

Bulletin No. 1

M. W. UNITED GRAND LODGE OF IOWA A.F. & A.M. (P.H.A.)
Office of Grand Master
1422 DeWolf Street Des Moines 16, Iowa.
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PROCLAMATION FROM THE GRAND EAST

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of all constituent Lodges of the M. W. United Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., (P.H.A.) for Iowa and Jurisdiction:

GREETING:-

KNOW YE, the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. (P.H.A.) for Iowa and Jurisdiction closed on the 14th of July, A.L. 5943 at the hall provided by Perfect Ashler Lodge No. 34 in Mason City, Iowa. This was indeed a great Grand Session in both financial and fraternal respects. True brotherhood was exemplified and much work was done. Considering the limited travel accommodations of today, the attendance was large, as every lodge in our Jurisdiction was represented except No. 14, No. 39 and No. 43. The total amount raised during the Grand Session was about \$700.00. All claims on the Relief Department were paid to date, and there is still a balance in that fund of about \$500.00. All delegates were provided with good homes, eating accommodations and entertainment.

At this Grand Session the following new laws were enacted:

Article XIII, Constitution, Section 1 (b) revised to read:

"The revenue of the Grand Lodge is derived from the following sources: For every warrant or charter, \$15.00; for dispensation to found a lodge, \$30.00; dispensation to confer three degrees at one meeting, \$5.00; dispensation to confer two degrees at one meeting, \$3.00; dispensation to pass the chair, \$20.00, dispensation for a festival (St. John's Day or the preceding Sunday excepted,) \$3.00; for Grand Lodge diploma, \$1.00; for every candidate initiated, 75 cents, for passing, 50 cents; for raising, 75 cents."

Article XIII, Section 1 (c) revised to read:

"Every lodge shall pay into the general fund of the Grand Lodge One Dollar (\$1.00) for each and every member on its roll and not in the armed forces on June 1st and One Dollar (\$1.00) for each and every member on its roll on December 1st of each year, and to the Grand Relief Fund One Dollar (\$1.00) for each and every member on its rolls the first day of July, October, January and April respectively, which quarterly payments shall be accompanied by a report made out upon blanks to be furnished by the Grand Secretary showing the names of the members for whom it is paid. Any member Three (3) Quarters in arrears shall not be eligible for benefits from the Relief Fund; and no money paid into the Grand Relief Fund shall be transferred or loaned to any other department."

Article XIII, Constitution, Section 2, added as follows:

"And it shall be the duty of each Worshipful Master presiding in a lodge of this Jurisdiction to supervise the collection of this money and its forwarding to the Grand Secretary under penalty of removal from office if not remitted to the Grand Secretary within 30 days after the expiration of any quarter."

Article XIII, Constitution, Section 3 revised to read:

"In the assessment of annual dues, no distinction shall be made between members on account of age or for other causes except that there shall be no Grand Lodge dues charged against a member while actively engaged with the armed forces of our country."

Section 36 of Chapter VI is hereby repealed and there is hereby enacted the following:

Section 33 There is hereby created a fund to be known as the Grand Relief Fund for the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., (Prince Hall Affiliation) for the State of Iowa. This fund is not a life insurance fund or an endowment ~~bureau~~, and does not provide for burial benefits. No policy is to be issued and no contract whatsoever is to exist between any Master Mason and the Grand Lodge."

Section 33 (a)

All donations--not to exceed \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars)--for any single donation, shall be made on the last day of each regular Grand Communication for all deaths occurring in the preceding fiscal year of the Grand Lodge of which satisfactory proof has been submitted and proper claimants established as hereinafter provided.

Section 33 (b)

Every Master Mason shall donate to the Relief Fund a donation of Four Dollars (\$4.00) per year to be paid in quarterly installments of One Dollar (\$1.00) each through his lodge, payable on the first day of July, October, January and April respectively.

Section 34

Ninety percent of the moneys thus collected during the year shall be equally divided among the proper claimants whose rights thereto have not been impaired as hereinafter provided, the other ten percent to be used for the incidental expenses of administering this fund. All balances if any after claims for any one fiscal year are paid, shall be retained in said fund.

Section 34 (a)

It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the subordinate lodges of this Jurisdiction, and they are hereby required to forward as hereinafter provided on or before the date of their stated meetings in July, October, January and April respectively, reports in triplicate on blanks to be furnished by the Grand Secretary showing the names of the members by whom it is paid and the amount paid by each, one copy of which to be sent to the Grand Master, one copy to the Grand Secretary with a check or Money Order for the amount, and one copy to be retained by the secretary of the lodge.

Section 35

The Grand Lodge does not assume any responsibility where lodges fail from any cause whatsoever to remit their contribution to this fund, and when there is such failure to remit for any quarter or any number of quarters during any fiscal year, donations to be made on account of the death of any member or such lodge shall be proportionately reduced.

DUTIES OF GRAND TREASURER

Chapter II, Section 17 of the Code relative to the duties of the Grand Treasurer was amended by adding thereto: (a) He shall also once each month forward to the Grand Master for his inspection either the original or duplicate copies of the statement or statements from the bank or banks in which funds of the Grand Lodge are on deposit for review and examination by him.

SALARY OF C.C.F.C.

Chapter II, Section 20 of the Code was amended to read as follows: The chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence shall examine all printed or written proceedings of sister Grand Jurisdictions and file at each annual communication a written report of his correspondence during the year, noting therein what may seem of interest to the craft.

Under the new Relief Laws every Master Mason must contribute to the Relief Fund.

TRESTLE BOARD

I expect to be in Chicago August 15th to 18th to attend the International Conference of Grand Masters. All communications to this office requiring immediate attention between August 14 and August 21 should be sent to Brother Dr. E. C. Martin, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, 316 First National Bank Building, Mason City, Iowa.

The Grand Lodge approved of allowing \$5.00 to be spent on approving the appearance of the grave of P.G.M. Alexander Clark, Sr. (through Pearl City Lodge No. 39.)

VISITATIONS

Tentative-September 5 I expect to be in Davenport, Iowa to visit with the members and representatives of Hiram Lodge No. 19, McNeil Lodge No. 21, Dubuque Lodge No. 29 and Pearl City Lodge No. 39. This will be the same meeting as was held last year on the Sunday preceding Labor Day.

I am very desirous of again visiting all lodges this year, and would like to finish my tour by the first of January. Would lodges where group meetings were held last year please arrange for the same group meetings again this year? If any of you feel that you are unable financially to again pay my traveling expenses as before, please do not let that interfere with your making arrangements for these meetings.

BULLETINS

This office expects to communicate with the craft of the Jurisdiction at least once a month by these bulletins. I will be glad to include any news items or information of interest to the craft in general in these bulletins from the various lodges. Those of you sending in material to be included in these bulletins, please try to have it in this office by the 15th of each month.

The place where the 57th Annual Grand Communication is to be held was not definitely decided upon. Any lodge wishing to entertain the Grand Lodge in 1944, please communicate with me as soon as possible.

The Grand Lodge was closed with the Master Masons of one accord and a mind to work.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

GRAND MASTER

Attest: C. T. Culberson,
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