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The Thirty-Eighth Annual Communication



Minnesota Council of Deliberation

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MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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ADDRESSMENT CHAIN - GOD BE WITH US TILL WE MEET AGAIN

THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 3832 - 4TH AVE. SOUTH

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

MORRIS S. MILLER

OCTOBER 22, 1984

SECRETARY

MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON

DEPUTY FOR MINNESOTA

ORDER OF BUSINESS

October 22, 1984

MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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MORRIS S. MILLER

ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND SECRETARY

MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON

DEPUTY FOR MINNESOTA

PROCLAMATION

TO: SOVEREIGN AND GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEFS, OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION, ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE SCOTTISH RITE AND ALL SUBLIME PRINCES OF THE ROYAL SECRET.

RE: THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

GREETINGS:

Pursuant to Article XXIX, Section 108-110, of the Constitution and General Regulations of the United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., P.H.A., N.J.

Therefore, be advised, that the 37th Annual Council of Deliberation, since reactivation, shall convene in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 3832 - 4th Avenue South, on Saturday, October 22, 1983 at 9:00 a.m. All business pertinent to the Scottish Rite, in this orient, shall be considered.

Our host - North Star Consistory # 14, with S.P. William E. Johnson as Commander-In-Chief, will open the session.

We request that you report in proper attire, dark suit, tie and shoes, white shirt, gloves, crown and jewel of the order. Take due notice.

All must register with the Registration Committee and those who are eligible to vote must register with the Credentials Committee also.

The Commander-In-Chief, Most Wise and Perfect Master and the Thrice Potent Master shall each present a report on the activities of his respective house for the year. A copy of all reports must be turned over to the Ill. Grand Secretary.

All officers who have Rituals and Syllabi assigned to them must present them for inspection.

Given over my hand and seal of the Minnesota Council of Deliberation this 22nd Day of August, 1983.

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

Morris S. Miller, 33°
Illustrious Grand Secretary

DISPENSATION

RE: THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

NORTH STAR CONSISTORY # 14 AND TWIN CITY ASSEMBLY # 47
PILLAR OF BEAUTY CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX # 14
ADONIRAM LODGE OF PERFECTION # 14

Please be advised that the 1983 Council of Deliberation for the Orient of Minnesota will convene on Saturday, October 22, 1983 at 9:00 a.m., in Minneapolis, MN. at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 3832 4th Avenue South. All business pertinent to the Scottish Rite shall be considered.

Grand Inspectors General, Past Commander-In-Chiefs and the Principal Officers of the above three houses, please take notice. All Sublime Princes are welcome and should attend.

North Star Consistory # 14, with S.P. William E. Johnson, 32° as Commander-In-Chief, will open the session. We need 36 members present at 9:00 a.m.

S.G.I.G. Phillip D. Oliver, 33° of West Medford, MA., will be the personal representative of the Sovereign Grand Commander. All courtesies extended to our guest will be appreciated.

A banquet will be held at the NCO Club, Twin Cities Air Force Reserve Bae, 934th Tactical Airlift Group, Viking Room, as a climax of our 38th Anniversary since reactivation, Saturday evening of the 22nd.

All consistory members are invited to attend church service with the Golden Circle on Sunday, October 23rd, at 10:45 a.m., at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 732 W. Central Avenue, St. Paul, MN. in proper attire.

Scottish Rite dress is appropriate for the above events, with regalia.

DISPENSATION is hereby given for the above events. Take due notice.

Martin O. Weddington, 33°
Ill. Deputy for Minnesota Jurisdiction

SALUTATION

RE: THE WEEKEND OF THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

ILLUSTRIOUS SIRS, OFFICERS AND SUBLIME PRINCES:
PRESENT AND PAST LOYAL LADY RULERS AND LOYAL LADIES:

Please be advised: The Minnesota Council of Deliberation will convene Saturday, October 22nd at 9:00 a.m. at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 3832 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN. North Star Consistory # 14, with S.P. William E. Johnson, as Commander-In-Chief, will open the session. We need 36 members present at 9:00 a.m.

Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Illustrious Phillip D. Oliver, will be the personal representative of the Sovereign Grand Commander, any courtesies extended to our guest will be appreciated.

Saturday evening you are all invited to attend a banquet at the NCO Club, Twin Cities Air Force Reserve Base, Viking Room at 7:00 p.m. A South African Lobster Tail Dinner will be served at \$ 15.00 each, a Prime Rib Dinner or a Golden Fried Jumbo Shrimp Dinner for \$ 12.50 each. Rev. Thomas W. S. Logan, Jr., Rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church will speak. We must know how many to prepare for. Please sell some tickets and notify the committee by October 17th. You may report to any 33° Consistory Officer or tear off the bottom of this letter and return to: Martin O. Weddington.

On Sunday, October 23rd, the Loyal Ladies of the Twin City Assembly # 47, Order of the Golden Circle will attend the morning service at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 732 W. Central Avenue, St. Paul, MN. The masonic family is invited to attend in proper attire.

CUT AND RETURN

To: Martin O. Weddington, 714 W. Central Avenue, St. Paul, MN.
55104 or Phone: 222-0295 or
Hobart T. Mitchell, Sr. 3612 Elliot Avenue, Mpls. MN.
55407 or Phone: 822-3596

Please Reserve (1) (2) () Golden Fried Jumbo Shrimp Dinner or
(1) (2) () Prime Rib Dinner @ \$ 12.50 Each
(1) (2) () South African Lobster Tail @ \$ 15.00

Sign _____

Enclosed \$ _____

Rev. Thomas Logan, Jr. Rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church
will be our guest speaker at our banquet.

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED

ALLOCATION

Ill. Merrill L. Taylor
Ill. Hobart T. Mitchell, Sr.
S.P. Avis L. Walker
S.P. William Jones
S.P. Thomas E. Henderson

RITUALISTIC WORK

Ill. Hayward C. Mc Kerson
Ill. George Leonard
Ill. Charles E. Milliner
S.P. Azariah Buckley
S.P. Cleamon Meeks

FINANCE & BUDGET

S.P. George Strickland
Ill. Morris S. Miller
S.P. Allen Hudson

BANQUET

Ill. Fred Scurry
Ill. Morris S. Miller
Ill. Charles E. Milliner
Ill. Milton Henry
Ill. Aaron A. Arradondo

RESOLUTIONS

Ill. Morris S. Miller
Ill. Milton Henry
Ill. Robert H. Johnson
S.P. Charles E. Cook, Sr.
S.P. Rashad Hasan

APPEALS & GRIEVANCES

Ill. James Martin
Ill. Samuel D. Mitchell
S.P. William E. Johnson

MUSIC

Ill. William M. Davis

REGISTRATION

Ill. Fred Scurry
Ill. Charles A. Agnew
S.P. Ruford Davis
S.P. Mark Sutherin
Ill. James Kinney, Sr.

NECROLOGY

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

AUDITING

Ill. Wayne Glanton
Ill. William M. Davis
S.P. William Dan Mc Adams

PARAPHENALIA

Ill. Aaron A. Arradondo
Ill. Leonard C. Madden
Ill. Charles E. Milliner
S.P. Harold L. Harris
S.P. Claudie Washington

MEDICAL ADVISORS

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

REFRESHMENTS

S.P. James Buckner
S.P. Azariah Buckley
S.P. LeRoy Weathersby
S.P. William Wade
S.P. Warren Johnson

LEGAL ADVISOR

S.P. James N. Bradford

Additions to the above, will be made from those present at the session.
Committee Chairman is first person named, Chairman notify your committee.

To: The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Martin O. Weddington
The Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, William E. Johnson

Greetings: From the officers and members of the Most Worshipful
Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Jurisdiction

We sincerely hope that the Good Lord, who doith all
things well smiles on this your Thirty-Eighth Annual
Session.

Yours Fraternally,

Morris S. Miller, M.W.G.M.
Charles E. Cook, Sr., R.W.G.S.

To: Soverign Grand Inspector General, Illustrious Phillip D. Oliver
(Personal Representative of Soverign Grand Commander Russell G.
Gideon, 33°), Illustrious Deputy Martin O. Weddington, 33°, Ill-
ustrious Peers, Fraters, Visitors, and Members of the 83 Commu-
nicators of Minnesota Council of Deliberation.

Greetings: As Grand Captain General, Prince Hall Commandry Knights
Templar Illinois Jurisdiction, 2 bring greetings from
(P.H.) Grand Commandry, Ex. Sir Alex C. Adams, R.E.
Grand Commander.

and

As most Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest of Minnesota
for the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter HRAM,
Davis James, Most Excellent Grand High Priest presiding.
2 bring greetings along with the prayers that the Bless-
ings of God rest upon you and brotherly love prevail for
a most harmonious council.

Hayward C. Mc Kerson

To: Martin O. Weddington, Deputy for Minnesota & Jurisdictions

From: Nancy Mayo, Wothy Matron and the Prince Hall Grand Chapter
4052 Oakland Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN.

Best wishes for a most harmonious and progressive communication.

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

TO THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER, SOVEREIGN AND GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL, MOST
WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF
DELIBERATION, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND VISITORS AND SUBLIME PRINCES.
GREETINGS:

IT IS BOTH A PLEASURE AND A HONOR TO GREET YOU AND WELCOME YOU TO THIS OUR
38TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION. IT IS BY THE
GRACE OF THE SUPREME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE THAT WE ARE HERE THIS
MORNING. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED ONE BLESSING OF 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 TRANSPIRED IN OUR FRATERNITY, AS WELL AS IN OUR EVERY DAY LIFE.
YOUR ASSEMBLAGE WAS REQUESTED, IN CONCORD, TO PROMOTE THE INTEREST 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 DISTINGUISHED
GUEST, ILLUSTRIOUS PHILLIP D. OLIVER, TO OUR COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION. THE
COMMANDERS OF THE RITE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR EVERY NEED. YOU WILL BE
ASKED TO BRING REMARKS LATER IN THE PROGRAM.

PURSUANT TO MY DUTY AS DEPUTY, A PROCLAMATION AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE WERE ISSUED TO ASSEMBLE THIS SCOTTISH RITE BODY, TO REPORT ON OUR LABORS, AND OUR PURPOSE IS TO PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE. WE HAVE MADE IT THUS FAR BECAUSE OF THE EFFORT PUT FORTH BY A FEW SINCERE MEMBERS. WE THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED, IN ANY WAY, TO THE PERPETUATION OF THE RITE IN THIS ORIENT.

BEFORE WE PROCEED FURTHER IN THESE DELIBERATIONS, LET US IN REVERENCE PAY HOMAGE TO THE MEMORY OF OUR MEMBERS 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 INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS, THE LOYAL LADIES OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE. 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 TO LEAD US IN PRAYER.

NECROLOGY

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN; FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED. MATT. V. 5.

SINCE WE LAST MET WE HAVE SUFFERED THE LOSS OF SEVERAL STALWART

BROTHERS AND FRIENDS. SUMMONED TO THE FINAL CALL WERE FRATERS JAMES

SLEMONS, RALPH WRIGHT AND A. B. CASSIUS. WE WERE SADDENED BY THE

VISIT OF THE GRIM REAPER. "AS WE HONOR THE FRATERS, WHOM DEATH HAS

TAKEN FROM US, LET US CONTEMPLATE OUR OWN DISSOLUTION, AND BY THE

REMEMBRANCE OF IMMORTALITY, RAISE OUR OWN SOULS ABOVE THE CONSIDERATIONS OF THIS

TRANSITORY EXISTENCE." BY DEATH, OUR FATHER, WHO IS IN HEAVEN, HAS AGAIN

REMINDING US OF THE BREVITY AND UNCERTAINTY OF HUMAN LIFE, AND WARNED US TO BE

READY FOR THE DAY, WHICH WILL COME, WHEN WE SHALL ANSWER THE CALL. LET US NOT

FORGET ANY OF OUR DEPARTED.

STATE OF THE NATION

THE PROBLEMS FACING THIS COUNTRY CONTINUE TO MOUNT. SOME PROBLEMS SEEM BEYOND

OUR CAPABILITY FOR SOLVING. INFLATION IS CONTINUING TO EFFECT US ALL. IT IS

MAKING THE POOR MORE DESPERATE THAN EVER. EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK YOU CAN SEE

TROUBLE., CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA: MID-EAST, SOUTH AFRICA, VIETNAM ECT.

VAST SUMS OF MONEY AND ENERGY ARE BEING EXERTED TO TRY TO WIN THE MINDS OF

PEOPLE AND THIS IS DILUTING THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR US IN SOCIAL PROGRAMS AT

HOME. AS A RESULT, WE SEE AND READ OF INCREASED CRIME IN THE STREETS, MORE

USE OF DRUGS BY OUR YOUNG, INCREASED USE OF ALCOHOL, FEWER JOBS AND LESS GOOD

HOUSING THAT POOR CAN AFFORD. A FEW YEARS AGO, EVERYONE WAS SAYING (CUT TAXES). WITH A CUT IN TAXES GOES A CUT IN SERVICES. WHO IS GETTING HURT?

NOW WE ARE SEEING UNEMPLOYMENT, ESPECIALLY OUR BLACK YOUTHS, CUTBACKS IN PROGRAMS, GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES ECT. ARE THESE BUT THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG? BLACKS CAN NOT AFFORD SHORTAGES. SHORTAGES DRIVE UP YOUR COST OF LIVING.

SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION

THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE NORTHERN JURISDICTION

CONVENED IN PHILADELPHIA, PA. YOUR DEPUTY ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE OF DEPUTIES,

ALL OFFICIAL EVENTS AND ALL SESSIONS. YOUR DEPUTY REPORTED ON THE CONDITIONS

IN OUR ORIENT. I HOPE YOU READ THE COLUMN, SPOTLIGHTS FROM THE SCOTTISH RITE,

PRINTED IN THE FIAT LUX, A PUBLICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND

LODGE. IT CONTAINED A REPORT ON THE SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION, AND YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE SUMMER BULLETIN.

STATE OF THE RITE

THE PROGRAMMING AND WORK OF THE CONSISTORY AND CONCORDANT BODIES CONTINUES TO

BE SATISFACTORY. OUR ELECTED OFFICERS COULD PLAN AND PRESENT BETTER PROGRAMS,

IF OUR MEMBERSHIP WOULD INCREASE THEIR INTEREST, ATTENDANCE AND PAY ATTENTION

TO THEIR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS. OUR SCOPE OF INVOLVEMENT WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

IS LIMITED. WE HAVE THE NUMBERS AND THE ABILITY TO BE LEADERS. WE HAD BETTER

BE CONCERNED. THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL TAX HAS BEEN REMITTED. WE HOPE THE

AMOUNT DUE THE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THE FINANCIAL CON-

DITION 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 RECEIVED SIX

NEW APRONS FOR THE SIR KNIGHTS ON OUR FUNERAL DEGREE TEAM. THE OFFICERS OF OUR

SCOTTISH RITE HOUSES WILL REPORT LATER ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THEIR ADMINIS-

TRATIONS. NOW IS THE TIME TO SET OUR HOUSE IN ORDER.

ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

THE LADIES OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE WILL BE OUR GUEST AT LUNCH TODAY. PLEASE 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 PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE LADIES DO WITH THE MONEY THEY MAKE ON PROJECTS? THEY GIVE IT AWAY.

TO OTHER FRATERNAL BODIES

WE, OF THE SCOTTISH RITE, EXTEND TO YOU OUR BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS. WE THANK THOSE WHO SENT BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION. PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, MN & JURISDICTION SENT A TELEGRAM, THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE

ILL. CHARLES E. MILLINER WAS HONORED BY CORONATION AT OUR LAST UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION. CONGRATULATIONS.

OFFICIAL ACTS

OTHER THAN THE ISSUANCE OF DISPENSATIONS AND REPORTING TO THE CONSISTORY AND THE COMMANDERS OF THE RITE, THERE WERE NO OFFICIAL ACTS NECESSARY TO BE TAKEN.

VISITATIONS

YOUR DEPUTY, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS WILL NOT TAKE YOUR TIME TO LIST ALL MY ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR, BECAUSE OF THE CLOSENESS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP, MY TRAVELS ARE WELL KNOWN AND SHARED IN BY SOME. IT IS APPROPRIATE, HOWEVER, TO MENTION THE CONTINUED GOOD WILL AND WARMTH OF FELLOWSHIP DISPLAYED, AS WE VISITED OTHER ORIENTS. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE MUTUAL OBJECTIVES AND USE THE COOPERATIVE APPROACH IN THE ATTAINMENT OF OUR GOALS.

OBSERVATIONS

IT IS TIME WE SHOW WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORT AND TIME SOME HAVE PUT INTO MASONARY.

SINCE THE SHRINE NEEDS CANDIDATES, THE LEAST THEY COULD DO, IS BE PRESENT AT OUR ELEVATIONS. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE NOV. *8TH.

I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT YOU UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT YOU ARE TO THE STRUCTURE OF SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY HERE IN MINNESOTA. YOUR COMING HERE TODAY TO PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER FRATERS AFFORDS YOURS TRULY AND YOUR OFFICERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCOUNT FOR OUR STEWARDSHIP; BUT THIS SESSION MEANS MUCH MORE IN SOME WAYS PROFOUNDLY MORE THAN YOU MIGHT IMAGINE. YOU ARE A PART OF A SUCCESSFUL AMERICAN FORMULA THAT EQUATES SUCCESS WITH ACHIEVEMENT. OUR SCOTTISH RITE ADAPTATION OF THIS PRAGMATIC PRINCIPLE HAS GUIDED OUR ORGANIZATION TO UNPRECEDENTED HEIGHTS, THROUGH DEPRESSIONS, WARS, TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES, GOVERNMENTAL BUREAUCRACY AND INFLATION. WE ARE DOING WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED AN IMPOSSIBLE JOB AND DOING IT WELL, WITHOUT FANFARE. DID YOU SCAN YOUR SUMMER BULLETIN? DID YOU SEE THE SCOTTISH RITE HALL OF FAME? DID YOU SEE PICTURES OF THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES FOR THE SCOTTISH RITE DEVELOPMENT? WE HAVE GROWN FROM A SMALL STRUGGLING ORGANIZATION, TO THE PLACE WHERE TODAY WE HAVE A HISTORICAL BUILDING IN OUR CATHEDRAL IN PHILADELPHIA, A BENEVOLENT FUND ESTABLISHED BY THE LATE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER, LELAND D. FRENCH. IF YOU FEEL AS PROUDLY ABOUT SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY AND WHAT OUR PREVIOUS LEADERSHIP AND PRESENT LEADERSHIP HAS ACCOMPLISHED AS I DO, LET IT SHOW, IN YOUR WORDS AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE IDEAS AND PROGRAMMING YOUR SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER IS TRYING TO PROJECT. WE HAVE COME TOO FAR AND WE ARE DOING OUR JOB TOO WELL TO FAIL NOW.

CONCLUSION

WE WISH YOU, ILL. PHILIP D. OLIVER, A SPEEDY AND SAFE TRIP BACK TO YOUR HOME. LAST YEAR I CHANGED MY USUAL CLOSING QUOTATION: "THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER." TO: "THAT YE TRY TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER." THIS YEAR I CLOSE WITH: "YOU-ALL TRY TO GET ALONG."

FRATERNALLY SUBMITTED,

Martin O. Weddington

MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON, 33⁰
DEPUTY FOR MINNESOTA AND ITS JURISDICTION

10/22/1983

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1982-83

CASH AVAILABLE

Balance in Bank 10/30/83	\$ 1,478.98
Receipts from Banquet Tickets 10/30/83	1,048.50
Deposits 1/17/83	245.00
North Star Consistory # 14 Tax 5/23/83	797.50
North Star Consistory # 14 Tax 9/26/83	764.50
Total	\$ 4,334.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Suel Printing for printing proceedings 10/30/82	\$ 250.00
Paid to Sheriton Ritz Hotel for dinners 10/30/82	1,477.61
Paid the Secretary's Donation 10/30/82	100.00
Paid the Treasurer's Token 10/30/82	75.00
Paid for COD Typing 1982 Proceedings 10/30/82	120.00
Paid the Deputy's Expense 11/10/82	300.00
Paid Deputy for Ill. Wilson's Gift 12/27/82	130.00
Paid for Deputy's Room Rent 1/29/83	99.82
Paid Phylaxis Society's Ad-Thomas H. Lyles Chpt 2/18/83	40.00
Paid Alex. & Alex. S & T Bond 3/18/83	50.00
Paid Deputy's Expense 6/2/83	763.00
Bank Charges	8.25
Total	\$ 3,413.68

SUMMARY

Total Receipts	\$ 4,334.48
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,413.68
Balance in Bank	\$ 920.80

Fraternally,

M. Miller
Morris S. Miller
Ill. Grand Secretary

To: The Grand Master, Illustrious Deputy, Illustrious Commander-In-Chief, Illustrious Peers, Officers and Freighters

Bless be the ties that bind our hearts in Christian Love.

My learning experience and activities as Trice Potent Master the year has been very fruitful to me.

At this time I would like to say thanks to the Illustrious Commander-In-Chief and to the Illustrious Deputy for their counseling and under standing.

I have presided over every meeting allotted this office and participated in every function of the fraternatee. Including the Maundy Thursday Observance and Funeral Services.

I listened with delight to those monthly lessons and explanations of the meaning of degrees by the Minister of State and the Grand Orator.

As Potent Master it is my endeavor that the knowledge I have learned will be utilized to the benefit of the brethern of this great fraternity.

My God in his infinite goodness showers his blessing down upon all of us and it is my fervent prayer that what we do here today will be pleasing to his sight.

Fraternally submitted,

Cleamon Meek, 32°
Trice Potent Master

37 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION COUNCIL DELIBERATION

October 22, 1984

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

Greetings: To the Sovereign Grand Inspector General Phillip O. Oliver

Sir:

It is an honor for us having you to grace the light of our abode with your presence. It is our endeavor to make your brief stay an enjoyable one.

My Stewardship for the year as the Most Wise and Perfect Master need not be put in parts on paper, but sufficient to say that this office has been active in every phase of Masonry.

I have planned and presided over the Maundy Thursday Observance also at least four funeral services and played an active part in our elevation

My major accomplishment was to be appointed by the Illustrious Commander-In-Chief as the Minister of State and Grand Orator which enable me to establish a monthly school of instructions, where the lessons and meaning of the degrees were narrated stem from the remarks and reception from the Crafts. I am satisfied that I have done a good job.

I have learned so much attending the Midwest Conference of Grand Masters at Champaign, Illinois, also as the Eminent Commander of Alta # 23. I was a delegate to the 101 Annual Conclave in conjunction with the Royal Arch Mason. I was privileged to participate in the Prince Hall Grand Guild of Illinois.

This was a very fruitful year for me. I wouldn't attempt to measure the amount of knowledge that I have attained thanks to the counseling of my brethren.

I can sincerely say that peace and harmony prevailed in North Star Consistory # 14.

Fraternally,

A. Buckley
Most Wise and Perfect Master

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

October 22, 1984

To: Illustrious Martin O. Weddington, Deputy of the Orient of Minnesota, Officers and Members of the Thirty Seventh Minnesota Council of Deliberation, Distinguished Guest, Sublime Princes, and Visitors:

Greetings:

On January 23, 1983, you elected me Commander-In-Chief, of North Star Consistory # 14. It has been a privilege serving you in this capacity the past nine months.

On February 11 - 12, we elevated a class of five Thanks to the help received from Sublime Prince Azariah Buckley, Illustrious Hayward C. McKerson, My Illustrious First and Second Lt. Commanders and many others, it was a success. With these additions our membership rose to 297, however with ten suspensions, five deaths and one demit, we not stand at 281. On November 11 - 12, we will have a class of not less than 15. Hopefully, we will surpass three hundred.

On March 3-6, 1983, I had the grand experience of attending the tenth Annual Session of the Phylaxis Society Executive Session and Workshop in St. Paul, Minnesota. There I had the greatest experience of my Masonic Life. I spoke to and conversed with our Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Russell S. Gideon. Shortly there after, I sat next to and unknowingly, spoke with Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious I. H. Clayborn. For those who would choose to meet the leaders of our craft, I highly recommend the Phylaxis Society.

On the seventh Sunday after Easter, I attended Whit Sunday Services at Holsey Memorial Church, along with the deputy, Ill. Martin O. Weddington, our Most Worshipful Grand Master Ill. Morris S. Miller, members of the consistory and the Order of the Golden Circle. This was a first for many of us.

August 5, I received an invitation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master Morris S. Miller, to accompany him and his guest to Ft. Wayne, Indiana where we attended The 127 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, we were treated as royalty. I had the chance to meet M.W.G.M. Algie S. Oldham once again and also the Deputy of Indiana Ill. Grady B. Hinkle and several of his Commander-In-Chiefs.

My expense thus far has been \$ 85.00, all of which has been paid. This was for letters to every member of this consistory. I must say that I did receive many congratulations and wishes for a successful year.

In conclusion, thanks for your unbiased help and understanding. With help from the almighty, we will succeed.

Fraternally yours,

William E. Johnson, C.C. N.S.C. # 14

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL ADVISORS

Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief, S.G.I.G. Oliver, Officers and Members of the Minnesota COD.

Greetings:

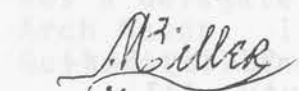
Being all of the mind that we must each one of us accept responsibility for our own health and well being, and recognizing that more and more emphasis is being placed on "Prevention" today rather than cure, this committee has planned a program for this 38th Session, which will focus on symptoms and treatment of a disease which has long gone unnoticed, and which deserves some attention from us if we are able to help rid ourselves of health related problems associated with it. I am referring to "Chemical Abuse".

S.P. Cleamon Meeks who works in this area has been instrumental in arranging this afternoon's presentation. I hope that will give this matter your attention.

We ask that this body evaluates the substance of the presentation with a view to determine if more information should be obtained and presented at a later date. Moreover, this committee urges that attempts should be made by the Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief to include similar presentations at each of the Council's Communication.

The committee thanks you for this opportunity to be of service.

Fraternally,



Morris S. Miller, R.N.
Cassius Ellis, M.D.
Thomas Johnson, M.D.
W. D. Brown, M.D.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUALISTIC WORK

Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Illustrious Phillip D. Oliver, 33°, Illustrious Deputy Martin O. Weddington, 33°, Illustrious Peers, Fraters, Visitors, and members of the Council of Deliberation.

Greetings:

The ritualistic works that dominates throughout Scottish Rite Masonry, gleaming its tone and flavor from Biblical History and Motional Allegories that teach us Justice, Humility, Restraint of Power, Forgiveness, Charity and Brotherly-love, gives this Committee on Ritualist Works great cause to pray to the council to intensify the practices in our council.

The Committee on Ritualistic Work submit that we embrace the two plans established in the 1979 Minnesota Council of Deliberation ie, one short plan and a long plan whereby we can do the work in two days and another we can do the work in three days. We would rather use the long plan for it gives more information to a class; However, we realize time in our time is the factor.

In the Ineffable degrees, the fourth and fourteenth are given in their entirety, and in the Philosophical degrees the sixteenth and eighteenth are given in their entirety. All prayers are read, signs, obligations, and words are given to each candidate. In the chivalric degrees the thirty-second is done in its entirety. In addition, instructions are given on how to enter the House of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, and the consistory, passing through the camp, and picking up the pass also the day works at the door.

We have not engaged a class this year but one is scheduled for November.

In that we have had no class work we have not been idel or negligent in ritualistic education and practice. Credits must be given to the Illustrious Deputy and the Illustrious Commander-In-Chief for causing incentive methods to distribute Scottish Rites flavor over the year.

It has been exciting and educational in witnessing a series of demonstrations by Sublime Prince Azariah Buckley in lecturing on the Ineffable and Philosophical degrees.

We therefore recommend a continuous practice of Lecturing and Practicing the Arts of these degrees when the houses in our consistory meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Hayward C. Mc Kerson, 33°
Cleamon Meeks, 32°
George E. Leonard, 33°
Azariah Buckley, 32°

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCOTTISH RITE
MUSIC

To: The Ill. Commander-In-Chief Martin O. Weddington, special representative, Ill. Phillip D. Oliver, Ill. Peers, Sublime Princes.

Greetings:

This office still has not functioned as usual, but I have functioned in funeral services, etc.

I hope as I have been in the past we will be able to bring a different report next year.

As you know I have been incapacitated off and on, but I pray to the grand architect of the universe I will be able to perform by duties more efficient.

Fraternally,

William M. Davis, 33°
Chm. of Scottish Rite Music

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION

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

We the Committee on Registration wishes to submit this Report on Registration. We have 39 registered. Three guests, Ill. Phillip D. Oliver from Boston, Massachusetts, Ill. Paul V. Best, Ill. Donald C. Wharry from the Southern Jurisdiction. We wish to give an account on the total money received in the amount of \$ 185.00.

Recommendation: Registration Fees

We the Committee on Registration propose that the fee for registration be raised from \$ 5.00 to \$ 7.00 per attendee.

Reason: To help defray expense for refreshments and lunch.

Fraternally submitted,

Fred Scurry, Chairman
James A. Kinney

To: Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Illustrious Peers and Sublime Princesses, Officers and Members of Minnesota Council of Deliberation, Distinguished Guests and Visitors.

Greetings:

The Allocation of the Illustrious Deputy reveals that he was pleased to be present to follow and uphold the mandate of the United Supreme Council. He expressed his pleasure to greet and welcome our distinguished guest Illustrious Phillip D. Oliver to our Council of Deliberation. In his report of Necrology he told of the loss of four stalwart freighters who will be sadly missed.

The sad affairs of our nations and of the world was mentioned, he reported on his activities at the United Supreme Council and on the State of the Rite, Order of the Golden Circle, and the fraternal bodies, his official acts and visitations.

It was noted by this committee that the deputy changes his closing quotation from time to time; "that we love one another" to "that ye try to love one another". This year he says "you all try to get along". It will however, be interesting to hear his quote at the Thirty-Ninth Council of Deliberation.

We commend the Deputy for a job well done.

Fraternally submitted,

William Jones, 32°
Thomas E. Henderson, 32°
Hobart T. Mitchell, 33°
Merrill L. Taylor, 33°

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE
MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION, ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED
SCOTTISH RITE OF FREE MASONRY, PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION
N. J., U.S.A., INC.

VALLEY OF ST. PAUL

ORIENT OF MINNESOTA

OCTOBER 22, 1983

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Obeys the orders of Illustrious Martin O. Weddington, 33°, Deputy for Minnesota, S.P. William E. Johnson, 32°, Commander-In-Chief, called North Star Consistory # 14 to order at 9:30 a.m. All officers were present and in their places.

MEETING PLACE:

The session convened at the Masonic Temple, 3832 - 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION:

At 10:35 a.m., The Most Illustrious Commander-In-Chief, Martin O. Weddington, 33°, was received by S.P. Johnson, 32°, Commander-In-Chief of North Star Consistory # 14, after which he seated the Council of Deliberation. Ill. Weddington then ordered the roll call of officers, and proclaimed the 38th Annual Communication opened after the prayer by Ill. Hobart Mitchell, 33°.

GREETINGS:

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

1. Prince Hall Grand Commandry.
2. Ames Lodge # 106 of the Elkes and the Past Exalted Ruler's Council.
3. Gopher Lodge # 105.
4. Fezzan Temple # 26.
5. Prince Hall Grand Lodge

RECEPTION:

Ill. Weddington then received the Sovereign Grand Commander's personal representative - Ill. Phillip D. Oliver, 33° with full honors. Ill. Oliver extended greetings from Ill.

RECEPTION:

GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION:

DEPUTY'S ALLOCATION:

REPORTS:

Russell S. Gideon, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, and also greeted the council from his Grand Master, Hon. Herbert Bowne of Mass. The Ill. Sir expressed gratitude for the hospitality he had received.

Next, the Most Ill. Commander-In-Chief then received the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Minnesota Jurisdiction, Hon. Morris S. Miller. The Grand Master greeted the visitors and welcomed them to the jurisdiction. He wished the Ill. Commander-In-Chief an harmonious session.

The council listened attentively as Deputy Weddington gave an account of his stewardship for the year. Ill. Hayward Mc Kerson moved that the Deputy's Allocation be received and a rising vote of thanks be given him. The motion was seconded by Ill. W.D. Gray, and adopted.

The following officers and committees were asked to report in the following order:

1. The Secretary's Report was read by Ill. Morris S. Miller. It was moved by Ill. Samuel Mitchell, seconded by Ill. Milton Henry, that the Secretary's Report be received. The motion was adopted.
2. Registration Committee's report by Ill. Fred Scurry. There were 36 registrant's and 3 guests. That report is a part of this proceedings.
3. The Necrology Report was read. It was moved by Ill. Leonard Madden, seconded by Ill. Taylor that the report be received and a rising vote of thanks be given to the committee. The motion was adopted.
4. Ritualistic Work. This committee's report was received by a motion from S.P. Thomas Henderson, 32°. The motion was seconded and adopted.

REPORTS:

5. The Committee on Scottish Rite Music reported S.P. Willie Jones moved that the report be received. The motion was seconded and adopted.
6. Medical Advisors. This report was read by Ill. Morris Miller. It was moved by Ill. William Davis and seconded by S.P. Azariah Buckley, that the report be accepted. The motion was adopted.
7. The Deputy's Allocution. That committee read its report, after which the 1st L.C. presided long enough to process the motion offered by Ill. Mc Kerson and seconded that the report be accepted. The motion was adopted.
8. The Commander-In-Chief's report was next to be presented. It was moved by Ill. Miller, seconded by S.P. Buckley that the report be received. The motion was adopted.
9. The Thrice Potent Master's report was read. S.P. Willie Jones moved for its acceptance, the motion was seconded, and adopted.
10. The Most Wide and Perfect Master's report was next presented. It was moved by S.P. Michael Gonzalis, seconded by S.P. C. Meeks that the report be accepted. The motion was adopted.
11. Next, the Budget and Finance Committee reported. S.P. Jones moved that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded and adopted.

The Council was called to refreshments for lunch and a program on Chemical Abuse. The program was presented by Minnesota Institute of Black Chemical Abuse (MIBCA) and focused on symptoms and treatment of the disease. Ill. Miller was assisted by S.P. Meeks who works in the area of Chemical Abuse, and arranged for the presentors to share with the Council of Deliberation.

LUNCH AND PROGRAM:

12:15 - 2:15 P.M.

REPORTS:

12. At 2:15 p.m. The Council resumed its labors and continued receiving its reports. Registration updated 40 registrants, 3 guests \$ 100.00 the Secretary issued a report for the amount of \$ 185.00.
13. The Auditing Committee next reported. S.P. Charles Cook moved that the report be accepted. Ill. Merrill Taylor seconded the motion which was adopted.

REMARKS:

S.G.I.G. Oliver then brought remarks to the council. He told of Sovereign Grand Commander Gideon's concern for the well being of the Order of the Golden Circle. He commended the Loyal Lady Ruler Dinese Richardson and the members of Twin City Assembly # 47 for their contributions to the 38th Council of Deliberation.

APPRECIATION:

The Deputy presented a Certificate of Appreciation to S.P. Azariah Buckley for his Ritualistic Exemplification as Most Wise and Perfect Master.

Ill. Paul V. Best, G.I.G. at large, of the Northern Jurisdiction, was then recognized by the Deputy as a visitor. Ill. Best read a paper which is a part of this proceeding. He told of the Phylaxis Society's gift received from St. Gertrude Greene who gave 43 years of accumulated masonic memorabilia from her husband's library - Past Grand Master, the late Lapenell P. Greene.

ELECTION 33°:

S.P. George Strickland and S.P. Azariah Buckley were both elected to receive the 33°.

BILLS OF ACCOUNT:

The bills of account were ordered paid by a motion from Ill. Milton Henry, the motion was seconded by S.P. Willie Johnson, and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Ill. Milton Henry moved, that all officers be retained in their elected offices. Those officers are:

- Ill. Willie D. Gray, Ill. 1st L.C.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- Merrill L. Taylor, Ill. 2nd L.C.
- S.P. William E. Johnson, Ill. M of S
- Ill. Morris S. Miller, Ill. G. S.

The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted. S.P. Azariah Buckley was elected as the Council's new Treasurer by a unanimous ballot. All other appointed officers remained the same as the previous year.

The installation of officers was done by S.G.I.G. Oliver.

After closing remarks by the Deputy, the Session closed at 4:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

M. Miller
Morris S. Miller, 33°
Ill. Grand Secretary

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ADJOURNMENT:

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To: FELLOW PRINCE HALL MASONS
Fm: The Phylaxis Society
Sj: HISTORICAL - 10,000 FAMOUS PRINCE HALL MASONS PROJECT

Congratulations!

You have been recommended for inclusion in an historical project of The Phylaxis Society -10,000 Famous Prince Hall Masons. It is the first time that an attempt has been made to undertake this monumental task. Nowhere in the entire annals of the Order is there a single reference where we can obtain information about the contributions of our most esteemed leaders to our Fraternity. We must piece this information together, some here, some there. This resource, when completed will very quickly become a valuable tool for librarians, researchers, those interested in Masonic enlightenment, and a veritable Book of Knowledge of documented materials for those generations yet to come. In short, it will be a legacy which we shall compile now for the future, and is long overdue and a much-needed treasure.

Criteria for inclusion in "Famous" is as follows: a prominent Prince Hall Mason who has contributed to the benefit of the Craft, living (lived) by Her principles, and one who has significantly contributed to his vocation, community and country.

Biographies will be set in a standard format for publication. Nothing will be added to it, so it is imperative that it be complete. For consistency, forms must be either TYPED or PRINTED. No abbreviations please; leave this to us.

Do not forget our Illustrious Brethren who are unable to send in their information because of a restful, but eternal sleep. Every jurisdiction has some of these "foundations" or "pillars." They are a valuable part of our Order.

You may have been recommended by several sources, although we tried to prevent duplication. Do not be alarmed.... if you receive more than one set of forms, please use them to recommend another deserving Brother. Please return your completed forms to the address on your envelope. Both of us are sending out extensive mailings, and this allows us to validate our responses. Please complete and return your forms now.

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We look forward to hearing from you soon. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS HISTORICAL PROJECT!

May the G.A.O.T.U. continue to guide you and to protect you as you go about carrying out the designs upon your Trestleboard.

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