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**The United Supreme Council**  
**Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry**  
**Prince Hall Affiliation**  
**Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A. Inc.**

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
THE CATHEDRAL  
FITZWATER AT MOLE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONS AND  
GENERAL LAWS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL**

You are hereby notified that the following Amendments were adopted at the 85th Annual Session of The Supreme Council 10 May 1966:

**CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE OF TITLE - MOST PUISSANT SOVEREIGN  
GRAND COMMANDER**

That the title of Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander be changed to read "Sovereign Grand Commander" and that the title of Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander be changed to read "Lieutenant Grand Commander" wherever the same appears in The Constitutions and General Regulations of The United Supreme Council and the Official Rituals of The Rite.

**ARTICLE XXIX**

**Section 110:** is amended to read as follows:  
At least one meeting of all Councils of Deliberation belonging to this jurisdiction shall be held annually and during the months of October, November and December at the call of the respective Deputies. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Deputy when in his judgement the same is necessary for the welfare of the Rite or upon written request of at least five members of the Council of Deliberation. ✓ Eight members besides The Deputy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Deputy shall give thirty days notice before the date of an Annual Meeting of a Council of Deliberation and fifteen days notice before the date of a special meeting of a Council of Deliberation.

## ARTICLE XXIX

Section 117: is amended to read as follows:

Section 117 (a) The choice of fraters to be recommended for elevation to The Thirty-third Degree shall be made by a two-thirds vote of The Council of Deliberation and by Secret ballot. Fraters to be so chosen shall be nominated from the floor in open meeting of the Council, and not otherwise.

Section 117 (b) In the event that there are more than two nominees and a two-thirds vote has not been attained on the first ballot, succeeding ballots may be cast. If, after three ballots, the two-thirds vote has not been attained, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast shall then contest for the two-thirds vote. Other candidates shall be automatically eliminated. If neither of the two nominees shall receive a two-thirds vote after three additional ballots have been taken; then the name of no nominee shall be presented for elevation.

### EXECUTIVE ORDERS

#### FUNDS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Councils or other Scottish Rite Bodies which have accumulations of substantial funds for educational purposes, that regulation shall be spelled out to protect such trust funds to wit: Investments must be approved by The Sovereign Grand Commander. Only earnings of such funds may be allotted annually for scholarships or educational purposes or administrative expense. As a further safeguard, these funds cannot be "borrowed" to bolster other depleted operating funds of the Council of Deliberation or other Scottish Rite Bodies.

The Committee or Trustees of such funds must report to the Supreme Council in addition to the report rendered to the Council of Deliberation or other Scottish Rite Bodies and a copy of auditors report must accompany the same.

#### ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

Recommendation made pertaining to Uniform for Golden Circle Assemblies for the inclusion and wearing of Caps and Capes is approved.



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June 21, 1966

Memorandum To All Deputies  
of the United Supreme Council  
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite  
for the Northern Jurisdiction

Illustrious Sirs and Dear Brothers:

Take due notice of the following amendments to the Constitutions and General Regulations of the United Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction voted at the 85th Annual Session at the holy sea May, 1966.

Article XXIX, Section 110 be amended to read, "At lease one meeting of all Councils of Deliberation belonging to this Jurisdiction shall be held Annually during the months of October, November, and December at the call of the respective Deputies. Eight members besides the Deputy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The remainder of this section remains unchanged.

Article XXIX, Section 117 be amended as follows; "In the event that there are more than two nominees for the thirty-third degree and a two-thirds vote has not been attained on the first ballot, succeeding ballots may be cast. If after three ballots the two-third vote has not been attained, the two candidates receiving the highest vote shall then contest for the two-third vote. Other candidates shall be automatically eliminated."

"If neither shall receive a two-third vote after three additional ballots have been taken, the name of no nominee shall be presented for elevation."



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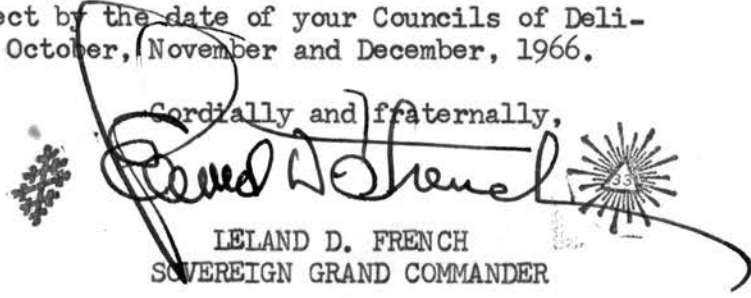
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A referendum vote was submitted to the Active membership to increase the fee for conferring the thirty-third degree to \$300.00 and to increase the cost of the ring from \$26.00 to \$36.00 and \$5.00 for the patent.

The result of this vote has been certified by this office as follows; 41 favorable votes and 1 blank vote.

I, therefore, declare the referendum vote unanimous and the same will be in full force and effect by the date of your Councils of Deliberation during the months of October, November and December, 1966.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

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July 6, 1966

Memorandum To  
Deputies and Overseers of the Rite

Dear Fraters:

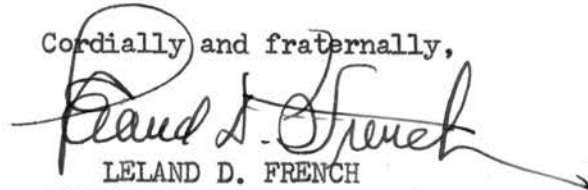
During the month of August, I am suggesting that you select a date for your 1966 Council of Deliberation session and notify this office at once. Our revised laws indicate that these meetings may be called during the months of October, November and December.

It is my intention to send certain Supreme Council officers to various Councils as representatives of the Sov. Grand Commander.

To the end that this office may arrange itineraries for these officers, your selection of a date and transmission to this office is pertinent.

If your orient is chosen for official representation, you will be notified by the official so designated.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

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August 1, 1966

MEMORANDUM TO DEPUTIES  
OF THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL  
NORTHERN JURISDICTION

Illustrious Sirs and Dear Brothers:

Enclosed herewith you will find the Allotment List for the honors of the 33<sup>o</sup> class at the next annual meeting for the Supreme Council in May, 1967.

These Allotments are made after a perusal of the annual returns of the various consistories in the Jurisdiction.

Your attention is called to the strict observance of the constitutional requirements in the selection of members for the thirty-third degree.

Your attention is especially called to, and that is that a report from your Council of Deliberation should reach this office immediately after the close of same. THIS IS AN ORDER

When a candidate is duly elected to receive the degree by your Council, within 4 weeks after the close of your Council Session you will mail to this office the application blank duly executed together with the enclosed ring card and a Bank Draft, Postal Order or Certified Personal Check payable to the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. in the amount of \$341.00



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INSTRUCTIONS

TO BE READ BEFORE BALLOTING

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1. Have a good reputation in their respective committees.)
2. Have made some outstanding contribution to Prince Hall Masonry.
3. Announcement of the Fee for conferring the degree to preclude the embarrassment of being elected and cannot afford same.

The secretary of the Council of Deliberation is directed to report to the Sovereign Grand Commander any instance where expectants for recommendation for elevation or anyone in their behalf have canvassed for votes.

Cordially and fraternally,



*Leland D. French*  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER



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Encls.



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ALLOTMENTS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPREME  
COUNCIL BY COUNCILS OF DELIBERATION AT SCHEDULED MEETINGS  
IN 1966 - (OCT. - DEC.)

<u>STATE</u>	<u>CLASS OF 1967</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>CLASS OF 1967</u>
Alaska	(1)	Michigan	(1)
Bahamas Islands	(1)	Minnesota	(1)
Canada	(1)	Nebraska	(1)
Colorado	(1)	New Jersey	(2)
Connecticut	(1)	New York	(1)
Delaware	(1)	Ohio	(1)
Illinois	(2)	Oregon	(1)
Indiana	(2)	Pennsylvania	(2)
Iowa	(1)	Rhode Island	(1)
Kansas	(1)	Washington	(1)
Massachusetts	(1)	Wisconsin	(1)

Total 26



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September 2, 1966

Ill. John R. Lawrence, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Overseer of the Work  
947 Iglehart Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

Please be advised that I have delegated Ill. Chas. F. Casterman, Deputy-at-Large to be my personal representative at the Council of Deliberation meeting for the Orient of Minnesota being held on 11-12-1966.

You will communicate with him relative to arrival time, housing etc. and arrange for a committee to meet him at the airport.

You will receive him into the Council strictly in accordance with honors due the Sovereign Grand Commander or his representative. See page 39 of the Syllabus.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

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Address — 9613 Thorne Ave  
Cleveland, Ohio



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January 1, 1967

Memorandum To: The Active Members Of The  
United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R.  
Northern Jurisdiction, P.H.A.

SUBJECT: Proposed Registration Fees For  
Future Supreme Council Sessions.  
Executive Order No. 3

Illustrious Sirs and Dear Brothers:

The rising cost of food services in established hotels and catering firms make it uneconomical for the Supreme Council to continue with its custom of complementary banquets and noonday luncheons at its sessions to members of the Supreme Council.

Our records indicate that the Supreme Council has subsidized the banquets and noonday luncheons during the sessions since 1951, having expended an approximate total of \$52,500.00 or \$3,500.00 per session.

I think you will agree, based on precedents set by other organizations particularly our Scottish Rite counterparts, that a modest registration fee be charged each Peer to cover the cost of the services indicated above.

It is not the intent or purpose of this ruling to profit in any amount from these registration fees, which will fluctuate from year to year after menus and services are contracted for at the Holy Sea or various places in the jurisdiction where we may meet.



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Active Members

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January 1, 1967

To summarize the matter, for the registration fee each member of the Supreme Council registering will receive 1 banquet ticket, 2 luncheon tickets, an identification badge and possibly some literature in connection with the city and state where we may have future meetings.

I would appreciate any comments you may care to make on the subject matter.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

LDF:bl

P.S.

Identification badges for members of the Supreme Council during the sessions are long overdue.

It is taken for granted that those who attend the Supreme Council sessions regularly know the members by sight, but how many know their names and the orients they represent?



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May 22, 1967

Memorandum to:

Deputies of the United Supreme Council,  
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite,  
P.H.A., Northern Jurisdiction

SUBJECT:

Illustrious Peers of all grades and their  
relation to subordinate Bodies of the Rite.

Official directive No. 3

Illustrious Sirs and Dear Brothers:

It has been brought to the attention of this office, through correspondence and a review of the tape recordings made at Milwaukee at the annual Conference of Deputies, that it is being advocated that Illustrious Peers shall preside at subordinate Consistory meetings.

Please be advised that this is in error and not promulgated from this office.

Subordinate Consistories have the inherent right to choose its officers from the ranks of Sublime Princes, and the right to discipline its own members.

Illustrious Peers of any grade are amenable only to the Supreme Council, who alone may sit in judgment, if necessary.



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May 22, 1967

It is perfectly obvious that to permit an Illustrious Peer to be elected as a Commander-in-Chief of a subordinate Consistory, suggests that only Illustrious Peers may be elected to this office.

Only the Deputy of the respective orients may preside at his pleasure in the subordinate Houses of the Rite, unless the Deputy delegates a Peer for this service.

This brings about another observation when Deputies or other officers make an official visit to a subordinate Consistory.

Courtesy dictates that the Commander-in-Chief shall offer the gavel to the visiting officer. Common sense and courtesy also dictates that the visiting officer shall return the gavel and direct him to preside over the meeting until such time that the purpose of the official visit is made known, i.e. elections, installation of officers, or other official business.

Violation of the above, when brought to the attention of this office, shall result in appropriate action against any Illustrious Peer, of any grade who intrudes himself in the internal affairs of any subordinate Consistory in an arbitrary or dictatorial manner.

It is obvious that the respective Deputies are responsible to this office for violation of this directive.

[ This directive, at the present time, is directed to the office of  
Commander-in-Chief only. ]



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May 22, 1967

There are many instances where there are secretaries and treasurers of subordinate Bodies who hold the rank of Sovereign or Grand Inspector General and are serving efficiently.

However, it can readily be viewed that a Consistory is handicapped, if discipline of these Peers who hold subordinate office may become necessary.

The only legal redress would be to not return them to office at the next annual election.

It is constitutionally correct that an Illustrious Peer of any grade may speak without rising from his seat, or enter or leave without saluting in subordinate Consistories. (exception, when an officer of equal rank is presiding)

Illustrious Peers of all grades are to see to it that the Laws & General Regulations of the Supreme Council are observed, and to give advise when requested by the Commander-in-Chief, nothing more.

Flaunting of rank, in a subordinate Consistory, by an Illustrious Peer of any grade will not be tolerated by this office.

If it comes to my attention, this office knows exactly what to do in the premises, and will not hesitate longer than it takes to dispatch a communication to the offending Peer.

Take due notice of this memorandum and be governed accordingly.

Cordially and fraternally,



*Leland D. French*



LELAND D. FRENCH  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER



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May 23, 1967

III. John R. Lawrence, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy for Minnesota  
947 Iglehart Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

I have written the Wm. Lehmborg Company, 138 North 10th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., authorizing them to custom-make your official Active member's cap.

You may send your head size and remittance of \$25.00 plus postage to them at your convenience.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

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June 20, 1967

Ill. John R. Lawrence, 33<sup>O</sup>  
Overseer of the Work  
947 Iglehart Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

I have your letter under the date of June 17, 1967 and hasten to reply, as I am leaving on vacation for a period of two weeks.

I wish to thank you for your comments on the resolution supporting our government in Viet Nam.

Relative to stationery, this must be purchased by your Council of Deliberation.

I am enclosing herewith a sample copy, to show the proper appearance of the stationery for your office.

Cordially and fraternally,

*Leland D. French*  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

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July 12, 1967

Ill. John R. Lawrence, 33<sup>O</sup>  
Overseer of the Work  
947 Iglehart Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

I have a letter from Chalmer L. Lawson, 33<sup>O</sup>, with a notation c. c. to John R. Lawrence, relative to death benefit funds.

First, let me say that upon a review of the tape recording of the Conference of Deputies and Overseers of the Work at Milwaukee, your absents was noted.

Please be advised that I am preparing a memorandum directive to Deputies and Overseers, which will cover the subject matter.

Cordially and fraternally,

LELAND D. FRENCH  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

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July 20, 1967

Memorandum to:                      Illustrious Deputies & Overseers  
   of the United Supreme Council,  
   Northern Jurisdiction, P. H. A.

SUBJECT:                                Councils of Deliberation and  
   Death benefits paid by Consistories  
   under this obedience.

Directive No. 5

Dear Fraters:

On or about August 1, 1967 you will receive, from this office, the Allotments for the various orients for the thirty-third degree Class of 1968.

After receiving this information, you will notify this office of the date and place where you expect to hold your Council of Deliberation meeting, 30 days in advance of said meeting.

The first purpose of this directive is to give this office sufficient time to assign official visits to various orients.

You will, of course, receive due notice if your orient is selected for an official visit.

Second, several Consistories have been paying specified sums



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July 20, 1967

of money for death benefits to its membership for many years, with some being as high as \$150.00.

Please be advised that benefits of this nature are in vogue in Symbolic Masonry.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is not a specified death benefit organization.

In view of the fact that the United Supreme Council is responsible for the acts of its subordinate Bodies, and may become liable in the event of default in the payment of committed benefits; Consistories under this obedience and having such specified benefits are directed to liquidate same.

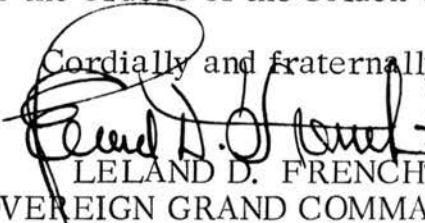
There is nothing in this directive to preclude a Consistory from making a donation to any charitable cause, or upon the death of a member, if they so desire.

It is suggested by this office that wherever these burial plans exist in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for this Jurisdiction, that any reserves be paid out as donations until exhausted, and the membership be notified accordingly.

This directive also pertains to the Orders of the Golden Circle.

Cordially and fraternally,



  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
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August 1, 1967

Memorandum to: Deputies of the United Supreme Council,  
Northern Jurisdiction

SUBJECT: Information relative to the honors of the  
thirty-third degree.

Illustrious Sirs and Dear Brothers:

Enclosed herewith you will find the Allotment List for the honors of the 33<sup>rd</sup> class at the next annual meeting for the Supreme Council in May, 1968.

These Allotments are made after a perusal of the annual returns of the various consistories in the Jurisdiction, and consideration of the deaths of Illustrious Peers in the respective orients.

Your attention is called to the strict observance of the constitutional requirements in the selection of members for the thirty-third degree.

Your attention is especially called to and that is that a report from you, relative to your Council proceedings, should reach this office within one week following the close of same.

A detailed secretaries' report may follow in good season.



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August 1, 1967

When a candidate is duly elected to receive the degree by your Council, within 4 weeks after the close of your Council Session, you will mail to this office the application blank duly executed together with the enclosed ring card and a Bank Draft, Postal Order or Certified Personal Check payable to the Supreme Council, A. A. S. R. in the amount of \$341.00.

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ELECT OUTSTANDING MEMBERS WHO:

1. Have a good reputation in their respective communities.
2. Have made some outstanding contribution to Prince Hall Masonry.

Make an announcement of the Fee for conferring the 33<sup>o</sup> to preclude the embarrassment of being elected and not being able to afford same.

The secretary of the Council of Deliberation is directed to report to the Sovereign Grand Commander any instance where expectants for recommendation for elevation or anyone in their behalf have canvassed for votes.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
RAYMOND D. FRENCH  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

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Allotments for Recommendations  
To The Supreme Council  
By Councils of Deliberation  
At Scheduled Meetings In 1968  
October thru December

<u>STATE</u>	<u>CLASS OF 1968</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>CLASS OF 1968</u>
Alaska	(0)	Michigan	(2)
Bahamas Islands	(1)	Minnesota	(1)
Canada	(1)	Nebraska	(1)
Colorado	(1)	New Jersey	(2)
Connecticut	(1)	New York	(2)
Delaware	(1)	Ohio	(2)
Illinois	(2)	Oregon	(0)
Indiana	(2)	Pennsylvania	(2)
Iowa	(1)	Rhode Island	(0)
Kansas	(2)	Washington	(1)
Labrador	(0)	Wisconsin	(1)
Massachusetts	(1)	TOTAL	27



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September 13, 1967

Ill. John R. Lawrence, \*33<sup>O</sup>  
Overseer of the Work  
947 Iglehart Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

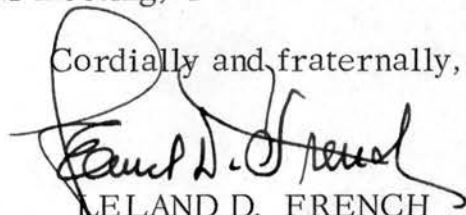
Please be advised that I have delegated Ill. Frank M. Summers as my personal representative to your Council of Deliberation meeting scheduled for November 4, 1967.

As instructed, the visiting officer will contact you relative to his travel plans, time of arrival etc. You in return, are to contact Illustrious Summers, giving him all information pertaining to your Council meeting, i. e. location, time etc. His mailing address is as follows:

Ill. Frank M. Summers  
1700 Market Street  
East St. Louis, Illinois

With best wishes for a successful meeting, I am

Cordially and fraternally,

  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
Sovereign Grand Commander

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cc: Ill. Frank M. Summers



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SUITE 204  
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CLEVELAND, OHIO 44103

September 27, 1967

Ill. John R. Lawrence, 33<sup>O</sup>  
Overseer of the Work  
947 Iglehart Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

I have your letter and enclosure to Illustrious Summers.

Relative to stationery for your office, there is an approved form for you, however I would suggest that you use the stationery that is available to you, for the present, until such time as a Deputy is appointed for this orient.

Cordially and fraternally,

LELAND D. FRENCH  
Sovereign Grand Commander

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October 24, 1967

Ill. John R. Lawrence, 33<sup>O</sup>  
Overseer of the Work  
947 Iglehart Avenue  
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Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

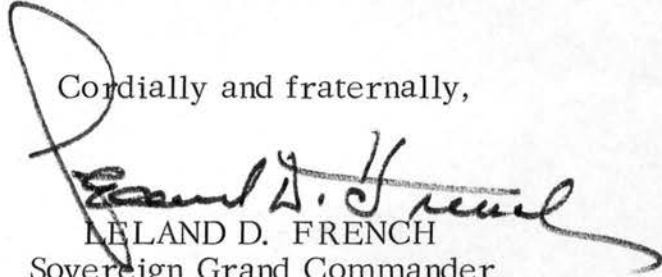
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter under the date of October 21, 1967 together with a copy of the minutes of the Orient of Minnesota on the date of November 12, 1966.

In reference to the last paragraph of your letter, please be advised that each Deputy of the Rite has a copy of the Ritual.

If you will contact Mrs. Patton, I am sure that you will be able to obtain the one that was given to her late husband during his administration as Deputy.

If you have any difficulty in this respect, contact me and I will forward a letter to Mrs. Patton requesting that she turn same over to you.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
Sovereign Grand Commander

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Office of Overseer  
Orient of Minnesota  
947 Iglehart Avenue  
St. Paul, Minn.  
55104

Hon. Leland D. French 33  
Sovereign Grand Commander  
4900 Euclid Av.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

In your letter to this office October 24th last, you suggested that I contact Mrs. John M. Patton re the Scottish Rite Ritual that the late Illustrious John M. Patton had, as our Deputy.

I called her after a reasonable time, knowing that she was still grieving at that time. I suggested that she take all the time essential to look for it, so as not to hurry herself or upset herself in the search. I described the book to her, and offered to assist, if she so desired.

After several weeks, she informed me that she could not find such a book, but that she did find another book with my name inscribed. From her description this is a Blue Lodge book.

Therefore, per your instructions, I am so informing you.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially and fraternally,

John R. Lawrence  
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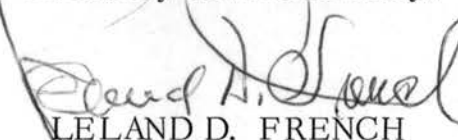
Ill. John R. Lawrence, 33<sup>O</sup>  
Overseer of the Work  
947 Iglehart Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

Todate, we have not received a ring card, application blank nor remittance from S. P. Martin O. Weddington, 32<sup>O</sup>, the candidate elected by your Council of Deliberation to receive the Thirty-third Degree.

You will please see to it that these items are sent to this office without further delay, that we may go forward with our order for rings for the Class of 1968.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
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January 12, 1968

Memorandum to:

Illustrious Deputies & Overseers  
of the United Supreme Council,  
Northern Jurisdiction, P. H. A.

SUBJECT:

Annual returns and the death of the  
Secretary-General, H. E.

Dear Fraters:

I wish to call your attention to our annual preachment that all subordinate bodies, without exception, must have their annual reports and remittances in the hands of the Acting Secretary General, Illustrious William R. Venable, on or before April 15, 1968.

This office will place full responsibility upon the Deputies of the various orients to check and recheck with the secretaries of subordinate bodies in advance of the deadline, and see to it that this constitutional provision is complied with.

On November 28th, 1967, Ill. A. Clarence Monroe, Secretary General, H. E. passed away suddenly at Philadelphia. Ill. William R. Venable has been appointed by this office as Acting Secretary General



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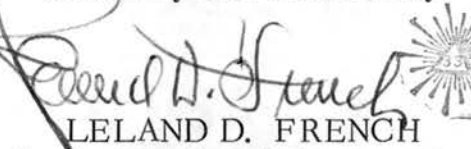
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until the triennial session of the Supreme Council in May, 1968. The address will be the same, The Cathedral, Fitzwater and Mole Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. 19146.

Take due notice and be governed accordingly.

Cordially and fraternally,



  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
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April 5, 1968

Memorandum to: Active members of the United  
Supreme Council, A. A. S. Rite,  
Northern Jurisdiction, P. H. A.

SUBJECT: Eighty-seventh annual and 29th  
triennial session of the United  
Supreme Council at Phila., Pa.,  
May 12th - 14th, 1968.

Dear Fraters:

Arrangements for the above captioned session of the United  
Supreme Council are nearing completion.

As you know, the fee for registration will be \$15.00 which will  
cover 80% of the catering cost and the other 20% will be subsidized by  
the Supreme Council. At this session, all members of the Supreme  
Council will be required to register and will receive an identification  
badge, two [2] luncheon tickets and one [1] banquet ticket.

On Sunday morning, May 12th, promptly at 10 a. m., the annual  
fellowship breakfast for the Active members will be held at the Benjamin  
Franklin Hotel. [ See hotel directory for location ]



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Membership badges for the Active members are being prepared in advance, and can be procured from Ill. William R. Venable, acting Secretary General, at the fellowship breakfast.

In regards to the banquet, the attire for the Active membership will be black dinner jackets, official crowns and jewel. Extra banquet tickets can be obtained at the registration desk.

Cordially and fraternally,



*Eugene D. French*



EUGENE D. FRENCH  
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July 16, 1968

Ill. John R. Lawrence, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy for Minnesota  
947 Iglehart Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

Your letter of July 8th was on my desk upon my return from a two week vacation. I was indeed glad to note that Mrs. Patton was able to locate the Scottish Rite books assigned to our late Deputy. You may retain the books assigned to you and you may return the books assigned to Illustrious Patton.

Relative to the proposed housing project for the State of Minnesota, please be advised that Ill. John G. Lewis, Sov. Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, advised this office of their intention to seek our approval of a project under their sponsorship in the State of Minnesota, which is a part of the Northern Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council.

We advised Illustrious Lewis that the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction would have no objection, providing same was



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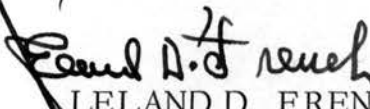
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clearly identified as a project of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United Supreme Council. We further advised him to seek the blessings of the Grand Master of the State of Minnesota before any plans are formulated.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
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May 22, 1967

There are many instances where there are secretaries and treasurers of subordinate Bodies who hold the rank of Sovereign or Grand Inspector General and are serving efficiently.

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The only legal redress would be to not return them to office at the next annual election.

It is constitutionally correct that an Illustrious Peer of any grade may speak without rising from his seat, or enter or leave without saluting in subordinate Consistories. (exception, when an officer of equal rank is presiding)

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Flaunting of rank, in a subordinate Consistory, by an Illustrious Peer of any grade will not be tolerated by this office.

If it comes to my attention, this office knows exactly what to do in the premises, and will not hesitate longer than it takes to dispatch a communication to the offending Peer.

Take due notice of this memorandum and be governed accordingly.

Cordially and fraternally,



*Leland D. French*



LELAND D. FRENCH  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Addendum:

Interpretation of this directive, no Deputy shall permit the election of any Illustrious Peer of any grade to the office of Commander-in-Chief in a subordinate Con- sistory.



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July 26, 1968

Memorandum to:                      Illustrious Deputies & Overseers  
   of the United Supreme Council,  
   Northern Jurisdiction, P. H. A.

SUBJECT:                                Councils of Deliberation under  
   this obedience.

Directive No. 6

Dear Fraters:

On or about August 1, 1968 you will receive the Allotments for the various orients for the Thirty-third Degree Class of 1969.

After receiving this information, you will notify this office of the date and place where you expect to hold your Council of Deliberation meeting, 30 days in advance of said meeting.

The purpose of this directive is to give this office sufficient time in assigning official visits to the various orients. You will, of course, receive due notice if your orient is selected for an official visit.



Cordially and fraternally,

*Leland D. French*  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
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August 1, 1968

Memorandum to:                      Illustrious Deputies & Overseers  
   of the United Supreme Council,  
   Northern Jurisdiction, P. H. A.

SUBJECT:                                Information relative to the honors  
   of the Thirty-third Degree.

Illustrious Sirs and Dear Brothers:

Enclosed herewith you will find the Allotment List for the honors of the 33<sup>o</sup> class at the next annual meeting for the Supreme Council in May, 1969.

These Allotments are made after a perusal of the annual returns of the various consistories in the Jurisdiction, and consideration of the deaths of Illustrious Peers in the respective orients.

Your attention is called to the strict observance of the constitutional requirements in the selection of members for the Thirty-third Degree.

Your attention is especially called to and that is that a report



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When a candidate is duly elected to receive the degree by your Council, within 4 weeks after the close of your Council Session, you are to mail the enclosed application blank and ring card duly executed to this office together with a Bank Draft, Postal Order or Certified Personal Check made payable to the United Supreme Council, A. A. S. R. in the amount of \$341.00.

Cordially and fraternally,



*Leland D. French*  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
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INSTRUCTIONS TO BE READ BEFORE BALLOTING

ELECT OUTSTANDING MEMBERS WHO

1. Have a good reputation in their respective communities.
2. Have made some outstanding contribution to Prince Hall Masonry.

Make an announcement of the Fee for conferring the Thirty-third Degree to preclude the embarrassment of being elected and not being able to afford same.

The secretary of the Council of Deliberation is directed to report to the Sovereign Grand Commander any instance where expectants for recommendation for elevation, or anyone in their behalf, have canvassed for votes.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
Sovereign Grand Commander



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Allotments for Recommendations  
To The Supreme Council  
By Councils of Deliberation  
At Scheduled Meetings in 1969  
October thru December

<u>STATE</u>	<u>CLASS OF 1969</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>CLASS OF 1969</u>
Alaska	(0)	Michigan	(2)
Bahamas Islands	(1)	Minnesota	(1)
Canada	(1)	Nebraska	(1)
Colorado	(2)	New Jersey	(2)
Connecticut	(1)	New York	(2)
Delaware	(0)	Ohio	(2)
Illinois	(2)	Oregon	(1)
Indiana	(2)	Pennsylvania	(2)
Iowa	(0)	Puerto Rico	(1)
Kansas	(2)	Rhode Island	(1)
Labrador	(1)	Washington	(2)
Massachusetts	(1)	Wisconsin	(1)



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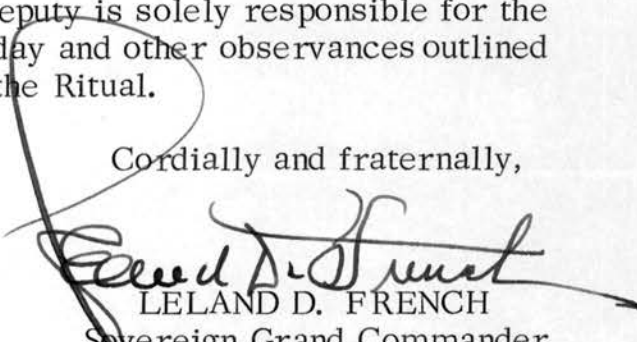
August 23, 1968

Ill. John R. Lawrence, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy for Minnesota  
947 Iglehart Avenue  
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Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

Please be advised that the Deputy is solely responsible for the annual observance of Maundy Thursday and other observances outlined in the Ritual. All is spelled out in the Ritual.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
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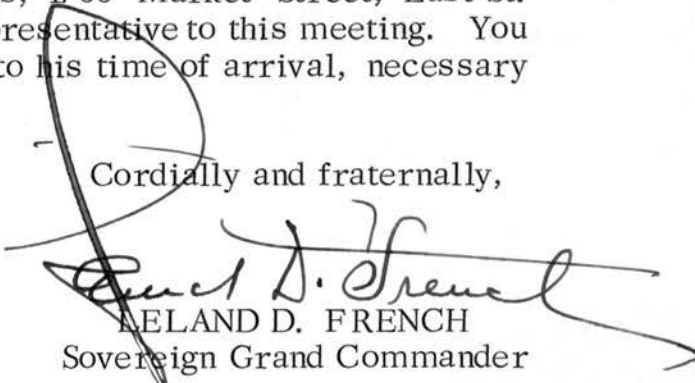
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Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 29th, and I want to congratulate you for your dedicated efforts on behalf of our Rite. I am sure you will witness a fruition of your efforts in the near future.

This letter is to advise that I have delegated the Lieut. Grand Commander, Ill. Frank M. Summers, 1700 Market Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, to be my personal representative to this meeting. You will therefore contact him relative to his time of arrival, necessary housing etc.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
E. D. FRENCH  
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November 15, 1968

Ill. Vernon B. Williams, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy for Illinois  
7026 South St. Lawrence  
Chicago, Illinois 60637

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

I have your letter and report on the Council of Deliberation for the Orient of Minnesota for which I thank you. This is the type of reporting that meets with my complete approval when members are assigned to represent this office. I shall await the full report of this Council before making the usual evaluation of their work for the year closed.

I am enclosing herewith an expense account form which you are to execute and return to this office.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
MELAND D. FRENCH  
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1 April 1969

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
THE CATHEDRAL  
FITZWATER AT MOLE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

MEMORANDUM

To : Elected Officers, Active Members, and  
Official Delegation from the Southern Jurisdiction

From: Office of the Secretary General

Sovereign Grand Commander Leland D. French has arranged breakfast for you at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, May 11, 1969.

The 9.00 a.m. breakfast at Zion Baptist Church, to be followed with church service and a tour of O.I.C. installations, has been planned for Supreme Council honorary members.



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April 10, 1969

Memorandum to: Active members of the  
United Supreme Council,  
A. A. S. R. , Northern Jurisdiction

In re: Eighty-eighth Annual Session  
May 11-12-13, 1969

Dear Fraters:

Arrangements are nearing completion for the Eighty-eighth Annual Session. Programing includes a fellowship breakfast for Active members on Sunday morning, May 11th at 8:30 a. m. at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Special arrangements are being made to register the Active membership at the breakfast to preclude standing in line at the Cathedral.

Honorary members are cordially invited to a complimentary fellowship breakfast at the Zion Baptist Church, Broad & Venango Sts. , Philadelphia, Pa. on Sunday, May 11th at 9 a. m. The breakfast will be sponsored by Fraters who are members of this church and the host Consistory De Molay No. 1.



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There will be 31 candidates for the honor of the Thirty-third Degree. The Memorial Services will be held on Sunday, May 11th at the Union A. M. E. Church, 16th & Jefferson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. at 7:30 p. m. [Transportation will be provided from the hotel at 6:30 and return trip at the conclusion of the services]

A special table will be provided at the banquet on Monday evening for the Active membership and their ladies. I am requesting that only black dinner jackets, crowns and jewels be the attire for same.

Take due notice and be governed accordingly.

Cordially and fraternally,



*Leland D. French*  
LELAND D. FRENCH



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July 25, 1969

Memo to:                      Illustrious Deputies & Overseers  
of the United Supreme Council,  
Northern Jurisdiction, P. H. A.

SUBJECT: Councils of Deliberation under this obedience.

Dear Fraters:

On or about August 1, 1969 you will receive the Allotments for the various orients for the Thirty-third Degree Class of 1970.

After receiving this information, you will notify this office of the date and place where you expect to hold your Council of Deliberation meeting. Take care that this information reaches my office 30 days in advance of said meeting.

The purpose of same is to give this office sufficient time in assigning official visits to the various orients. You will receive due notice if your orient is selected for an official visit.

Cordially and fraternally,

LELAND D. FRENCH  
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August 1, 1969

Memo to:                      Illustrious Deputies & Overseers  
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SUBJECT: Information relative to the honors  
of the Thirty-third Degree

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Your attention is called to the strict observance of the constitutional requirements in the selection of members for the Thirty-third Degree. Your attention is especially called to and that is that a report from you, relative to your Council proceedings, should reach this office within one week following the close of same. A detailed secretaries' report should follow in good season.



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You are directed that the only instance for the disclosure of the Allotments enclosed herein by Deputies would be on the agenda of your Council of Deliberation meeting in convention assembled.

Cordially and fraternally,



  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
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Deputies of the Supreme Council

August 1, 1969

INSTRUCTIONS TO BE READ BEFORE BALLOTING

ELECT OUTSTANDING MEMBERS WHO

1. Have a good reputation in their respective communities.
2. Have made some outstanding contribution to Prince Hall Masonry.

Make an announcement of the Fee for conferring the Thirty-third Degree to preclude the embarrassment of being elected and not being able to afford same.

The secretary of the Council of Deliberation is directed to report to the Sovereign Grand Commander any instance where expectants for recommendation for elevation, or anyone in their behalf, have canvassed for votes.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
Sovereign Grand Commander



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Allotments for Recommendations  
To The Supreme Council  
By Councils of Deliberation  
At Scheduled Meetings in 1969  
October thru December

<u>STATE</u>	<u>CLASS OF 1970</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>CLASS OF 1970</u>
Alaska	(0)	Michigan	(2)
Bahamas Islands	(1)	Minnesota	(0)
Canada	(1)	Nebraska	(1)
Colorado	(2)	New Jersey	(2)
Connecticut	(1)	New York	(2)
Delaware	(1)	Ohio	(2)
Illinois	(2)	Oregon	(0)
Indiana	(2)	Pennsylvania	(2)
Iowa	(0)	Puerto Rico	(0)
Kansas	(2)	Rhode Island	(0)
Labrador	(0)	Washington	(1)
Massachusetts	(1)	Wisconsin	(0)



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September 10, 1969

Memo to: Active members of the Supreme Council  
and Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories

SUBJECT: Notice of appointment of a Treasurer General to fill vacancy

Illustrious Sirs and Dear Brothers:

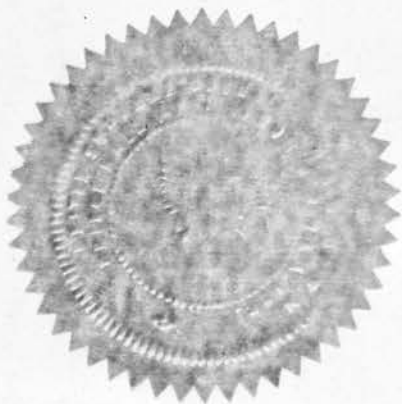
Ill. Walter C. Beckett, Treasurer General, H. E. departed into eternal rest on Wednesday, July 16, 1969.

Pursuant to Article 7, Section 35 of the Constitution and General Regulations, the Sovereign Grand Commander appointed Illustrious William W. Grasty, Active Thirty-third Degree, as Treasurer General until the next annual session of the Supreme Council.

Take due notice and be governed accordingly.

Cordially and fraternally,

LELAND D. FRENCH  
Sovereign Grand Commander





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September 30, 1969

Ill. John R. Lawrence, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Deputy for Minnesota  
947 Iglehart Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

I received a letter from your grand secretary under the date of September 28th advising me of a banquet which will honor all past and present Commanders-In-Chief and Illustrious Peers of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. I wish to congratulate North Star Consistory for arranging a most laudable affair in recognition of those who have labored for the good of our beloved Rite.

Please be advised that my October ~~schedule~~ coupled with the short notice will preclude my attendance. However, I wish you every success in this event.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
Sovereign Grand Commander

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November 7, 1969

Memo to:

Illustrious Deputies of the Supreme  
Council for the Northern Jurisdiction

SUBJECT: Name, mailing address and expiration date of the term of office of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of your orient

Dear Fraters:

Please advise this office by return mail of the name, mailing address, telephone number and term of office of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of your orient. This information is imperative in connection with a planned summit conference to be sponsored by the Supreme Councils for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions.

Cordially and fraternally,

LELAND D. FRENCH  
Sovereign Grand Commander

LDF:bl



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January 2, 1970

Memo to: Active Members of the  
United Supreme Council,  
A. A. S. R., Northern Jurisdiction Inc.

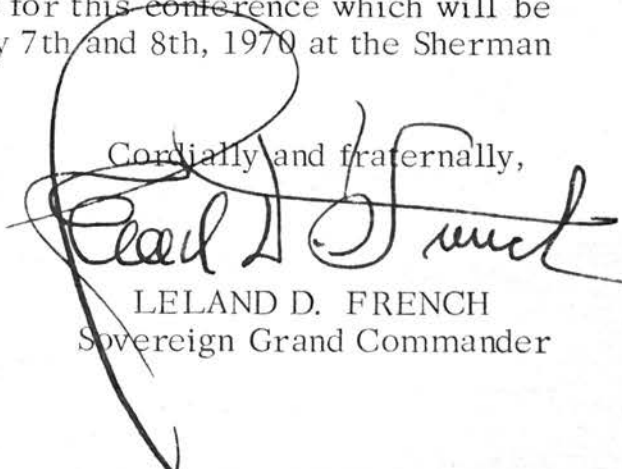
SUBJECT: Summit Conference of Prince  
Hall Grand Masters and pre-  
siding officers of Concordant  
Orders of Prince Hall Masonry

Dear Fraters:

Please be advised that the above captioned conference will be sponsored jointly by the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction and the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction to explore ways and means of stabilizing and increasing the membership of Prince Hall Masons at Symbolic Lodge level, as well as probing for solutions to reclaim some 200,000 Prince Hall Masons lost during the past two decades.

Arrangements are nearing completion for this conference which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 7th and 8th, 1970 at the Sherman House Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
LELAND D. FRENCH  
Sovereign Grand Commander

LDF:bl



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January 12, 1970

Memo to: Active Members of the  
United Supreme Council,  
A. A. S. R., Northern Jur-  
isdiction Inc.

SUBJECT: Summit Conference of Prince  
Hall Grand Masters and pre-  
siding officers of Concordant  
Orders of Prince Hall Masonry

Dear Fraters:

It is apparent that my memo to you under the date of January 2nd in re-  
gards to the above captioned conference has been misinterpreted by some  
of the Active members. Please be advised that this conference will be  
closed to all except presiding Grand Masters and heads of the Concor-  
dant Orders.

Take due notice and be governed accordingly.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
DELAND D. FRENCH  
Sovereign Grand Commander

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THE CATHEDRAL  
FITZWATER AT MOLE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

29 January 1970

To: Sovereign Grand Inspectors General

From: Office of the Secretary General

Sublime Prince NEPTUNE FRENCH, 32°, the only brother of Sovereign Grand Commander Leland D. French, 33°, died in Cleveland, Ohio on January 27, 1970.

Viewing on Sunday, February 1, 1970 at 2118 East 46th Street, Cleveland, Ohio from 7 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Masonic Services at the Masonic Temple, 1624 East 55th Street, Cleveland, Ohio starting at 8 P.M. Sunday, February 1, 1970.

Religious services Monday, February 2, 1970 at 1 P.M. Interment after this service.

A suggested expression of sympathy -

Donation to the  
Benevolent Foundation  
in memory of  
Neptune French



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T. Ruffner 32  
Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A. Inc. C. L. Lawson 33

OFFICE OF  
DEPUTY FOR MINNESOTA  
947 IGLEHART AVENUE  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55104

August 26, 1970

TO: S. P. Theo. Ruffner 32  
Ill. C. L. Lawson 33

Dear Fraters:

I have purchased a three candle holder candelabra for Consistory use, as ordered by the Sovereign Grand Commander.

The cost is two dollars and seventy five cents (\$2.75). Will you kindly reimburse me by issuing an order on the treasurer and a check for the above amount ?

With kindest regards,

Fraternally yours,

John R. Lawrence 33

T. Ruffner 32<sup>o</sup>

C. L. Lawson 33<sup>o</sup>

August 26, 1970

TO: S. P. Theo. Ruffner 32<sup>o</sup>  
Ill. C. L. Lawson 33<sup>o</sup>

Dear Fraters:

I have purchased a three candle holder candelabra for Consistory use, as ordered by the Sovereign Grand Commander.

The cost is two dollars and seventy five cents (\$2.75). Will you kindly reimburse me by issuing an order on the treasurer and a check for the above amount ?

With kindest regards,

Fraternally yours,

John R. Lawrence 33<sup>o</sup>

Ill. Lawson, did you send applications to those Grand Forks men, plus instructions to fraters there to investigate them ?

Also please sign me up for the bus to Grand Lodge.

JRL

August 2, 1970

TO: The Masters of the three (3) Bodies  
A.A.F.M. of Freemasonry (PMA)

Dear Fraters:

You have this elevation of a class beginning Sept. 10. There will be no meeting until September 28th.

Therefore, it is in your hands as the leader of your house during this month to call your officers together and use the Rituals and Syllabi in studying and preparing to give your degrees. Do this without fail.

These brothers are coming here from Grand Forks to be elevated; I urge you to plan a good job.

Do not hesitate to call on other fraters, who have good d livery, to assist in the dialog and the signs and passes.

Fraternaly yours,

John R. Lawrence  
Deputy



ORGANIZED APRIL 9, 1893

NORTH STAR CONSISTORY No. 14  
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry  
PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION

VALLEY OF ST. PAUL

ORIENT OF MINNESOTA

Robert C Covington 32°

Chalmer L Lawson 33°

ILLUSTRIOUS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND SECRETARY

November 4, 1967

To the Ill Overseer of the Work, Ill Peers, Officers and members of the Council of Deliberation for the State of Minnesota A A S R P H A, Northern Jurisdiction.

North Star Consistory # 14 met in regular communication in January 1967. I feel that the members of North Star Consistory paid me their highest compliment by electing me Commander-in-Chief. They had faith enough in me to place the reins of this wonderful organization in my hands for 1 full year. During the year, I have done my best to merit the faith placed in me.

Officers elected in January 1967 are as follows:

Commander-in Chief  
1st Lt Commander  
2nd Lt Commander  
Treasurer  
Secretary

R C Covington  
Milton Henry  
Wm Richardson  
M O Weddington  
C L Lawson

The following officers were appointed:

Minister of State & Grand Orator  
Chancellor  
Prior  
Engineer & Architect  
Hospitaler  
Master of Ceremonies  
Standard Bearer  
Captain of the Guard  
Sentinel

Wm Davis  
S D Mitchell  
W Glanton  
F Connors  
M Taylor  
J Granville  
H Winston  
L Roberts  
M Brown

In February, election was held to elect officers for Adoniram Lodge of Perfection #14. The following officers were elected:

Thrice Potent Master  
Hiram of Tyre, Deputy Gr Master  
Venerable Sr Warden  
Venerable Jr Warden  
Secretary  
Treasurer

A J Clark, Jr  
Q B Stone, Jr  
C Williams  
M Brown  
C L Lawson  
M O Weddington

The following officers were appointed:

Orator	F Connors
Master of Ceremonies	S Mitchell
Captain of The Guard	W D Gray
Hospiteler	M Taylor
Tyler	R C Covington

In March 1967 Pillar of Beauty Chapter of Rose Croix #14 met and elected the following officers:

Most Wise & Perfect Master	J I Young
Senior Warden	M Taylor
Junior Warden	W D Gray
Treasurer	M Weddington
Secretary	C L Lawson
Orator	Wm Richardson
Hospiteler	A J Clark, Jr
Master of Ceremonies	J Granville
Guardian of the Tower	M Brown

The officers, Orator thru Guardian of the Tower, were appointed.

On March 23, 1967, our annual Maundy Thursday Observance was held under the auspices of the Chapter of Rose Croix, with 75 fraters in attendance. The fraters feasted on the shank of the paschal lamb and observed this celebration in traditional fashion.

In May, our Ill Overseer attended the meeting of the Supreme Council along with other Ill Peers from our Consistory. At this meeting, our Ill Overseer, John Lawrence, was made an Active in the council. Frater S D Mitchell, received the 33rd and last degree.

The Ill Overseer reported to the Consistory on his visit to the Supreme Council. He informed us that the burial fund would have to be liquidated among other things, on orders from the Supreme Council.

A committee was formed to study the situation of the burial fund and bring in a report with recommendations as to how we should liquidate this fund.

It was in May 1967 that the Consistory passed an amendment raising dues from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per year.

On September 28, 29 and 30, 1967, we elevated 15 master masons to the 32nd degree of Sublime Princes.

This elevation was one the finest ever held by North Star Consistory due to the excellent work of Ill Peer Levi Morris and his 2 assistants from Chicago in conjunction with the fraters of North Star Consistory #14.

At our October 1967 meeting, we decided, after all members had been notified a month in advance, just what disposition would be made of the burial fund. Some of the money will be used to purchase much needed equipment for the consistory. Some will be placed in the treasury of the Council of Deliberation and some will be placed in the general treasury to be used as needed.

During the year, the Grand Architect of the Universe called 2 of our fraters. Our Pillar of Beauty Chapter of Rose Croix has performed the burial services with dignity.

The status of our membership is as follows:

Number of fraters at beginning of year	184
Dropped for NPD	none
Deaths	2
Reinstatements	2
Initiated	15
Current Membership	196

In December 1967, North Star Consistory will again, as it has in the past, give a Christmas party for children. This will be given in conjunction with the Hallie Q Brown Settlement House as in the past. More than 500 children are expected to participate.

I wish to thank all the Ill Peers, officers and fraters of North Star Consistory #114 for their fine cooperation in helping out our plans and for their hard work this past year in helping make this a most successful year.

Fraternally,

*R C Covington*

R C Covington, 32°

Ill Commander-in-Chief

North Star Consistory #114

# Report

Minnesota Council of Deliberation

November 4, 1967

## Budget and Finance Committee

This is a anticipated budget and approximate expenditures of the Minnesota Council of Deliberation. Present: November 4th. 1967 for approval.

As outline in detail

- |   |                           |          |
|---|---------------------------|----------|
| 1. Secretary Office   | donation salaries         | \$7.50   |
| 2. Treasurer Office   | " "                       | \$7.50   |
| 3. Donation or Rental of space for the Minnesota Council of Deliberation per day:   |                           | \$25.00  |
| 4. The Minnesota Council of Deliberation operational expense and the Overseer Office expense.   |                           | \$150.00 |
| a. Stationery for the Overseer and Council  | - - - - ? (addition cost) |          |
| b. Postage  |                           |          |
| c. Mimeographing - Xeroxing - Typing  |                           | \$25.00  |
| 5. Visitor to this Minnesota Council of Deliberation or Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council. approximate expense |                           | \$25.00  |
| 6. The per Capita tax of the Minnesota Council of Deliberation per Member ( North Star Consistory )   |                           |          |

Total \$240.00

Under Sec: 112 Constitution and General Regulation ( United Supreme Council ) A.A.S.R.

We the Committee on Budget and Finance - Recommend that the Minnesota Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R., Tax Statute be raise from \$1.00 per Member of North Star Consistory No. 14., to \$1.25 per Member. (A twenty-five cent raise) .25

The total Membership of North Star Consistory No. 14., as of October 23, 1967 -- 196 Members. a per capita tax of \$1.25 -- \$245.00

We recommend the minimun rate for conferring degrees in the various bodies of the A.A.S.R., bodies, the Jurisdiction of Minnesota be as stated in this outline. Starting for the year 1968.

Adoniram Grand Lodge of Perfection No. 14.	\$10.00
Pillar of Beauty Chapter No. 14., (Rose Croix)	\$10.00
North Star Consistory No. 14.	\$15.00

Total \$35.00

Fraternally Submitted

Sign: S.P. - P.C.C. *Spent C. Hedley* 32

S.P. *Aditya Chak* 32

Ill. G.F.G. *Robert L. Green* 3

# Secretary Report

The Minnesota Council of Deliberation

November 4, 1967

Membership of the Consistory: as of October 23, 1967

Total 196

Balance to date - Council of Deliberation

\$ 72.11

Disbursements: 1966

November 28, 1966	\$ 5.00
Holiday Motel - Our Guest expense	\$ 21.00
The Office itemize expense of the Overseer	\$ 2.95
Donation Prince Hall Masonic Bldg. Inc.	\$25.00
The Financial expense of the Overseer to the Supreme Council	\$ 150.00
Total	<u>\$203.95</u>

The expense of the Secretary Office since November 1966

1 - Bond Record book	cost plus tax	\$3.76
1 - Bond Ledger book	for the Treasurer Office	\$2.06

Total \$5.82

*Overseer's postage -*

2.85  
8.67

Fraternally submitted,

*Lapercell P. Greene*

Lapercell P. Greene, 33

Secretary- Minnesota Council Deliberat

November 4, 1967  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

To <sup>22-nd</sup> Illustrious Overseer Officers and Members of the Council of  
Deliberation of the Orient of Minnesota, greetings. We, the Auditing  
Committee, beg leave to report that the receipts and disbursements of the  
treasurer are accurate. We do, however, recommend that the Council of  
Deliberations savings account be discontinued and said fund be deposited in  
a checking account.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Cery  
John L. Cery  
Alvin L. Cery  
Auditing Committee

WILLIAM DAVIS 32'

CHALMER L. LAWSON 33'

June 6, 1968

Ill. Leland D. French 33'  
Sovereign Grand Commander  
A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry  
P.H.A. (N.J.) U.S.A. Inc.

Illustrious Sir and Dear Brother:

I received the diploma of appointment as Deputy of the Orient of Minnesota from your office today. I thank you most sincerely and most respectfully for your confidence and instructions given from time to time.

With God's help, I pledge to render the best service to you, the Supreme Council and the Rite.

May I congratulate you upon your re-election, and for your splendid conduct of the recent meeting of the Supreme Council.

Thanking you again and with best wishes to you and yours,

Cordially and fraternally yours,

John R. Lawrence  
Deputy for Orient of Minnesota

# Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

*State of Minnesota and its Jurisdiction*

**CHALMERS L. LAWSON**

Most Worshipful Grand Master

3832 4th Avenue South

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55409



**JOHN EWING, JR.**

R.W. Grand Secretary

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OFFICE OF

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September 30, 1969

Memo to:                      Illustrious Deputies of the United  
                                     Supreme Council, Northern Juris-  
                                     diction, P. H. A.

SUBJECT:                      Benevolent Foundation

Dear Fraters:

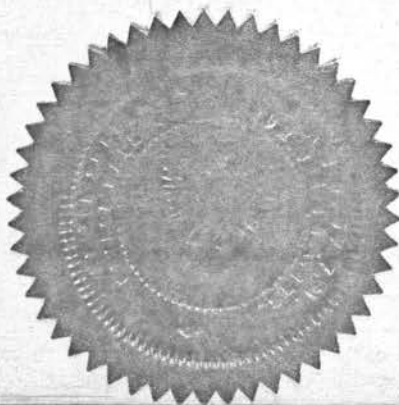
I urge each of you at your respective Councils of Deliberation to place "Contributions to the Benevolent Foundation" on your agenda for the meeting, with a thorough explanation from you relative to the intent and purpose of this fund and its constitutional provisions. Complete information about same can be found on the pages of the Summer Bulletin. Canvass the attendance at your Council meeting for at least a \$1.00 per member contribution and a donation from the fund of your Council to the Benevolent Foundation.

According to information received, we expect many substantial contributions from our individual members at the meeting scheduled at Detroit in 1970. I am also urging our membership to remember this fund in their Last Will and Testament as a memorial to them.

Cordially and fraternally,

LELAND D. FRENCH  
Sovereign Grand Commander

LDF:bl





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March 9, 1970

Memo to: The Active Members of the  
Supreme Council for the  
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

SUBJECT: Revision of the Constitution  
regarding Per Capita Taxes  
Article XXIII, Sections 91  
and 92, Page 26

Dear Fraters:

It is imperative that we give attention to our rate of per capita taxation at the coming session of the Supreme Council.

Our present rate of per capita taxation was adopted at the annual session in May, 1952 which, according to the present Constitution, was \$3.00; with \$1.00 payable in May of each year and \$2.00 payable in September of each year.

The following is one example to support an increase in the above mentioned per capita tax schedule: In 1952, when the present rate was adopted, the cost of operating and maintaining the Cathedral building [heating, lighting, custodial salaries, taxes, insurance etc.] was approximately \$4,000.00. In 1968, the cost of these items has spiralled to over \$12,000.00.



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Active Members

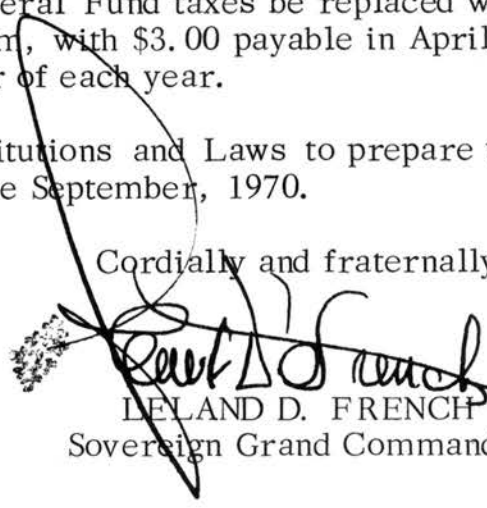
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March 9, 1970

To meet the present day costs and to protect our resources, I recommend that the so-called Administrative and General Fund taxes be replaced with a simple per capita tax of \$6.00 per annum, with \$3.00 payable in April of each year and \$3.00 payable in September of each year.

I shall instruct the committee on Constitutions and Laws to prepare the legislation for your consideration effective September, 1970.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
DELAND D. FRENCH  
Sovereign Grand Commander

LDF:bl

June 1, 1970

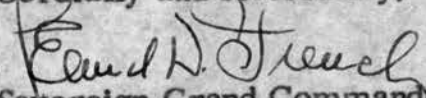
Memorandum to:  
Illustrious Deputies of  
The United S. C. A. A. S. R.  
Northern Jurisdiction

RE: Correction of dates for  
remittment of Per Capita  
Taxes

Dear Fraters:

Please take due notices thereof that the memo of May 27, 1970 should read as follows: increase in per-capita taxes effective as of September, 1970 of \$3.00 and \$3.00 as of April 15, 1971.

Cordially and fraternally,

  
Sovereign Grand Commander

LDF/mn



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June 12, 1970

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Memorandum to:  
Illustrious Deputies of the  
United Supreme Council, A. A. S. Rite  
of Freemasonry, Northern Jurisdiction,  
U. S. A., P. H. A., Inc.

RE: Midnight Funeral Ceremonies  
for Deceased Members of the  
A. A. S. Rite

Dear Fraters:

As expected in this age of change, it has come to the attention of this office through numerous communications the inconvenience, additional sorrowful burdens imposed of relatives and friends of our departed brothers coupled with the fact that many funeral homes throughout the Jurisdiction where these services are usually held, not to permit these funeral services in their establishments starting at 12:00 midnight.

I am, therefore, issuing this memorandum as a blanket dispensation to permit the so-called ("midnight services") to be conducted following the usual ceremonies of symbolic Masons which should be held no later than 9:00 p. m.

To comply with this directive and special dispensation, you will eliminate the words of the official Ritual on page 4: "It is midnight and a new day begins for us." This directive will be in full force and effect until the Supreme Council shall determine otherwise.

Deputies are charged with the responsibility of promulgating to all Commander-in-Chiefs and most wise and perfect masters in their respective Orients who will be responsible for the conduct of these services.



Cordially and fraternally,

*Edward D. Jones*  
Sovereign Grand Commander



LDF/mn



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**December 16, 1970**

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
THE CATHEDRAL  
FITZWATER AT MOLE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

**TO: Sovereign Grand Inspectors General**  
**FROM: Office of the Secretary General**  
**SUBJECT: Sovereign Grand Commander Leland D. French, 33°**

Our Sovereign Grand Commander has been hospitalized, in Cleveland, Ohio, since November 16, 1970. On that date he had an emergency appendectomy. A second operation was performed December 2, 1970 and a third on December 15, 1970. Information from Cleveland indicates the third operation is successful and a return to good health is expected.

Cards, etc. should be sent to the Office of the Sovereign Grand Commander, 4900 Euclid Avenue, Suite 204, Cleveland, Ohio 44103.

You may telephone our Sovereign Grand Commander's secretary, Miss Marlene D. Nims, Monday through Friday, at the Cleveland office between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, (216-391-9119) or the Secretary General at the Cathedral, Monday through Friday, between 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (215-545-2443). Feel free to telephone the Secretary General's home (215-843-7188) at any hour, day or night, other than the hours he is at the Cathedral.

Please direct matters which require immediate attention to the Secretary General. His office will promptly refer the matter to the Sovereign Grand Commander and/or the Lieutenant Grand Commander. Reports and "normal" transactions are to be sent to the Office of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Your prayers and cooperation are solicited.



**Minnesota Council of Deliberation AASR**  
*Valley of St. Paul* *Orient of Minnesota*

S. G. I. G. J. Lawrence  
Illustrious Deputy

L. P. Greene  
Illustrious Grand Secretary

Dec. 22, 1970

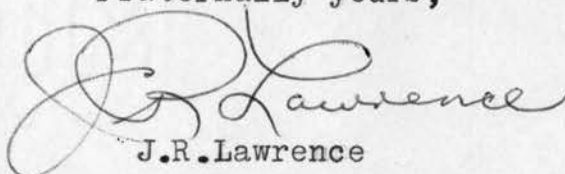
Ill. Greene 33<sup>0</sup>:

I received this information yesterday.  
If possible, will you have copies xeroxed,  
and send one to each Peer and to the Head  
of each House.

Thank you and kindly return this en-  
closed letter to me.

Fraternally yours,

Enc.

  
J.R. Lawrence

P.S. Also send a nice "Get Well" card to  
him from the Minn. Council of Delib-  
eration.

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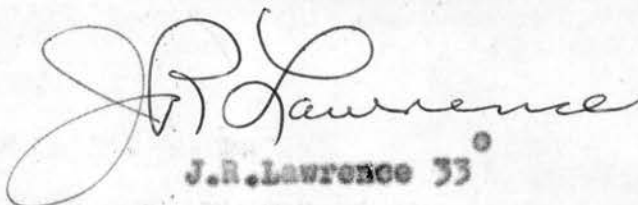
**TO: Grand Inspectors General**  
**FROM: Deputy's Office**  
**SUBJECT: Sovereign Grand Commander**

**Illustrious Sirs:**

Our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Leland D. French 33<sup>o</sup>,  
has been hospitalized in Cleveland, Ohio since Nov. 16th last,  
when he had an emergency appendectomy; further surgery occurred  
on Dec. 2nd and Dec. 15th. Surgery was successful and return  
to good health is expected. Cards may be sent:

Suite 204  
4900 Euclid Av.,  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

**Fraternally yours,**

  
J.R. Lawrence 33<sup>o</sup>