 1975, he has in his treasury or owes the Grand Lodge		owes	\$ 39.72

The Grand Master's Office owes for one Daggett Ritual	owes	\$ 10.25	
		<u>\$325.66</u>	
		<u>-2.03</u>	Deficit
		<u>\$323.63</u>	

Checks made out in my name to pay for supplies from Lodges, had to have them cashed.

Pioneer Lodge #1	\$ 2.96
Regent Lodge #5	4.50
Palestine Lodge #7 (Two Checks)	58.31
Acacia #12 (Two Checks)	71.30
Supplies paid for in cash	<u>7.00</u>
	<u>\$846.72</u>

Amount of supplies on hand as of Aug. 31, 1975

4 Daggett Ritual \$10.25 ea.	
7 Simon Monitors \$3.25 ea.	\$ 41.00
13 Look to the East \$3.50 ea.	22.75
525 White due cards 6¢ ea.	45.50
288 Past Master Cards 7¢ ea.	31.50
112 Grand Master Cards 10¢ ea.	20.16
98 Constitution & By-Laws \$1.50 ea.	11.20
One Mackey Jurisprudence of Free Masonry	147.00
4 Prince Hall year books (1958) \$1.00 ea.	4.00
94 Lodge Summons at 30¢ per dozen	4.00
Petitions (Blue Lodge) are free 85	2.35
35 Demits 40¢ per dozen	1.20
11 Petition North Star Consistory #14 Free	
166 Lodges notices per dozen 30¢	<u>4.15</u>
	\$334.81

Fraternally submitted

Clarence Duke
Grand Librarian

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF GRAND TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

To: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Minnesota and its Jurisdiction

Greetings:

We surveyed the Office of the Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary, Grand Librarian, safety deposit box, its contents at 1st Bloomington Bank of Minneapolis and checked the paraphernalia. The Deputy Grand Master and all the Deputies have their regalia in their possession. We note that the flags and stands are in the Grand Lodge Office, which are supposed to be kept by the Grand Librarian. Two keys to the safety deposit box are in the possession of the R.W.G. Secretary John L. McHie and R.W.G. Treasurer William D. McAdams. The Grand Librarian's findings are stapled to this report. The Putnam Growth Shares will be submitted by the R.W.G. Treasurer. We are again pleased by the care and handling of the Grand Lodge's property by those to whom they are entrusted.

Fraternally,

G.M. Milton Henry #1
Clarence W. Smith, Chairman
Barry F. Boyd #9
Harold Sylvia #5
Willie Johnson #14

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

September 16, 1975

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past and Present Grand Officers, Members and Visitors to this 81st session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Jurisdiction.

Greetings:

As Grand Historian I am pleased to make the following report.

Since your Historian received no material or direction from any previous Grand Historian, we concentrated on the one project assigned to this office, that of collecting photographs of all Grand Masters in the 81 years of this Grand Body's existence.

Basements, attics, trunks, office walls all helped us to reach our goal. Sorry to say we had little response from our living Past Grand Masters in obtaining their photos. It was necessary for me to spend several hours in the dark room helping the photographers in developing and reproducing the photos I'm about to show you. Many of the photos could never be replaced if they were lost or destroyed. Some were very old, some very small or newspaper clippings 60 or 70 years old. I have arranged them for display in a way most easily visible, and their final manner of display is left to the Grand Lodge.

Financial Report

Statement from Inner City Youth League Cultural Art Center (attached)	\$250.00
Plastic material to cover display	2.34
Tape to fasten pictures	1.06
Total	<u>\$253.40</u>

By Grand Historian: Many gallons of gas collecting pictures.
15 hours in the dark room and several sleepless nights.

This has been a most difficult assignment to accomplish, but I take great pride in presenting this to you for your approval.

"Some of you may have read the little poem, 'The Bridge Builder'. The story of an old man who walked a lonely highway and came at night to a canyon wide and deep. The old man because of his great experience had little trouble crossing the stream, but when he was safe on the other side, he turned to build a bridge to span the tide. A fellow pilgrim asked the old man why he stopped to build the bridge when his journey would end with the ending day and he would not again pass that way; and the old man replied, 'There followed after me today a fair-haired youth. This chasm which has been naught to me, might to him a pitfall be. He, too, must cross in the twilight dim; good friend, I am building this bridge for him.'"

These are the Past Grand Masters who can be likened to the old man who built the bridge for the youth along the lone highway. Let us not forget that Masonry is a "way of life" handed down to us from those who built the "Bridges" before us. It is a theory of life, a philosophy of life.

Fraternally,

N. L. Hardy
Grand Historian

REPORT OF THE GRAND PUBLICIST

To: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its
Jurisdiction F. & A.M. Officers and Brethren

The first of my duties as Grand Publicist was to have published in the local newspaper the event of the cornerstone removal at the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center on Saturday, December 14, 1974 in St. Paul, Minnesota. The stone was removed just one day short of 60 years from the date it was laid. There were 26 members present for the ceremonies. Also a reporter from the St. Paul Pioneer Press gave the event splendid coverage in the Sunday paper. The Minneapolis Spokesman, St. Paul Recorder, Courier also gave coverage. I met with Grand Master Henry and P.G.M. McHie to discuss the publishing of at least 3 newsletters a year. Both of them gave me advice on how to go about this, but due to the lack of time on my part it never got off the ground.

After that the remainder of my duties were primarily "limited" to keeping the Craft informed of the functions of the Grand Lodge activities throughout the year, such as the Grand Lodge Picnic, Scholarship Awards, etc.

This Brethren concludes my report.

Fraternally submitted,

Harold E. Johnson #4

REPORTS OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

Pioneer Lodge No. 1

September 15, 1975

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers
Past and Present Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren

Greetings:

I, James Martin was elected Worshipful Master of Pioneer Lodge #1. After my election and installation I presided over the election of the other officers. Other elected officers were Bro. Alexander Darnes, Senior Warden; Brother Bob West, Junior Warden; Bro. Marion Brown, Secretary; Bro. Gordon Kirk, Treasurer. The appointed officers were Brothers Joe Lewis, Senior Deacon; Donald Lewis, Junior Deacon; Conway Bolling, Senior Steward; Merral Jones, Junior Steward; Thomas Selby, Chaplain; Mitchell Gordon, Tyler; James Adams, Marshall.

I began my administration at a fast pace not realizing at that time I had much to learn. However at our first meeting it became apparent that in order to succeed I must proceed at a slower but steady pace, and I have endeavored to maintain this consistency throughout the year.

We started the year with a joint raising of Districts # 1 and 2. It was a pleasant experience to work with the Worshipful Masters of the other lodges. Later in the year Districts #1 and 2 held another joint raising and again it was a pleasure to participate.

I was pleased to accompany the Grand Master on his visit to District #3. In addition I attended St. John the Evangelist Service, St. John the Baptist Service and the Grand Master's Official Visitation to District #1.

During the year Pioneer Lodge has lost three (3) Brothers by that untimely messenger death; there was one (1) suspension and one (1) reinstatement. Also during the year Pioneer Lodge held such events as barbecues, banquets, concerts, and raffles, all of which were successful.

As Worshipful Master I wish to personally thank the Grand Lodge for affording Pioneer Lodge the honor of hosting this 81st Annual Communication.

Finally I wish to thank all of the Past Masters, Officers and Committees for the support they have given me and for helping to make this a successful year for our lodge.

In closing I would only say "Bless be the tide that binds our hearts in Brotherly Love, the fellowship the will Divine is like to that above".

Fraternally,

James Martin
Worshipful Master

Anchor Hilyard No. 2

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Officers, Members and Visitors, I bring you greetings from Anchor Hilyard's Lodge

This report is submitted for your information and with my assurance as Master, that Anchor Hilyard's Lodge remains viable and formidable.

The focus of my concern this year was to evaluate the programs instituted during my taenia of office, and to answer the following questions: Were they effective? By how much? If not, why not? How might they have been improved? etc.

While the answers to these questions are not the subject of this report, I am able to positively say that our lodge is organic and relevant. Organic, as it continues to work for the welfare of mankind; relevant, because it strives morally to enrich itself and others in its quest to help bring about a universal league of mankind which aspires to exhibit even now as a very small lodge.

The present state of the order finds our numerical strength the same as last year. Our additions and subtractions cancel each other. We raised six, suspended six, reinstated two, and lost two to the grim reaper "death".

Since I was evaluating programs of the previous years, our activities were essentially unchanged, with only one addition.

1. The annual Christmas Party was successful. Pride of the West Chapter was our guests, and through the efforts of the Booster Club every lady present received a gift.
2. Our 74th Anniversary was observed with a dinner and dance at the Thunderbird Motel in Bloomington. Highlights of the evening were: The presentation of a 50 year pin to Bro. LaMar Roberts, the introduction of our oldest active member-brother, William H. Walker, 94 years old with 62 of those as a member in Anchor Hilyard's Lodge. Grand Master Henry was the keynote speaker.
3. A picnic for neighborhood children. It was truly a rewarding experience for those who planned it and no less satisfying to the children who attended.

These any many other activities were made possible because a handful of men worked closely together for hwat they believed. To those men I owe a debt of gratitude.

As one of the smaller lodges in this jurisdiction, it is very easy for our shortcomings to be noticed, as they may sometimes be magnified because of the lack of numbers. But to the members of Anchor Hilyard's Lodge I say: "I am proud of every one of you, and there is no need for you to apologize for being what you are not," for in the words of a well known author:

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, Perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.

Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away."

Thoreau

I close this report with these very sombre remarks to the Grand Lodge. The relevancy of our fraternity is at stake. I firmly believe that the state of the order is imperiled by the negligence of indifference, the fallacy of assumed virtue, and the seduction of sloth and indolence. I further believe that unless we take action against this malady now, it will become a malignancy which will then mitigate our liberties, and that will be a nameless sin, for only in liberty can a fraternity flourish, and only in a fraternity can liberty endure.

MAY ALMIGHTY GOD SPREAD HIS ARMS OF LOVE AND AFFECTION AROUND US AS WE REAFFIRM OUR TRUST IN HIM AND HIS ABILITY TO LEAD US THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DOUBT AND UNCERTAINTY THIS 81ST COMMUNICATION.

Fraternally,

Morris S. Miller, W.M.

Doric No. 3

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Officers and Subordinate Lodges, this 81st Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

GREETINGS:

I am very honored and proud to be a part of this great Masonic Fraternity. We of Doric Lodge #3 have made some progress but not as I had hoped this year. We of Doric Lodge #3 have Initiated 2, Past none, Raised none and Reinstated 1. Attendance at Doric Lodge #3 has been poor. Many meetings did not have a Quorum to take care of our necessary business.

Doric Lodge #3 received the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his Cabinet on his regular visitation in April 1975 and other brothers that accompanied him on his visitation. Grand Master Henry gave Doric Lodge #3 some very inspiring and wholesome information and instructions for the good of the Craft. We the brothers of Doric Lodge #3 are in hopes that the ensuing year will be more prosperous than the last. We of Doric Lodge #3 would like to thank the brothers that came with the Grand Master and assisted us.

In closing my report, with the help of Almighty God and our Supreme Master, we sincerely hope to see progress in the future. With Love and Unity.

Fraternally submitted,

John H. Hamilton, Sr.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Officers, Members and Visitors of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

Greetings:

It is indeed an honor to stand before you at this 81st Annual Communications and represent Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4. This past year has been a year of learning. There have been many happy occasions as well as disappointments. Out of these experiences I learned many things, but I will only reveal to this Grand Lodge two of the many experiences.

1. Faith! In the daily affairs of life I should have a constant faith. A faith in my own ability, which insures success, our faith is all our own, held direct from God, through all the changes of an uncertain world. Our faith in an overruling providence must never be shaken. It must be strong and permanent. A confidence in the assistance and protection of an Almighty Being naturally produces patience, hope, cheerfulness, and all other happy dispositions of the mind that alleviate those calamities which we are not otherwise to remove.
2. Wisdom! If you want wisdom ask God said Solomon. Wisdom, embrace the whole of practical knowledge. It is that perfection of an intelligent Agent by which he is enabled to select and employ the most useful means, in order to accomplish proper and substantial results. Last but not least, I ask the wisdom of the Wardens and the brothers about the Lodge, which I am grateful, especially the loyalty and experience of my Secretary and Treasurer.

I am pleased to report Perfect Ashlar Lodge had representation in support of the M.W.G.M.'s visitations to Grand Forks and host Lodge for our joint sessions with Pioneer Lodge #1 in St. Paul.

M.W.G.M., I am pleased to announce to you and this Grand Lodge that our 3-5-7 Club has grown since its beginning and that it has made a great contribution to our success this past year. It is with gratitude I would like to thank the officers and members of this club.

Burgess L. Bryant	President
Arbery Turner	Secretary (P.M.)
Martin O. Weddington	Treasury (P.G.M.)

W.M. Warden and Brothers wish to thank Bro. Sherman Parker P.A. #4 for donating a sixty (60) cup coffee urn for our refreshment hour.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge participated in the St. John's Baptist service held at St. James A.M.E. Church and Queen Ester's Day (O.E.S.) service held at Shiloh Baptist Church. Perfect Ashlar Lodge is proud to have participated in three (3) joint raisings with the sister Lodges of the Twin Cities.

The occasional Lodge was honored to have M.W.G.M. Milton A. Henry participate in all of the joint raisings and also June 18, 1975 to honor and celebrate the strength and faith of a member of P.A. #4 Rev. Denzil A. Carty. Rev. Carty retired from Ministry some three weeks prior to this outstanding event. From October 1974 to August 31, 1975 we initiated nine men, passed and raised nine to the sublime degree of master mason, and had no demits. We admitted two members by demits, healed one, and reinstated one, total number of names added was 13. Unfortunately we lost two to the grim reaper death. P.G.M. Lapercelle P. Greene, October 8, 1974. He was a member of St. James A.M.E. Church. He was a member of P.A. Lodge #4 from 1942 to 1974. W.M. of P.A. Lodge #4 from 1949 to 1951. He was M.W.G.M. from 1965 to 1967, also Commander in Chief from 1950 to 1951. P.G.M. Greene held many outstanding offices in Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Minnesota and its Jurisdiction. Rev. Denzil Carty passed August 24, 1975, was the ret. Minister of the St. Phillip Episcopal Church. An outstanding Civil Rights Leader in the Twin Cities.

Our Roster as of September 1, 1975 was 79 members. During the year we have had two to pass. Suspension of one for non-payment of dues. Therefore, the total number of names added to the roster was ten. We have some brothers that have been shut-in for some time and can't attend the meetings. Their names are: Bros. Victor Callaway, Ira Dorsey, William Holloman, James Lynn (P.G.M.), Eli Martin (P.M.), Eulysis Pierce, James Thomas.

September 14, 1975 attended the memorial service at Greater Sabathani Baptist Church. I am pleased to say that the service was well attended.

Tuesday, September 16, 1975 at 8:00 a.m. at Oakland Cemetary in St. Paul, Minnesota; again P.A. Lodge #4 was honored to participate in commemorative service of (P.G.M.) T. H. Lyle. P.G.M. T. H. Lyle was a member of P.A. Lodge #4 and the first Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Minnesota and its Jurisdiction. The highlight of this service was placing a head stone at the grave of our first Grand Master, T. H. Lyle, Most Worshipful Grand Master. This is my report.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Dorsey
(W.M.)

Regent Lodge No. 5

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

GREETINGS:

I, Carl Mayes, Worshipful Master of Regent Lodge #5, F. and A. M., of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, submit my annual report.

We passed and raised three brothers to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. We also initiated two brothers to the first degree and have three others holding applications.

We observed St. John's Day at Pilgrim Baptist Church and quite a number of the brothers were there. We also attended the Ester Day with a good number of the brothers.

It was beautiful to hear our District Deputy Grand Master, Brother H. Carvey on his official visit. His topic was: Masonry is no play thing.

I was very much impressed on our Most Worshipful Grand Master's speech during his visitation of Regent Lodge: on how it was before he became Most Worshipful Grand Master and how it was after. Too bad more of the brothers could not attend. It was most enlightening.

This being my first term in office, the help I received from my secretary, Rev. Walter R. T. Romain was very rewarding and enlightening.

I, along with some of my good brothers attending the Grand Visitation in Grand Forks on April 19th, 1975 and also Minot Grand Visitation on August 2nd, 1975. We all found it very educational and we were treated royally.

Our float was redesigned by Piercy Haynes and willing workers and presented to a branch of the Masonic family to be used in the Manisphere Parade.

Our annual picnic and fishing derby was a success, the children and most of the grown-ups really enjoyed themselves.

Our books have been audited and are right up to date. We have a very healthy Lodge, for the year of nineteen hundred and seventy-five. Thank you.

Fraternally submitted,

Carl Mayes, Worshipful Master
Regent Lodge #5, F. and A. M.

Palestine No. 7

September 16, 1975

M. W. G. M., Grand Officers, W. M., Wardens and Brothers.

GREETINGS!

Once more I have the honor of appearing before you as Worshipful Master of Palestine Lodge #7.

As usual this has been a fruitful year for our Lodge. We have added much youthful timber who I feel in time will add significantly to the progress of masonry.

In our community relations we once more were fortunate in our bowling team placing second in their league playoff.

We again sponored a scholarship for Phyllis Wheatley Community Center Day Camp.

We co-sponsored Senior Citizen Red Cross Volunteers' annual party.

Palestine #7 continues to maintain outstanding representation within the Twin Cities organizations which consists of three community organizations in Minneapolis and one in St. Paul which has in excess of 100 thousand members.

Palestine celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year with a Master Mason Dinner and a banquet where recognition of 50 year members was given to: Spencer Chivers; Percy Hughes, Sr; Frank Connors.

Statistically we raised 9 brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason, initiated 3, healed 1, suspended 5 and our current strength 160 members.

The Grand Architect saw fit to spare our lodge the agony of suffering the loss of any brethren.

I leave you with this thought

If I have fallen short of your expectations, it is because I am human and subject to the frailties of man. If when I fell short of your expectations you placed your hands on my back and supported me, then I became strong because you were strong.

May peace and harmony exist amongst us and brotherly love prevail.

Fraternally,

James K. Ash, W. M.

Pride of Alberta Lodge No. 9

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, State of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction, Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren.

I bring greetings from Pride of Alberta Lodge #9 Free and Accepted Masons, Edmonton Alberta Canada to this Eighty-first Annual Grand Communication.

May Heaven's blessing rest upon this communication, may it be conducted in order and closed in harmony.

To have the pleasure and honor of reporting to this Grand Body is indeed a glorified experience.

This past year has been most rewarding. Time will not permit me to go into detail but I will note a few of the highlites.

1. We did contribute substantially to our church activities, Christmas Concert, Sunday School Picnic, etc.
2. Our Lodge engaged in renovations program to our lower church hall. Lodge members came out and spent numerous hours for several weeks on this project. The only cost to the Lodge was approximately \$900 for materials. It is difficult to believe what a difference a project such as this one could make toward the improvement of the hall.

We now have good convenient storage facilities for the Lodge furniture which can be set up or put away in 5 or 10 minutes.

3. On two occasions during the year several of the Lodge Members visited with our oldest Mason namely Bro. Andrew Henderson, firstly at Christmas time and secondly on the occasion of his 87th birthday. We took along some goodies and socialized for a good hour or so.
4. Bro. Hayward Hinton our Sick Committee Chairman has done an excellent job visiting the sick and sending cards and flowers and treats.

In appreciation of Bro. Hinton's activities the Lodge saw fit to present him with a personal V.S.L.

At this time I would like to pay tribute to Bro. Marvel Murphy who has personally cared for one of Edmonton's Educators, who was incidently a paraplegic and confined to a wheel chair. Bro. P. S. Bailey was one of the original members of Unity Lodge #5 A. F. & F. M. Bro. Murphy cared for Bro. Bailey up to his death.

The Lodge has a certificate of appreciation, also a personal V.S.L. to be presented to Bro. Murphy.

5. We gathered at the church to honor our Patron Saint John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist on the 24th of June and December.

6. We had the honor of visitation by Most Worshipful Grand Master and Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer Bro. Richard Davis. Both assisted in raising Bro. Dale Clark to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We enjoyed good and wholesome instruction for our labors.
7. Statistics wise to the 24th Aug 1975 we conferred the Entered Apprentice degree on 5 candidates, passed to Fellowcraft degree 5 candidates and raised 4 candidates to the sublime degree of Master Masons.
8. Attendance during 1975 was an average of 51% and we never missed one communication.
9. Edmonton Grotto Club is no longer in Bingo, but is engaged in the manufacture of Custom Cases under the guidance of Bro. Robert Shaw. We are grateful to Bro. Shaw for this worthwhile project.

Now in closing, I would like to thank every member of my Lodge firstly for having the confidence in me to elect me as the Master of the Lodge and secondly for the continued cooperation throughout the year. Most Worshipful Grand Master this concludes my humble report.

Fraternally,

Ray A. Heslep

THE TRUE MASON

Write him as one who loves his fellow-men,
 Who speaks no evil of an erring soul;
 But ever strives by actions, voice, and pen,
 To point the wanderer to the safest goal.

Who understands Masonic beauties rare,
 Who metes out praise if praise is rightly due
 And who rebukes if straying ones should dare
 To walk the path that leads them from the true.

Write him as one who sows no discord seeds,
 Within whose breast there dwelleth perfect peace;
 Whose heart rebels against ignoble deeds;
 Whose praise for God doth day by day increase,
 And who in lodge no earthly Masons know
 Will stand to order at the gavel's blow!

Chas. F. Forshaw, LL. D.

Mosaic Lodge No. 11

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Master, Present and Past Grand Officers, Members of the Grand Lodge and Brethren.

It was indeed an honor for me to have been elected as worshipful master this year of Mosaic Lodge #11.

It has been a good year, a knowledgeable year and at times seemingly a dispairing year, but with good counselling from the Right Worshipful Grand Master at Large, James R. Winder, who was always in our midst and the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, John W. Spencer, Mosaic Lodge #11 has had a fruitful year.

Mosaic Lodge #11 is truly dedicated to spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection but most of all charity and aiding the sick. With the aid of the Grand Architecture of the Universe the craft has been at it to the utmost, and it is in our prayers that we may continue to do so.

We are proud of our accomplishment this year; we have entered 17, passed 15, and raised 14 and reinstated 5. We have lost 20 through suspension, 5 through demits and received 5 by demits from other lodges.

We are proud of our newly raised brothers who are adhering to the principles of Masonic teaching. Those brothers who came into our midst to continue their teaching and to work, but most of all we have the sorrow of those we lost. Also over the untimely loss by death of our brother William M. Holder in May of 75.

Some of the accomplishments of the craft this year are as follows: On 19 Oct we had our fall formal, on 14 Dec we gave a Christmas party for the children of the Masonic family, on 24 Dec there were five Christmas baskets for the needy, on 29 Dec we observed St. John the Evangelist Day at the Base Chapel, also observed was St. John the Baptist Day in June in which the craft was elated over the research done by the Chaplin on St. John's life.

We have enjoyed Masonic intercourses with our brethren throughout the jurisdiction. On 5 Apr the Spring Conference at Worthington, MN, 5 July Winnipeg, Canada visitation, and 2 Aug at Minot visitation.

We were honored by our Most Worshipful Grand Master and his cabinet on 19 April for Grand Visitation which was very enlightening and enjoyable. We know that Mosaic Lodge #11 has been a credit to the community of Grand Forks and Grand Forks AFB through our donations to several local charities and difficulties arising there day by day. We are proud to represent and be a part of this Grand Lodge in the promotion of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. May it prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorris Myles, WM

Acacia Lodge No. 12

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

From: Acacia Lodge No. 12

I, Worshipful Master Robert Hixon Jr., bring you greetings from Acacia Lodge No. 12. This past year has been one of full dedication by each member of Acacia Lodge. It has indeed been a challenge to every Officer, Member and Visitor of Acacia Lodge No. 12. All tasks have been accepted with great pride and a want-to-do attitude. No task is too great for Acacia as a body or as an individual member.

One year and five months after being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason I found myself Worshipful Master of my Mother Lodge. Even though the craft had carefully considered my knowledge and capabilities, the question lingered with me, "could I, one of the youngest Worshipful Masters (Masonically) if not the youngest ever elected in the Minnesota Jurisdiction serve effectively as the titular head, captain of the ship. Could I plot and steer a course that would result in our masonic vessel making profitable calls at the port of growth, attendance, application, dedication, fellowship and brotherly love, while avoiding the perilous whirlpools of avarice, envy, apathy, malice, jealousy and complacency? My answer was and still is a pledge of trial.

I am indeed thankful to Diety, for blessing me with such knowledgeable men and masons as members and visitors. It is always a pleasure to know that I am serving a worthy and respectful craft.

Specific Accomplishments of Acacia Lodge No. 12, for this Masonic Year

- November 2, 1974 Right Worshipful, District Deputy Grand Master, John W. Spencer, by the authority vested in him by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honorable Milton Henry, officiated at our election of elected and appointed officers. With true love and assistance he and Past Master General Callier, installed each elected and appointed officer.
- November 22, 1975 The Past Master's degree was conferred upon me, Worshipful Master, at Mosaic Lodge No. 11, Grand Forks Air Force Base by Past Deputy Grand Master, Merle Taylor, District Deputy Grand Master John W. Spencer, Past Master General F. Callier, Worshipful Master Dorris Myles and District Deputy Grand Master at Large James Winder.
- December 23, 1974 The members of Acacia Lodge No. 12, and their families made a glamorous but sincere appearance at Chapel #2, to worship and celebrate St. John the Evangelist Day.

- March 22, 1975 Brother John W. Spencer presented the lodge with the year's first edition of the Trestle Board (quarterly newsletter/bulletin), whereby all members of Acacia all around the globe will be able to keep abreast and well informed of present and future items of fraternal significance.
- April 4, 1975 Brothers Spencer, Hixon, Cousins, Oliver, Charles, McGlaughlin, and Stephens attempted to attend the Spring Conference. After driving 70 miles in inclement weather, we were forced to return home with saddened hearts and broken spirits.
- April 19, 1975 A total of 32 brothers and sisters affiliated with Acacia Lodge No. 12, attended Grand Lodge visitation at Grand Forks, North Dakota. Affiliated friends that hold great interest in our fraternal order commented that Acacia Lodge No. 12, is always outstanding in their eyesight and more in particular when we fellowship with our sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star and other sister lodges.
- April 26, 1975 A committee consisting of Brothers Winder, Myles, Spencer and Hixon, was directed by the Grand Body to seek out non-affiliated Prince Hall Masons. Diligent efforts were expended to comply with the order, however, it was met with negative results, which caused action to be taken by the Grand Lodge.
- May 16, 1975 The annual Memorial Day Picnic was cancelled due to inclement weather.
- June 22, 1975 The Brothers, Sisters and families of Acacia celebrated St. John the Baptist Day in Chapel No. 2 at 1400 hours. The turnout was commendable and everyone dressed in their masonic regalia.
- July 4, 1975 The annual Independence Day Picnic was held and was indeed successful. The turnout and participation was outstanding. Everyone enjoyed themselves to the maximum.
- August 2, 1975 Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Milton Henry arrived at Minot's International Airport and was greeted by the Worshipful Master and Officers of Acacia Lodge No. 12. Grand Master Henry was accompanied by the Grand Lecturer Richard Davis.
- August 2, 1975 Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Milton Henry, accompanied by the Right Worshipful Senior Warden, Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer, District Deputy Grand Master at Large and District Deputy Grand Master of District #6 entered and were paid due honors and officially visited Acacia Lodge No. 12. A number of lodges from this jurisdiction and other

jurisdictions were well represented. The Wardens of Acacia Lodge and Mosaic Lodge were examined on their proficiency. Showing their outstanding proficiency in every aspect of their examination, Brothers Harry W. Cousins, Senior Warden of Acacia, Brother Charles D. Wilder Jr., of Mosaic, Brother Joseph Oliver, Junior Warden of Acacia and Brother George M. Strickland, Junior Warden of Mosaic were congratulated on their outstanding proficiency, knowledge and abilities. Following the communication there was a dinner and social intercourse. Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master John W. Spencer was honored by all for his participation in Acacia Lodge No. 12, from May 1971 to August 1975. Brother Spencer departed Minot on a permanent change of assignment to Whittman Air Force Base, Missouri.

In various instances the Lodge was caused to respond in a fully charitable manner to various situations. Over \$1,100.00 was required to be donated. A sister of the Order of the Eastern Star met with a misfortune after visiting with her father. While in flight on her return home he passed. This sister was caused to immediately return the following day to assist in the arrangements of his funeral. Again the Brothers stretched forth and financially assisted in the defray of cost.

The brothers of Acacia are deeply involved in a number of community projects. Brothers Wallace and Charles are again this year managing and coaching the little league football team. Brother Cousins is still teaching a number of youths the art of self-defense. Brother Rev. Buntyn is hosting the Sunday Gospel Goodness program. This program is a community relations project, courtesy extended by Radio Station KCJB-FM, Minot, North Dakota.

For the archives of this grand lodge and a token of gratitude, I would like to present to you Most Worshipful Grand Master and you the Grand Lodge Body with this picture of District Deputy Grand Master John W. Spencer presenting me for the last official visit the Gavel of Authority. Brother Spencer is an admirable mason who has taught many a brother the teachings of Masonry. I again request you receive this token in good faith and keep it forever in your archives as a remembrance of Brother John W. Spencer.

With due respect, we the members of Acacia Lodge No. 12, respectfully ask the blessings of Diest upon this Jurisdiction.

Humbly and Fraternally submitted by me with the support of the Craft of Acacia Lodge No. 12.

Robert Hixon, Jr.
Worshipful Master
Acacia Lodge No. 12

Boaz Lodge No. 14

September 16, 1975

To: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

Boaz Lodge #14, Worthington, Minnesota brings you Greetings from District #5.

I, Henry L. Martin, Worshipful Master wishes to give this report.

The year 1974, 1975 has been one of many facets. It seems that we could not get going as Masons should go in our endeavors. Due to being a small lodge with some brothers living in other parts of the country, with summer vacations, illness and other commitments, I have not been able to hold regular meetings, but I have managed to hold Boaz Lodge together. We hosted the Spring Conference which was very educational; it was well attended by the Brothers of the Craft. Deputy Grand Master Barry Boyd is to be commended for his efforts, talents in presiding over the Spring Conference. Due to bad weather problems which we have no control over prohibits some of our brothers from attending, but the conference was not a failure.

As a Lodge we try to represent ourselves in the community of Worthington. Some of our brothers are involved in community and civic offices, such as school, community work and Service Clubs.

We made several visits to Sioux Falls, South Dakota to visit with our brothers there. We observed St. John's Day with them. With all the difficulties this year I am happy to say we have not had any deaths or serious illness among the Brothers.

We were not able to increase our membership this year and only lost one for non-payment of dues. We now have 12 members.

We were not honored with a visitation this year due to other difficulties, but since we held Spring Conference it was not a loss.

We are looking forward to a better year for 1975-1976, with the help of God and the Brothers of this craft.

Submitted by,

Henry L. Martin, W. M.

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Most Worshipful Grand Master's recommendations were submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee for its deliberations and action and its recommendations.

Recommendation 1: That the Acimnos Ceipher by W. W. Daggett be adopted as the official ritual of this Jurisdiction.

Action: The committee concurs.

Recommendation 2: That a commission on recognition of Non Prince Hall masons be made permanent.

Action: The committee concurs.

Recommendation 3: That the Grand Lodge sponsor such Bicentennial activities as it deems appropriate, provided no additional funds are expended for this purpose than that which is allocated by the 81st Annual Communication.

Action: The committee concurs.

Recommendation 4: That a committee be appointed to look into the amount of relief benefits that are paid to survivors and make a recommendation to the 82nd Annual Communication for an upward adjustment if feasible.

Action: The committee concurs.

Recommendation 5: That the two Deputy Grand Masters at Large be given a token of \$50.00 each and be reimbursed for nominal expenses.

Action: The committee does not concur.

Reason: 1. The committee believes that there should be a job description for that office, and

2. in its best judgement, the committee does not believe that the size of this jurisdiction justifies the office.

Recommendation 6: That one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) be withdrawn from the relief fund and allocated for Bicentennial activities.

Action: The committee does not concur.

Reason: 1. The committee finds this to be somewhat contradictory to the second part of the third recommendation, and

2. the committee believes that any transfer of relief funds would warrant legal council since these funds are of that very specific nature - for relief only.

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Recommendation 7: That a committee be appointed by the Grand Master to study the feasibility of establishing a permanent Grand Lodge Planning Committee to ensure continuity in Grand Lodge programming.

Action: The committee does not concur.

Reason: 1. The committee feels that the office of Grand Master has the inherent authority to appoint committee, etc. Therefore, the Grand Master should use it and if necessary, recommend to the Grand Lodge that the committee be made permanent.

Recommendation 8: That the 81st Annual Communication reaffirm the right of York rite Bodies to exist in the Jurisdiction of Minnesota.

Action: The committee concurs.

Recommendation 9: That an educational program be sponsored in the Bicentennial year of 1976 to better acquaint the Grand Lodge of Minnesota A. F. & A. M. and other Non Prince Hall Masons of the history, activities and philosophy of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota F. & A.M. This may entail bringing in expert from outside the jurisdiction.

Action: The committee does not concur.

Reason: 1. The commission established in recommendation 2 could be changed with responsibility.

Recommendation 10: That the Grand Lodge endorse participation with the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center in commemorating the Bicentennial in a joint community activity, at which time Masonic artifacts and other Masonic history will be presented to the public, provided that the expense of such activity comes only from funds allocated for Bicentennial activities by the 81st Annual Communication.

Action: The committee does not concur.

Reason: 1. This may also come under the notice of the Commission's jurisdiction.

Recommendation 11: That the Grand Lodge attorney's report dated September 8, 1975 establishing procedure for lending funds to Subordinate Lodges be adopted.

Action: The committee felt that this was merely for its information.

Recommendation 12: That tokens be paid to Grand Lodge officers whose reports are accepted by this Grand Lodge.

Jurisprudence Report

Action: The committee does not concur.

Reason: 1. The committee interprets this recommendation to mean "that the officers' stipends be paid". However, the committee believes that such action, if adopted, will usurp the authority of the finance committee.

Recommendation 13: That the Warden's Test be revised under the supervision of the R. W. Grand Lecturer.

Action: The committee does not concur.

Reason: 1. The committee believes that no revision of the present format should be allowed until the tool has been evaluated as to its effectiveness, etc.

Recommendation 14: That the Grand Lodge pledge full support and cooperation to Fezzan Temple #26 in its quest to host the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America in the Year 1982.

Action: The committee does not concur.

Reason: 1. This action, if adopted, will usurp the authority of the Grand Master.

Recommendation 15: I recommend that the contract between Black Hawk Publishing Company and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge be accepted for the period 1976-1980.

Action: The committee concurs.

C. Smith	#7, Chairman
B. Boyd	#9, Vice Chairman
M. Miller	#2
H. Sylvia	#5
C. Lawson	#2
C. Stallings	#3
M. Taylor	#4

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and Brethren of the Subordinate Lodges.

Greetings:

We the committee on the Grand Master's address find this report to be a tremendous and outstanding document.

We feel that under the leadership of the Grand Master, this Jurisdiction has made outstanding progress toward our goal of furthering the image of Masonry.

We the committee agree that a rising vote of thanks for a job well done be extended to our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

C. Snargrass	#2	Chrm.
J. Winder	#11	Vice Chrm.
P. Kennedy	#3	
M. Weddington	#4	
R. Johnson	#7	
D. Lafayette	#9	
V. Martin	#1	

COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS REPORT

To: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers of this 81st Grand Session.

We the Committee on Grand Officer's Report beg leave to report the following:

We have examined the report and have found all reports in order.

This committee would like to commend all of these officers for their diligence in submitting their report and for the fine work they have done in the past Masonic year.

Fraternally,

N. L. Hardy, Chairman	#1
B. Boyd	#9
J. W. Clemons	#4
H. M. Carvery	#5
A. Wheeler	#14

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of this Grand Lodge

Greetings:

Your scholarship committee had the task of devising an equitable way to award two \$250.00 scholarships. One to an applicant within the Twin City area and one to an applicant outside the Twin City area.

We decided that the applicant must be under 21 years of age, attending a post high school course in an accredited institution of learning, making satisfactory progress in school and in need of this assistance.

The assistance of Phyllis Wheatley Community Center was obtained. A special application bearing the name of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge was devised. Application forms along with rules of eligibility were sent to each lodge in the jurisdiction. Also an announcement was published in the Minneapolis Spokesman and the St. Paul Recorder regarding the scholarship.

No applications were submitted through any of the lodges but a number of applications from the Twin City area were made for the Prince Hall Masonic Scholarship through the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center.

At the committee's request a board of staff members of Phyllis Wheatley Community Center was selected to choose the applicant. Betty Adams of 1707 Glenwood Avenue North was chosen. She is a junior at the University of Minnesota and is 19 years old.

Since no applications were received outside the Twin City area, that scholarship has as of now not yet been awarded.

We recommend that the \$250.00 scholarship be awarded to Miss Betty Adams. That the funds be given directly to her in a ceremonial fashion with photographs taken and published in the newspaper.

We also recommend that the \$250.00 scholarship for outside the Twin City area remain available and that qualified young people be urged to apply.

We further recommend that in the future efforts be made to coordinate the Grand Lodge Scholarship program with the scholarship programs of the other Masonic orders in the jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert Covington, Chairman
Wayne Glanton
Paul Woods
Harold Johnson

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren of the Subordinate Lodges.

Greetings:

We the Committee on Place beg to report the following:

We have received applications from Boaz #14 and Acacia #12 to host the 82nd Annual Communication. We are pleased to recommend the application of Acacia #12 to host this Communication.

Fraternally submitted,

James Winder #11
D. Lafayette #9
M. Taylor #4
C. Duke #4
R. Carson #1
D. Myles #11

REPORT OF MASONIC AWARD COMMITTEE

September 17, 1975

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Master, and Members of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Minnesota

Greetings:

We your committee on Masonic Awards have selected James Adams for this outstanding award as Mason of the year 1974-75.

Greatest percentage increase Pride of Alberta No. 9, the traveling trophy.

Greatest numerical increase Palestine No. 7, award a Grand Lodge Certificate.

Fraternally submitted,

Weddington #4
McHie #7
Haynes #5
Aarondondo #7
Brown #1
Lawson #2

REPORT OF SPRING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past and Present Grand Officers, Members, and Friends of this 81st Communication of this Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

GREETINGS:

The Spring Conference was held in Worthington, Minnesota. The format consisted of Secretaries workshop with R.W. Grand Secretary John L. McHie as chairman, Treasurer workshop with R. W. Grand Treasurer Dan McAdams as chairman and the Grand Master Hour chaired by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Milton Henry 33.

After lunch we had a brainstorming workshop with myself chairing the workshop. Each workshop was approximately 3/4 of an hour in length and only one workshop was in progress at a time.

We wish to express our deep appreciation to the Worshipful Master Henry Lee Martin, Wardens and Brethren of Boaz #14 for their hospitality and for making our visit enjoyable.

Fraternally submitted,

Barry F. Boyd 32
Deputy Grand Master

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

To: The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Past and Present Grand Officers, Officers and Brethren of the Craft.

Greetings:

We the duly appointed committee on petitions (1975), after and upon our consultation with the Grand Secretary John McHie, find that there have been no petitions to this Grand Body for the issuance of new charter within the Jurisdiction of Minnesota.

We invoke the will and pleasure of Divine Providence that the incoming year may find a new petition request to this Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Adams, Chairman #1
C. Bolling, Vice Chairman #1
C. Duke #4
R. Johnson #7
W. Johnson #14

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren of the
several Subordinate Lodges

Greetings:

As no appeals or grievances were submitted to the Grand Lodge, the committee finds that all is in order and that the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction and all its subordinate lodges enjoyed a fruitful and prosperous year. No recommendations.

Fraternally submitted,

Vanny Martin #1 Chrm.
James Winder #11 Vice Chrm.
C. Snargrass #2
F. Bell #3
A. Wheeler #14
P. Kennedy #3
G. Wilson #1

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR ERECTION OF A MONUMENT FOR

P.G.M. Thomas H. Lyles

September 16, 1975

To: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past & Present Grand Officers

Submits the following report	
Funds available to the committee	\$450.00
Monument, labor & materials	<u>423.00</u>
Balance	\$ 27.00

The balance was for an official photographer and miscellaneous expenses.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4 paid \$40.00 for the base or foundation for the monument and presented a check for \$40.00 to the Oakland Cemetary as a contribution toward the perpetual care trust fund of the cemetary.

This committee thanks P. A. #4 for its help.

Due committee chairman for expenses	\$ 10.00
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Fraternally,

James Ash, Palestine #7
William Dan McAdams #7
Conway G. Bolling, Pioneer #1
Martin O. Weddington, P. A. #4

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS AND WORK

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Brethren of the Craft, we the Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges beg leave to submit the following Report:

	LAST REPORT	MEMBERS	INITIATED	PASSED	RAISED	HEALED	REINSTATED	ADMITTED	SUSPENDED	REJECTED	EXPELLED	DEATHS	INCREASE	DECREASE	PAST MASTERS	DEMITTED
Pioneer #1	79	85	10	6	6		3		1			2	6		15	
Anchor-Hilyard #2	72	70	6	4	4		2	1	7			2		2	12	
Doric #3	25	28	2										3		7	
Perfect Ashlar #4	69	80	9	8	10		1	2	1			1	11		14	
Regent #5	37	41	4	3	3		1						4		10	
Palestine #7	140	153	13	8	8	1	2	1	4				13		16	
Pride of Alberta #9	20	24	5	5	4								4		6	
Mosaic #11	89	84	18	15	14		5		22					5	4	6
Acacia #12	54	53	5	4	4		1		5					1	5	7
Boaz #14	14	12												2	6	
	599	630	72	53	53	1	15	4	40			5	41	10	95	13

Fraternally submitted,

M.G.M. Marion L. Brown #1, Chairman
 Ted Blakey #14
 P. Davis #1
 P.G.M. Haynes #5
 Clarence W. Smith #7

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Wardens and Brothers.

Greetings!

We, the committee on Necrology wish to give this report. During the past year, we had seven Brothers who passed on to that undiscovered country, that of whose born, no traveler returns. In memory of these beloved brethren a memorial service was held on September 14, 1975 at Sabathani Baptist Church, the Reverend Brother Ronald Terry officiated.

Bro. L. P. Green #4
Bro. Haywood Kemp #1
Bro. Americus Jackson #1
Bro. Willie Burrell #2
Bro. Willis Gates #7
Bro. Frank Boyce #1
Bro. Willie Holder #11

Submitted by,

Richard E. Davis #7
John McHie #7
J. Dorsey #4
W. D. Gray #4

RULES GOVERNING LOANS FROM THE GRAND LODGE

WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, State of Minnesota, at its Eighth Annual Communication held at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada on September 17 and 18, 1974 did adopt the following resolution:

"That a Housing and Building Fund be established by this Grand Lodge for the purpose of assisting subordinate Lodges in acquiring and/or maintaining suitable housing. This fund shall be funded from the relief fund savings and such other means devised by Grand Lodge within the meaning of Article XVI, page 78 of Grand Lodge by-laws. An amount of \$5,000.00 shall be used to begin such fund. Loans may be made at an interest rate equal to 1% over bank prime rate."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following loan procedures are hereby adopted and established to govern the granting of the loans herein above authorized.

CREDIT COMMITTEE

The Grand Lodge Committee on Finance, together with the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Master as ex officio chairman shall constitute the Credit Committee.

The Credit Committee shall have the power to approve and grant loans.

The Credit Committee shall report annually to the Grand Lodge in the manner provided in the Grand Lodge by-laws for committee reports.

The Credit Committee, as a standing committee, shall convene as often and at such places as may be necessary to the efficient administration of the loan program requires.

LOAN POLICY

Amount: Loans for (a) the purchase of a building, new construction, or major renovation or repair shall not exceed \$5,000.00 (b) minor renovation or repair, or to pay arrears in mortgage payments or taxes shall not exceed \$1,000.00 unless approved by two-thirds vote of the Credit Committee.

Term of Loans: The maximum term for loans for the purchase, construction, or major repair or improvement of a lodge building shall not exceed 3 years; all other loans shall be for a term of not to exceed 1 year.

Closing Costs: Closing costs include appraisals, credit reports, abstract updating, attorney fees, and all other items which may be necessary to complete the loan. All closing costs, if any, shall be paid by the borrower.

Loan Approval: All applications for loans must be submitted to the Credit Committee on forms provided by the Grand Lodge Credit Committee.

Loan applications must be accompanied by a statement to the effect that an emergency exists and that the borrower (subordinate lodge) has exhausted commercial credit sources.

LOAN PROCEDURES:

1. Upon receipt of a loan application the Credit Committee shall cause an investigation to be made of the financial and housing conditions of the subordinate lodge applying for a loan to determine its eligibility.
2. Upon receipt of the investigative report the Credit Committee shall approve or disapprove the loan.
3. The Credit Committee may reduce the amount of a loan. When the Credit Committee approves a loan in an amount less than that applied for, or disapproves a loan, the Committee must state its reasons in writing.
4. Unless the disapproval of a loan is based upon lack of funds, any disapproval or reduction of a loan request may be appealed and the borrower (subordinate lodge) may request a hearing before the Credit Committee. The decision of the Credit Committee after such a hearing shall be final.

DELINQUENT LOAN POLICY:

1. Delinquent loans may only be refinanced, settled, charged off or foreclosed by action of the Grant Lodge.

Note: Standard commercial forms for Promissory Notes, Mortgages and Contracts for Deed shall be used for Approved loans.

Prepared and submitted this 8th day of September 1975

James N. Bradford
Grand Lodge Attorney

LOAN APPLICATION

_____ of _____
_____ hereby makes application to the
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota for a Loan in the amount
of \$_____ for the following purposes:

_____ has the following debts:

<u>To whom indebted</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Present balance</u>	<u>Payments</u>

RESOLVED by the members of the above-named Lodge, one of the subordinate Lodges
of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota, that the above
application for a loan for the above described purposes be made and that the
undersigned officers of said Lodge are hereby authorized to execute said loan
application and to execute any and all papers and documents necessary and incident
to the completion of said loan.

Date: _____

(title)

(title)

(title)

Credit Committee action:

Approved in amount of \$ _____

Rejected _____

GRAND LODGE CREDIT COMMITTEE

By _____

AUDITOR'S REPORT

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA
AND ITS JURISDICTION

Audit Report for Year 1974-75 Secretary

RELIEF FUND

RECEIPTS	\$4,043.54
DISBURSEMENT	<u>1,057.20</u>
NET RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENT	\$2,986.34

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS	\$8,833.46
DISBURSEMENT	<u>8,149.26</u>
NET RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENT	\$ 684.20
NET DIFFERENCE	\$3,670.54**

**This audit finds that all disbursements are not shown, whereas receipts are shown. \$1,834.59 of the net difference can be attributed to interest. It is recommended that the secretary make addition entry to his monthly closing. Example:

"Total receipts for month"
"Total disbursement for month"
"Receipts on hand at closing"

Also, some of the Net Difference could result from previous audits, whereas no balances, over or short was shown.

Claude D. Campbell
3944 Snelling Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406
823-1111 9-12-75

AUDITOR'S REPORT

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA
AND ITS JURISDICTION

Audit Report for Year 1974-75 Treasurer

RELIEF FUND

RECEIPTS	\$3,236.32
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>907.20</u>
NET RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENT	\$2,329.12

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS	\$13,004.48
DISBURSEMENT	<u>9,566.13</u>
NET RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENT	\$ 3,438.35
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENT	<u><u>\$5,767.47</u></u>

The condition of the Treasurer's books was good. My only recommendation is that he continue to do a good job.

The books, checks, bank statement and bond were verified according to accounting practice.

Claude D. Campbell
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BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1976

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE

TOKEN-----	\$ 200.00	
REGISTRATION FEE-----	\$ 30.00	
P.H.I.C. 2 checks-legal redress	\$ 100.00	
TRAVEL & SUBSISTANCE -----	\$ 300.00	\$ 390.00
OFFICE RENT, SUPPLIES, TYPING & EQUIPMENT-----	\$ 300.00	
OFFICIAL VISITATIONS -----	\$ 800.00	\$1,690.00

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE

TOKEN-----	\$ 100.00	
OTHER-----Travel	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00
GRAND SENIOR WARDEN'S OFFICE- TOKEN -----	\$ 50.00	
Other-----	\$	\$ 50.00
GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN'S OFFICE - TOKEN-----	\$ 50.00	
Other-----	\$	\$ 50.00
GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE - TOKEN-----	\$ 225.00	
Postage-----	\$ 225.00	
Travel-----	\$ 300.00	\$ 750.00
GRAND TREASURER'S OFFICE - TOKEN-----	\$ 200.00	
Office Expense-----	\$ 35.00	
Travel-----	\$ 300.00	\$ 535.00
GRAND LECTURER'S OFFICE - TOKEN-----	\$ 100.00	
Postage-----	\$ 10.00	
Travel-----	\$ 300.00	\$ 410.00
CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE - TOKEN-----	\$ 100.00	
Contingency Fund-----	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
GRAND ASSISTANT SECRETARY - TOKEN-----	\$	\$ 50.00
GRAND TRUSTEE - TOKEN -----		\$ 25.00
GRAND LIBRARIAN - TOKEN-----	\$ 75.00	
Contingency Fund-----	\$ 50.00	\$ 125.00
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS - TOKENS <u>7</u> at <u>50.00</u> -----		\$ 350.00
GRAND PUBLICIST - TOKEN -----		\$ 25.00
GRAND TYLER OR (ACTING) - TOKEN -----		\$ 10.00

GRAND LODGE EXPENSES

Memorial services-----	\$ 40.00	
Midwest Reg. Conf. Gr. M.-----	\$ 25.00	
Spring Conference -----	\$ 200.00	
Typist for Annual Communication -----	\$ 100.00	
Flowers for Gr. Chapter -----	\$ 25.00	
Printing of Proceedings-----	\$ 350.00	
Grand Master's Apron-----	\$ 150.00	
Annual Photo-----	\$ 20.00	
Meeting Rooms-----	\$	
Meals -----	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,560.00

CONTRIBUTIONS

O. I. C.-----	\$ 25.00	
Hallie Q. Brown-----	\$ 25.00	
Phyllis Wheatley-----	\$ 25.00	
United Negro College Fund-----	\$ 25.00	
Urban League-----	\$ 25.00	
-----	\$	
-----	\$	\$ 125.00

GRAND LODGE PICNIC----- \$ 450.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Legal Advisor - Token -----	\$ 50.00	
Grand Historian -----	\$ 25.00	
Other ----- Insurance -----	\$ 30.00	\$ 105.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,890.00

ANTICIPATED GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

630 Members at 10.00 Grand Lodge Tax-----	\$6,300.00	
Net share of Grand Lodge Registration fee -----	\$ 325.00	
Interest Relief fund -----	\$ 332.50	
Interest General Fund -----	\$ 400.00	
Mis (brochure, petitions, degrees & disp.)-----	\$1,684.42	\$ 9,041.92
EXCESS RECEIPTS OR (EXPENDITURES) FOR YEAR-----		\$ 2,151.92

Budget Committee: C. Agnew #1, Chairman
 B. Boyd #9, Vice Chairman
 J. McHie #7
 W. McAdams #7
 J. Patterson #2
 D. Sparks #4
 D. Lafayette #9