

REPORT TO NORTH STAR LODGE #2

Your Junior Warden begs to submit the following report of the 57th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. (Prince Hall). The Grand Lodge convened July 10th at 11:30 A.M. Howard Brown acting Grandmaster.

- I. The Credential Committee reported that there were enough lodges present to constitute a quorum.
- II. The Committee on Dispensations of Charter made a partial report of the now defunct Fort Dodge lodge. This Lodge can be reorganized with the usual fee or remit to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$200, the back indebtedness.
- III. The Committee on Returns reported that there are a number of Lodges that have not made their report. One item of interest to North Star Lodge is that we had overpaid the Grand Lodge \$10.00. It was voted that this money should be returned to the Lodge.
- IV. Grandmaster's Address. The Grandmaster gave a very good report on the workings of his office since he had been in office. His report was referred to the Committee on Grandmaster's Address.
- V. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances made the following report, that Peace and Harmony reign throughout our jurisdiction.
- VI. The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, that Grandmaster Carl Mays had acted in accordance with the Constitution when he placed Howard Brown then Senior Warden, in his office. Hereafter the Grand Lodge will be styled Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge F. & A.M. (Prince Hall) omitting the Ancient. These recommendations were approved by the Lodge. \$1905.52
- VII. Report of the Grand Secretary. Relief Department. Disbursements and death benefits \$1308.00; 10% deducted from the Relief Fund \$131.60; leaving a balance in the Relief Department of \$579.54.  
  
General Fund. Total Collections \$1427.18; Disbursements \$586.24, leaving a balance in the General Fund of \$848.94.
- VIII. Grand Treasurer's Report. General Collections \$1433.18; Total Disbursements \$588.26, leaving a balance of \$846.92, to which was added the 10% taken from the Relief Fund, making a Grand Total of \$978.52 in the General Fund.
- IX. The Credential Committee made their final report, that there were 13 Lodges present.
- X. The Report of Brannom Hyde on Foreign Correspondence was filed with the proper committee.
- XI. William T. McKee, of Golden Star Lodge #4 make a plea to the Grand Lodge that his Lodge be permitted to drop their back indebtedness of \$91.00. This was approved by the Grand Lodge.
- XII. Grandmaster Carl Mays and all other former Grandmasters were presented to the Lodge.
- XIII. Grand Auditor's Report. General Fund \$1433.18; Disbursements \$586.26 leaving a balance of \$846.92 to which 10% from Relief Fund was added making a Grand Total of \$977.57 in the Grand Treasury.  
  
Relief Fund; \$1308.00 paid for claims which leaves a balance of \$597.54 less 10% which amounted to \$131.60, leaving a total in Relief Fund of \$465.94.
- XIII-A. Grand Custodian made his report to the Lodge which was received and filed with the proper committee.

XIV. Grand Secretary's Final Report. Total collections 1943-1944 \$1433.18; Total Disbursements \$586.24, leaving a balance in the General Fund of \$847.94 plus 10% from the Relief Fund which amounted to \$131.60 making a Grand Total of \$978.54 in the General Fund.

Relief Fund Total Collections \$1905.54; Disbursements \$1308.00 leaving a balance of \$597.54 from which 10% was deducted in the amount of \$131.60 leaving a balance in the Relief Department of \$465.94.

XV. Total Expense for Grand Officers and Grand Lodge \$534.94, deducted from \$977.57 leaving a total in the Grand Treasury of \$442.63.

XVI. Grand Lodge proceeded to elect the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Next year 58th Annual Session will be held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

After close balloting, Howard Brown of Mason City defeated Paul Goodloe of Des Moines for Grand Master for the ensuing year. The result of the balloting was Brown 44, Goodloe 39. The other Grand Officers elected unanimously were: Louis J. Henry, Davenport, Senior Grand Warden; William T. McKee, Ottumwa, junior Grand Warden; H. A. Martin, Dubuque, Grand Treasurer; C. T. Culberson, Iowa City, Grand Secretary and J.B. Mitchell, Des Moines, Grand Chaplain; Powell E. Gibson, Cedar Rapids, Grand Custodian.

Grand master Brown appointed the following officers: Paul D. Goodloe, Des Moines, deputy grand master; H. Eskridge, Waterloo, senior grand deacon; Clarence Bryant, Des Moines, junior grand deacon; Charles Morris, Centerville, senior grand stewart; H. Aldridge, Fort Madison, junior grand stewart; C. C. Johnson, Des Moines, grand marshal; William A. Givens, Council Bluffs, master of ceremonies; A. O. Powell, Muscatine, grand sword bearer; W. Bernard, Burlington, grand standard bearer; G. W. Perkins, Cedar Rapids, grand tyler; S. Joe Brown, Des Moines, chairman of jurisprudence; F. S. Johnson, Keokuk, chairman of grand officer's addresses; Branham N. Hyde, chairman on correspondence and Beverly Taylor, Cedar Rapids, grand auditor.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Thompson  
Junior Warden

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*Your circle,*  
*the Grand Lodge*  
*will have to*  
*be removed*  
*of \$131.60*  
*and Cedar Rapids*