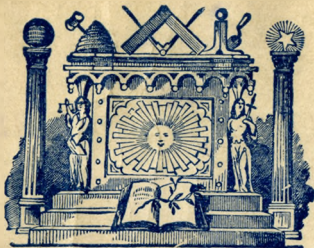


YEAR	NO. OF MEMBERS	NO. OF DEATHS	POSSIBLE COST	ACTUAL COST	AMOUNT DUE
1931 17 No. 31	758	19	\$3800.00	\$4255.00	\$3032.00 3024.50
1932 No. 4	600	16	\$3200.00	\$ 3147.00	\$2400.00
1933 No. 34	579	20	\$4000.00	\$4258.11	\$2316.00
1934 D.M.	585	21	\$4200.00	\$4200.00	\$2340.00
1935 No. 1	542	16	\$3200.00	\$3000.00	\$ 2168.00
1936 No. 3	505	9	\$1350.00	\$1400.00	\$2020.00
1937 D.M. 6	511	11	\$1650.00	\$1650.00	\$2044.00
1938 No. 17	435	19	\$3800.000	\$2675.00	\$1740.00
1939 No. 19	459	17	\$3400.00	\$2350.00	\$1836.00
1940 No. 19	404	13	\$1300.00	\$1300.00	\$1616.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	53781	171	\$29800.00	\$28234.11	\$1512.00 \$21512.00
	Paid out \$6722.11 More than due to take in.				
10%	537	17	\$2980.00	\$2823.00	\$2151.00
An average of \$672.00 per year					



MOST WORSHIPFUL
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(PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION)

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GRAND OFFICERS ETC.
WORSHIPFUL MASTERS WARDENS BROS. OF THE SEVERAL LODGES HERE CONGREGATED, I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM OUR M. W. U. G. L.

When I gaze around in this Lodge room it reminds me very much of the G. L. it's self especially when I see such old standard bearers as Bro. x x x x x x

In accepting this great honor of G. M. which you have so graciously bestowed upon me, I realized that I had undertaken a great task to pay our debts, raise our membership make our Lodges more outstanding and the leading organizations in their community.

For illustration sake with your permission I would like to liken our G. L. unto a house or a building. Now the foundation for this house was laid many hundred years ago and has stood the acid test, of wars, of its enemies and of the ignorant, yet, it has not crumbled in the least, and still stands as solid as a rock. But sometimes I feel that we have failed to continue to build onto this house or we have failed to always use much care in selecting the right material for use in constructing certain parts of our house for it has seemed to have crumbled in spots. Now I do not propose to be a doctor or should I say an architect with the ability to diagnose the faults and draw the plans to

But sometime I feel that we have failed to continue to build onto this house that our forefathers so patiently sacrificed their time, effort, labor, and money to start for us or we have failed to always make

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12 wrote to the Grand Master of Minnesota asking
waive jurisdiction over Mr. Millard Eastes of Albert Lea, Minnesota
that he may be made a Mason in Perfect Ashler Lodge No. 34, Mason City,
Iowa. (Permission granted.) Communications attached.

MOST WORSHIPFUL UNITED GRAND LODGE OF IOWA A.F. & A.M.

(P.H.A.) OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER

December 12, A.L. 5942, A.D. 1942

Hon. G. L. Hoage, Jr., M.W. Grand Master,
590 Charles Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Most Worshipful Sir and Bro. Grand Master:-

I am writing you in behalf of a Mr. Millard Easter, of Albert Lea, Minn. who is desirous of affiliating with the Masonic Fraternity. Since there is a Lodge in Mason City, Iowa, (Perfect Ashler Lodge No. 34, A.F. & A.M. working under a Regular and Unforfeited Charter from the M.W. United Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M., Prince Hall Affiliation) which, I am informed is within forty miles of Albert Lea, Minnesota, and the nearest Lodge to him in your honored Jurisdiction is around ninety miles, it is his desire to petition Perfect Ashler Lodge No. 34 as it is nearest his home.

Therefore, I, Carl M. Mays, Grand Master of Masons in and for the State of Iowa (P.H.A.) do pray your Hon. Sir the M. W. Grand Master of Minnesota to waive your jurisdiction over Mr. Millard Easter, that his petition for the Mysteries of Masonry may be received and accepted in Perfect Ashler Lodge No. 34, A.F. & A.M., Mason City, Iowa.

In Witness Whereof, I have subscribed my name and affixed the private seal of the Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, at Des Moines, Iowa this 12th day of December, A.L. 5942, A.D. 1942.

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Carl M. Mays, Grand Master

P.S. May I expect an early reply, and with all fraternal felicitations, to you and the Jurisdiction of Minnesota, I am

Yours most fraternally,

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MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE
Free And Accepted Masons
State of Minnesota And Jurisdiction

December 22, A.L. 5942, A.D. 1942

Office of the Grand Secretary

Hon. Carl Mays, M.W. Grand Master
1422 DeWolf Street,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brother:

Greetings:

The letter sent to P.G. Master Hoage, Jr. in regards to Mr. Millard Easter, of Albert Lea, Minnesota, who is desirous of affiliating with the Masonic Fraternity in Mason City, Iowa, namely (Perfect Ashler Lodge No. 34 A.F. & A.M. Prince Hall Affiliation) has been placed in my hands.

Since Masons are taught to believe in the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man, which teaches that it pays to live by the Golden Rule, especially when we consider that rule and guide to our conduct.

The commonly accepted version which teaches us to do unto others as we would have them think of us, were the position reversed.

In this spirit the Most Worshipful Grand Master Hector Hunter has waived Jurisdiction and does this 22 day of December 1942 grant Mr. Millard Easter such privileges as requested.

Fraternally yours,

LAWRENCE E. TARVER.
Lawrence E. Tarver,
Grand Secretary

Jan. 25 Wrote Attorneys E. L. Wick and Howard Smith, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, % W. L. Denby of intent to pay any benefits due to Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Any member of this fraternity who makes a will involving these benefits does so in ignorance of the laws governing this department of our fraternity.

However, in this particular case, since the brother has otherwise met with all our requirements, whatever benefits due are payable directly to Bethel A.M.E. Church of Cedar Rapids, not to or through an administrator. This has been the procedure of the Grand Lodge of Iowa since the organization of this department a little over 30 years ago.

Trusting that this is the information you have been in need of, I remain

Very truly yours,

Carl M. Hays,
GRAND MASTER

(Copy to Mr. G. W. Ashby, Secty No. 17)

In order that our newer members of the M.E. Grand Lodge may more clearly understand the operation of the Relief Department, I think it wise to read the following two communications:

(Received in the office of Grand Master Jan. 12, 1943.)

E. L. WICK

Attorney and Counsellor at Law

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

January 8, 1943.

George W. Ashby, secretary,
Mt. Olive Lodge No. 17, A.F. & A.M.,
215-8th Avenue So.,
City.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Howard Smith, I have taken over this matter in this estate and John Shamley is here demanding that this money due from your lodge on the life of Wilmore Denby be paid, that said died September 5, 1942 and the estate should be entitled to the amount as shown in said policy, I take it, \$100.00.

We do not want to make any costs or bring any suit in this matter, but you can turn that over wither to John Shamley, the executor, who will give you a receipt therefor, or you can leave it at the Merchants National Bank or pay it here in this office, but we demand a settlement now.

Yours very truly,

B. L. Wick
B. L. WICK

January 25, 1943.

Mr. B. L. Wick, Attorney at Law, or
Mr. Howard Smith, Attorney at Law,
306-308 O.R.C. Building,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Re: W. L. Denby, late a member
of Mt. Olive Lodge No. 17

Dear Sir:-

This is to inform you that we do not write any insurance policies, and the Cedar Rapids, Iowa moneys you refer to in the case of the late W. L. Denby are the property of the K.W. United Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. (P.H.A.)

The laws governing this department state to whom and how these moneys, if any, are paid out in event of a death, as it is only a donation made by the Grand Lodge to the party or parties as stipulated by our laws, and we reserve the right to withhold all benefits if we see fit.

On April 20 I addressed the following letter to St. John's
Lodge No. 35:

April 2, A.L. 5943, A.D. 1943

Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of
St. John's Lodge No. 35, A.F. & A.M. (P.H.A.)
Waterloo, Iowa.

GREETINGS:

Whereas, you have failed to pay anything whatsoever on your
indebtness of eight hundred two dollars (\$802.00) or anything on
your current indebtness to the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge
of Iowa, A.F.&A.M. (P.H.A.) from which and under whose authority
you are constituted into a Masonic Lodge:

Therefore, Know Ye, that I, Carl M. Mays, Grand Master of
Masons in and for the State of Iowa and Jurisdiction (Prince Hall
Affiliation) by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do
hereby inform you, by Registered Mail that I, Carl M. Mays, the
said Grand Master will be in the City of Waterloo, Iowa Saturday Apr
April 17th A.L. 5943, A.D. 1943 for the expressed purpose of
arresting your Charter (St. John's Lodge No. 35) Please inform all
members of your Lodge of the intended meeting on said evening..

(SEAL)

In Testimony Whereof, I have subscribed my name and affixed
The Seal of the Grand Master of Masons in and for the State of Iowa
and its Jurisdiction (P.H.A.) at Des Moines, Iowa, this 2nd day of
April A.L. 5943, A.D. 1943

(SEAL)

Carl M. Mays, Grand Master

May I be favored with and early reply

Feb. 17 Ordered payment to Sister Rose T. Carter & Brother
Davis Carter who died Feb. 4, 1940, (defunct No. 18) communications
attached.

3 April 2 Sent notice of intent to arrest the charter of St.
John's Lodge No. 35.

April. appointed Bro. Brown, P. M., C. C. on G. L. Affairs

May 1 Sent out Bulletin 1, Roster of Lodges, Masters and
Secretaries and Roster of Financial standing of Lodges with the
Grand Lodge.

May 10 Sent out proclamations of change in Grand Lodge Meeting
place from Clinton to Mason City to all lodges and all members of the
committee on Jurisprudence.

CHANGE IN MEETING PLACE OF GRAND CONVENTION

(Received July 15)

CA 12 29 N T 3 Extra - CLINTON IOWA 14

Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Iowa July 15 A M 1 33
AF and AM convening at Waterloo, Iowa - We extend a most hearty
welcome to your body to hold your next convention in Clinton We
have the facilities and we know how to entertain -

H W DETNER Chairman Convention Committee
Clinton Chamber of Commerce

(Received April 22, 1943)

Clinton, Iowa,
April 20/43

Mr. Carl M. Mays, Grand Master,
M.W. United Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M.,
Prince Hall Affiliation.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

I have been requested to write you in regard to the Grand Lodge
meeting in Clinton this year. Owing to the fact of the rationing, we
cannot entertain the Grand Lodge this year and would suggest it be
called off this year.

Thanking you, I remain

Fraternally yours,
CHAS. I. THOMPSON
1022-8th Avenue So.,
Clinton, Iowa.

Holland Williams, W.M. of McNeil Lodge No. 21.

Immediately upon receiving the foregoing communication from McNeil Lodge No. 21, I began to consider other places where we might hold our Grand Session and proceeded to contact members of the craft in other cities and lodges that I thought would be interested. There were two main reasons that guided me in making a decision or choosing the place in which we would hold this Grand Session: First, interest in the work; secondly--restaurant facilities for our people are available. I especially insisted upon being some place where we could get accommodations in restaurants. Were it not for this point system on food, I would have decided on Keokuk, since they asked for our Grand Session also last year, but having been informed by one of their members that conditions desired were not especially favorable; therefore, since Perfect Ashler Lodge No. 34 assented to accept and entertain the Grand Lodge this year, believing them to be the better of the two places, I chose Mason City.

I have since found that one of the main reasons for Clinton or McNeil Lodge not receiving the Grand Lodge this year was because of a lack of a previous understanding in requesting it, therefore necessitating the proclamation of May 10.

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May 25 Sent out Bulletins 4 and 5.

May 31 Wrote all delinquent lodges owing \$5.00 or more in the General Fund.

June 13
I sent a bouquet of flowers to Sister Elizabeth Jones, W.G.
Matron of Electa Grand Chapter O.E.S., from the M.W. United Grand Lodge.

June 21 I authorized Eureka Lodge No. 20 to change the date of
its stated meeting from the fourth Tuesday to the fourth Monday of
each lunar month.

(W)
May 31, A.L. 5943, A.D. 1943

To the Worshipful Master Wardens and Brethren of
all Lodges delinquent \$5.00 or more in the General Fund

Greeting:

The Grand Lodge is getting ready to close its books for the year of 1942 - 1943 and being in urgent need of all available funds is anxious that you pay something on your back indebtedness of _____ quarters (relief) and (_____ \$0.00 (general fund) within the next few weeks.

I feel sure that you are interested in keeping within bounds in our Grand Lodge, that is why I am bringing this little matter to your attention in hopes that you can favor the grand Lodge with a small remittance soon.

your
Again may I thank you for kindness and courtesies tended me as Grand Master during the past year, I can assure you that they will always be pleasant memories.

With very best wishes and kindest regards to the entire Masonic family of _____, I am,

Yours most fraternally and sincerely,

Carl M. Mays, Grand Master

P. S. May I see a large delegation from No. _____ in Grand Lodge as we have many matters of great importance to the welfare of our entire Jurisdiction to discuss.