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Sixtieth

Anniversary Celebration

Perfect Ashlar No. 4, F. & A. M.

Prince Hall Affiliation



October 22, 23, 24, 1954

Clarence Duke,
Worshipful Master

John R. Lawrence, Jr.,
Most Worshipful Grand Master

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BANQUET

Friday October 22, 1954

6:30 P.M.

American Legion Club

St. Paul, Minn.

Invocation

Dinner Music

Miss Marcella Sayles

MENU

Relish Tray

Tomato Juice

Roast Turkey, Dressing Gravey

Mash Potatoes

Peas

Salad

Pumpkin Pie

Coffee

SELECTION

Miss Marcella Sayles

REMARKS

Bro. Lawrence E. Tarver

REMARKS

Bro. John R. Lawrence

Most Worshipful Grand Master

SELECTION

Mrs. Thelma Thomas

HISTORICAL RESUME' PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE

Bro. Samuel Ransom

SELECTION

Miss Marcella Sayles

REMARKS

Sister Beulah Mitchell

Grand Matron Order of Eastern Star

REMARKS

Bro. Earl Sims

Grand Patron Order of Eastern Star

SELECTION

Mrs. Thelma Thomas

SONG

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Benediction

ACCOMPANIST

Mrs. Bertha King

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Bro. Paul L. Wood

SMOKER

Saturday October 23, 1954

8:00 P.M.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE HALL

744 St. Anthony Ave.

St. Paul, Minn.

All members of the craft are invited to be the guest of Perfect Ashlar Lodge at this affair.

CHURCH SERVICES

On Sunday October 24, members of Perfect Ashlar Lodge and fellow craftsmen will attend, in a body, the Morning Service at Pilgrim Baptist Church, Central at Grotto in St. Paul. All participating Brothers will please attire themselves in accordance with Grand Lodge directive.

The Anniversary Committee, indicated below, wishes to express thanks and appreciation to all who co-operated to make this Sixtieth Anniversary Celebration a success.

Bro. James Watson

Bro. I.M. Dorsey

Bro. Lee A. Gwynne

Bro. William Jackson

Bro. Lawrence E. Tarver

Bro. William Sayles

Bro. Paul L. Wood, Chairman

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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M. O. Weddington Clarence Jones
William Right



**PAST MASTER'S
BANQUET**
of

**Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4
F. & A. M. P. H.**

Friday, February 3, 1967 7:00 P.M.

**Pilgrim Baptist Church
732 W. Central Ave. St. Paul, Minn**

**Willie D. Gray, W.M.
Martin O. Weddington, S.W.
Joseph Dobin, J.W.
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DESSERT
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7. The 52nd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 20 and 21, 1946 A.D. 5946 A.L. with Anchor Hilyard Lodge #2 as host.

MW Brother George L. Hoage then installed the newly elected Grand officers.

The MWGM then proceeded to close the Grand Lodge in ample Form at 6:10 p.m.

This communication was very illuminating and inspiring and I appreciated the opportunity of serving Perfect Ashlar as one of its representatives.

Fraternally submitted,

John R. Lawrence

REPORT ON 1945 MINNESOTA GRAND LODGE SESSION
TO PERFECT ASHLAR #4

BY THE SENIOR WARDEN JOHN R. LAWRENCE



The Fifty-first Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction, met at Perfect Ashlar Lodge Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 21 and 22, 1945 A.D. 5945 A.L., with Pioneer Lodge #1 as host.

At 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, the Most Worshipful Grand Master George L. Hoage, Sr. opened an Occasional Lodge for the reception of the report from the Credentials Committee. They reported a constitutional number of Representatives present. Their report was then accepted.

By order of the MWGM the Grand Lodge was then opened in Ample Form and the Grand Marshal was ordered to proclaim the same. The committees were then appointed and the MWGM made his address which was timely, encouraging and forceful. His address was accepted and referred to the Committee on Grand Officers' addresses.

Allegiance to the American and Canadian flags was then pledged.

Report of the Grand Lecturer was given in which he outlined the recommended Masonic Funeral Rites for our Jurisdiction and a requested Burial Service that PGM Rev. Edward Thomas had written for himself for his own burial. This service to be performed by the incumbent Grand Master at that time, a Past Grand Master or a Past Master. The report was accepted. (The adopted Masonic Funeral Service is outlined later.)

The report of the Grand Secretary was presented by Brother Lawrence E. Tarver:

Relief Fund

Brought Forward, August 1, 1944	\$ 513.20
Receipts, 1944-45	701.57
Total Receipts	<u>\$1214.77</u>
Expenses from Relief Fund	607.43

Lodge books. Report adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported: That a "Masonic Evening" be held when three-fourths of the Brothers in the armed services return home. This event to be under the auspices of the Grand Lodge and a committee formed from the subordinate Lodges with ten dollars of the expense to be allowed from the Grand Lodge funds. The other usual compliments were extended to the host, Pioneer #1 and the Elks Lodge Restaurant for the fine meals. Adopted the report.

After calling off from Labor to Refreshment for lunch, the JGW, by order of the MWGM called on at 2:00 p.m. at which time a Lodge of Sorrow was conducted by Brothers Lynn and Ransom. Eulogies for the deceased brothers were given. It was indeed very impressive.

At 3:00 p.m. the Worthy Grand Matron of the O.E.S., Mrs. Queen Ransom, and her cabinet of Grand officers were escorted in by the Brothers and courteously received by the MWGM. The very worthwhile visit exemplified the strong bond of association in the Masonic family.

The report of the Committee on Visitors revealed that a good number of Brothers had visited the sessions thereby showing an interest in the proceedings of our fifty-first Communication. Report adopted.

Grand Officers elected for year 1945-46:

MWGM	Lawrence E. Tarver
RWDGM	J. L. McKinney
SGW	L. H. Williams
JGW	Eugene Tucker
G.S.	Benjamin F. Henderson
G.T.	Allen E. Williams
G.L.	John H. Hickman, Jr.

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At the sound of the gavel, the JGW called the Craft from Refreshment to Labor. The Grand Chaplain offered prayer. It was 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, August 22.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported:

1. Upheld ruling on last rites at Masonic funerals.
2. Gave Bro. Edward Thomas permission to have his especially written funeral service used when he passes.
3. Concurred in the official acts and rulings of the MWGM.
4. No new laws or rulings adopted. Report accepted and adopted.

Report on the Committee on Lodge Returns:

	Entered	Passed	Raised	PM	Mem.
Pioneer #1	11	10	9	9	55
Anchor Hilyard #2	8	6	6	5	39
Doric #4	0	0	0	4	5
Perfect Ashlar #4	13	9	10	24	99
Regent #5	2	2	2	7	31
Palestine #7	15	11	10	7	48
Totals	<u>49</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>277</u>

Adopted.

The Committee on Youth reported. Their report was rejected and the committee dismissed. They had recommended that the work of the committee continue under a new Chairman and personnel selected by him (one member from each subordinate Lodge).

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and that they were correct and well-kept. \$8.25 overpaid by the Secretary of Perfect Ashlar #4 was credited on the Grand

2.

Balance in Relief Fund \$607.34
5 death claims had been paid - 1 remained to be paid.

General Fund:

Brought Forward, August 1, 1944	\$ 468.07
Receipts 1944-45	<u>370.07</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 838.14
Expenses from General Fund	<u>313.55</u>
Balance in General Fund	\$ 524.59

The report of the Grand Secretary was accepted and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Grand Treasurer's report was read and corroborated that of the Grand Secretary. It was accepted and likewise referred to the Finance Committee.

The Masters' Hour was represented by the response of the Masters or representatives from six (6) subordinate Lodges. All Lodges of the Minnesota Jurisdiction were reported in good condition with the exception of Doric #3, Duluth. This Lodge was reported as facing a hopeless future, as there are so few of our people remaining in Duluth and not much chance of the population of our group increasing, even after the war's termination.

The MWGM then recommended to the Grand Lodge that we adopt the original Public Grand Honors to be given to all except the MWGM or Past Grand Masters. This is given by crossing the arms over the breast with the left over the right arm; raising the arms over the head with palms facing; then clasp hand and drop arms to the sides. This recommendation was adopted.

The report of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was very interesting. Exchanges were made with other Grand Jurisdictions via: Georgia, Nebraska, Ohio, Indiana,

3. Colorado, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Virginia. The following Grand Lodges noted their Annual Communications as follows: New York celebrated its 100th; Michigan its 79th; Kansas its 69th; Mississippi, 66th; South Carolina, 76th; and Tennessee its 74th.

18 Grand Lodges have begun to affix PHA (Prince Hall Affiliation) to their Jurisdictional name which makes the total 29 Grand Lodges that use such designation.

At 12:30 p.m. the Grand Junior Warden called the Craft from Labor to refreshment. At 2:30 p.m. the MWGM sounded the gavel in the Grand East and the Junior Grand Warden called the Craft from Refreshment to Labor. We enjoyed an excellent lunch prepared by the Elks Restaurant.

The Printing Committee reported that to print the Proceedings of the past 10 years would have cost eight hundred to 900 hundred dollars; therefore, they had had printed the 1944 Proceedings at a cost of \$182.00. Accepted.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address reported that it was a worthy document; they concurred in the official acts and dispensations of the MWGM and referred the same to the Jurisprudence Committee. Accepted.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Regalia reported that the same had been repaired at a cost of \$48.00. Accepted.

At this time recognition was paid the Past Grand Masters, who were present; namely, Brothers Simpson, Sherwood, Hunter and C. A. Johnson. The Grand Master paid tribute to them as "the backbone of this Jurisdiction," and we sang "Shall We Meet beyond the River?" as a song of tribute. This was very touching, inspiring and well-deserved.

4. Report of the DDGM for the 1st Masonic District (Brother Lynn) was then read. He admonished brothers about handing Rituals to candidates while preparing for their proficiency tests for degrees. He reported that one Warden's proficiency test had been given and successfully passed.

The reports of the other DDG Masters were brief and reported their visits made to the Lodges of their respective districts. All adopted.

A request for masonic charity was received from Brother George Peel of Anchor Hilyard #2. As Grand Lodge funds are not used for individual charity cases, a collection was lifted from the brothers for Brother Peel. \$25.00 was raised on Tuesday and \$4.76 on Wednesday, which was presented to the grateful Brother at the altar.

Report of the Grand Lecturer and the Special Committee of Masters on recommended form of Masonic Funeral Service for this Jurisdiction.

As adopted the Service is as follows:

1. Service in the Lodge Room. (Simon's Monitor pp. 200-203)
2. Service at Home or Church. (Simon's Monitor pp. 204)
3. Service at grave. Short Form. (Simon's Monitor pp. 222.)
4. End with Benediction. (Simon's Monitor pp. 234)
5. Grave honors to be used to commit the body at the grave.

Also adopted was this ruling that "Masons shall not hold a service if the deceased brother's family desires a military funeral, because Masons cannot thereby have the last rites."

By order of the MWGM, the JGW called the Craft from Labor to Refreshment until the sound of the gavel in the Grand East. Time, 6:00 p.m.



RECOGNITION BANQUET

of

**PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE No. 4
F. & A. M. P. H. A.**

Sunday, May 22, 1983

4:00 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION

976 Concordia Avenue

St. Paul, Minn

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Willie D. Gray, Chairperson

Burgess Bryant

Arbery Turner

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1927	Clarence Roper	1971	Arbery Turner, Jr.**
1928	John M. Culver	1972	Harold Johnson**
1929	John M. Culver	1973	Harold Johnson**
1930	Eli N. Martin	1974	James Buford**
1931	Arthur D. Adams	1975	John P. Dorsey**
1932	Arthur D. Adams	1976	Arbery Turner, Jr.**
1933	James Watson	1977	Arbery Turner, Jr.**
1934	Lawrence E. Tarver*	1978	LaSalle Ransom**
1935	James Howland	1979	LaSalle Ransom**
1936	James Howland	1980	Burgess Bryant**
1937	James R. Lynn	1981	Burgess Bryant**
		1982	Thomas Henderson**
		1983	Thomas Henderson**

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SOLO

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Bro. Merrill Taylor

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Bro. John P. Dorsey

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4.00 Liner
5.00 Glass
2.00 Car Rings

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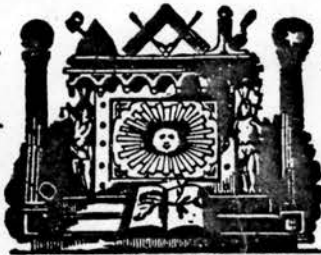
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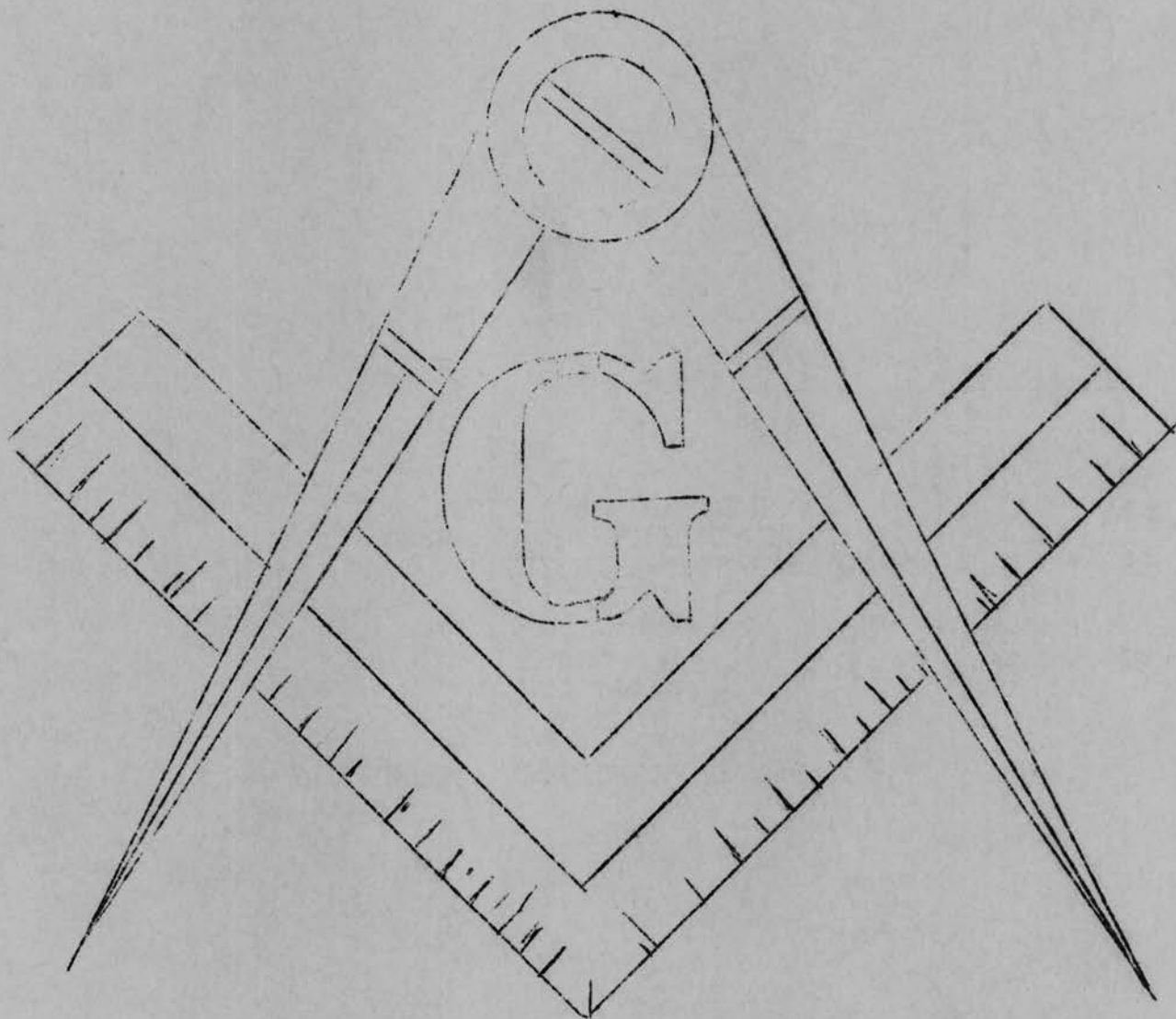
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PRINCIPAL OFFICERS' REPORT



of the

69th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST
WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE,
STATE OF MINNESOTA AND ITS MASONIC
JURISDICTIONS.

Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada

September,
17 - 18, 1963

SUBJECT: 69th Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Minnesota and Its Masonic Jurisdictions.

TO: Past Masters, Wardens and Bretheren of Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, Saint Paul, Minnesota .

GREETINGS:

As Worshipful Master of this Lodge and an official representative of the same, I herewith submit a report on the 69th Annual Grand Lodge Communication, held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada on September 17 thru September 18, 1963.

On Monday, September 16, members of the subordinate lodges registered received their badges and registration souvenir packets, from the host lodge, Regent No. 5. The packet was very nice and contained many useful and informative articles.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1963 Worshipful Master E. N. Bailey, opened Regent Lodge No. 5 on the Third Degree of Masonry. W. M. Bailey then immediately received Most Worshipful Master John L. Mc Hie, Jr., and the members of his cabinet. The M. W. Grand Master then officially opened the occasional Lodge for the stated communication.

The first order of business was handled by the Committee on Credentials, to ascertain that the official representatives of the subordinate Lodges were either present or absent.

Worshipful Master E. Bailey extended a warm welcome to the Grand Lodge, and his address was well received by the Officers and members of the body.

Greetings and wishes for a successful Communication were received from all over the world, Georgia, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Canada and Illinois, to name a few. These were extended thru Past Grand Master John R. Lawrence, Jr., who was, and is Chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

I was appointed to the Visitors Committee nad to the Committee on Jurisprudence. I might add here, that the appointment to the Committee on Jurisprudence impressed me with the importance of having a firm foundations of knowledge based on the information contained in our Constitution and By-Laws. I seriously propose that we spend more time in the study and interpretation of the same.

There were eloquent and informative reports made by Past Grand Masters, John R. Lawrence, Jr., Charles D. Doty, Grand Inspector of Clubs, and Past Master James R. Howland, District Deputy Grand Master, to name a few. All speeches were timely and devoted to the good and improvement of the order.

Senior Warden, William Sutherlin, made a report on the status of the Prince Hall Masonic Building, Inc., their progress to date, and the aims and goals for the future.

The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, and the host Lodge entertained at delicious luncheon at the Midtown Buffet in downtown Winnipeg.

The Lodge was called on again at 1:30 P.M., and the reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters, were received and placed in the archives of the Lodge. We considered all reports to be excellent in content and presentation.

The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at approximately 4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 18, 1963.

The Lodge was called from refreshment to labor promptly at 9:00 A.M.

The various Committees were working to complete their reports and recommendations so that they could be presented to the body for the necessary action.

Senior Warden William Sutherlin was working with the Committee on Charters and returns, along with Brother Marion L. Brown of Pioneer Lodge No. 1, who was Chairman of this Committee.

I was working on the Committee on Jurisprudence, with Past Grand Masters John R. Lawrence, Jr., Lawrence E. Tarver, and others. I reiterate, that this Committee had the tremendous task of analyzing the Grand Master's report, and making recommendations on the action to be taken. It was difficult task, that was handled extremely well. I am proud to have been able to participate in work of this magnitude.

The lodge was called from labor to refreshment and again the tasty and delicious repast at the Midtown Buffet.

At 1:30 P.M., Most Worthy Grand Matron, Gertrude Greene and members of her Cabinet of the Most Worthy Prince Hall Grand Chapter, O.E.S., made their official visitation. This was to be the highlight of the day, Although their Official Session had not begun, there were so many of the Sisters present, that I feared for a moment, that we were going to run out of Brothers to act as escorts in the Grand March. It was a sight to behold, and gave me great joy to see the enthusiasm and to know that the O.E.S. is really growing. There were visitors from Wisconsin, Kansas, Illinois and many other places. The ladies were beautifully gowned in white, and with the Bretheren in their dark suits, it was a sight of rare beauty. Brother Percy Haynes of Regent Lodge #5, played a spirited March, and the procession was very lively and happy.

After the Visitation, the Lodge was called on again, and the Committees completed their reports. The reports will be explained in detail in the minutes to be issued by the Grand Lodge at a later date.

The next and final order of business was the election of Officers for the coming year.

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In an election conducted by Senior Past Grand Master Samuel Ransom Chalmers L. Lawson, Incumbent R. W. Grand Secretary was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. M. W. Grand Master Lawson and the other elected officers were given the oath of Office and installed by Past Grand Master Samuel Ransom.

The Lodge was officially adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

In review, I say that we had a great Communication. There was a definite and real desire to get things accomplished and improve ourselves in Masonry. To this end, all efforts were directed.

Past Grand Masters John R. Lawrence, Jr., and Lawrence E. Tarver acquitted themselves nobly on all their assignments and duties and should serve as an inspiration to every member of Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, to give of their best at all times.

The warm hospitality extended by the host Lodge, Regent No. 5, and the residents of Winnipeg, leaves a warm glow in our hearts.

The 70th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1964, with Anchor Hilyard Lodge No. 2, acting as host lodge.

We sincerely hope that future sessions will be as fruitful and as successful as those in the past, and may the Supreme Architect of The Universe Guide us in all our endeavors.

Fraternally submitted,

Earl New
Worshipful Master
Perfect Ashlar
Lodge No. 4

October 8, 1963

October 8, 1963

SUBJECT: Report on the 69th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Minnesota and Its Masonic Jurisdictions; Held September 17 - 18, 1963, in the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, Dominion of Canada.

TO: The Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Bretheren of Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Greetings!

First, I wish to thank the Bretheren of the Lodge for having deemed me worthy, and elected me as Senior Warden of Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, thus enabling me to attend the Annual Grand Lodge Communication in an official capacity as their representative. This was an experience, both socially and educationally, that I shall not soon forget.

Herewith, is my official report:

Sunday, September 15, 1963:

We were in attendance at the joint Memorial Services of Regent Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., and Mizpah Chapter No. 6, O.E.S. . The Services were held at Pilgrim Baptist Church in the City of Winnipeg. Deputy Grand Master La Percell Greene, Sr., acted as the Master of Ceremonies.

Though there were no deaths during the year in Mizpah Chapter No. 6 O.E.S., they Joined Regent Lodge No. 5, F. & A.M., in commemorating the passing of Brother Blair.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, John L. Mc Hie, Jr., then addressed the gathering in his usual competent manner. The essence of his address was that the Deity is an integral part of our lives from the time of our birth to the moment of departure for the place not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Grand Worthy Matron of the Prince Hall Chapter, O.E.S., was represented by the Associate Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. Helen Bailey, of Mizpah Chapter No. 6.

Morning Devotions and the Services were conducted by the Reverend Brother Mack, Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church. The Reverend Brother Mack further elaborated on the similarity of the goals sought by members of the Fraternity and those our Religious Institutions.

After the Baptismal Services, the invitation to become members of the Church were extended and the Services ended.

Monday, September 16, 1963.

Registration at 9:45 A.M. . With no further business, the day was spent sightseeing, calling on old friends and Brothers and making new friends.

Tuesday, September 17, 1963.

Regent Lodge No. 5, the host lodge, opened on the Third Degree of Masonry, by Worshipful Master E. M. Bailey, at 9:40 A.M. Most Worshipful Master John L. Mc Hie, Jr., and the Grand Officers made their entrance, and Grand Honors were extended to them. Worshipful Master Bailey, relinquished the gavel to the Grand Master, who proclaimed the 69th Annual Communication to be in session. R. W. Grand Marshal, Lockhart, proclaimed this decree to the South, to the West and to the East.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master made his report and recommendations, the report was received and placed in the hands of committee for the necessary action on this report.

The report indicated a dedication to duty and an acute awareness of the problems that are faced by not only Prince Hall Masonry, but by Fraternal Organizations as a group. It was well received.

The Grand Master, proceeded to receive the various and sundry Officers and Committee Reports. These reports will be explained in detail and contained in the minutes of the Annual Communication, to be issued at a later date. I will not attempt to elaborate on them at this time.

At 12:00 A.M., the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for lunch. Lunh was served at the Midtown Buffet, in downtown Winnipeg. It was truly well planned and a Gourmet's dleight, in that we were privileged to eat all we could hold for approximately .89¢.

From refreshment to labor, and the additional Committee reports were read and received and acted upon.

At this point, I must digress and comment upon certain reports that were submitted by members of Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4. The very excellence of their reports can not, nay, must not be passed over lightly.

The Deputy Grand Master's Report, submitted by Past Master J. R. Howland, was a masterpiece of philosophical and altruistic observations. The obvious concern of Brother Howland for Masonry, and for his fellow man, and with the vicissitudes of every day living, was very much apparent in his report. The report evidenced that it was prepared by a person with a depth of perception that is rare and extremely valuable in the hectic pace ofn today's living.

Past Grand Master, John R. Lawrence Jr., Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, made his report. I say, with no fear of challenge by anyone, that this report was a highlight of the Communication.

First indication of the the tremendous job, that P.G. M. Lawrence was doing was evidenced by the large number of greetings, telegrams and messages that came from all over the United States and Foreign Countries, wishing us success in our Annual Communication. This indicated that he has been in touch, not only with the Prince Hall Grand Lodges in the immediate vicinity, but has proceeded to build such rapport between the more distant Grand Lodges, that the Grand Lodge of the state of Minnesota is considered to be one of

the outstanding and more potent Lodges in Prince Hall Masonry.

I stated in the Grand Lodge Communication, and I REPEAT; that not only has P.G. M. Lawrence, performed with peak efficiency in his office, but he also has given the lie to those people who loudly proclaim, 'I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME'. P.G.M. Lawrence, has a full time job, he is an active and telling force in the affairs of the community, he has performed admirably in his office as Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, yet at no time have the younger members of the order asked his assistance or advice and been refused. He, in my opinion, is the personification of the statement, I am a Mason.

To have such representation in our Grand Lodge, from Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, is indeed a feather in our cap and some of the justification of our pride.

Additional reports were received, and voted or acted upon, and at their completion, we were called from labor to refreshment.

Wednesday, September 18, 1963

M.W.G. Master, John L. McHie, Jr., called the Lodge from refreshment to labor and proceeded with devotions. After Devotions, the Worshipful Masters' hour, conducted by Deputy Grand Master La Percell Greene, Sr. began. The reports were received and placed in the archives of the Lodge.

I am again proud to say that W. M. Earl New, made a splendid report.

At 12:00 A.M., we were called from labor to refreshment for additional sampling of the delicious food at the Midtown Buffet.

At 1:30 p.m., Most Worthy Grand Matron Gertrude Greene, the Members of her Cabinet, and Sisters of the Most Worthy Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, made their official visitation. On their entrance, they were escorted in the Grande March by members of the Fraternity, and then seated. M. W. Grand Matron Gertrude Greene, addressed the body, and introduced the visiting dignitaries from Grand Chapters in other states. M. W. Grand Master John L. McHie, Jr., then asked for remarks from Past Grand Masters Charles D. Doty, John R. Lawrence, Jr., Lawrence E. Tarver and Senior Past Grand Master Samuel Ransom. They complied with the efficiency and aplomb that such august persons would embody.

The Ladies made a beautiful and awe inspiring picture, in their lovely gowns and dresses, and the large number in attendance indicates that the O.E.S. is working diligently and tirelessly for success in all their endeavors.

At 3:00 p.m., the Lodge was called from refreshment to Labor.

The Budget and Finance Committee made their report and recommendations with the notation that they were very much concerned with the spiraling increase in expenditures. Their recommendations included limitations on amounts to expended for specific items, and was based on the current overall membership. The report was received and accepted as read.

The report of the Committee on Awards was made. Two of the Brothers,

Wallace Partee, Anchor Hilyard, Lodge No. 2

Elwood Johnson, Pioneer Lodge No. 1

Each will be in possession of the cup for a period of six (6) months. Our own candidate, Brother James H. Thomas, and the other nominees, will receive a certificate, suitable for framing, indicating that they were so nominated and honored.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made its report, and after some discussion, it was voted that the report and the recommendations be voted on separately, section by section. Results will be shown in the Annual minutes of the Grand Lodge.

Next on the Agenda, was the election of Officers for the coming year. M. W. G. Master John L. Mc Hie, Jr., relinquished the gavel to Senior Past Grand Master Samule Ransom, who conducted the election.

Nominees for Most Worshipful Grand Master on the first ballot were:

John L. Mc Hie, Jr., (Incumbent)	7 votes
La Percell Greene, Sr.	11 votes
Chalmers L. Lawson	29 votes
John R. Lawrence, Jr.	1 vote
Percy Haynes	1 vote.

John L. Mc Hie, Jr., declined.

Second Ballot:

Chalmers L. Lawson,	33 votes
La Percell Greene, Sr.	16 votes

Chalmers L. Lawson, elected to Office by a 17 vote Margin.
Other officers elected by unanimous ballot, were as follows:

Deputy Grand Master - - - - - Normal L. Bell, Pioneer #1
R.W. Grand Senior Warden - - - - - Percy Haynes, Regnt #5
R.W. Grand Junior Warden - - - - - William E. L. Brown, Regent #5
R.W. Grand Secretary - - - - - John Ewing, Palestine #7
R.W. Grand Treasurer - - - - - W. Dan Mc Adams, Palestine #7
R. W. Grand Lectnrer - - - - - Carl Griffin, Pioneer #1
Officers were given the oath of office and installed by Senior Past Grand Master Samuel Ransom.

The Communication was officially adjourned at 5: 15 p.m.

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Fraternally submitted,

William C. Sutherland
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Senior Warden
Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4
F. & A. M.

In retrospect, I would like to say that Perfect Ashlar Lodge No 4 has much of the things that should make them proud and many more of the things for which they should be thankful.

Past Grand Masters, Charles D. Doty, Lawrence E. Tarver, John R. Lawrence, Jr., and Senior Past Grand Master Samuel Ransom are all members of Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4. To have such an intense concentration of ability and talent in one Lodge is indicative of the calibre of men needed in all of Prince Hall Masonry, and a star in our crown.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, was well represented on all Committees of importance, which would indicate that P.A. #4 is a force that cannot be ignored and must be recognized.

With such a glorious past, it is hard to imagine not looking forward to a vigorous and rewarding future.

I am proud to be a member of Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, and I shall hold my head high as evidence of that pride. But in my heart, there will be humility and thankfulness, that in accepting me as a member, I have been endowed with a noble heritage in Prince Hall Masonry.

Thankfully and Fraternally,

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1895	Harvey B. Houston *	1914	James E. Murphy
1896	Obidiah D. Howard	1915	Richard M. Johnson
1897	John C. Garner	1916	John A. Sayles
1898	J. Q. A. Wilson	1917	Marshall L. Barksdale
1899	Blakely R. Durant	1918	Lawson A. Melker
1900	Blakely R. Durant	1919	Johns C. Gray
1901	Emanuel J. Brack	1920	John H. Hickman, Jr.
1902	Jose H. Sherwood *	1921	Charles W. Barber
1903	Jose H. Sherwood *	1922	Byron S. Riffe
1904	Jose H. Sherwood *	1923	Almerique D. Barksdale
1905	W. F. T. Chandler	1924	Samuel L. Ransom *
1906	William D. Carter *	1925	Charles D. Doty *
1907	William D. Carter *	1926	George L. Hoage, Jr. *
1908	Marion A. Bolling	1927	Clarence Roper
1909	George L. Hoage *	1928	John M. Culver
1910	Charles H. Booker	1929	John M. Culver
1911	Lawson A. Melker	1930	Eli N. Martin
1912	Frank B. Simpson *	1931	Arthur D. Adams

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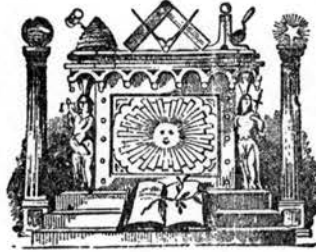
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IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA WITH PIONEER LODGE No. 1 AS HOST LODGE

1932	Arthur D. Adams	1949	Lapercell P. Greene *
1933	James Watson	1950	Lapercell P. Greene *
1934	Lawrence E. Tarver *	1951	William Sayles, Sr.
1935	James Howland	1952	William Sayles, Sr.
1936	James Howland	1953	William Sayles, Sr.
1937	James R. Lynn	1954	Clarence O. Duke
1938	James R. Lynn	1955	Clarence O. Duke
1939	James R. Lynn	1956	Paul L. Wood
1940	Firston White	1957	Paul L. Wood
1941	W. S. Butler	1958	Paul L. Wood
1942	W. S. Butler	1959	Edmond D. Moore
1943	Jerry C. Hargrave	1960	Edmond D. Moore
1944	Jerry C. Hargrave	1961	James Buford
1945	Jerry C. Hargrave	1962	James Buford
1946	John R. Lawrence *	1963	Earl New
1947	John R. Lawrence *	1964	William Sutherlin
1948	Lee A. Gwynne	1965	Merrill Taylor
		1966	

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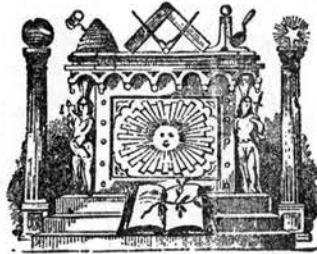
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9 December 1947.

Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren again I have the high honor to report to you as Master of Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4, F & A.M. (FHA) for the year beginning 10 December 1946 and ending 25 November 1947.

First, I feel that we should give fervent thanks to Almighty God for his blessings that have continued to fall upon us and our loved ones. Likewise, He has been the Grand Artificer, who has shaped and molded us to be living stones in His spiritual temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

I am proud to report that peace, harmony and prosperity ^{prevail} in Perfect Ashlar. Further, we have overcome the situation existing in the Secretary's office, that I had the unpleasant duty to discuss at length in my 1946 report. We are proud that the offices of our Secretary and Treasurer were conducted so well that our funds and investments are in good shape and every brothers' dues are so well paid up to date that none are in danger of suspension in the near future. Further, each brother's status on the books has been squared to his and our satisfaction.

We have held 24 regular communications and 7 special communications of which 2 were with Palestine #7 and 1 with Pioneer #1. Our attendance has averaged about 21 per meeting. We were unable to get the Telephone Committee to function as we hoped. This work was carried on by Senior Warden Lee Gwynne and the Master of the Lodge himself. If this committee had functioned properly perhaps many of our new brothers would have attended. Herein lies our greatest weakness. The attendance of brothers raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason during 1946-47 has been very, very poor with very few exceptions. In many instances these absences are not due to the usual vocations. Brothers, who become Master Masons, and never return to the Lodge either had mercenary, selfish desires in seeking Masonry or we are not doing a good job on our trestle board to retain their interest or create an interest. While I have no solution for this problem and old members infer that it usually exists in all Masonic lodges, I feel that it merits our consideration and some attempt to decrease the percentage of delinquency in attendance not only on the part of new brothers but of all brothers.

Our growth has been commendable. Last year we had 103 members; today we have 121 members or a gain of 18 during 1947. Our statistics recapitulated:

Entered	16
Passed	15
Raised	20
Stopped	2
Dimitted	1
Deaths	2
Reinstated	5
Suspended (NPD)	3
Rejected	3

Sixteen Entered Apprentices remain on our trestle board as unfinished work, namely: Bros. B. Patrick, E. Faulkner, D. Gibson, J. Todd, E. Williams and H. Howland, and W. Reed. There are two Fellowcrafts, namely: T. Hickman and Z. Monson. Most of these men have been notified several times to appear. In some of these cases the 6 month rule of our Constitution

will have to be applied, unless the lodge, by vote, extends their time.

Perfect Ashlar has 22 Past Masters of whom 3 live outside the jurisdiction.

Brothers called to that land from whose bourne no traveller ever returns included, John H. Hickman Jr. and Andrew Coble who were laid to rest with appropriate and dignified Masonic services. On Feb. 26, 1947, upon the request of Prince Hall #52 of Chicago, we conducted Masonic rites for Bro. George Parker of this city for which we received full and complete expenses from said lodge.

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We voted at last meeting to send Xmas cheer to our widows, of Perfect Ashlar's deceased brothers. We have 10 widows this year. For them we pray God's choicest blessings.

and orphans

This year we granted Life Memberships to Bro. John C. Gray of Oakland California and PGM George L. Hoage. This action provides us with 8 Life Members, namely: Bros. Ira Ashe, George Brooks, Edward Robinson, Huron Shelton, Sr., Frank Simpson, Firston White, W.D. Carter, George Hoage and John C. Gray.

It was again the privilege of the officers and members to visit and work with other lodges. Herein, we set a notable example for our candidates and new brothers, exemplifying the cementing ourselves into a sacred band or society of friends or brothers among whom no contention exists. Likewise, we have been proud to have been host many times to brothers not only from this jurisdiction but also from other states. Yet, we are also justly proud to have exercised diligence and discrimination in no association with clandestine Masons, many of whom are active in the Twin Cities. It is our hope that our practice of brotherly love and friendship with all regular lodges will continue and prosper.

With our two Wardens, I represented Perfect Ashlar at the 53rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Perfect Ashlar was the host to this 1947 session and the brothers wrought well in their preparation and entertainment of the visiting brothers. Our reception on Tuesday evening August 19 was considered a worthwhile social affair in our planned program of entertainment. Other than the achievements of the sessions, which have been already reported, the most important features for Perfect Ashlar, were the retirement of Bro. Lawrence Tarver as Grand Master and his succession by Bro. Charles Doty both members of Perfect Ashlar.

St. John's Day found us participating in large numbers at the service at St. James Church, Minneapolis. We were very proud of the record that our new brothers made at this service; they attended in large numbers. The sermon by PGM Rev. Thomas was a jewel.

Some of the brothers of Perfect Ashlar not only assumed the leadership, but also heartily supported the Joint Masonic-Eastern Star Dinner held November 11 at Pilgrim Church, which was a social success and we hope a financial success.

We reported \$40.00 to the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund being the only lodge to report anything. Since August we have collected \$3.15 which our Treasurer, Bro. Butler, holds.

At this time of the year, when we are taking stock and determining whether we are measuring up to regular standards, we do well to turn aside and learn what significance our labors should have. I read from Mackey the following treatise.

As Worshipful Master, I have tried to maintain such a standard of craftsmanship guided by the square, level and plumb. I have tried to make the lessons, symbolism, allegories and ritualistic instruction impressive and conducive to upright living. I have tried to prove that this speculative art predicated upon an operative system makes for real living and will make a better man and a better citizen out of you. I am really proud of the brother, who says that Masonry has done something for him--that he feels that he must lead a different life. If, at least 10 of the 32 brothers, who have either been raised or re-affiliated with Perfect Ashlar during the two years of my administration, feel that the above standards describe them, then I feel that our efforts have been rewarded with the wages for which all Masons strive.

Finally, I again report that we are financially and numerically strong and will become potentially stronger, as our numbers increase. And increase we should, not by solicitation, because true Masons do not solicit, but in a community of 3,000 persons a lodge of 2 or 3 hundred men should be possible, if we so live and practice our art, that men will be attracted. If they once ask or reveal interest, then we should leave no stone unturned to invite their membership. We can not become inorganic, static or stagnant--passive Masonry does not exist--Masonry is a progressive science--it is living, vital and must be so practiced. We must enhance that growth, that is essential, ourselves. Those of us, who are more active must bear the share of the brother, who is not so active. We, who man the ramparts of Perfect Ashlar, must be the ones to spread this gospel of growth. The time is so short. We must do all of this before the wheel is broken at the cistern, before the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God, who gave it. This is our task--our whole duty, brethren. Let us assume it nobly.

As I conclude my two year tenure of office, I am grateful to my officers, members, committees and brethren of the craft from other lodges for support, co-operation and pleasant memories as well as the glorious opportunity to serve in the highest office that a symbolic lodge can offer. May you serve your future officers as you have served this administration. It is my prayer that peace, harmony and concord continue and that all disputes and differences be relegated to the rubbish heap of the Temple. With profound and humble gratitude, I submit this report.

Fraternally yours,

John R. Lawrence, Jr.

Worshipful Master,

1945-46

1946-47

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE NO. 4
F. & A. M.
MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND
LODGE
STATE OF MINNESOTA AND ITS MASONIC JURISDICTIONS
Saint Paul, Minnesota

TO: The Past Masters, Wardens, and Bretheren of this Lodge.

Greetings!

As Worshipful Master of Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, I feel that it is my duty to inform you of the program and plans that I shall undertake during the coming year. Herewith, I submit those plans and that program and ask that you voice your approval or your disapproval by attending the meetings held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

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W. C. Sutherlin
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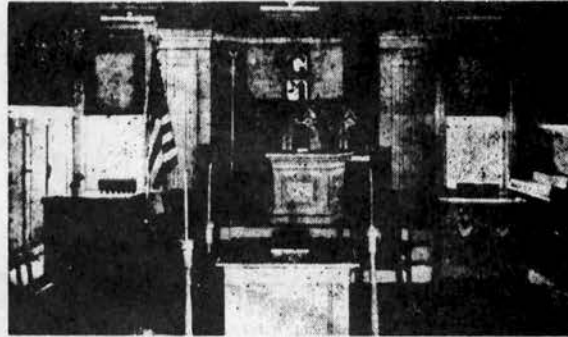
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William C. Sutherlin
Worshipful Master



Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, J. and A. M.

PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION

MEETS SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS



Martin O. Weddington

W. M.

714 West Central Avenue

Clyde B. Williams

Secretary

881 Carroll Avenue

659 UNIVERSITY AVE. ST. PAUL 4, MINN.

February 22, 1968

Brethren:

Greetings:

First, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Worshipful Master. Trust and Faith, you put in me. Cooperation and support, I need from you.

Remember, someone helped lead you from darkness into light. You should help lead others into light. When was the last time you wore your Masonic Badge? "Masonry is a progressive institution." History does not stand still. Perfect Ashlar Lodge can not long stand on its history alone. WE MUST CONTINUE TO MAKE HISTORY. You must pass thru the Lodge door to be a active part of our History.

Please take note of the coming events.

Feb. 27, 1968 Grand Lecturer Joint Visitation.
659 University Ave. St. Paul 8:00 P.M.
Pioneer Lodge #1 and Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4

March 4, 1968 Grand Master Joint Visitation, 659 University Ave. 7:55 P.M.
Pioneer Lodge #1, Anchor Hilyard Lodge #2,
Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4 and Palestine Lodge #7.

March 12 & 26th, 1968 Perfect Ashlar Lodge meets

April 9 & 23rd, 1968 Perfect Ashlar Lodge meets

May 14 & 28th, 1968 Perfect Ashlar Lodge meets

Why is it: A Mason can split the atom - but can't patch a quarrel.

What does the word due mean? Due East & West, Due Examination,
Due Form, Due Guard and Dues are Due!

Fraternally Yours,

Martin O. Weddington
M. O. Weddington, W.M.

GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO DISTRICT # 1

March 13, 1982

HOST: PERFECT ASHLER NO.4

PROGRAM

12 NOON - 1:00 P.M. (Instructional Session)

GRAND MASTER PRESIDING:

1. This time is set aside to answer any and all questions raised by the craft.
2. The Grand Master may ask to have questions reduced to writing for accurate play back.
3. Grand Secretary and Treasurer discuss any concerns they have re: subordinate lodges' compliance with Grand Lodge's regulations.
4. Masonic Education Department may share concerns.

1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. (Demonstration of Ritualistic Competence Including:)

1. Opening & Closing.
2. Receiving Grand Lodge Officers & Giving Grand Honors.
3. Grand Lecturer's Comments.
4. Other Grand Lodge Officers', W.M.'s, and D.D.G.M.'s.
5. Remarks from Grand Master.

2:15 P.M. Ritualistic Closing

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT TO TREASURER OF PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE NO 4
For Year Ending October 9, 1973

Total beginning balance Nov. 1972	\$1,194.01
Receipts	<u>1,933.43</u>
Total beginning balance and receipts	3,127.44
 Disbursements	 <u>\$1,201.57</u>
Balance	<u>1,925.87</u>
Outstanding checks	950.65
Balance on check stub # 35	\$ 975.22

Receipts Nov	\$ 74.90
Dec	136.91
Jan	254.65
Feb	241.01
March	81.96
April	275.13
May	164.89
253.88 June	253.88
July	206.53
Aug & Sept	<u>243.57</u>
Total	\$1,933.43

Disbursements Nov	\$ 73.98
Dec	10.00
Jan	408.80
Feb	11.00
March	98.70
April	229.00
June	56.09
July	208.00
Aug & Sept	<u>106.00</u>
Total	\$1,201.57

Total Financial Worth:

Special Investment Certificate @ 7½%	\$2,000.00
Saving Certificate @ 6%	1,000.00
Savings acct. at 1st Nat'l Bank	710.60
Checking acct. at 1st Nat'l Bank	<u>975.22</u>
Total worth =	\$4,685.82

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Martin O. Weddington, P.G.M.
Treasurer

Oct. 1, 1973

P.A. NEWS No. 4

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of Minnesota & Jurisdiction
F. & A. M.

REGALIA FOR LODGE
MEMBERS DONATED BY
3-5-7 CLUB.

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September of 1963,
members of the 3-5-
7 Club gave to P.A.#4
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for the Officers

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hard-working and
getic Brothers
made this possible.

SICK - SHUT-INS

A. A. Brayboy
James L. Howland
Lawrence Roper
At this writing
Brother L.E. Tarver
is ill.

Our calls and cards
all be appreciated.

FEZZAN TEMPLE
No. 26. PATROL TO
SPONSOR MOTHER'S DAY
Morgasbord.

On May 10, 1964, the
Morgasbord will
feature all you can
eat at prices you
can afford. .99¢
for Adults and .49¢
for Children under
12. Hours from 12
noon until 6:00 P.M.

659 University
Avenue, St. Paul,
Minnesota.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

February 25, 1964

2nd and 3rd Section of the
Lecture of the E. A. Degree.
Degree Work if possible.

March 10, 1964

Business Meeting

March 24, 1964

2nd Section of the Lecture
of the F. C. Degree.
Lecture by a Brother on
a particular aspect of
Freemasonry.

Remember the words of E.R. JOHNSTON,
33° quote 'Taking the secret work
and learning the ritual does not
make a Mason any more than learn-
ing it's A B C 's makes a child
a scholar. It is merely the corner
stone; the building is yet to be
erected. (end quote) Come to our
Business Meetings and attend the
Lodges of Instruction also. It
will make you a better man and
Mason.

PICNIC TO BE HELD JULY 12, 1964

Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, will
hold its Annual Picnic on Sunday
July 12, 1964 at Harriet Island
in Saint Paul, Minnesota, from
9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.. There
will be prizes for the Kids,
a Softball Game, for our Young
Men, and Refreshments of all
kinds. Brother Edwin L. Washing-
ton, is Chairman of the Committee
in charge of arrangements. Keep
this date open on your Summer
Schedule.

Refreshments will be served at
meetings - Hospitality Fund will
be instituted.

DID YOU KNOW ?

That the Senior
Past Grand Master in
this Jurisdiction is
a member of P.A. #4.
PGM Samuel Ransom,
was Grand Master in
1938 and 1939.

That in 1942, Perfect
Ashlar Lodge No. 4,
made a cash purchase
and remodeled a build-
ing on St. Anthony
Avenue in Saint Paul,
to provide a home for
the Masonic Bodies.

That four of the
members of the
Committee on Revision
and Codification of
the Constitution and
By-Laws were members
of Perfect Ashlar
Lodge No. 4, and the
Grand Master at that
time, is a member of
Perfect Ashlar Lodge
No. 4, PGM Charles D.
Doty.

That the Illustrious
Potentate of Fezzan
Temple No. 26, is a
member of P.A. #4;
Pst Senior Warden,
and now Senior Steward.
Merrill L. Taylor.

Thursday Forums to
Meet at 7:30 P.M.
each Thursday, If
Hall is rented, you
will be informed in
time to make other
Plans. Join us and
have a good Thursday.

MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON
714 W. CENTRAL AVE
ST. PAUL, MN 55104

PAST MASTER, P. A. #4

TO : THE MASONIC FAMILY

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE No. 4, CHARLES MARTIN, WORSHIPFUL MASTER,
INVITES THE MASONIC FAMILY TO THE:

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST SERVICE TO BE OBSERVED DECEMBER 23RD
AT SAINT PHILIPS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LOCATED AT 457 MACKUBIN AND
AURORA AVE., ST. PAUL, MN AT 10:00 A.M.,

WE WILL BE SEATED BEFORE THE START OF THE SERVICE. MASONIC DRESS
IS APPROPRIATE.

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR IS INVITED TO JOIN THE BROTHERS.
FATHER THOMAS W. S. LOGAN INVITES YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO
ATTEND.

PLEASE CALL YOUR MEMBERSHIP. LET'S FILL THE CHURCH.

THANKS,

FRATERNALLY,



MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON

PS: MACKUBIN & AURORA CAN ONLY BE REACHED FROM UNIVERSITY AVE.
OR WESTERN ST.

TO ALL WHOM THESE



PRESENTS MAY COME.

Greetings;

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and confirm, that: Brother Martin O. Waddington

of Respect Ashlar lodge No. 4 of the city of St. Paul

has been duly Elected and installed in the office of R.W. Deputy Grand Master

and to perform such duties and requirements as so stipulated under the Rules and Regulations set aside by those hereunto adjudicated such powers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AND ITS MASONIC JURISDICTION to

be affixed on this 1 day of the month of October year of 1970 A.D. also known as

5970 A.L.

Signed,

Aaron A. Arradondo

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Charles L. Larson

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary





Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, F. and A. M.

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714 W. Central Ave.



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881 Carroll Ave.

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URGENT MEETING

Dear Brother:

I am this day making application to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for dispensation for a special communication, to be held on Sept. 6, 1968 at 8:00 p. m., at the Lodge Hall at 659 University Ave. The purpose being to raise at least \$1,500.00 CASH by that night. We have \$800.00 already. We need at least \$700.00 more.

Re: Prince Hall Masonic Building - 653-655-659 University Ave., St. Paul, MN.

Payments on the indebtedness in connection with the Prince Hall Masonic Building in St. Paul, MN. are in arrears to an amount over Three Thousand Dollars, (\$3,000.00):

Immediate foreclosure by the Mortgagee in connection with the mortgage on our property is due to the delinquency:

Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4 as a body is in no position to contribute financially toward preventing this foreclosure. The Master has no power or authority to spend the funds of the Lodge nor in any manner to obligate his Lodge financially without such authority being first had from the Lodge, except in cases of emergency, then subject to the approval of the Lodge.

NOTE: Members of Pioneer Lodge # 1 F. & A. M. agree to provide for payment of 50% of the total arrears outstanding as of Aug. 19, 1968, providing Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4 as a body or one or more of its individual members is or are willing to do the same, ie. provide for 50% of payment of said arrears:

NOTE: Also the following condition is to be subscribed to by all concerned namely; that upon retirement of afore said indebtedness, the building will be put up immediately For Sale and that those persons who have subsidized the debt liquidation will be immediately reimbursed in their entirety (without interest) and that the balance be placed in escrow in a safe financial institution at interest and held there until both Pioneer Lodge # 1 and Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 4 have agreed on what disposition is to be made of these funds.

NOTE: It is your duty to be present at this Special Communication, to be held Friday Sept. 6, 1968 at 8:00 p. m. at 659 University Ave. PLEASE COME and bring a check or money order for as much as you can, as we need everyone's support. We need \$700.00 CASH!

Fraternally,

Martin O. Weddington

John Barker.

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 B. Neal
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JAMES N. BRADFORD

ATTORNEY AT LAW

March 11, 1968

PRINCE HALL MASONIC
BUILDING, INC.

Bro. Martin Weddington
Worshipful Master,
Perfect Ashlur Lodge # 4

714 W. Central Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Bro. Weddington :

It is with regret that I have to again approach the "membership" of the Prince Hall Masonic Building Corporation for financial assistance.

Up until November, 1967 we were on the road to solvency. We had all but caught up our arrearages in rent, were almost paid up on our oil bill, and the roof repair bill. Our insurance was added to our mortgage account so that we could pay monthly and not be faced with a \$700.00 bill every year. Through the efforts of the "100 Square Men" we were able to redecorate our Lodge Hall.

However, this was not to last. The oil burner "broke down" beyond repair. This occurred on one of our sub-zero days during the early winter. It was necessary to obtain a new one. Estimates revealed that a new burner would cost about \$1,200.00. Our credit and cash balance could not stand such an expenditure. Our tenant offered to pay for a burner and bill us \$100.00 per month - to be deducted from his rent. On this basis I, as president and in view of the emergency, authorized this as an economical way out of our dilemma. Thereafter, because of the efficiency of the new burner leaks developed in our pipes and radiators causing water to leak out. As a result our oil consumption increased greatly. We were spending almost another \$100 per month in oil (the burner was constantly heating a fresh tank of water).

The result of the above "disasters" reduced the amount of money which went toward the mortgage payment, thereby causing a deficit of about \$1,400.00.

To reestablish ourselves we will have to raise a substantial sum of money toward this deficit and revise our budget to reflect the increased costs caused by the furnace payments and escrow payments toward insurance and taxes.

These are the times which try men's souls and put your sincerity as masons to the test. I only hope that we can rise to the occasion.

Fraternally, James N. Bradford

Marion Stone

\$700.00 (Check)

J. J. Murray

\$5⁰⁰

Prince Hall Bldg Corp.

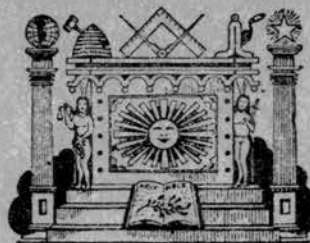


Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4
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of Perfect Ashlar lodge No. 4 of the city of St Paul, Minnesota

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be affixed on this 21 day of the month of September year of 1977 A.D. also known as
5977 A.L.

(SEAL)



Signed,

[Signature]
Most Worshipful Grand Master

John L McHep
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

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Greetings;

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

By the power vested in the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and its Masonic Jurisdiction by the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, in accordance thereto and in the performance of such powers or to whosoever delegated such authority therein, do repose, trust

and confirm, that: Brother MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON

of Perfect Ashlar lodge No. 4 of the city of St Paul, Minnesota

has been duly Appointed and installed in the office of Rt. Worshipful C. C. of F. C.

and to perform such duties and requirements as so stipulated under the Rules and Regulations set aside by those hereunto adjudicated such powers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AND ITS MASONIC JURISDICTION to

be affixed on this 20 day of the month of September year of 1978 A.D. also known as

5978 A.L.

(SEAL)



Signed,

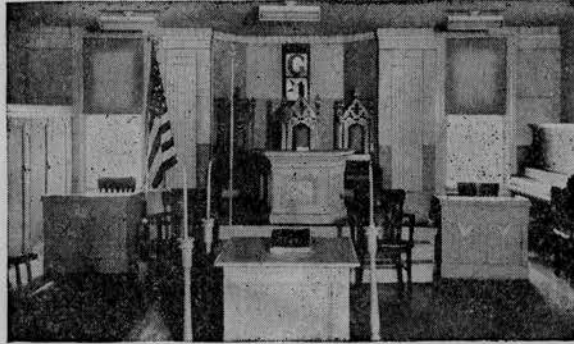
Charles A. Agnew
Most Worshipful Grand Master

John L. McHie
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 4, F. and A. M.

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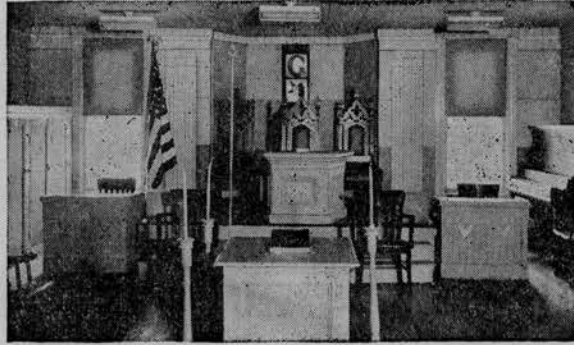
Secretary

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