

M. W. UNITED GRAND LODGE, OF IOWA, A. F. & A. M. (P.H.A.)

Office of Grand Master

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FINANCIAL STANDING OF SUBORDINATE LODGES WITH THE GRAND LODGE, AS REPORTED TO THIS OFFICE BY BRO. C. T. CULBERSON, R. W. GRAND SEC'Y ON APRIL 2, A. D. 1943, (Membership as of June 25, A. D. 1943)

No. 1.	Membership 35 Owe \$35.00 for Special Tax 1942 - 1943 -- General Fund 3 Quarters in arrears ----- Relief Fund
No. 2.	Membership 57 Square ----- General Fund None paying ----- Relief Fund
No. 3	Membership 20 Owe \$20.00 Grand Lodge Dues for 1941 - 42 General Fund 1 Quarter in arrears ----- Relief Fund
No. 4	Membership 20 Owe \$213.50 for Grand Lodge Dues, Special Taxes and Relief; plus \$20.00 Special Tax for 1942 - 1943 None paying ----- Relief Fund
No. 14.	Membership 17 Owe \$17.00 for Special Tax 1942 - 1943 -- General Fund 1 Quarter in arrears ----- Relief Fund
No. 17	Membership 41 Owe \$41.00 for Special Tax 1942 - 1943 -- General Fund 2 Quarters in arrears ----- Relief Fund
No. 19	Membership 36 Square ----- General Fund 1 Quarter in arrears ----- Relief Fund
No. 20	Membership 26 Square ----- General Fund 1 Quarter in arrears ----- Relief Fund
No. 21	Membership 17 Owe \$11.00 Grand Lodge Dues, \$6.00 arrears Special Taxes for 1941 - 1942 and \$17.00 Special Tax 1942 - 1943 ----- General Fund
No. 29.	Membership 11 Square ----- General Fund Square ----- Relief Fund
No. 30.	Membership 37 Owe \$37.00 Spec. Tax 1940 - 41 and \$37.00 Spec. Tax for 1941 - 1942 ----- General Fund None paying ----- Relief Fund
No. 32.	Membership 8 Owe \$8.00 Special Tax 1942 - 1943 ----- General Fund Square ----- Relief Fund

- No. 34. Membership 15
 Square ----- General Fund
 Square ----- Relief Fund

- No. 35.. Membership; no report received by Grand Sec'y during
 Grand Communication of 1942, (for 1941 - 1942) or since.
 Owe \$802.00 for Grand Lodge Dues, Special Taxes and
 Relief; plus Special Tax for 1942 - 1943
 None paying ----- Relief Fund

- No. 39 Membership 11
 Square ----- General Fund
 1 Quarter arrears ----- Relief Fund

- No. 42 Membership 10
 Owe \$5.50 Grand Lodge Dues plus \$10.00 Special Tax for
 1942 - 1943 ----- General Fund
 2 Quarters arrears ----- Relief Fund

- No. 43 Membership 12
 Owe \$219.85 for Grand Lodge Dues, Special Taxes and
 Relief; plus \$12.00 Special Tax for 1942 - 1943
 2 Quarters arrears ----- Relief Fund

- No. 44 Membership 6
 Owe \$6.00 Special Tax for 1942 - 1943 ---- General Fund
 2 Quarters arrears ----- Relief Fund

AMOUNTS PAID INTO GENERAL FUND AND RELIEF FUNDS SINCE JULY 15, 1942
AS OF APRIL 2, 1943

- No. 1 \$19.00 in General Fund, none in Relief Fund
- No. 2 \$114.00 in General Fund, none in Relief Fund
- No. 3 \$20.00 in General Fund, \$40.00 in Relief Fund
- No. 4 None in General Fund, none in Relief Fund
- No. 14 None in General Fund, \$36.00 in Relief Fund
- No. 17 \$2.00 in General Fund, \$41.00 in Relief Fund
- No. 19 \$37.00 in General Fund, \$75.00 in Relief Fund
- No. 20 \$26.00 in General Fund, \$52.00 in Relief Fund
- No. 21 \$28.00 in General Fund, none in Relief Fund
- No. 29 \$11.00 in General Fund, \$27.00 in Relief Fund
- No. 30 \$37.00 in General Fund, none in Relief Fund
- No. 32 None in General Fund, \$20.00 in Relief Fund
- No. 34 \$15.00 in General Fund, \$45.00 in Relief Fund
- No. 35 None in General Fund, none in Relief Fund
- No. 39 \$12.00 in General Fund, \$17.00 in Relief Fund
- No. 42 None in General Fund, \$9.00 in Relief Fund

No. 43 None in General Fund, \$13.00 in Relief Fund

No. 44 None in General Fund, \$9.00 in Relief Fund

This is the financial standing of all Subordinate Lodges as reported to me by the Grand Secretary on April 2, 1943.

I made a trip to Iowa City to the home of the Grand Secretary on August 2nd, 1942 to get a complete report as to the standing of all Lodges, however, did not receive it until April 2nd, 1943. Therefore, on October 4, 1942 when I visited No. 4, I was unaware of this large indebtedness. Brother Rice Lintz, Secretary of No. 4, asked me what their indebtedness was, since they were not sure. Likewise, when I visited No. 43 on October 18th, 1942; I was unaware of their large indebtedness. On April 17th, 1943 when I visited No. 35, they claimed to be about \$600.00 in debt to the Grand Lodge instead of \$800.00; however, will go more into detail about No. 35 in my address to the Grand Lodge in Mason City, July 13th. Much of this trouble had in obtaining these figures could and would have been eliminated, had we been able to print proceedings. We trust, however, you will study your particular report carefully, and should there be a mistake, kindly communicate with me, and either bring to Grand Lodge or send by mail all necessary canceled checks and receipts to Brother Wm. L. Wiginton, (34) Grand Auditor, 515 S. Adams Street, Mason City, Iowa, that all accounts may be properly adjusted before or during our Grand Session.

Lodges who are in arrears in Grand Lodge Dues and Special Taxes, please note that these accounts MUST BE PAID by the 25th of June, or be subject to lose your Charter, (as per resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge 1942) so if we are behind let's make a supreme effort to catch up, that we may PRESERVE PRINCE HALL MASONRY IN IOWA, as all these monies are badly needed by our Grand Lodge.

Yours for a greater Jurisdiction

Compiled by C. M. Mays

Carl M. Mays, GRAND MASTER

P. S. Please note that only two (No. 4 and No. 35) are not paying anything, and they are both heavily indebted to the Grand Lodge. No. 43 the other heavily indebted Subordinate Lodge to the Grand Lodge, has made some effort. I have been informed that they have been keeping up their current accounts the past few years, but have paid nothing on back bills.

DON'T FORGET RETURNS MUST BE IN BY JUNE 25TH IMPORTANT!

as you know her husband's, and our brother's name will be in it, especially in regard to the date of his death and the name of his lodge. We will go to press as soon as we have enough money to make the down payment. Our sale of them will finish paying for the job.

XXXX, GRIEVANCES * I really don't quite understand just what is the trouble with this brother, ~~or to be a~~ However, briefly, here is the story as I see it. Filed in the Grand Lodge against myself as Grand Master by Bro. J. Hicks (14) 1. Has a Grand Master the power or authority to grant a lodge permission or dispensation to use a paper ballot instead of the conventional box, if such box is not available and the lodge desires to ballot on the candidate? My decision was Yes, when requested by a vote of the lodge, in this case by unanimous vote, and witnessed by the Grand Master himself. 2. Can a Grand Master consent to letting a committee on investigation report their findings on a petitioner for the degrees of Masonry without first waiting upon the petitioner in person? My decision, YES. It is for the committee to decide what constitutes an investigation of the petitioner involved. If they know the petitioner to be a good prospect, well and good. If they know him to be a poor prospect, well and good; and in either of those two cases they could report their findings at any time it is requested by the lodge. If they are dubious of the character of the petitioner, they and they alone have the right to decide on what manner they will investigate. The lodge involved--No. 14--has been having a very hard time. Not only do they have a clandestine lodge in their midst, which from all appearances is prospering, but they did not have their election of officers until the Month of May because of their inability to meet regularly. The petitioner is one of the finest men not only in the state of Iowa but in our country. He is well known no doubt to all of you in Cedar Rapids and in Davenport, having been in those cities before being transferred to Sioux City. Bro. Hicks has openly said that he had nothing against the petitioner or myself. If that be the case, why the grievance? However, I think the truth of the matter is that Bro. Hicks does not approve of my being Grand Master solely because of my youth. More about this though during Grand Lodge.

XXXX, Many of you will recall our good friend and brother, Rev. B. H. Hunter of the Illinois Jurisdiction. He took us through the Masonic home when our Grand Lodge met in Davenport in 1940. I had the occasion to meet him again when making my visit to Sioux City, where he is now pastoring. Bro. Hunter always speaks a good word for the fraternity.

I have visited with every lodge or its representatives in our Jurisdiction except 17 and 20. I have a date to visit No. 17, but none for No. 20.

To those with whom I have visited, may I again thank you for your kindness to me, and I trust that you do not feel your time or money entirely wasted. For whatever mistakes I have made, I pray your forgiveness.



Fraternally
 Ed. D. Gray, G. M.