

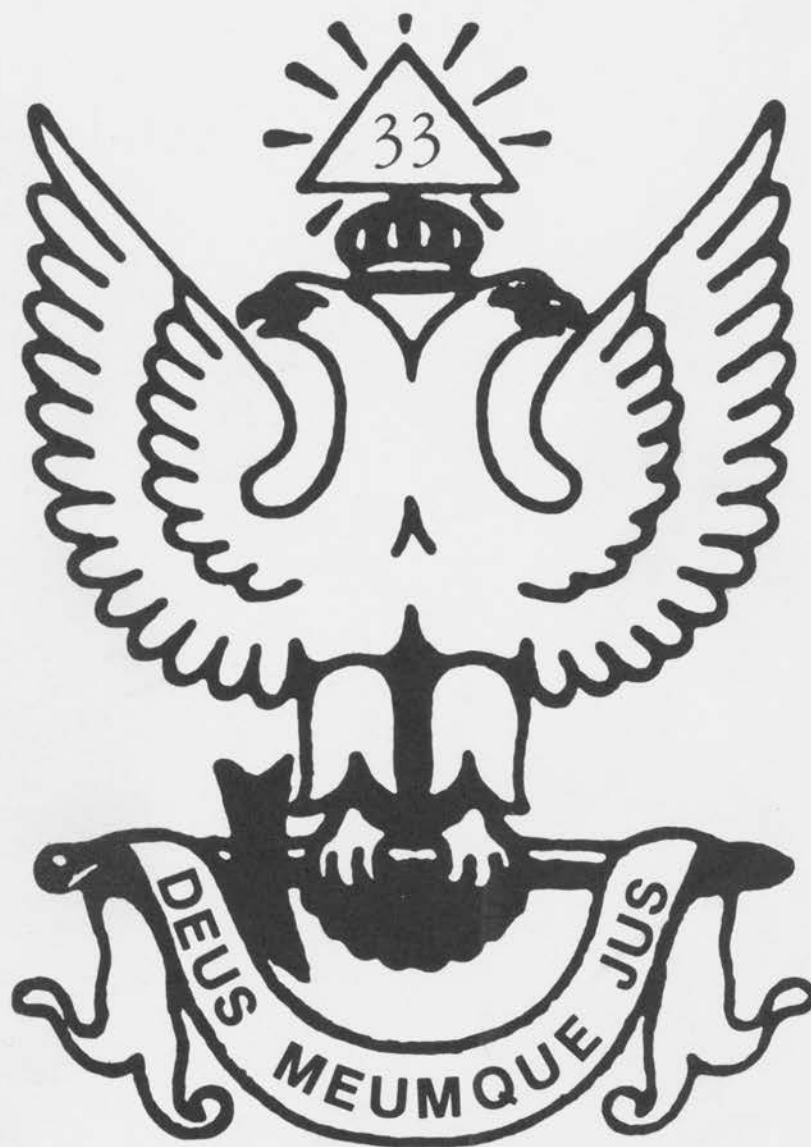


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The Thirty-Seventh Annual Communication



Minnesota Council of Deliberation

Martin O. Weddington, 33°
Ill. Deputy

Morris S. Miller, 33°
Ill. Grand Secretary

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

VALLEY OF ST. PAUL

ORIENT OF MINNESOTA

HOST: NORTHSTAR CONSISTORY # 14

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF

FREEMASONRY

PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION

NORTHERN JURISDICTION

HELD AT THE

THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 3832 - 4TH. AVE. SOUTH

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

OCTOBER 30, 1982

ORDER OF BUSINESS

October 30, 1982

MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON
DEPUTY FOR MINNESOTA

MORRIS S. MILLER
ILL. GRAND SECRETARY

Illustrious Martin O. Weddington
Deputy, Valley of Minnesota

Illustrious Sir:

In behalf of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F & AM, Minnesota Jurisdiction, I extend greetings and congratulations to you and the members of the Minnesota Council of Deliberation. It is our sincere wish that you enjoy a fruitful and harmonious session.

Fraternally,

John L. Mc Hie, PGM
R.W. Grand Secretary

Martin O. Weddington
Illustrious Deputy of Minnesota

Best wishes for successful and harmonious Council of Deliberation.

Geri Sylvia, W.G.M.
J. P. Dorsey, W.G.P.

Greetings: From Omar Chapter # 29 Holy Royal Arts Masons
Illinois Jurisdiction and The Most Excellent Grand
High Priest Gordon Pinson.

The Holy Royal Arch Masons wish to congratulate you on the Thirty-Seventh Annual Communication, and we hope that you are successful in all your goals.

Rashad Hasan, Excellent High Priest
Marion Brown, Secretary

To: The Thirty-Seventh Minnesota Council of Deliberation

From: Alta Commandery # 23 of Minnesota and Illinois

Illustrious Sirs, Officers, Members and Guests:

Greetings, from Alta Commandery # 23. We would like to wish you a harmonious and successful Thirty-Seventh Annual Session.

Charles E. Milliner, Eminent Commander
Lawrence Henderson, Recorder

THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Prince Hall Affiliation
Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc.

ALLOCUTION OF THE
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
S.G.I.G., MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON, 33°
DEPUTY FOR MINNESOTA & ITS JURISDICTION

Soverign and Grand Inspectors General, Most Worshipful Grand Master,
Distinguished Guests, Officers and Members of the Minnesota Council
of Deliberation, Sublime Princes and Visitors:

GREETINGS:

It is both a pleasure and a honor to greet you and welcome you to this
our 37th Annual Session of the Minnesota Council of Deliberation. To
GOD - our Adonai - We should be grateful for the blessings he has bes-
towed upon us. It is by the Grace of the Supreme Architect of the
Universe that we are here this morning. Did you thank GOD when you
opened your eyes this morning? It is not too late to thank him. You
have already received one blessing for the day.

We are present this morning by mandate of the constitution of the
United Supreme Council. Another year has passed since our last session
and numerous events have happen in our Fraternity, as well as in our
every day lives. It has been a year, of progress for the Scottish Rite
of Freemasonry, in spite of set backs in some of the Orients. We have
before us monumental task of restoring our Rite to its former state of
glory. Your assemblage was requested in Concord, to promote the in-
terest of the craft in harmony - "Behold How Good and Pleasant It is
When Brothers Dwell Together In Unity."

DISTINGUISHED GUEST AND VISITORS

It is a pleasure to greet you and welcome you and especially our dis-
tinguished guest, Illustrious James W. Davis, to our Council of Delib-
eration. The Committee on Hospitality will try to accommodate your
every need. Ill. Davis you will be asked to bring remarks later in
the program. We will give all our guests an opportunity to bring
greetings.

Pursuant to my duty as Deputy and complying with the constitution and
general regulations of the United Supreme Council, a proclamation and
other correspondence were issued to assemble this Scottish Rite Body
to report on our labors, review our past and to plan our future. Today
is the day, now is the time to suggest what we can do to further the
advancement of the Scottish Rite in our Orient.

Before we proceed further in these deliberations, let us in reverence
pay homage to the memory of our memebrrs who, during the past year,
have answered the summons of the Supreme Grand Commander. We pray for
the souls of all our departed members. We also remember in our prayers,
our Sister Orients who have suffered losses. We extend to them our
fraternal sympathy. That we may continue to have GODS blessings, we
invite our Ill. Grand Prior, Ill. Marion L. Brown, to lead us in prayer.

NECROLOGY

Our Father, Who is in Heaven, has again reminded us of the brevity and
uncertainty of human life, and has warned us to be ready for the day,
which will come, when our bodies must return to dust and the spirit
unto HIM who gave it. It is fitting that one of our first acts, as we
prepare to transact our business, should be to remember those members
who have departed this life. Try to visualize; Pascal A. Todd, James D.
Granville, Thomas H. Jenkins, Charles A. Spencer, James R. Lynn, Alvin
Angrum and Harvey A. Moss. Let us not forget any of our departed Sub-
lime Princes. We shall perform our duty to the dead. The Committee
on Necrology will conduct and present an appropriate memorial to our
departed members, later in our program.

THINGS TO CONSIDER AGAIN

We must repeat ourselves sometimes. Freemasonry labors under great
handicaps, perhaps greater than at any other time in its long history.
Our pace of life is more rapid, than ever before. There are greater
demands upon your time. We are in competition with other organizations
and activities. Our future may depend on how promptly new members can
acquire the interest and enthusiasm necessary for masonry's life and
growth. We must encourage our youth. There is no substitute for the
instructive tongue and the attentive ear. Seek light, from those well
informed brothers who have light to impart. I have a question.....in
June I must send to the Soverign Grand Commander the date of our Council
of Deliberation. How do you pick a date that will not have two or three
events scheduled for the same weekend?

SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION

The Annual Session of the United Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction PHA convened in Freeport, Grand Bahamas. Your Deputy attended the Conference of Deputies, all official events and all sessions. The Memorial Service, The Elevation and the Banquet were impressive. The officers of the United Supreme Council did an outstanding job in the opening and conducting the business of the session. At the breakfast with the Grand Masters, I introduced our Most Worship Grand Master, Ill. Morris S. Miller. On Sunday morning, Ill. Cleo W. Wooten and his wife were seated beside my wife and I at the Annual Fellowship Breakfast. Sunday evening, Ill. Wooten was hospitalized due to a stroke. Ill. Wooten departed this life, Saturday, June 12, 1982. Our Grand Master was present and was escorted in the session as part of the Delegation of Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Masters. On Monday afternoon, the 1982 Class was admitted for elevation which was conducted by the Grand Master of Ceremonies. They were all duly elevated with proper ceremony, to the 33° and last degree. The class numbered 54. The class selected the name of the late Joseph G. Le Count. Ill. Le Count became an honorary member of the United Supreme Council on May 13, 1929 and an active member and Deputy for Rhode Island on May 9, 1938. At the time of his passing on October 4, 1981, he was the oldest active member in the Northern Jurisdiction. The Minnesota Delegation was distressed by the elevation of S.P. Paul V. Best.

TAKE DUE NOTICE

1. The United Supreme Council absorbed the \$ 2,000.00 medical cost to transport Ill. Wooten from the Bahamas to the United States.
2. The dates of our annual sessions will be changed constitutionally from the second weekend in May to that of the third, as soon as possible. Your Deputy proposed this change in 1978.
3. Action was taken to transfer the membership of Ill. Robert L. Ownes, 33°, from the Southern Jurisdiction to that of the Northern Jurisdiction.
4. It was voted to approve the proposal amending the constitution. Stature on Revenue and Finances.

STATE OF THE ORDER

The amount due the United Supreme Council has been remitted. The amount due the Council of Deliberation has been received. The fin-

ancial condition of our Consistory is sound. The faithful members are to be commended for their continued dedication to the Rite. Our degree work has been impressive. Our public observances have been well received by the public. We have ordered six new aprons for the Sir Knights on our funeral degree team. The officers of our Scottish Rite Houses will report later, the accomplishments of their administrations. We have some hard times ahead of us, but we will make it, somehow.

ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

You should encourage your wife, mother, daughter and sister to join the Golden Circle. Twin City Assembly No. 47 will be our special guests at our banquet tonight and we will join them at church service tomorrow. The Loyal Ladies will present a check for \$ 100.00 to "Our Lady of Good Counsel Free Cancer Home." Watch the ladies, next January.

OTHER FRATERNAL BODIES

We, of the Scottish Rite, extend to you our best wishes for success. I thank those who have sent best wishes for a successful Council of Deliberation. If we stop fighting each other, we may all be successful.

THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE

I have thanked the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Dr. Russell S. Gideon for the allotment of one for this year. Ill. James A. Martin was honored by coronation at our last Council Session. Congratulations.

THANKS TO

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minn. F. & A.M. Jurisdiction.
Twin City Assembly No. 47, Order of the Golden Circle.
Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, MN. & Jurisdiction.
Fezzan Temple No. 26 and Fezzan Court No. 7.
Alta Commandery No. 23., Knights Templar.
Omar Chapter No. 29., Joppa Chapter # 57, Holy Royal Arch Masons.
Orara Court No. 77., Heroins of Jericho.
Past Master's Council & The Master & Wardens Council.
Royal & Select Masters Council.
Past Exalted Ruler Council & Elkdom of Minnesota

OBSERVATIONS

We should benefit from our past mistakes. It is time we show that we appreciate the effort and time some have put into Masonic Programs. The day of the nickel cup of coffee is gone. Since the Shrine needs candidates, the least they could do, is be present at our elevations. I still feel a Sublime Prince should attend a Consistory Meeting, before he becomes a Shriner. Don't forget to vote November 2nd. Don't forget to look for levers for four amendments. If you don't vote for amendments, your vote is considered a NO vote. Women have come a long way. There are 53 women running for U.S. House seats, three running for the U.S. Senate, 1, 620 running for State Legislatures. We have lost good friends, because some people judge a person on one issue. There are 42 historically Black Colleges served by the United Negro Fund. 90% of the students require financial aid. Give if you can. "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." Why don't we support or contribute to an Eagle Scout Troop? When you help a scout, you never know, he may grow up to be a Mason. I did. The news release submitted to the Spokesman-Recorder on October 12th did not appear in the October 21st issue. Are we news worthy? Some time you save the best for last. The 1982 Council of Deliberation for the State of Washington was moved from Spokane to Tacoma, Washington. On October 2, 1982 The Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. for the State of Washington and its Jurisdiction joined the White Grand Lodge of Washington in a public ceremony to lay the cornerstone for the Tacoma Mini-Dome Stadium in Tacoma, Wash. This may have been the first such joint event of its kind in the Nation. This was a historical occasion and a beautiful sight to see, Black masons in full regalia. On the speakers platform were the M.W.P.H. Grand Master of Washington, The Honorable Johnny Allen, the Grand Master of Oregon, G.M. Brown and Ill. Russell S. Gideon, S.G.C.

CONCLUSION

If anyone catches any mistakes today or tonight, please consider them done on purpose. We try to please everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes.

We wish you, Ill. David a speedy and safe trip back to your home.

I am changing my usual closing quotation: "That Ye Love One Another." To: "That Ye Try To Love One Another."

Faternally submitted,

Martin O. Weddington, 33°
Deputy for Minnesota and
Its Jurisdiction

10/30/1982

MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION, A.A.S.R.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1981-82

Balance in Bank 10/23/81			\$ 1,146.87
Banquet Ticket Receipts 10/24/81	\$ 1,637.50		
Registration 36 @ \$5.00 10/24/81	180.00		
Total	\$ 1,817.50		
Paid N.C.O.Club for Banquet 10/24/81:			
Check No. 272	\$ 1,146.00		.87
Cash	268.50	268.50	
Cost of Banquet	\$ 1,414.50		
Balance of Receipts	\$ 1,549.00		
Receipts Deposited 10/25/81	461.50	461.50	462.37
Receipts in Hand of Secretary	\$ 1,087.50		
Paid for Printing Proceedings 10/26/81	245.00		217.37
Paid for C.O.D. Lunches 10/26/81	32.00		185.37
Paid Sec'y & Treas. Tokens 10/26/81	175.00		10.37
Balance of Receipts Deposited 10/28/81		1087.50	1,097.87
Paid for typing COD Proceedings 10/28/81	100.00		997.87
Paid for Visitors Rm & Expense 12/12/81	113.64		884.23
Other Receipts Deposited 1/23/82		37.50	921.73
Paid for Deputy's Travel 2/22/82	128.00		793.73
N.S.C. No. 14 Tax Deposited 3/29/82		797.50	1,591.23
Paid donations to Supreme Council	100.00		1,491.23
2 @ \$50.00 3/29/82			
Paid Sec'y & Treas. Bond Premium 4/26/82	50.00		1,441.23
Paid for Deputy's Travel to U.S.C. 4/26/82	700.00		741.23
Paid hotel rent deposit for C.O.D. 9/2/82	100.00		641.23
N.S.C. No. 14 Tax Deposited 10/6/82		841.50	1,482.73
Bank Charges 12 Checks @ .25¢ and 1 check @ .75¢	3.75		1,478.98
Balance in Bank 10/29/82			\$1,478.98

Aaron A. Arradondo
Treasurer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Distinguished Visitors, Illustrious Peers, Officers and Members of the Minnesota Council of Deliberations - Greetings.

As secretary, this report is my record of all monies received and disbursed by the council, during fiscal year 81-82.

CASH AVAILABLE

10/24/81	Bank Balance	\$ 1,146.87
10/24/81	Cash Receipts - Banquet Tickets	268.50
10/25/81	Receipts from Banquet Tickets	461.50
10/28/81	Receipts from Banquet Tickets	1,087.50
1/23/82	Receipts from NSC # 14 for Banquet	37.50
3/29/82	Receipts from NSC # 14 for Tax	797.50
10/6/82	Receipts from NSC # 14 for Tax	841.50
	Total Cash Available	\$ 4,640.87

DISBURSEMENTS

10/24/81	NCO Club for Banquet Tickets	\$ 1,414.50
10/26/81	Suel Printing Co. for Printing	245.00
10/26/81	Morris S. Miller for Sec. Token	100.00
10/26/81	Aaron A. Arradondo for Treas. Token	75.00
10/26/81	M.O. Weddington COD Lunches	32.00
10/28/81	Mary Kay Dolejs for Typing	100.00
12/12/81	M.O. Weddington for Deputy Exp.	113.64
2/22/82	M.O. Weddington for Deputy Travel	128.00
3/29/82	U.S. Council Donation for B.F.	50.00
3/29/82	U.S. Council Donation for B.F.	50.00
4/26/82	Alex. & Alex. Sec & Treas. Bond	50.00
4/26/82	M.O. Weddington for Deputy Travel	700.00
9/2/82	Sheraton Ritz Hotel for Rent	100.00
	Service Charge	3.75
	Total Disbursements	\$ 3,161.89

SUMMARY

Total Cash Available	\$ 4,640.87
Total Disbursements	- 3,161.89
Balance in Bank	\$ 1,478.98

Fraternally,

M. S. Miller
Morris S. Miller
Ill. Grand Secretary

AUDIT REPORT

To: The Illustrious Commander-In-Chief, Distinguished Visitors, Illustrious Peers, Officers and Members of Minnesota Council of Deliberations.

Greetings:

The Auditing Committee having examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer submit the following report of our findings:

Balance Forward 10/24/1981	\$ 1,146.87
Receipts	3,494.00
Total	4,640.87
Disbursements	3,161.89
Balance in Treasury	\$ 1,478.98
Funds Deposited but not shown on bank statement which is included in our ending balance of	\$ 841.50
	\$ 1,478.98
Bank charges are included in disbursement total in the amount of	3.75
Balance on hand in bank	\$ 1,478.98

Fraternally submitted,

W. Mc Adams
W. Davis
W. Glanton

MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION, A.A.S.R.
FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1982-83:

Deputy's Expenses to Supreme Council and Conference	\$ 800.00
Rent and Meals for Council Participants	300.00
Travel Within the Orient for the Rite	200.00
Printing of Proceedings	300.00
Supreme Council Benevolent Foundation	50.00
Supreme Council Cathedral Maintenance Fund	50.00
Secretary's Donation	100.00
Treasurer's Donation	75.00
Bond Premium on Secretary and Treasurer	50.00
Miscellaneous	95.00
Total Estimated Expenses	\$2020.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FROM MEMBERSHIP:

Estimated Receipts from Membership (306 Members @ \$5.50)	\$1683.00
Registration Fee for Meals and Proceedings (50 Members @ \$7.00)	350.00
Ads in Proceedings	57.00
Total Anticipated Receipts	\$2090.00

October 30, 1982

Fraternally submitted,

Aaron A. Arradondo, 33°
Morris S. Miller, 33°
Bevely E. Roland, 32°
Allen Hudson, 32°

REPORT NORTH STAR CONSISTORY # 14

To: Illustrious Davis, Illustrious Martin O. Weddington, Sovereign
Grand Inspector General, Illustrious Peers, Members and Visitors.

Greetings:

As Commander-In-Chief I would like to express my gratitude to those faithful members who have supported North Star Consistory # 14 during the ensuing year. With your support and guidance, and the blessing of the Grand Master of the Universe, North Star Consistory # 14 can boast of an enjoyable year. I feel that North Star Consistory # 14 made all of its obligations to the community and its members.

Maundy Thursday observance was held at Zion Baptist Church in Minneapolis, MN. The observance was well attended by North Star and an abundance of non Masons. The service was conducted by Most Wise A. Buckley who performed a magnificent job.

On April 10, 1982 six members and myself traveled to Grand Forks, North Dakota to elevate 16 new members. These participants were: A. Buckley, M. Henry, R. Hasan, Bill Johnson, D. Wharry, and our Ill. Deputy Martin O. Weddington. I would like to personally express my appreciation to these members who made the sacrifice, to travel to Grand Forks, North Dakota on Friday night, elevated 16 candidates all day Saturday, and drove back to Minneapolis Saturday night, and attended the Easter Sunday Service at Zion Baptist Church. Also on January 29, 1982 an elevation was held in Minneapolis, MN. at the Masonic Temple, and 9 candidates were elevated to Sublime Princes, a total of 25 elevated for the year. At this time we have a total membership of 308.

It is regretable that the Supreme Grand Commander, saw fit to call S.P. James Coleman from labor to rest, may his soul rest in peace.

Fraternally submitted,

Charles E. Milliner
Commander-In-Chief

Most Worshipful Grand Master
Illustrious Deputy of the Orient
Illustrious Peers
Sublime Princes

To the Sovereign Grand Inspector General Illustrious Sir:

On behalf of the chapter of Rose Croix, with honor we bid you welcome. We resolve to do anything within our power to ensure that your brief stay will be an enjoyable one.

Sublime princes, as we assemble here today at our 37th Annual Council of Deliberations, let us remember those refreshing lines, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

My utterance today will be in the form of an address rather than a report. There is an old West Indies adage, which says, "Teeth and tongue will meet sometimes." But the teeth and tongue will have to work or operate within the same perimeter, so be it with us who are members of this August Body Northstar Consistory.

There will be many conflicting thoughts and ideas, which may lead to heated controversies, but we must make sure that when all these misunderstandings are over, we will bury them and let them stay buried.

Everything that is of this earth is subject to faults, or we may sin. Even the food we eat. Because the earth is of gravitation, and gravitations have a tendency of pulling things down, we must be certain that whenever we fall, or if we fall, we will fall on our knees praying, not on our face. (Bless be the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love).

I remember well that evening we were then meeting in St. Paul at 334 Milton. Lawrence Henderson was the Commander-in-Chief. There were three sublime princes, now illustrious peers. They are Illustrious Peer Morris Miller, Illustrious Peer James Kenny and Illustrious Peer Marion Brown. The Royal Diadem of the 33rd was recently pinned on them. They were called upon to give a resume of their experience. I listened with all the ardor that I possessed. To me it was a lesson of humility and gratitude. With all their glory, they were saying, "We have received, we have done, we the Northstar Consistory." Not once did they use the word "I". These peers knew that they could not have gotten or reached the zenith of masonry without the help of someone (Northstar Consistory). Someone has to know, or share, our merits before we can ever be acclaimed for our worth. (We cannot, if we could live or die wholly to ourselves)

This was not an easy year for us in Northstar Consistory. I think that we have hurdled all the obstacles. Let us rekindle that feeling of togetherness in our fraternity. Let us strive to practice those solemn and sincere words that we have received in the charge.

Remember that you promise to befriend and aid all brethren who are in need of your assistance. To remind him in the most tender manner of his failing and aid in his reformation. To vindicate his character when wrongly traduced. Let the world see how Masons love each other.

All is not lost. It may look very dismal on the surface, but there is a lot of dedication and brotherly love that is lying ready to be rekindled.

I recall on April 10th, there was an elevation in Grand Forks, North Dakota. The day was Saturday. Thursday, the 8th, was our Maudy Thursday observance. Five of us left St. Paul Friday night and reached Grand Forks in the wee hours of the morning. There was a drought of hotel and motel accommodations. When we finally found one, it was about 3:30 a.m., just enough time to take a shower and lay across the bed. With insufficient help, five of us elevated 16 fraters, thanks to the expertise of our Illustrious Deputy of the Orient, we were able to do a satisfactory elevation.

It can be clearly seen that the dedication is still here, so we should implore all our leaders, not only in the Scottish Rite alone, but in all branches of masonry to bury all the morbid past and rekindle our glorious tenets, brotherly love, relief, and truth, less we decline more. If ever we needed each other, we need each other now.

My stewardship for the year, I am very satisfied. I do not have to say how much money I have given to the cause of masonry, nor tell of the many festivities I have attended. (Knox once wrote, "Why should the spirit of a mortal be proud, when like a passing cloud a fast flying meteor man passes away from life to the grave.") I can only say that I have fulfilled my obligations as the most wise in the Chapter of Rose Croix. I have attended all consistory meetings planned, presided for the Maudy observance and presided in all the funeral services.

One of the highlights of this year was to attend the Scottish Rite Workshop in Indianapolis in conjunction with the Phylaxis Society ninth session, Lawson Slaughter Chapter was the host. That was just great. There I behold:

In minute accuracy the accomplished craftsman in all his splendor displaying his talent to advantage in the elucidation of the fourth to the thirty-second degrees. That was a plus in masonic education for me.

Thanking you again for electing me to this office twice, I know that you have confidence in whatsoever task is entrusted to me, I will do my best for its accomplishment.

I will conclude now, but not before I repeat my favorite dialogue that I have borrowed from Brother Forshaw. What is a true Mason?

Write him as one who loves his fellowmen
Who speak no ill of an erring soul:
But ever strive by actions, voice and pen
To point the wanderer to the safest goal.

Fraternally

A. Buckley
Most Wise and Perfect Master

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master Morris S. Miller; To The Illustrious Deputy of Minnesota Martin O. Weddington; and To The Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Illustrious James W. Davis, Deputy for the Far East; and To The Illustrious Sirs:

I have enjoyed serving this year as Thrice Potent Master of the House of Perfection in the North Star Consistory # 14. I want to thank my officers both elected and appointed individually and as a unit. They have been of great help in attending to the duties and responsibilities associated with the House of Perfection. I also wish to thank the Commander-In-Chief Charles Milliner for his fine support. The House of Perfection has attended to business this year and listened to Instruction. In addition we attended the Maundy Thursday Service.

As Thrice Potent Master, I, Thomas E. Henderson would like to see this the best Council of Deliberation we have ever had in the Northern Jurisdiction and North Star Consistory # 14. I also wish to each and every member and attendee the most prosperous of years to come.

The Officers this year for the House of Perfection are:

Deputy Grand Master:	Hasan Rashad
Senior Warden:	Willie Rodgers
Junior Warden:	Cleamon Meek
Captain of the Guard:	Hutchinson

"A wise man will hear and increase in learning." Proverbs 1:5

Fraternally submitted,

Thomas E. Henderson, 32°
Thrice Potent Master
House of Perfection
North Star Consistory # 14

NECROLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

"HOUR OF MEMORY"

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL.....23RD PSALM

To: The Deputy of the Orient of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction, Martin O. Weddington, To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction, Ill. Morris S. Miller, to our Guest of honor, Ill. James W. Davis, Deputy for The Far East, to our Illustrious Peers of the 33° and last degree of the Orient of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction, to our Commander-in-Chief of North Star Consistory # 14, Charles E. Milliner and to all the Sublime Princes of the Orient of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction.

GREETINGS:

We the Committee on Necrology beg leave to submit the following report, which will include a short Memorial Service. We the committee deem it a great honor to have been chosen to serve on this committee, paying tribute to our departed members.

HYMN AND CANDLE LIGHTING

ROLL CALL OF THE DECEASED

James Coleman..... January 14, 1982

SCRIPTURE - Matthew 5: 16-20

PRAYER

Our heavenly Father, Author and Finisher of our Faith, Thou Who hast been with us in all our endeavors and in all our ways, we thank Thee for the life of our loved one who have enriched our lives by his example of goodness and by faith in Jesus Christ, Thy Son. We have placed his name in a sacred place in our hearts. Help us to serve as he served. Give us love for our neighbor and help us to serve Thee to our fullest and best. Bless this assembly, and may we feel the influence of this hour long after this meeting is over. Thou art Our Father and our God. Be Thous our Guide and Stay. In the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

HYMN

EULOGY

Dear Members and Friends, we have come to a sacred hour in this our Grand Session, this an Hour of Memory. We will honor the memory of

our departed Member, who once sat with us and who were tied to us in the ties of fraternity. He walked with us and joined with us in our good works, so today we would remember him and pay tribute to his memory. Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die." And "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may be also." And let the comforting assurance come to us, "That if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." Jesus said again, "Let not your heart be troubled; for if ye believe in God, believe also in me, for I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father, except by me." Therefore it is our belief that beyond the grave is the golden key that makes us know our loved one lived throughout eternity.

When the eyes grow dim, and the heart beats fail,
When the Spirit slips from its coat of mail,
When the patient hands that labored on
After the hopes of youth were gone,
Are gently folded on silent brest
And all is peaceful holy rest,
How sweet to know, whate'er befall
God's love is over and under all.

That is the Hour of Memory. Amen.

SOLO

RECESSIONAL

"There is a land that is brighter than day, and by faith we can see it, afar." This is the Hour of Memory. Amen.

BENEDICTION.

Fraternally submitted,

Willie D. Gray
Marion L. Brown
Milton Henry
Nathaniel Hardy
Hayward C. Mc Kerson

REPORT ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

To: Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief, S.G.I.G. Davis, Officers and Members of the Minnesota Council of Deliberation.

Greetings:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances takes pleasure in reporting that there are no grievances and no appeals. Therefore, we submit that peace and harmony prevails in the Orient of Minnesota.

Fraternally,

Ill. Samuel D. Mitchell, 33°
Ill. Fred Scurry, 33°
S.P. Azariah Buckley, 32°
S.P. William E. Johnson, 32°

REPORT OF MEDICAL ADVISORS COMMITTEE

To: Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief, S.G.I.G. Davis, Officers and Members of the Minnesota Council of Deliberation.

Greetings:

Your Committee on Medical Affairs thanks you for the opportunity to bring to the Minnesota Council of Deliberation a statement dealing with the health of this orient.

Unfortunately, time did not permit us to assemble appropriate information to be shared with the Council at this 37th Annual Session. However, we shall accept these responsibilities as your mandate to us for the 38th Annual Session. Accordingly, we shall prepare. We thank you for this chance to serve.

Fraternally,

Ill. Morris S. Miller
Ill. Cassius Ellis, M.D.
S.P. Thomas Johnson, M.D.
S.P. W. D. Brown, Jr., M.D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ALLOCUTION

To: Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief, Officers, Members, and Visitors.

Pursuant to his duties as Deputy and complying to the Constitution, he has issued his proclamation. He began his address by extending a hearty welcome to Illustrious James E. Davis, our distinguished visitor. Prior to his deliberation he admonished us to pay homage to the memory of those members who have passed on in death over the past year and invited the Grand Prior to lead us in prayer. In his report on Necrology, those Sublime Princes who have passed on were named and we were asked to visualize their presence in our past Deliberations.

He included a paragraph entitled "Things To Remember." He reported on the Annual Session of the United Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction P.H.A. which convened in Freeport, Grand Bahamas this past May. In his "State Of The Order" he mentioned our achievements and expressed concern for the future. He has an admonishment for other Fraternal Bodies. He spoke of his visit to the Washington State Council of Deliberation and other Masonic events that he chanced to attend while there. We are being reminded to vote on November 2nd. He concluded with a statement that he is changing his usual quotation "That ye love one another" to "that ye try to love one another."

We the Committee on Deputies Allocution commend the Illustrious Deputy for this informative address given for the benefit of this Minnesota Council of Deliberation.

Fraternally,

Alvis Walker, 32°
Hobart T. Mitchell, 33°
George Strickland, 32°
Merrill L. Taylor, 33°, Chm.
Thomas Henderson, 32°

Ill. James W. Davis, Ill. Deputy M.O. Weddington, Illustrious Peers, Fraters, Visitors, and Members of the Minnesota Council of Deliberation.

Greetings:

We, the Committee on Ritualistic Work submit the following report.

The committee examined the present format used for conferring the Scottish Rite Degrees. We noted an abbreviated form which is used under certain extenuated circumstances when time may not be adequate for the long and complete ceremony. Although the committee is not unmindful of the benefits of that shorter procedure, it recommends that every effort should be made to follow the long form - the candidates get much more information.

We also found that the Ineffable degrees, the Philosophical degrees, and the Chivalric degrees all administered according to the dictates of the Ritual and our well established custom.

The committee recommends that the Consistory considers forming a degree team and setting aside some time at our monthly meeting to give instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

George Leonard, 33°, Chairman
Hayward C. Mc Kerson, 33°
S.P. Charles E. Milliner, 32°
S.P. Azariah Buckley, 32°
S.P. Thomas E. Henderson, 32°

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE
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VALLEY OF ST. PAUL

ORIENT OF MINNESOTA

OCTOBER 30, 1983

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Responding to the orders of Ill. Deputy Martin O. Weddington, 33°, North Star Consistory # 14 was called to order at 9:15 a.m., by the Commander-In-Chief, S.P. Charles E. Milliner, 32°, to receive the Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief and officers of the Minnesota Council of Deliberation. The officers of North Star Consistory # 14 were present and in their stations.

MEETING PLACE:

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, 3832 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

CONVENING COUNCIL OF
DELIBERATION:

At 10:15 a.m., the Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief, Martin O. Weddington, 33°, was received according to ritualistic customs. He then thanked the Commander-In-Chief, officers and members of North Star Consistory # 14 for their support, seated the assembly with the Council of Deliberation officers in their stations, ordered the roll call of those officers, and after making two substitutions - Ill. Hayward C. Mc Kerson, 33°, Ill. 2nd L.C. and Ill. Hobart T. Mitchell, 33°, Ill. Master of Cermonies he proclaimed the meeting formerly opened.

OPENING PRAYER:

The opening prayer was said by Ill. Marion L. Brown, Ill. Grand Prior.

GREETINGS:

The Most Illustrious Commander-In Chief received greetings from the following concordant and appendant bodies:

1. Grand Commander - P.H. Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, Illinois Jurisdiction.

GREETINGS:

2. Royal and Selected Masters - Twin City Chpater # 26 and Grand Thrice Selected Masters of Ohio.

3. Alta Commandery # 23.

4. Fezzan Temple # 26.

5. Ames Lodge # 106 of the Elkes.

6. Palestine Lodge # 7, Perfect Ashler Lodge # 4, Doric Lodge # 3, Prince Hall Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Phylaxis Society - Thomas H. Lyles Chapter, Commanders of the Rite, and Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., Minnesota's Jurisdiction.

All expressed hope for a productive and harmonious 37th Annual Session.

ILL. DAVIS' WELCOME:

As the Sovereign Grand Commander's special representative, Ill. Davis, Deputy for the Far East was accorded a special welcome by Ill. Hobart Mitchell who presented him with a key symbolic to his invitation into our homes and hearts. Ill. Davis responded with warmth and gratitude for th hospitality he had received.

DEPUTY'S ALLOCUTION:

An attentive council listened to the Deputy's account of his stewardship for the past year. After which, Ill. Aaron Arradando moved "That this splendid report be received and a rising vote of thanks be given for a job well done." The motion was seconded, adopted and applause given the Deputy.

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. The Secretary's Report was read. Moved by S.P. Charles Cook, 32° and seconded that the report be received. Motion carried.

2. The Treasurer's Report was read. Ill. Mc Kerson moved that the report be receive. The motion was seconded and adopted.

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

3. From Audit Committee. It was moved by Ill. James A. Kinney, 33°, that the committee's report be accepted. The motion was seconded and adopted.
4. From Paraphanalia, the report was received by a motion from Ill. James A. Kinney. The motion was seconded.
5. The Thrice Potent Master's report was read and received by motion from Ill. W.D. Gray, 33°. The motion was seconded.
6. The Commander-In-Chief's report was read and accepted. The motion was made by S.P. William E. Johnson, 32°, seconded, and adopted.
7. From Finance and Budget Committee. Ill. Arradando moved acceptance of the report. The motion was seconded and adopted.
8. Appeals and Grievances. There were none! It was moved by Ill. George Leonard, 33° that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded and adopted.
9. Medical Advisors. This report was presented by Ill. Morris Miller, 33° who moved its acceptance, the motion was seconded and adopted.
10. From the Committee on Registration their partial report was accepted by consensus of the council. There were 35 registrants at that time.
11. The Committee on Ritualistic Work was received by Council's consensus.
12. Scottish Rite Music. The Ill. Grand Musician, William M. Davis, 33° gave a verbal report which the council received by consensus.
13. Necrology, as usual, was presented according to our custom and was very well done. It was moved by Ill. Milton Henry, 33°, and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION:

Worshipful Master Meeks asked and received permission from the Most Ill. Commander-In-Chief to make a presentation to S.P. Azariah Buckley from Pioneer Lodge # 1.

EXEMPTION REQUEST:

The council heard a resolution asking that S.P. Ralph Wright, 32° be exempt from dues and assessment in North Star Consistory # 14, and that a similar request be made to the United Supreme Council by the Deputy. Moved by Ill. Hobart T. Mitchell, the motion was seconded, and unanimously adopted. S.P. Wright is terminally ill.

CALL TO REFRESHMENT:

At 12:00 Noon, the Deputy called the Council to refreshment for lunch.

CALL TO LABOR:

At 1:35 p.m., the Council resumed labors, and continued to receive reports. Thus:

COMMITTEE REPORTS CTD:

14. The Deputy's Allocution. The report was accepted by a motion from Ill. Hobart Mitchell, seconded, and adopted.
15. Committee on Concerns and Involvement. It was moved by Ill. Aaron Arradando, and seconded, that the report be received. Motion carried.
16. Final report from Registration Committee - 38 members. Turned over to the Ill. Secretary and got receipt for \$ 190.00.

ELECTION FOR 33°:

There were three nominees. They were:

1. S.P. Charles E. Milliner
2. S.P. Azariah Buckley
3. S.P. George Strickland

Milliner was elected to receive the degree.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following officers were elected:

- Ill. W.D. Gray, Ill. 1st. L.C.
 Ill. Merrill Taylor, Ill. 2nd L.C.
 S.P. W.E. Johnson, Ill. Minister of State

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Ill. Aaron Arradando, Ill. Treasurer

Ill. Morris Miller, Ill. Secretary

All other officers remained unchanged, except Ill. Milton Henry, who was appointed Grand Sentinel.

INSTALLATION:

All officers were duly installed by the Most Ill. Commander-In-Chief.

REMARKS:

Ill. Davis expressed much pleasure with his visit to this Orient. He could as a result of what he had seen, report very favorably to the Sovereign Grand Commander - Russel S. Gideon, 33°. He thanked the membership for the courtesies he had recieved.

RECEIPTS:

The Ill. Grand Secretary received \$ 693.50 from the Banquet Chairman. Some was turned over to the Ill. Grand Treasurer and receipts were given.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

After the Council's business was taken care of, the Deputy closed in ample ritualistic form. He declared the 37th Annual Communication closed at 5:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

M. Miller
Morris S. Miller
Ill. Grand Secretary