

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF
**ROYAL AND SELECT
MASTERS**
OF THE
STATE OF MISSOURI
HELD IN
ST. LOUIS



ONE HUNDRED SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
APRIL 24, 1967



G. Fred Kling

BIOGRAPHICAL

G. FRED KLING

Most Illustrious Grand Master 1966-1967

The distinguished and devoted service of his father Gunard F. Kling caused G. Fred Kling to seek Masonic light and knowledge at his earliest opportunity. Shortly after his discharge from the Armed Forces in the fall of 1945 he petitioned Athens Lodge No. 127 of Albany, Missouri, for membership and was raised on April 19, 1946 by his father.

Fred was born in Albany, Missouri, on December 5, 1923, the son of Doctor G. F. and Gertrude Kling. He was educated in the public schools of Albany, Missouri, and enrolled in the University of Missouri, at Columbia, Missouri, in 1941.

He served in the United States Army Air Force with the Eighth Air Force in England from 1943 until 1945 and returned to the University of Missouri after his military service where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1948 and his LL.B. Degree from the University of Missouri School of Law in 1950. During his time at the University he participated in intercollegiate athletics and won letters as a halfback on the University of Missouri football team in the years 1942, 1946 and 1947. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Social Fraternity, the Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity and the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity. He served as a member of the Student Government Association and served as a member of the Board of Student Editors of the *Missouri Law Review*. Membership was conferred upon him in the Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Society and *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. He served as president of Q.E.B.H., Men's Senior Honorary Society of the University of Missouri.

After serving as a member of the faculty of the School of Business and Public Administration at the University, he returned to Albany and entered in the practice of law in the year 1951 where he is presently engaged in the practice and serving as Prosecuting Attorney of Gentry County.

On December 28, 1946, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Snider and to this union was born one son, Gunard Fred Kling, III, on December 30, 1953.

In addition to his Masonic activities, he has been active in other phases of public life. He is a member of the Albany Methodist Church and is a member of the Democratic Party in political affairs. He was appointed a Colonel on the Honorary Staff of the Honorable Warren E. Hearnes, Governor of the State of Missouri in 1965. He has served as president of the Albany Rotary Club and is presently serving as president of the Gentry County Memorial Hospital Association in the operation of a non-profit 50-bed hospital in the Albany community. He also has been active in Boy Scout work in his community.

His hobbies are golf, fishing, and camping, and he hopes that he can find more time to devote to these activities since his family enjoys them with him.

R. H. M.

MASONIC RECORD

Ancient Craft Masonry: Athens Lodge No. 127, Albany, Missouri, initiated, December 27, 1945; passed, January 24, 1946; raised, April 19, 1946; Master, 1963.

Capitular Masonry: Albany Chapter No. 116, Albany, Missouri, 1948; Mark Master, August 20, 1946; Past Master, August 20, 1946; Most Excellent Master, March 16, 1948; Royal Arch, March 26, 1948; High Priest, 1958; Order of High Priesthood, 1958.

Cryptic Masonry: Josephus Council No. 36, Albany, Missouri, 1948; Royal Master, October 17, 1951; Select Master, October 17, 1951; Super Excellent Master, October 30, 1951; Illustrious Master, 1960; Order of Silver Trowel, 1960.

Chivalric Masonry: Albany Commandery No. 60, Albany, Missouri, 1948; Red Cross, March 30, 1948; Order of Malta, March 30, 1948; Order of the Temple, March 31, 1948; Commander, 1963; Missouri Association of Past Commanders, 1963.

Miscellaneous: A.A.O.N.M.S., Moila Temple, 1948; Esther Chapter, O.E.S., Patron, 1954; A.A.S.R., St. Joseph Valley, 1957; Red Cross of Constantine, St. Joseph Conclave, 1961, Missouri Priory No. 17, K.Y.C.H.

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OF MISSOURI**

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Annual Communication, St. Louis, Mo., September 25, 1967

GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MISSOURI

M.'E.'.Comp. Edward E. Nixon.....Grand High Priest
Gallatin, Mo. 64640
R.'E.'.Comp. Bruce H. Hunt.....Grand Secretary
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Annual Convocation, Jefferson City, Mo., April 30, 1968

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M.'I.'.Comp. Harold L. Lowe.....Grand Master
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ORDER OF SILVER TROWEL IN MISSOURI

Ill. Comp. G. F. Kling, Sr.....Master
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Annual Assembly, Jefferson City, Mo., April 29, 1968

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER R.A.M.

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Triennial, Portland, Ore., October 1-2, 1969

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R.'P.'.Comp. Bruce H. Hunt.....General Grand Recorder
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Triennial, Portland, Ore., September 29-30, 1969

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Triennial, Detroit, Mich., August 19-24, 1967

ONE HUNDRED SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri held its One Hundred Second Annual Assembly in the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, April 24, 1967, Anno Dep. 2967, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

OPENING OF GRAND COUNCIL

Organ music by Companion Jack J. Stottlemyre, Grand Organist, preceded and accompanied the entrance of the Grand Council officers. The following Grand Officers were present and opened the Grand Council with full ritualistic ceremonies:

G. Fred Kling.....	<i>Grand Master</i>
Harold L. Lowe.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
Alfred W. Griffith.....	<i>Grand Prin. Cond. Work</i>
Fred H. Knight.....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
Bruce H. Hunt.....	<i>Grand Recorder</i>
Frank K. Roy, Jr.....	<i>Grand Captain Guard</i>
Richard H. Kerr.....	<i>Grand Conductor of Council</i>
Everett E. Phillips.....	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
Logan E. Wing, Jr.....	<i>Grand Steward</i>
N. George Whiteaker.....	<i>Grand Sentinel</i>
Rev. Charles F. Rehkopf.....	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
Frank K. Roy, Jr.....	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
Jack J. Stottlemyre.....	<i>Grand Organist</i>

INVOCATION

The invocation was delivered by the Rev. Comp. Charles F. Rehkopf, Grand Chaplain.

WELCOME

Most Ill. Comp. G. Fred Kling, presiding as Grand Master, issued a cordial welcome to all those attending the One Hundred Second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Missouri. It was his hope that this annual assembly would be harmonious and beneficial to the Cryptic Rite.

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

The Grand Master requested the distinguished visitors who might be in the room to retire so that they might be presented to the Grand Council by Ill. Comp. Frank K. Roy, Jr., Grand Lecturer. The following Past Grand Masters were presented:

Most Ill. Comps. Carl P. Westerhaus, 1937-38; Bruce J. Carl, 1943-44; Henry C. Thompson, 1948-49; Ralph J. Brooks, 1950-51; Bruce H. Hunt, 1951-52; Francis J. Bullivant, 1954-55; Walter J. Bublitz, 1957-58; Walter H. Baird, 1958-59; R. Marvin Cowden, 1959-60; Olin S. McDaniel, 1960-61; Allen C. Sodemann, 1961-62; William H. Utz, Jr., 1962-63; Hiram U. Ford, 1963-64; and Dewey A. Routh, 1964-65.

RECEPTION OF MISSOURI PRESIDING OFFICERS

Ill. Comp. Roy presented Ill. Comp. John W. Alverson, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Missouri and Comp. William J. Tobler, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Missouri.

Grand Master Kling extended a cordial welcome to these contemporary heads of York Rite Masonry with whom he had worked so closely in the promotion of the Rite during the past year. He expressed his appreciation for the many courtesies extended him and the Grand Council by the bodies which they represented and assured them of the continued cooperation of the Grand Council of Missouri in every way possible.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FROM NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS

The following distinguished visitors from neighboring jurisdictions were presented by Ill. Comp. Frank K. Roy, Jr. and extended the grand honors of Cryptic Masonry.

Illinois: M. Ill. Comp. Charles F. Davis, Grand Master, Grand Council R. & S.M.; Rt. Ill. Comp J. Alfred Johanson, D.G.M., Grand Council R. & S.M.; Ill. Comp. J. Emerson Miller, Gr. Capt. Host, Grand Chapter R.A.M. and Gr. Rep. of Grand Council of Missouri near Grand Council of Illinois.

Iowa: M. Ill. Comp. Virgil M. Finkenbinder, Grand Master, Grand Council R. & S.M.; M. Ill. Comp. James P. Irish, P.G.M., Grand Council and G.H.P. of Grand Chapter R.A.M.

Nebraska: M. Ill. Harley G. Lofton, Grand Master, Grand Council R. & S.M.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

Ill. Comp. Roy presented R.P. Comp. Bruce H. Hunt, General Grand Recorder, of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters International.

GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF MISSOURI

Ill. Comp. Roy presented Ill. Comp. William R. Denslow, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Missouri as the representative of the M.W. Grand Master who was unable to be present. The Grand Master extended a courteous welcome to Comp. Denslow as the representative of the parent body of Masonry, escorted him to the East, presented him with the gavel and invited him to preside over the Grand Council.

Comp. Denslow graciously accepted the opportunity to represent the Grand Master and stated that he knew M.W. Brother Murray would have been quite welcome despite the fact that he was not a member of the Council. He stated, however, that he was happy to represent the Grand Lodge and bring its greetings to the Grand Council. He observed that during the past year the Grand Lodge lost more than 1,200 members but during the same period of time the three York Rite bodies in Missouri reported substantial gains. He believed this was indicative of two things, first, that the officers and members were doing a terrific job, and secondly, that the York Rite has a great deal to offer the Brother Master Mason. He congratulated the Grand Council on the splendid work it was doing and expressed the hope that the Annual Assembly would be productive of good results for Freemasonry in general.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Master directed the Grand Recorder to call the roll of Grand Representatives and asked them to assemble west of the Altar as their names were called. (A list of the Grand Representatives present will be found in the Report of the Committee on Credentials elsewhere in these proceedings.) Grand Master Kling expressed his gratitude to each for his devotion to Cryptic Masonry and the fine service he was rendering the Grand Council of Missouri by representing another jurisdiction with whom we are in fraternal relations. He expressed the hope that each would convey to the Grand Council he represented greetings from Missouri and an account of this annual assembly.

REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Ill. Comp. Roy presented the following Regional Deputy Grand Masters: Ill. Comps. Harland O. Driskell, Delbert Gentry, Harley E. Thomas, Buron M. Keathley, Glenwood E. Cloud. Most Ill. Comp. Kling paid special tribute to these five companions who were his personal representatives in five of the seven districts which comprise the jurisdiction of Missouri. He praised each for his devotion to duty, and his zealous attachment to the problems of the Cryptic Rite. He further expressed the hope that each would continue to labor for the Grand Council of Missouri long after his term of office had ended.

TELEGRAMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Grand Recorder reported that letters of regret had been received from Kansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Oklahoma whose meetings were being held at this time. He had also received greetings from other friends of the Grand Council of Missouri who were unable to be present.

COMMITTEES 1967 ASSEMBLY

The following committees were appointed to serve through the 1967 Annual Assembly:

Banner Awards: Frank K. Roy, Jr.; Richard H. Kerr; Everett E. Phillips.

Centennial: Walter J. Bublitz; William R. Denslow; Allen C. Sodemann.

Credentials, Mileage and Per Diem: William A. Slaughter.

Finance: J. Carle Smith.

Jurisprudence: Dewey A. Routh.

Reports of Grand Officers: Clovis E. Collier.

Returns of Councils: R. Linn Terry.

Reviewer: Bruce H. Hunt.

Ritual: Frank K. Roy, Jr.; E. Jere Deal; Garth D. Doss; Gerald F. Churchill.

Triennial: G. Fred Kling; Harold L. Lowe; Alfred W. Griffith.

York Rite Public Relations: Lewis C. Cook; John B. Vrooman; Maurice E. Votaw.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

To the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri:

COMPANIONS: On behalf of the officers of the Grand Council, I am happy to extend to each of you a most hearty welcome to this, the One Hundred and Second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri.

To the companions who are here for the first time may I extend a special welcome. Your interest in the deliberations of the Grand Council, indicates your zeal and fervency for the cause of Cryptic Masonry.

To the members of the order, who have been in attendance at the Annual Assemblies many many times, a special welcome and a word of thanks for your ever faithful work on behalf of the Rite.

To our distinguished guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, may I extend a heartfelt welcome and express the hope that your visit with us will be entertaining and rewarding. You render us a great honor by being with us today.

To the presiding officers and representatives of the Masonic Bodies of Missouri, may I say that your presence is pleasing to us, and your cooperation, good wishes and fraternal fellowship has been deeply appreciated. I hope that your visit with us will be rewarding to you and a most enjoyable one for you.

At the Annual Assembly the Grand Master is required by the By-laws of the Grand Council to present a written report to the Grand Council, and I will address myself to that task at this time with the hope that, although it will not be profound, that it will be delivered with due dispatch in order that the business of the Craft may be expedited thereby.

SURETY BOND

Upon my installation I received from the retiring Grand Master Clovis E. Collier the following surety bond:

No. 844258—Executed by the Glens Falls Insurance Company of Glens Falls, New York, under the signature of William V. Cundiff, Attorney in Fact, of Kirksville, Missouri, in which the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri, Box 188, Kirksville, Missouri, is designated as the insurer and covering on their positions schedule the Grand Treasurer, Fred H. Knight, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and the Grand Recorder, Bruce H. Hunt, in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars. This bond covered the term from April 29, 1966 to April 29, 1967. This bond will be delivered to my successor in office upon his installation.

CHARITY

Our budget this year included an item of \$200 for charity. The recipient of this contribution has been customarily selected by the officers of the Grand Line.

This year's gifts were made to the Order of DeMolay, Eastern District of Missouri, in the sum of \$100 and the Order of DeMolay, Western District of Missouri, in the sum of \$100. These gifts are made in recognition of the worthiness of this fine order and in recognition of the work on its behalf which has been done by our Grand Commander William J. Tobler and the many companions of the council who have contributed of their time and efforts to its progress and prosperity.

NECROLOGY

Having full knowledge that life is transitory, we none the less mourn the absence from our midst of our companions who pass on. During the year 195 of our companions have been taken by death. In commemoration of their contributions to us let us pause in our deliberations and ask our Grand Chaplain Illustrious Companion Charles F. Rehkopf, to lead us in appropriate memorial services and meditations.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DEPARTED COMPANIONS, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

St. Louis, Missouri, April 24, 1967

Companions, we who have been admitted to the Secret Vault, and have labored here, have learned the many lessons imparted to us here. We who have arrived at the Ninth Arch have been taught that death is only a horizon, and a horizon is nothing but the limit of our own sight. We have been taught that death is a part of life; that if the first temples of our transitory life can be on the surface, we must descend into the secret vault of death before we can find that sacred deposit of truth which is to adorn our second temple of eternal life. In the sense that the grave is the entrance into eternal life are we taught to view the symbolism of the Secret Vault.

As we labor in the secret vault we are encouraged to let uprightness and integrity attend our steps; to let justice and mercy roll down as a mighty stream; to let fervency and zeal stimulate us in the discharge of the various duties incumbent upon us; but to suffer no idle or impertinent curiosity to lead us astray, to betray us into any danger. We are warned to be deaf to every insinuation which would have a tendency to weaken our resolution, to tempt us to acts of disobedience. We are asked to be voluntarily dumb and blind, when the exercise of these faculties would endanger the peace of mind or the probity of conduct;

and we are directed to let silence and secrecy, cardinal virtues of a Select Master, on all necessary occasions be scrupulously observed.

At this hour, in this Secret Vault, we have gathered to pay tribute to those of our Companions who have lived by these injunctions, who have fought the fight, who have kept the faith. In their memory let us harken to a Lesson from a Prophet and from a Psalmist :

Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15

Psalm 121

Let us pray: Remember, O Lord, thy faithful servants, Companions, Royal and Select Masters, now departed from us; Companions who shared a closer tie than that of brother with us; remember them according to the favor which thou bearest onto thy people, and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly mansion prepared for us from the beginning of time;

We seem to give them back to thee, dear Lord, who givest them to us. Yet as thou didst not lose them in giving, so we have not lost them in their return to thee. Teach us to know, O God, that thou dost not give as the world gives, because what thou givest thou takest not away. Whatever is thine is ours always, if we are thine. Lead us deeper into the truth that life eternal, and love is immortal, and that death is only a horizon, and that a horizon is nothing save the limit of our own sight. Lift us up, O God, that we may see more clearly, draw us closer to thyself that we may know ourselves nearer to our beloved Companions who are with thee. And, whilst thou dost prepare a place for us, prepare us for that happy place; that where they are, and thou art, we too may be.

Unto God's gracious mercy we commit them. The Lord bless them and keep them. The Lord make his face to shine upon them, and be gracious unto them. The Lord lift up his countenance upon them, and give them peace, both now and evermore. AMEN

SOUTHWESTERN YORK RITE CONFERENCE

At the last meetings in Kansas City, in April of 1966, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council became members of the Southwestern York Rite Conference.

The Ninth Annual Conference of this group was held in Pittsburg, Kansas on September 16 and 17, 1966. There were 13 companions from Missouri at the conference.

The program was well planned in advance and covered topics such as joint York Rite Festivals in Missouri, presented by Frank K. Roy, Jr., and proposals of the joint commission on the York Rite unity, given by Bruce H. Hunt, and a symposium on establishing the York Rite image.

Since we are familiar with our own festival procedures and were acquainted with the work of the commission on York Rite unity, it is difficult for us to evaluate the benefits to be derived from membership in the Southwest Conference. It would appear however that in any forum, where matters pertaining to the welfare of our Bodies are likely to be discussed, something of value can be received. The Southwest Conference is a meeting which is not primarily concerned with the business of the Craft itself, and therefore can devote a majority of its time to discussing matters of common interest and concern. The sessions included panel discussions, and questions and answer periods, and so long as the conferences are well programmed to include matters of general interest and concern, I feel that membership is worth while for the Grand Council of Missouri.

THE INTER-RITE COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the York Rite Council, held in Excelsior Springs in August of 1966, it was proposed that an Inter-Rite meeting be held with our brothers of the Scottish Rite in order to promote the welfare of Freemasonry in general and to foster cooperation between the Rites.

On September 26, 1966, I was pleased to accept the invitation of Brother Walter C. Ploeser of the Scottish Rite, to attend a meeting at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in St. Louis, where members of the York Rite Bodies were warmly greeted and welcomed by Brothers of the Scottish Rite.

Our own William J. Tobler was elected chairman and Brother Walter C. Ploeser was chosen as Vice Chairman. It was agreed that the committee should be composed of five members each from the York and Scottish Rites. The York Rite members would be represented by the Grand High Priest, the Grand Master, the Grand Commander, the Grand Lecturer, and the Grand Secretary-Recorder, and the Scottish Rite members of the committee would be composed of a representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General and four members appointed by him, presumably one from each Valley in Missouri.

At the time of the holding of the Warren E. Hearnest Festival in Jefferson City in 1966 many adjustments in scheduled events had to

be made on a statewide basis, and a great deal of help and cooperation was given to the York Rite by the Brothers of the Scottish Rite in cancelling schedules, functions, and meetings which conflicted with the Governor Hearnes Festival date. In this spirit of demonstrated cooperation, one of the immediate objectives of the committee was to coordinate dates at the state level for important functions and annual meetings of both the York and Scottish Rites, and to seek the cooperation of the Shrine in this endeavor.

All branches of Freemasonry in Missouri advocate the wholehearted support of the free public schools system in this state and affirmative action in this connection was also an adopted objective of the committee.

I sincerely feel that our endeavors in this field of joint cooperation and fraternal Inter-Rite communication will be of great value and benefit to both of the Rites and to Freemasonry in general.

DECISIONS

I

York Council No. 40 proposed to amend their By-laws by changing the provision for installation of their officers so that installation would be provided for at the first regular meeting in March, or at a special meeting. The question was presented as to whether or not there was a conflict with the constitution and laws of the Grand Council.

I advised York Council No. 40 that I did not find that the amendment of the By-laws or such a provision for installation was in conflict with the constitution and laws of the Grand Council. I did however point out to York Council that the tabular reports and annual returns and statistics were based on the calendar year, and that most councils found it to be advantageous to operate on a calendar year basis, and that because of this fact it would seem that elections and appointments of officers and their installations should be in close proximity to this date.

II

On January 24, 1967, and February 8, 1967, our Grand Recorder and I received requests for permission and for dispensation for the Councils of St. Louis, Missouri, to confer the Super Excellent Master Degree on candidates in Illinois on March 11, 1967, at the council at Belleville, Illinois, and on April 29, 1967, at the council at Metropolis, Illinois.

On February 13, 1967, I advised the Recorder, of Hiram Council No. 1, and the Recorder of York Council No. 40, that there were no provisions for issuing dispensations to a Missouri Body to invade the jurisdiction of another Sovereign Grand Body, however the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Missouri has taken the position that no dispensation was necessary in cases where a group of Missouri Freemasons conferred a Third Degree according to a Missouri

ritual upon a fellowcraft of a lodge outside of Missouri in a lodge outside of Missouri, and that the only necessary action to be taken would be to obtain the consent of the councils involved and of the Grand Master of Missouri and the Grand Master of Illinois. I further advised them that I would be glad to give my permission specifically to the Councils of Missouri that would be in attendance to meet with the councils in Illinois, and the consent of the Grand Master of Illinois and of the bodies concerned, both in Illinois and Missouri should also be obtained.

III

At our last annual assembly in Kansas City, on April 27, 1966, the Grand Council adopted a resolution providing for the conferring of the degrees of the council upon any member of a commandery in good standing without initiation charge or fee in the event that the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri adopt legislation making the degrees of the council a prerequisite to membership in a commandery.

Several inquiries have been made, since the Grand Commandery did, in fact, make the council degrees a prerequisite to the membership in a commandery, as to whether or not the council degrees could be conferred on a member of the commandery, without initiation fee, who, had not actually been Knighted prior to the effective date of the prerequisite legislation passed by the Grand Commandery.

I ruled that since membership in the commandery and eligibility to membership in the commandery were strictly matters for the consideration of the Grand Commandery, that any person who was a member of a commandery and who was not a member of a council should be afforded the opportunity to receive the degrees of the council without initiation charge or fee. The resolution adopted by the Grand Council was adopted in the spirit of fraternal good will and desired companionship with Sir Knights belonging to the commanderies of Missouri, and in this spirit the resolution should be considered as being an open invitation to any Sir Knight of a Missouri Commandery who was not a member of a council.

IV

I approved an amendment to the By-laws of Kansas City Council No. 45, Kansas City, Missouri, changing the date of stated assemblies from the third Tuesday of each month to the third Friday of each month effective March 21, 1967.

V

In February of 1967, I was advised that Art H. Harwell of Poplar Bluff, the recorder of Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, had requested the Grand Council to receive all books and records of Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 until such time as his successor as recorder could be found.

Pursuant to that request I directed Illustrious Companion Frank K. Roy, Jr., the Grand Captain of the Guard and the Grand Lecturer, to accept delivery of these items and documents from Art Harwell, and to examine the same in order that the current status of the assets delivered to him could be ascertained

and the status of the membership of Poplar Bluff Council could be inquired into.

I requested Illustrious Companion Clyde M. McCrea, a member of Poplar Bluff Council No. 27, to serve as acting recorder of said council until such time as proper procedural steps could be taken to elect and install the officers of that council. I also requested him to represent Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 as a member of the Masonic Temple Association Board in Poplar Bluff.

Similar action has been taken by Most Excellent Companion John W. Alverson, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri, and by Right Eminent Sir William J. Tobler, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Missouri, in regard to their subordinate bodies located at Poplar Bluff, and on March 14, 1967, over our three signatures, notification of the appointment of Clyde M. McCrea as acting secretary-recorder of the Poplar Bluff York Rite Bodies was sent by mail to members of the bodies of Poplar Bluff requesting the verification of the status of their memberships.

Having found no persons who acknowledge themselves to be the officers of Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 and deeming it necessary for the well being and perpetuation of Cryptic Masonry in the Poplar Bluff area, and by virtue of my obligation to generally supervise the craft in all things appertaining to Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, these actions have been taken. As soon as status of the membership of Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 can be ascertained and proper notification given to them, the necessary procedural steps should be taken to grant a dispensation to hold an election in Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 in order that officers can be elected and installed.

VISITATIONS

During the course of the year it has been my personal misfortune to have been plagued with conflicts of commitments and personal limitations and restrictions, and I was unable, therefore, to accept many kind and gracious invitations to attend many Masonic functions which I know were enjoyable and entertaining.

I had looked forward during recent years to visiting in all areas of the state during this past year, and to visiting with our companions in other jurisdictions. Although I found it impossible to be able to fulfill these desires, our Grand Officers were in attendance in all areas of the state during the year at the various functions, and have reported to me on their attendance at many fine meetings and functions which I am sorry to have missed.

I hope that the companions of the state will continue to invite the Grand Officers to their meetings and functions and though it may be impossible for them to attend, I know that they will all appreciate the invitations and enjoy themselves if they are able to be in attendance.

On April 28, 1966, Mary Ann and I were the guests of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri and joined with our companions for a very enjoyable joint Grand Council-Grand Chapter Banquet that evening in Kansas City.

On April 29 and 30, we were the guests of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri and enjoyed the hospitality of our esteemed Sir Knights. The

Grand Commander Harold Painter afforded our Grand High Priest, John W. Alverson, and myself the privilege of joining in a York Rite forum during the conclave.

On September 27 and 28, 1966, we were the guests of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Missouri and enjoyed the fine hospitality of the Most Worshipful Brother A. Basey VanLandingham, his officers and representatives to the annual communication.

On October 22, 1966, I attended the luncheon session at a festival at Ninth and Harrison in Kansas City, although business commitments had prevented my attending the festival for the presentation of the work.

On October 26, 1966, I attended a stated assembly of St. Joseph Council No. 9 to enjoy the presentation of a Super Excellent of the Super Excellent Degree.

On November 5, 1966, I attended the festival in the Springfield area. A fine group of candidates received the degrees of the Chapter and the Council, and I was more than pleased to be with them on this occasion, since the class was named in honor of our late Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Right Illustrious Companion Etson E. Jackson. His wife, Lois, and her family were the honored guests at the banquet held at the end of the day.

On January 21, 1967, I attended a school of instruction at 903 Harrison in Kansas City which was presided over by Harley E. Thomas, our Regional Grand Master, in the Kansas City region, and conducted by our Grand Lecturer, Frank K. Roy, Jr. I was particularly pleased to attend this school and observe the fine work of our Grand Lecturer and the keen interest of the companions who were in attendance.

On March 5 and 6, 1967, we were the guests of the Grand Council of the State of Kansas at their annual assembly in Wichita. Most Illustrious Companion Jesse Garvey and the companions and their ladies made us welcome and I appreciated the opportunity to observe our companions from Kansas in their deliberations.

On March 11, 1967, I attended the festival of the Northwest Region which was held in Carrollton. The companions and Sir Knights of the chapter and commandery of Carrollton made the councils welcome in their hall and a fine class of candidates received the degrees of the council with much enthusiasm and appreciation.

CONDITION OF THE RITE

The tabular statement for the year ending December 1, 1966, shows that in the calendar year, the Grand Council has enjoyed a gain in membership of 898. This gain is the largest for the Grand Council in over 40 years.

Numerically, this gain can be accounted for by comparing the number of greetings in recent years with the 1,221 greetings and 25 admissions and 70 re-instatements which occurred during the calendar year. Two major events in the year supplied much of the impetus to the increased number of greetings.

The first was the Governor Warren E. Hearnes Festival Class held

in April of 1966 in Jefferson City. This statewide festival was the topic of conversation on every occasion in which I was privileged to converse with companions from other jurisdictions. It is hailed as the largest festival in the history of the York Rite Masonry.

The second major factor was the action of the Grand Commandery, taken at its annual conclave in Kansas City last April, in making the degrees of the council prerequisite to membership in a commandery in Missouri.

By its action the Grand Commandery has given Cryptic Masonry a much appreciated vote of confidence and to the Grand Commandery we owe a sincere vote of thanks for it.

The action which we took at our last assembly in regard to the invitation to membership in the council, which we extended to all Sir Knights, who were not members of the council, has added candidates for our degrees.

Full fledged membership in the York Rite Family obligates us to extend ourselves to the fullest in order that we may uphold our obligations to the other bodies of the Rite. The Grand Council has for several years encouraged the other bodies of the Rite to make known to us their desires with respect to the establishment and formation of new councils, or other actions which we might take to assure them that petitioners will not be hindered or delayed in their search for Masonic Light by the inadequacy of the council to provide them with a place for petitioning and receiving of the degrees.

Our tabular report for this year will indicate large gains in membership in many of the councils, however it does indicate decreases in memberships in four of the councils. It is essential that all elements of the Grand Council and subordinate councils become individually strong and healthy and highly active and proficient in the ritualistic work in order that we may fulfill our obligation to the Rite. I call on each of you, as individual members of your council, to take inventory of your council and determine what needs to be done to insure that your council is ready, willing, and able to carry this responsibility. Inspiring leadership can set a pattern, and assistance from other councils can hold a line and help a council through a problem, but each council must survive and prosper and become self-sustaining by its own efforts. It is absolutely necessary that each of the councils of Missouri be healthy and independently able to receive petitions and confer degrees and actively seek members. When the other bodies of the Rite know that the council in their area is always available, and the doors of its secret vault are

always open for the reception of candidates and companions, we will be able to say that we can fulfill our obligation to the other bodies.

Most of our councils are able to confer the degrees, and most of our councils are proficient in them, however we must not only be able to perform the work but affirmatively seek the opportunity to do so. An examination of the tabular statement of the chapter and commandery will reveal to us that there is a tremendous source of prospective members in the ranks of the chapter and commandery, and we should not be satisfied until all Royal Arch Masons and Sir Knights are also Select Masters.

Numerical gain alone is not an ultimate goal, in and of itself, but the increase in membership brings activity and activity brings interest and in those areas where the councils are increasing in membership the councils are active and healthy ones.

For the most part, I believe that the Cryptic Rite is prepared to accept the responsibilities and opportunities offered to it, and I know that we can do so if we look forward to our opportunities and remember our inadequacies of the past.

TWENTY-NINTH TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND
SELECT MASTERS INTERNATIONAL.

On October 10 to 13, 1966, we were privileged to attend the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council held in Boston, Massachusetts. The Missouri delegation consisted of Harold Lowe, A. W. Griffith and myself from the line of present officers, and Walter J. Bublitz, Walter H. Baird, R. Marvin Cowden, Clovis E. Collier and Bruce H. Hunt, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Missouri.

To those of us who were attending for the first time, it was impressive to learn that we were part of an organization which consisted of 45 Grand Councils or jurisdictions, with approximately 215,000 members, from all over the world. We were privileged to associate with companions of great capabilities, who are sincerely dedicated to the welfare of Cryptic Masonry.

Our Grand Council was honored by the election of our own Grand Recorder to the office of General Grand Recorder. I was privileged to present Right Puissant Bruce H. Hunt for installation as General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council.

The most important item on the agenda, to me, was the presentation of the report of the committee on York Rite unity. After its creation by virtue of a resolution passed at the 1963 Triennial, the committee had

joined with similar committees from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America to meet as a joint commission to take steps to unify York Rite Masonry with power to recommend any necessary action to bring about a unification of these three General Grand York Rite Bodies under such terms and upon such conditions as should be approved by each respective sovereign York Rite Body. Our own Bruce H. Hunt was a member of this committee and during the interim between the Twenty-eighth and the Twenty-ninth Triennial Assemblies this commission met and worked. The results of their labors has been designated as a Concordat for the establishment of the York Rite of Free Masonry. This document or plan was submitted for consideration to all of the Grand Councils prior to the annual assembly held in our jurisdiction in 1966. From the mandate it had received, the committee, as did the committee appointed by the General Grand Chapter, submitted the plan with a resolution calling for its adoption. A substitute motion was submitted by J. Luther Jordan, Past Grand Illustrious Master of Louisiana, which called for the deferment of action on the report to a future Triennial and that the report be submitted to every constituent Grand Council in the immediate future and that each of these be urged and requested to submit to their committee their constructive comments, critical or otherwise, and the reasons behind their thinking. It was further proposed that the base of the committee be expanded to include a larger cross section of the constituency, if expansion was desirable. Without discussion or debate the substitute motion was passed.

I was hopeful that there would be discussion of the York Rite unity proposition so that the benefit of constructive opinions could be obtained. It is my personal opinion that the hard work and concerted efforts of the committee deserved free and open discussion and comments. The matter of York Rite unity has been discussed for many years and in the action taken by the Triennial Assembly in 1963 it would appear that a majority of the companions feel the necessity for some structural cement which would bind our Rite. The committee took the proposition that they were neither defenders of their plans nor opponents of it, and the concerted efforts appeared to be made only by those companions who felt that it was something to be discarded and destroyed rather than something to be openly considered, discussed, amended, or perhaps replaced by a substitute proposal.

It is hard for us in Missouri to understand the antagonism which some jurisdictions felt toward the report of the committee, in view of

the fact that we have over the period of years exhibited the practice of unity within the jurisdiction of Missouri.

I sincerely hope that the Grand Council of Missouri can submit to the committee of the General Grand Council constructive comments, critical or otherwise, and the reasoning behind those comments in order that the theory of unity or unification, whichever one may prefer to call it, will not be lost.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

To Westport Council No. 38, located at Kansas City, Missouri, to hold a special assembly of said council at Harrisonville, Missouri, on May 14, 1966, in the Hall of Signet Chapter No. 68, R.A.M. for the purpose of receiving petitions of Companion Royal Arch Masons, balloting on the same and conferring the Cryptic Degrees upon all who have been regularly elected to receive the same.

To Centralia Council No. 34, located at Centralia, Missouri, to hold a special assembly of said council at the Hall of Acacia Lodge at Columbia, Missouri, on September 19, 1966, for the purpose of receiving petitions of Companion Royal Arch Masons, balloting on the same and conferring the Cryptic Degrees upon all who have been regularly elected to receive the same.

To Centralia Council No. 34, located at Centralia, Missouri, to hold a special assembly of said council in the Masonic Lodge Hall, 708 West Broadway, Mexico, Missouri, on January 16, 1967, for the purpose of conducting the ceremonies of the installation of officers of said council for the year 1967.

To Centralia Council No. 34, located at Centralia, Missouri, to hold a special assembly of said council in the Masonic Temple in Boonville, Missouri, for the purpose of participating in the York Rite Festival of Region No. 4, and of conferring the Cryptic Degrees on candidates elected by all three councils of the region, the same being Rolla, Centralia, and Ezra.

To Trinity Council No. 47, located at Hannibal, Missouri, to hold a special assembly of said council at the Masonic Temple at Shelbina, Missouri, February 18, 1967, for the purpose of receiving petitions of Companion Royal Arch Masons, balloting on the same and conferring the Cryptic Degrees upon all who have been regularly elected to receive them.

To Westport Council No. 38, located at Kansas City, Missouri, to hold a special assembly of said council in the Masonic Hall in Harrisonville, Missouri, for the purpose of conferring the Cryptic Degrees upon all Companion Royal Arch Masons who have been regularly elected to receive the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that a committee be established to study the mandate of the General Grand Assembly with regard to the Concordat, and that the committee be directed to present for consideration the attitude of the council in regard to it and the question of unification of the Rite.

I recommend that the Grand Council give stricter attention to the procedural operations of the subordinate councils in order that a uni-

form method of operation within the subordinate councils can be expected and obtained.

I recommend that from the impetus given to the Rite by the holding of the Governor Warren E. Hearnest Festival that the Grand Council consider the merits of expending more efforts in the direction of dispensing and projecting our image through the medium of publicity.

I recommend that the Grand Council participate wholeheartedly in the workings of the Inter-Rite Committee which was established this year, and which I feel can be of great value in the promotion of Free Masonry in general.

I recommend that the Grand Council continue to support the Order of the DeMolay and to extend its efforts in the direction of service to youth. We will always be one generation away from an anti-Masonic society unless we are able to attract members into the fraternity. Since it is not our privilege to solicit membership for the Blue Lodge from which ultimately the members of the council must come, we must so project our image as one to be envied and copied in order that the younger generations will seek us.

CONCLUSION

Companions, it would be impossible for me to truly express my thanks and appreciation to the many companions who have labored long and diligently to make this year an enjoyable and most memorable one for me.

There has always been dedicated persons who serve, but it seems to me that this year has been one in which so many companions have stepped forward to be of service and assistance. To our Grand Recorder and our Grand Lecturer, to the officers of this Grand Line and Past Grand Officers and to the many companions who have contributed of your time and effort I most gratefully say thank you.

I know that my successor and his officers can depend upon all of us to continue to work for the good of Cryptic Masonry in Missouri.

I have considered it a high privilege to have been allowed to serve you as your Grand Master and for this honor I shall be eternally in your debt.

Fraternally submitted,

G. FRED KLING,

Grand Master.

REFERENCE

Rt. Ill. Comp. Harold L. Lowe, Deputy Grand Master, stated that the splendid address of the Grand Master would be received and re-

ferred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address of which Most Ill. Comp. R. Marvin Cowden was acting chairman.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The Grand Master announced that the minutes of the 1966 Annual Assembly were printed and distributed in the form of annual proceedings. He stated that if there were no objections they would be approved as printed and distributed. There being no objections, the minutes were declared approved.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

To the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri:

COMPANIONS: I present the following report as Grand Treasurer for the year 1966-1967:

RECEIPTS	
Balance on hand, April 1, 1966	\$ 9,077.02
Interest on bonds	830.41
Profit on sale of bonds	149.04
Deposited by Grand Recorder	11,818.46
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	\$21,874.93
DISBURSEMENTS	
Warrants Nos. 219 to 274 incl. and No. 210	\$10,992.34
Balance on hand	10,882.59
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	\$21,874.93
ASSETS	
Balance Kirksville Bank	\$10,882.59
6 Treasury Bonds, 2½%	6,000.00
2 Treasury Bonds, 1995, 3%	6,000.00
4 Treasury Bonds, 1974, 4¼%	4,000.00
3 Treasury Bonds, 1972, 4%	3,000.00
2 Treasury Bonds, 1973, 4½%	2,000.00
1 Treasury Bond, 1970, 5%	1,000.00
3 Treasury Bonds, 1967, 5%	3,000.00
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	\$25,000.00
Total Assets to date	\$35,882.59

Fraternally submitted,
 FRED H. KNIGHT,
 Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER

*To the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the
State of Missouri:*

COMPANIONS: I present herewith my annual report of statistics and finances for the year 1966-67:

STATISTICS

Number of chartered councils	28	
Number of members, December 31, 1965		9,522
Number greeted	1,221	
Number affiliated	25	
Number reinstated	70	
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		1,316
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		10,838
Number dimitted	54	
Number suspended	167	
Number died	195	
Number expelled	2	
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		418
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Number of members, December 31, 1966		10,420
Net gain	898	

FINANCIAL

Balance on hand April 1, 1966		\$ 9,077.02
Receipts from all sources		12,797.91
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		\$21,874.93
Disbursements:		
Warrants 219-274	\$10,989.68	
Warrant No. 210 outstanding Mar. 31, 1966	2.66	
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		\$10,992.34
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Balance on hand April 1, 1967		\$10,882.59

RECONCILEMENT OF FINANCIAL EXHIBITS

Receipts from all sources		\$12,797.91
Dues on 10,420 members at \$1.00	\$10,420.00	
Greeting fee on 1,221 at \$1.00	1,221.00	
Interest on bonds (return on sale, 149.04)	979.45	
Mileage refund	52.60	
Assembly expense refund	40.20	

Sale of by-laws	2.00
Sale of Council petitions	2.00
Hearnnes Class refund	228.66
Arrearages due from Councils	9.00
Overpayments by Councils	113.00

\$13,067.91

Deductions :

Credits allowed	\$109.00
Remissions	161.00

270.00

\$12,797.91

ANALYSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS

Warrants Nos. 219-274 inclusive	\$10,989.68
Salaries and allowances	\$ 3,644.87
Stationery, postage, incidentals	332.77
Printing, binding, distr., proceedings	1,191.64
Rent	300.00
Grand Officers' expense	134.50
G. M. token	75.00
General Grand Council	255.33
Grand Officers' Conference	89.72
Furniture and fixtures	44.85
Triennial	1,141.20
Charity	200.00
Royal Arch Mason Magazine	510.24
Miscellaneous	48.00
Assembly payroll	1,539.40
Assembly expense	1,318.66
Fidelity bond	37.00
Governor Hearnnes Class	126.50

\$10,989.68

FINANCIAL STANDING OF COUNCILS

No.	Received	Greetings	Credits	Arrearages	Overpaid	Remissions
1	439.00	84.00	1.00			8.00
9	777.00	63.00	5.00		100.00	7.00
20	278.00	22.00	1.00			13.00
24	490.00	39.00	11.00			16.00
25	1,424.00	109.00	14.00			10.00
27	82.00	1.00				
28	274.00	36.00				
30	131.00	5.00				
32	757.00	115.00	6.00			8.00
34	1,299.00	115.00	7.00			15.00
35	261.00	20.00	1.00			6.00
36	154.00	10.00	6.00			

37	441.00	34.00	1.00		13.00	19.00
38	380.00	39.00	3.00			9.00
39	296.00	50.00				1.00
40	159.00	24.00	11.00			1.00
41	230.00	14.00	1.00	2.00		4.00
42	434.00	70.00				5.00
43	283.00	24.00	4.00			2.00
44	551.00	37.00				10.00
45	531.00	40.00	1.00			4.00
46	239.00	4.00		6.00		6.00
47	249.00	48.00	21.00			1.00
48	415.00	96.00	6.00			
49	268.00	42.00	1.00	1.00		6.00
50	357.00	35.00	6.00			7.00
51	150.00	17.00	2.00			2.00
52	144.00	28.00				1.00
	<u>11,493.00</u>	<u>1,221.00</u>	<u>109.00</u>	<u>9.00</u>	<u>113.00</u>	<u>161.00</u>

Fraternally submitted,

BRUCE H. HUNT,

Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF AUDITOR

Mr. Bruce Hunt, Grand Recorder

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with your request, I have made an audit of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Missouri for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1967.

This audit was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing principles and accordingly included such tests and checks as I deemed necessary in the circumstances.

The Balance shown by bank statements was compared to the balance per books and found to be correct.

Government Bonds were not examined but were taken from a statement submitted by Clovis E. Collier, Past Grand Master, who had examined the bonds in the possession of Fred H. Knight, Grand Treasurer.

Receipts and Disbursements were checked against records in your office.

In my opinion, the following statements presents fairly the financial position and Receipts and Disbursements of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Missouri as of March 31, 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

DALE P. CRAVEN,

Certified Public Accountant.

BALANCE SHEET
MARCH 31, 1967

ASSETS

Current Assets :	
Cash in Bank	\$10,882.59
Government Bonds	25,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$35,882.59
Total Assets	\$35,882.59

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities :	
Accounts Payable	None
Net Worth :	
Balance April 1, 1966	\$34,104.36
Excess of Income over Expenses	1,778.23
Total Net Worth March 31, 1967	\$35,882.59
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	\$35,882.59

VERIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS
MARCH 31, 1967

Bank of Kirksville, Kirksville, Missouri	
Per Statement March 29, 1967	\$10,882.59
No Outstanding Checks	

GOVERNMENT BONDS

28362B 1964-1969—2½%	\$ 1,000.00
28363C 1964-1969—2½%	1,000.00
28364D 1964-1969—2½%	1,000.00
28365E 1964-1969—2½%	1,000.00
28366F 1964-1969—2½%	1,000.00
28367H 1964-1969—2½%	1,000.00
2581 Treasury 1995—3%	1,000.00
415 Treasury 1995—3%	5,000.00
9582 Treasury 1974—4¼%	1,000.00
9583 Treasury 1974—4¼%	1,000.00
9584 Treasury 1974—4¼%	1,000.00
9585 Treasury 1974—4¼%	1,000.00
6404 Treasury 8-15-72—4%	1,000.00
6405 Treasury 8-15-72—4%	1,000.00
6406 Treasury 8-15-72—4%	1,000.00
37559 Treasury 11-15-73—4⅛%	1,000.00
37560 Treasury 11-15-73—4⅛%	1,000.00

73326 Treasury 1970—5% Note	1,000.00
7997512 Treasury 7-6-67—5%	1,000.00
7997513 Treasury 7-6-67—5%	1,000.00
7997514 Treasury 7-6-67—5%	1,000.00
Total	\$25,000.00
Net Worth:	
Balance March 1, 1966	\$34,104.36
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	1,778.23
Net Worth March 31, 1967	\$35,882.59

REFERENCE

The reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Auditor were received and referred to the committee on finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF COUNCILS

To the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri:

COMPANIONS: We can, with a great deal of pride and pleasure, point to our gain in membership during the past year. The gain was 898 members or 9.4+ per cent for the highest numerical gain in 45 years. For the first time since 1929 the membership for the entire state has gone over the 10,000 mark with a total membership of 10,420. This gain is due largely to two things: first, the Hearnese class and second, the requirement that all candidates for the commandery must have the council degrees. Regardless of the reason or reasons for the gain it was tremendous and is something to regard with pride. A quick review of the returns shows that 24 councils made net gains ranging from a high of 28.8 per cent to a low of 1.8 per cent. Only four councils showed net losses ranging from 1.2 per cent to 3.8 per cent.

Several commendable achievements are also indicated in a quick survey of the returns. Every council in the state greeted new members, the number of new members greeted ranged from 1 to 115. Trinity Council had a 28.8 per cent net gain, closely followed by El Camino with 28.5 per cent. It is interesting to note that in 1965 El Camino did not greet a new member, but in 1966 they showed a 28+ per cent gain. Ezra made the greatest net gain with 101 new members. Evidently a greater effort has been made by the councils to collect dues as only 167 were suspended in 1966 as compared to 207 in 1965. This figure can and should be improved, but the improvement made is gratifying.

The completeness of returns has been improved somewhat over last

year. This year one return was overdue as compared with four last year. Only one recorder failed to complete that part of the returns calling for a financial statement as compared with four last year. Eight councils still do not have their recorder and treasurer bonded as compared to 12 last year. While these areas show improvement they are not what they should be. The bonding of the recorder and treasurer are essential to good business practices, not a slur upon the honesty of the individuals occupying the offices. Four incoming Illustrious Masters neglected to sign the receipt of rituals form. Five councils made errors in payment to the Grand Council, two over-paid in the amount of \$113 and three under-paid in the amount of \$9.00. May I repeat a statement made by the chairman of the Committee of Returns at last year's Grand Council. "A perennial problem in the returns is inaccuracy or errors that must be corrected by the Grand Recorder's office. Sometimes this problem requires considerable expenditure of time and of money in correspondence."

It gives the committee a great deal of pleasure to make a report showing such a large increase in membership and so much improvement in completeness of returns, but a word of warning must be given. It may be some time before we have any such class as the Hearnese class of April, 1966, so we must work that much harder to keep up the membership. Some may feel that since the commandery has made the council a prerequisite for membership that we can sit back and grow because of this. Nothing is improved by sitting back, it takes work of the membership of both groups to see that the other grows. Most of the Companions are also Sir Knights, so we have a twofold interest in the matter of membership. It is up to us individually and collectively to see that we continue the efforts which were so dramatically demonstrated during the last year. If we think the council is worthwhile then it is up to us to prove it to others.

Fraternally submitted,
 ROSCOE LINN TERRY,
Chairman.

Report received.

REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER

*To the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the
 State of Missouri:*

COMPANIONS: I anticipated a deluge of requests for new councils this year inasmuch as the council is now a prerequisite for the commandery.

Only three requests were referred to my office—West Plains, Marshall and Harrisonville and only the latter asked for an audience. For the results of this meeting I wrote the Grand Master, "Monday, June 13, 1966, I attended a meeting in Harrisonville to discuss the probability of organizing a new council in the area. Nine were present. After 1½ hours of discussion they decided to hold another meeting to determine how many would assume the responsibility of learning the work." I have received no further communications from this group. New councils may be necessary and I suggest that serious consideration be given to this important phase of our future.

Several schools were held during the year. Again the most outstanding was in Kansas City with 32 present. Bonne Terre and Trenton both had good attendance at their schools of instruction.

Several of our councils are not conforming to the ritual as adopted by this Grand Council. I direct your attention to the rubric on page 8 of our ritual, "Conductor of the Council, Let us rpt t t cly grnds btwn S & Z, a thr rsm o lbrs." Each council should adopt this important and necessary change.

The Grand Recorder reports an increase in membership this year which surpasses any yearly gain we have enjoyed in the past 45 years. May our good work continue and may Cryptic Masonry continue to flourish in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK K. ROY, JR.,

Grand Lecturer.

Report received.

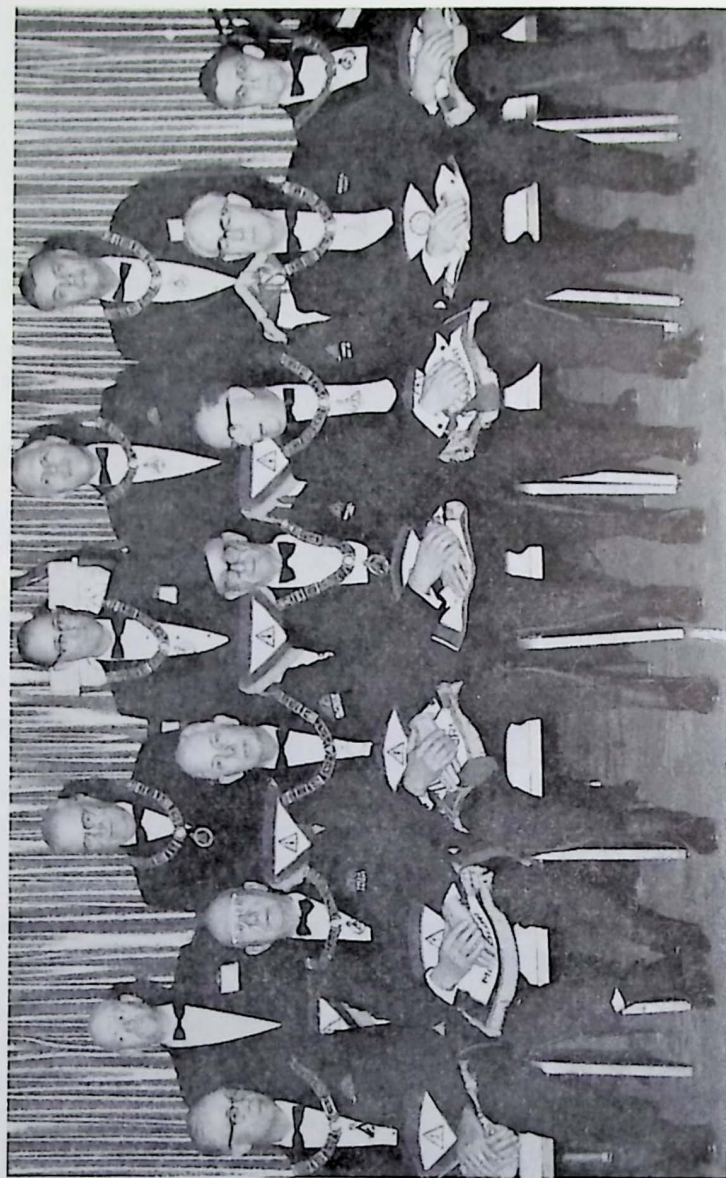
COUNCIL BANNER AWARDS

*To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the
State of Missouri:*

COMPANIONS: We, your Committee on Banner Awards, have reviewed all the reports submitted to the Grand Recorder in accordance with the regulations on pages 46 and 47 of the 1961 printed proceedings of the Grand Council.

Four Councils made no report. We suggest that each Recorder assume this responsibility for the betterment of his Council. One Council would have won Second Place on percentage of gain alone, had the Recorder made a report.

The Committee is appreciative of the cooperation and assistance of the Grand Recorder.



Left to right: Everett E. Phillips, Fred H. Knight, Alfred W. Griffith, Harold L. Lowe, Frank K. Roy, Jr., Bruce H. Hunt, Richard H. Kerr; rear, Jack J. Stottlemeyer, Elmer A. Hoffmann, Logan E. Wing, Jr., Rev. Frank B. Kellogg, Clyde M. McCrea.

The awards are as follows:

FIRST DIVISION :

- First Place—Ezra No. 32
- Second Place—Shekinah No. 24
- Third Place—Centralia No. 34

SECOND DIVISION :

- First Place—Jeremiah No. 48
- Second Place—Hiram No. 1
- Third Place—Rolla No. 39

THIRD DIVISION :

- First Place—Trinity No. 47
- Second Place—El Camino No. 52
- Third Place—Independence No. 49

Respectfully submitted,
 FRANK K. ROY, JR.,
 RICHARD H. KERR,
 EVERETT E. PHILLIPS.

Report Adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Grand Master announced the annual election of officers and directed the Grand Recorder to read the following list of tellers: Ill. Comps. Harley E. Thomas, Chairman; Harland O. Driskell, Delbert Gentry, Glenwood E. Cloud, Bob F. Crockett, and Carl Asmussen. Grand Master Kling explained the use of the Australian type ballot being employed, directed the Companions to cast their ballots, after which the ballots were closed and the tellers retired to tabulate the results.

In due time the tellers returned and reported the following to have been elected.

Harold L. Lowe.....	<i>Grand Master</i>
Alfred W. Griffith.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
Frank K. Roy, Jr.....	<i>Grand Prin. Cond. Work</i>
Fred H. Knight	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
Bruce H. Hunt.....	<i>Grand Recorder</i>

The report of the tellers was received with the thanks of the Grand Council and the committee discharged.

YORK RITE UNITY

The following resolution was offered by M. Ill. Comp. Walter J. Bublitz:

RESOLUTION

Resolved:

1. That the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Missouri acknowledges

receipt of a copy of the "Concordat," recommended by the Commission on York Rite Unity, and submitted by the General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, International, for consideration at their 1969 Triennial Convocation.

2. That the Grand Officers for the ensuing two years study the "Concordat" and make a formal report to the 1969 convocation of their considerations and recommendations as to its acceptance in present form, or with suggested changes if any.

3. That the Grand York Rite Bodies of Missouri have espoused the cause of unity effecting economies and harmonious cooperation for the past three and more decades. The office of Grand Secretary-Recorder of the three Grand Bodies have been held by the same companion at one central office. The Grand Chapter and Grand Council have met at the same time and place, and frequently the Grand Commandery joins to make a "York Rite Week." In 1966 all three bodies held a joint state festival which was probably the most effective held anytime anywhere, effecting increases in membership and interest. One companion Grand Lecturer for all three bodies in addition to his ritualistic duties helps promote York Rite Unity at subordinate levels. Two years ago a Grand York Rite Council, consisting of the dais officers of each organization, was formed and gives direction to unity of cooperation and economies in reducing unnecessary meetings at subordinate levels, all combining to promote further interest in the study of unity in the York Rite.

4. That this Grand Council of Missouri is favorable to continued efforts for York Rite Unity at local, state and national levels, believing that a program as outlined in part in the foregoing Paragraph 3 can be a constructive and rewarding one and least disturbing to prevent adoption below the national level.

5. That at the 1969 convocation definite recommendations be adopted by this Grand Council to accept, reject, or amend the "Concordat" submitted by the Commission on York Rite Unity and its decision given to the General Grand Council prior to the latter's Triennial Convocation in 1969.

6. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the General Grand Illustrious Master and General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, International, and also to the Secretary of the Commission on York Rite Unity.

Fraternally submitted,
WALTER J. BUBLITZ.

Adopted.

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

*To the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the
State of Missouri:*

COMPANIONS: Your committee has examined those sections of the Grand Master's Address pertaining to decisions, dispensations granted, courtesies extended, courtesies received, and By-Laws approved and move that they be approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a committee of three members to study the question of the unification of the York Rite, as it

pertains to Missouri, and report their recommendations at the next Grand Assembly of this Grand Council.

Adopted.

BY-LAWS

At the One Hundred First Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, an Amendment to the first sentence of Paragraph 2, Section 24 of Article IV of the By-Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri was proposed. It provided that said sentence be deleted and the following to be substituted in lieu thereof:

"The Grand Recorder shall supply each constituent Council with seven copies of the official ritual without charge; an addition of not more than ten rituals will be allocated to each Council on request and on the payment of \$10.00 for each such ritual, all of which shall be accounted for in the annual return; for each such ritual returned to the Grand Recorder by a constituent Council, such Council shall be refunded the sum of \$10.00."

It is now proposed that the following be substituted for the above proposed amendment and be adopted in lieu of said proposed amendment:

"The Grand Recorder shall supply each constituent Council with five copies of the official ritual without charge; not more than an additional fifteen rituals may be allocated to each Council on request and the payment of \$2.50 for each such ritual, all of which shall be accounted for in the annual returns; for each such ritual returned to the Grand Recorder by a constituent Council, such Council shall be refunded the sum of \$2.50."

We move the adoption of the substitute amendment, and of the proposed amendment as amended.

Adopted.

At the One Hundred First Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, a new section of the By-Laws to be known as Article IV, Section 21 (6) was proposed which reads as follows:

"Members of the Grand Council who have served as Grand Secretary-Recorder or as Grand Lecturer for not less than 120 months may at their option retire from office on or before May first after becoming 65 years of age or anytime thereafter, and shall then receive the retirement pension hereinafter provided. Any Grand Secretary-Recorder or Grand Lecturer, who retires as herein provided, shall be paid an annual pension equivalent to the number of years of his service multiplied by 1½ per cent of his last annual salary less credit for his personal Social Security payments; provided however, that in no event shall the combined Social Security payments and his retirement pension payments exceed 50 per cent of the annual salary being received by such officer at the time of his retirement.

"No retirement payment shall be paid to any such officer who retires prior to becoming 65 years of age or with less than 120 months of service, unless while serving as such officer he shall be determined to be totally and permanently disabled, and eligible to draw benefits under the Social Security Laws and Regulations then in effect.

"No such retirement benefit or pension shall be paid solely by the Grand Council; nor shall any such retirement pension be paid by the Grand Council until the same or like pension plan shall be adopted by the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Missouri, and then only on a contributive basis."

We move that this amendment lay over for study and concurrence by the Finance Committees of the Grand Council, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,
DEWEY A. ROUTH,
Chairman.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF PENSION PLAN

Ill. Comp. Frank K. Roy, Jr. spoke at length in behalf of the pension plan contained in the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. He explained in detail the financial involvement of the three Grand York Rite Bodies of Missouri in the plan as proposed in the report. He concluded by proving that the total financial outlay to be divided proportionately between Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery would be approximately \$1,200 with the Grand Council's share being about \$200.

Most Ill. Comp. Walter Bublitz moved that "the Finance Committee of the Grand Council together with the Finance Committees of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery work out a feasible pension plan for submission at the next Convocation of their individual bodies."

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri:

COMPANIONS: Your committee on the address of the Grand Master, G. Fred Kling, made the following referrals:

To the Finance Committee, the portions of the address pertaining to finance; to the Jurisprudence Committee, the sections concerning decisions and opinions, approval of by-laws, dispensations and waiver of

jurisdiction and all matters pertaining to Law; to the incoming Grand Master, we refer all recommendations in the Address for his consideration and approval or rejection.

To Illustrious Grand Master Kling, we wish to extend our thanks and congratulations, for his year's work in promoting Cryptic Masonry in the State of Missouri during his term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

R. MARVIN COWDEN, *Chairman*

and all Past Grand Masters

in attendance.

Received.

COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE PUBLIC RELATIONS

COMPANIONS: The Committee on York Rite Public Relations has received only one request in the 12 months past for assistance in developing news releases. The request involved DeMolay and the Commandery in a presentation ceremony in the Kansas City area.

The absence of requests for assistance is as it should be if local chapter, council, commandery committees on public relations are functioning. There is limited evidence from newspapers and radio-tv reports that some committees are at work. However, we can specifically cite only the following areas: Springfield, St. Joseph, Trenton, Bonne Terre, Cape Girardeau and Sikeston. To our York Rite Companions and Sir Knights in those areas, we say: "Thanks for your interest and willingness to serve the fraternity in this capacity. Yours has been a job well done."

If we have overlooked any areas and as a result, slighted anyone, we hasten to assure you it was not intentional. The committee, while having access to all of the news exchanges in Missouri, reads only a selected group each week.

This committee prepared four news releases and a brief historical sketch for use by local chapters and councils in connection with our meetings here this week. Copies of these releases, together with a covering letter, were sent to nearly all Grand Council and Grand Chapter officers for distribution in their regions as they so desired. In addition, three general releases were made available for the wire services and their member newspapers and radio-tv stations. Two releases a day are being distributed to the media during our meetings and we have invited representatives of media in the area to cover our meetings as their needs, time and ability would permit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This committee recommended in 1966 that at least two representatives of the news media—one newspaper and one radio-tv station—be recognized annually for cooperation in disseminating news of the York Rite or York Rite Masons. The Grand Chapter officers, meeting in March of this year, agreed to adopt the recommendation and certain members of the media were cited. On reflection, it was later determined that no award should be made in the name of the York Rite of Missouri until the subject had been brought before the Grand Council and Grand Commandery for discussion and action.

The committee now recommends that, beginning next year, one award be made during Grand Council-Grand Chapter, and one award be made during Grand Commandery, both in the name of York Rite Masonry in Missouri.

The committee also recommends that a "basic" kit of news releases be prepared for use by local chapters, councils, commanderies. The kit could include releases designed to tell the story of the election and installation of officers, past master-past high priests nights, charter anniversaries, 25 or 50-year recognition nights, and other special programs. Copies of the kit could be sent annually to the master-high priest or secretaries with a covering letter explaining that the forms could be adapted for other news stories according to local needs.

Companions, we conclude with this observation:

We must ever be on guard that our efforts to communicate news of the York Rite and its members do not exceed Masonic rules of propriety, nor cheapen the traditions, ideals and principles of the Institution of Masonry simply to collect news clippings for scrap books. The clippings and scrap books are perishable. The character and institution of Masonry is not so long as we never lose sight of that reminder given us in the Volume of Sacred Law: "By their deeds shall ye know them."

(Signed),

LEWIS C. WES COOK, *Chairman*,
JOHN BLACK VROOMAN,
MAURICE E. VOTAW.

Received.

REVIEW

Reviewer Bruce H. Hunt presented briefly a review of Cryptic conditions, moved its acceptance, and that it be printed in the annual proceedings. The report was received.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

Rt. Ill. Comp. Harold L. Lowe stated that it was the policy of the Grand Council to meet in conjunction with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and that usually the selection of the location devolved upon that organization. He further stated that it was his understanding that a choice had been made to go to Jefferson City if an invitation from that city was forthcoming. To make his report more official he invited Ill. Comp. Charles A. Bottermuller, an officer of the Grand Chapter and the Illustrious Master of Ezra Council No. 32, located at Jefferson City to present the final portion of the report of the Committee on Time and Place.

Ill. Comp. Bottermuller stated that it was his extreme pleasure as a representative of the York Rite bodies of Jefferson City to extend a cordial invitation to the Grand Council to hold its One Hundred Third Annual Assembly in that city on April 29, 1968.

Report adopted.

REMARKS BY VISITORS

The Grand Master called upon the various distinguished guests at different intervals throughout the proceedings of the Annual Assembly. Each responded appropriately about Masonic conditions generally and concluded with words of appreciation for the hospitality extended to them while guests in Missouri.

ADJOURNMENT

The Grand Council was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. to come on again at 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Master Kling called the Grand Council to labor at 2:00 p.m. and proceeded with the business of the Annual Assembly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

*To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the
State of Missouri:*

COMPANIONS: Your committee on finance has received the reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Auditor, and other matters affecting the finance of this Grand Council, and report the following:

Balance in Treasury April 1, 1967	\$ 9,077.02	
Receipts from all sources	12,797.91	
		\$21,874.93
Warrants 219-274 inclusive + No. 210	10,992.34	
Balance on hand April 1, 1967	\$10,882.59	\$21,874.93

We recommend the following appropriations:

Salaries and allowances	\$ 4,260.00
Stationery, postage and incidentals	450.00
Printing, binding, distributing proceedings	1,300.00
Office rent	300.00
Grand Officers' expense	500.00
Regional Grand Masters' expense	300.00
Grand Master's token	75.00
General Grand Council per capita	268.80
Triennial (4¢ x 10,420 members)	416.80
Grand Officers' conference	300.00
Furniture and fixtures	200.00
Education and public relations	600.00
Charity and relief	200.00
R.A.M. Magazine (1/16 total cost)	522.50
Fidelity Position Bond (3 yrs.)	63.58
Statewide York Rite Festival	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Assembly mileage and per diem payroll	1,861.60

Assembly expense	815.52
Total	\$13,583.80

Fraternally submitted,

J. CARLE SMITH,

Chairman.

Adopted.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS, MILEAGE AND PER DIEM COMMITTEE

Ill. Comp. William A. Slaughter presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, Mileage and Per Diem, which was adopted subject to such corrections as may be found necessary. A detailed report of the committee will be found in the appendix of these proceedings.

APPOINTMENTS

Grand Master Kling announced that the routine business of the One Hundred Second Annual Assembly had been completed. No further business appearing, he directed the Grand Recorder to announce the appointments of the Grand Master elect for the year 1967-68, which was accordingly done as follows:

OFFICERS

1967-1968

<i>Grand Captain of the Guard</i>	Richard H. Kerr (39)
<i>Grand Conductor of the Council</i>	Everett E. Phillips (25)
<i>Grand Marshal</i>	Logan E. Wing, Jr. (9)
<i>Grand Steward</i>	Clyde M. McCrea (27)
<i>Grand Sentinel</i>	Elmer A. Hoffmann (40)
<i>Grand Chaplain</i>	Rev. Frank B. Kellogg (48)
<i>Grand Lecturer</i>	Frank K. Roy, Jr. (24)
<i>Grand Organist</i>	Jack J. Stottlemire (51)

COMMITTEES

<i>Banner Awards</i>	{ Richard H. Kerr (39) Everett E. Phillips (25) Logan E. Wing, Jr. (9)
<i>Credentials, Mileage and Per Diem</i>	{ William A. Slaughter (45) E. Jere Deal (34)
<i>Finance</i>	{ Clovis E. Collier (24) J. Carle Smith (1)
<i>Jurisprudence</i>	Dewey A. Routh (39)
<i>Reports of Grand Officers</i>	G. Fred Kling (36)

<i>Returns of Councils</i>	R. Linn Terry (44)
<i>Reviewer</i>	Bruce H. Hunt (44)
<i>Triennial</i>	{ Frank K. Roy, Jr. (24)
	{ Richard H. Kerr (39)
	{ Everett E. Phillips (25)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

<i>York Rite Public Relations</i>	{ Lewis C. Cook (50)
	{ John B. Vrooman (39)
	{ Maurice E. Votaw (34)

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

- Region No. 1—A. W. Griffith, Nos. 44, 47
- Region No. 2—Logan E. Wing, Jr., Nos. 9, 28, 36, 37
- Region No. 3—Frank K. Roy, Jr., Nos. 24, 38, 45, 49, 50, 51
- Region No. 4—Richard H. Kerr, Nos. 20, 27, 43, 52
- Region No. 5—A. W. Griffith, Nos. 1, 40, 48
- Region No. 6—Clyde M. McCrea, Nos. 20, 27, 43, 52
- Region No. 7—Everett E. Phillips, Nos. 25, 30, 35, 41, 46

REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

- Region No. 1—Harland O. Driskell, Nos. 44, 47
- Region No. 2—Delbert Gentry, Nos. 9, 28, 36, 37
- Region No. 3—William W. Barry, Nos. 24, 28, 45, 49, 50, 51
- Region No. 4—Robert B. St. George, Nos. 32, 34, 39, 42
- Region No. 5—Frank A. Brandt, Nos. 1, 40, 48
- Region No. 6—Glenwood E. Cloud, Nos. 20, 27, 43, 52
- Region No. 7—Percy F. Ebert, Nos. 25, 30, 35, 41, 46

INSTALLATION

There being no further business, the Grand Council was placed in the hands of the following installing officers :

- M. I. Comp. William H. Utz, Jr.....*Installing Grand Master*
- M. I. Comp. Allen C. Sodemann.....*Installing Grand Marshal*
- Rev. Comp. Charles F. Rehkopf.....*Installing Grand Chaplain*
- Comp. Jack J. Stottlemire.....*Installing Grand Organist*

The Grand Council was placed at ease for the purpose of an open installation of officers so that the families and friends of the companions assembled could be invited to witness the ceremony.

INSTALLATION ADDRESS

The newly installed Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. Harold L. Lowe, expressed his thanks to the installing officers for their fine work. He particularly expressed appreciation to Past Grand Masters Utz and Sodemann who he said had been instrumental in his appointment in the

line of the Grand Council. He was especially pleased to have them head the list of his installing officers.

He stated that there was a great deal of work to be done by the Councils in the State of Missouri. He asked all to roll up their sleeves and assist him to make the Grand Council stronger and better than ever before. He pledged to all his best endeavors to lead the Grand Council of Missouri in the year ahead.

PRESENTATION OF APRON

Ill. Comp. Arthur L. Pickerell, Master of the Order of Silver Trowel of Missouri, informed Most Ill. Comp. Lowe that it was his extreme pleasure on behalf of the Order of Silver Trowel to present him the official apron of the Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite in Missouri. He



Dr. A. L. Pickerell presents Grand Master with apron from Order of Silver Trowel.

recalled that it was the custom of the Order he represented to present each succeeding Grand Master with this official badge of his authority. He expressed the hope that he would derive much pleasure from wearing it on his several visitations during the months ahead and that he would retain it thereafter as a memento of a most important and happy year in his life.

M. Ill. Comp. Lowe responded with grateful thanks to the Order of the Silver Trowel.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL

The family of Grand Master Lowe presented to him a beautiful gavel as a token of their love and affection. The presentation was made by his small granddaughter who ascended the East and delivered her speech and the gavel with dignity and poise. This feature of the installation program was greatly appreciated by all present, particularly by Grandfather Lowe.

PRESENTATION OF GIFT

Several members of York Council No. 40, and friends of Grand Master Lowe, came forward and presented a gift in token of their



York Council Representatives presents gift to Grand Master Harold L. Lowe.



Grand Master Harold L. Lowe receives hat from Ill. Comp. Edward McMurry.

appreciation for his devoted service to Cryptic Masonry and the honor he had brought to York Council.

Most Ill. Comp. Lowe responded with gratitude and appreciation to his several friends for their thoughtfulness and confidence in his ability to serve in this capacity.

PRESENTATION OF HAT

Ill. Comp. Edward McMurry presented Grand Master Lowe with a "monetary gift" consisting of an undisclosed coin, or coins, and made a most interesting and humorous incident of the presentation. After all had enjoyed this bit of levity, Companion McMurry followed by presenting the Grand Master with a fine hat to wear during his year as the titular head of Cryptic Masonry in Missouri. Grand Master Lowe responded appropriately.

CLOSING

The business of the One Hundred Second Annual Assembly having been completed with the presentation of the wives and families of the Grand Officers, the Grand Council was duly closed at 3:45 p.m.

GRAND COUNCIL ANNUAL BANQUET

A highlight of the Annual Assembly was the Grand Council Banquet. Several hundred companions and their ladies assembled for an evening of conviviality, following a long day of labor in the Cryptic quarries by the companions and a day of entertainment by the ladies.

One of Missouri's best known and highly regarded Freemasons, Senator A. Basey Vanlandingham, was the principal speaker. The Grand Master noted that Companion Vanlandingham had distinguished himself in all branches of the fraternity. He is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, K.Y.C.H. in the York Rite and K.C.C.H. in the Scottish Rite, Valley of St. Louis.

The Grand Master stated in a spirit of levity that the Grand Council was privileged to have Companion Vanlandingham first, and while his stories were "fresh," for he was on the program to be Master of Ceremonies the following evening at the annual Grand Chapter Banquet when the Governor of Missouri was the featured speaker.



Grand Master Kling presents Speaker Vanlandingham.

The address was interesting and inspiring, and the members and their families present were delighted with the entire program.

LIST OF LIVING PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL

NAME	LOCATION	YEARS OF SERVICE
John M. Gallatin,	Chillicothe 64601.....	1935-1936
Carl P. Westerhaus,	12 Highgate Road, Clayton 63105.....	1937-1938
Walter A. Higbee,	Lancaster 63548.....	1938-1939
Clyde C. Evans,	Trenton 64683.....	1941-1942
Bruce J. Carl,	209 Guitar Bldg., Columbia 65201.....	1943-1944
Joseph D. Stewart,	Chillicothe 64601.....	1947-1948
Henry C. Thompson,	Bonne Terre 63628.....	1948-1949
Ralph J. Brooks	Rt. 2, Niangua 65713.....	1950-1951
Bruce H. Hunt,	Box 188, Kirksville 63501.....	1951-1952
Edwin Knudsen,	Trenton 64683.....	1952-1953
Francis J. Bullivant,	7365 Pershing, University City 63130.....	1954-1955
Edward E. Wilson,	3111 Duncan, St. Joseph 64507.....	1955-1956
Walter J. Bublitz,	701 N. 14th Ave., N. Kansas City 64116.....	1957-1958
Walter H. Baird,	234 E. Parkway, Columbia 65201.....	1958-1959
R. Marvin Cowden,	924 E. Normal St., Springfield 65804.....	1959-1960
Olin S. McDaniel,	117 E. School St., Bonne Terre 63628.....	1960-1961
Allen C. Sodemann,	1400 Christine Dr., St. Louis 63131.....	1961-1962
William H. Utz, Jr.,	2424 Faraon, St. Joseph 64501.....	1962-1963
Hiram U. Ford,	2012 Meadow Lane, Jefferson City 65101.....	1963-1964
Dewey A. Routh,	704 Murry Lane, Rolla 65401.....	1964-1965
Clovis E. Collier,	9 W. 109th Terr., Kansas City 64114.....	1965-1966
G. Fred Kling,	Albany 64402.....	1966-1967

Eighteenth Annual Convention

of the

Order of the Silver Trowel

of the

STATE OF MISSOURI



St. Louis, Mo., April 24, 1967

ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL

The eighteenth annual convention of the *Order of the Silver Trowel*, State of Missouri, was held in the Ivory Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri at 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 24, 1967.

Thrice Illustrious Master Arthur L. Pickerell, with those of his staff present, opened the convention for the dispatch of business and conferring the Order. Ill. Comp. William P. Mathews served as Sentinel, Protém for the late Ill. Comp. Irvin J. Freiberger. Officers present were:

<i>Master</i>	Arthur L. Pickerell
<i>Senior Warden</i>	G. F. Kling, Sr.
<i>Junior Warden</i>	S. Chester Selby
<i>Steward</i>	Walter M. Rayburn
<i>Recorder-Treasurer</i>	Olin S. McDaniel
<i>Sentinel</i>	Wm. P. Mathews (Acting)
<i>Chaplain</i>	Maurice E. Votaw

REPORT OF THE RECORDER-TREASURER

Your recorder-treasurer submits the following report. The fees received since last report are: \$30.00 from those of the 1966 class who petitioned after 4/24/66; \$80.00 from those of the 1967 class who petitioned prior to 4/22/67. Three warrants have been drawn since our last convention; No. 106, A. L. Foster, to reimburse him for cost of make-up supplies for 1966 convention, No. 107, Clay County Building & Loan Association to transfer \$300.00 from First State Bank, Bonne Terre checking account, to Clay County Building & Loan Association account, No. 108, C. E. Ward Co., for our customary purchase of the Grand Master R. & S.M. Apron.

RECEIPTS

Balance, brought forward from previous report	
(1966 proceedings)	\$1,626.30
Less fees returned; Edward Cochell (36)	
Ivan A. Divelbiss (50)	10.00
	\$1,616.30

From Fees—1966, received after 4/24/66	\$ 10.00	
From Fees—1967, received prior to 4/22/67	80.00	
From interest on deposit in Clay County Building and Loan Association, Liberty, Mo.	63.51 (total)	173.51
Total receipts		<u>\$1,789.81</u>

EXPENDITURES

Warrant No. 106 (A. L. Foster, make-up supplies) ..	\$ 6.90	
Warrant No. 107 (Clay County Building & Loan Ass'n. to transfer \$300.00 from First State Bank checking account)	—	
Warrant No. 108 (C. E. Ward Co. Grand Master's Apron	51.05	57.95
Balance to account for		<u>\$1,731.86</u>
Balance on hand—First State Bank of Bonne Terre, Mo. (as per 4/18/67 statement)	\$ 77.45	
* Principal and interest, Clay County Building and Loan Association, Liberty, Mo.	1,574.41	
Fees—Checks and cash on hand for 1967 class, received prior to 4/22/67	80.00	
† Balance on hand as of 4/22/67		<u>\$1,731.86</u>

* Includes \$300.00 transfer.

† Includes \$80.00 1967 fees.

Fraternally submitted,
OLIN S. McDANIEL,
Recorder-Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the undersigned appointed by Thrice Illustrious Master, Arthur L. Pickerell, have audited the accounts of the recorder-treasurer, Olin S. McDaniel, for the Order of the Silver Trowel, State of Missouri, for the period of April 24, 1966 to April 22, 1967 inclusive, and find them correct.

(Signed)

R. H. KERR,
FRANK K. ROY, JR.,
WM. P. MATHEWS.

RECEPTION AND ELECTION OF PETITIONERS

A total of 23 petitions were received and petitioners duly elected. Twenty-one were present. Those receiving the Order in the 1967 class are (Council numbers in parenthesis) :

Glenn Ames (43)	Emory J. Hampel (48)	Bill E. Saulmon (51)
William Asjes (24)	Billy Dean Henson	James E. Sullivan (49)
Carl T. Asmussen (9)	(1966) (41)	Bland J. Tetley (1965)
William E. Barnes (50)	Fred C. McGowan (20)	(40)
Charles A. Bottermuller	Baxter J. Pendergrast	Chester M. Turley (45)
(32)	(39)	Richard C. Van Houten
Robert F. Crockett (36)	Millard W. Pendleton	(47)
Ralph H. Cook (42)	(41)	Russell R. White (28)
Arley D. Denbow (52)	Kenneth P. Rosengren	William W. Zieger (1)
	(40)	

Elected, but not present—Kenneth H. Davis (38), William V. McCollum (25)

The following distinguished visitors were present and were made honorary members of the Order of the Silver Trowel, Missouri, each being a past Master of his Council. *Harley G. Lofton*, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S.M., Nebraska; *Luther R. Smith*, Grand Captain of Guard, Illinois; *Guy E. Storer*, Grand Chaplain, Grand Council R. & S.M., Mississippi; and *Ralph P. Hornbuckle*, Past Grand High Priest, R.A.M., Illinois.

Appropriately engraved cards were presented to each of the above by the recorder.

Also present, were the following distinguished guests who had, on previous visit to our Grand Jurisdiction been made honorary members of the Order of the Silver Trowel: *Charles F. Davis*, Grand Master, R. & S.M., Illinois; *J. Emerson Miller*, Grand Sentinel, R. & S.M., Illinois; *Everett J. Watson*, Past Grand Master, R. & S.M., Illinois; and *James P. Irish*, Grand High Priest, R.A.M., Iowa.

CONFERRING THE ORDER

<i>Prologue</i>	Richard H. Kerr
<i>King David</i>	John H. Rich
<i>Nathan</i>	Allen C. Sodemann
<i>Benaiah</i>	Dr. G. F. Kling
<i>Zadok</i>	Ralph J. Brooks
<i>Ahiah</i>	Dr. Arthur L. Pickerell
<i>Solomon</i>	Hiram U. Ford
<i>Adoniram</i>	Bert W. Casselman
<i>Messenger</i>	Wm. E. Jamieson
<i>Abijah</i>	Walter H. Baird
<i>Director</i>	John H. Rich

(Make-up—Clarence Haus and Bert W. Casselman)

(Hosts for Class—Past T.I.M. Adolph F. Simon and Ill. Master Glenwood E. Cloud)

(Stage settings—Charles S. Alcott; Lights—Logan E. Wing, Jr.)

That the cast did an outstanding job was evidenced by the sustained applause at the dramatic conclusion. Because of pressure of time the cast however, was not introduced to the class and to the distinguished guests as is customary. Appropriately engraved life-time cards were presented to each member of the class present and our distinguished guests were introduced by Grand Lecturer of the Grand Council, R. & S.M., Frank K. Roy, Jr. This was done in his usual fine manner.

MEMORIAL

Upon prior notification our Chaplain, Maurice E. Votaw presented the following, in memory of our departed Companion, the late Irvin J. Freiburger :

IN MEMORIAM

"Since our last meeting, one of our officers, Illustrious Comp. Irvin Freiburger, and several other past Illustrious Masters have been called from our midst by death. All of us, sooner or later, will be called to the other side.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints who are faithful unto death. The Lord swallows up death in victory. Our companions have entered into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of the saints.

"We hold dear the virtues of faith, hope and charity. Through faith all good things can come. The hope of immortality lives within us, and we cannot be complete men without charity. Those of us who have been translated into Heaven had faith, hope and charity among their virtues.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. We commit the souls of our departed Illustrious Companions into the keeping of the Lord.

"Let us pray :

"Most merciful Father, who hast been pleased to take upon thyself the souls of our departed Companions, grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage and who walk as yet by faith, that having served Thee with constancy on earth, we may be joined hereafter with Thy blessed saints in glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN."

MISCELLANEOUS

By action of the convention, the recorder-treasurer was authorized reimbursement for \$15.00 memorial given to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital in the name of the Order of The Silver Trowel, during recess, in memory of Illustrious Companion Freiburger. Also, convention authorized recorder-treasurer to purchase necessary postage and supplies to carry on the necessary business of the Order.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND INSTALLATION

The following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year :

Master.....G. F. Kling, Sr.
Senior Warden.....S. Chester Selby

<i>Junior Warden</i>	Walter M. Rayburn
<i>Recorder-Treasurer</i>	Olin S. McDaniel
<i>Steward</i>	Maurice E. Votaw
<i>Sentinel</i>	William P. Mathews
<i>Chaplain</i>	Garth D. Doss

Installing officers were: Walter H. Baird, T.I.M., William P. Mathews, Marshal, Allen C. Sodemann, Chaplain.

Thrice Illustrious Master Kling appointed again John H. Rich as Director for conferring of the Order.

CLOSING

Dr. Pickerell, the retiring T.I.M., thanked all who had a part in the conferring of the Order, the committees, the distinguished guests for being present, his officers and the fine class of Past Illustrious Masters of the various Councils of our state for making the convention the success it was even though a definite shortage of time was evident. Newly installed T.I.M. Kling, after appropriate remarks and appointments, closed the convention in due form. Peace and harmony prevailed.

G. F. KLING, SR., *T.I. Master*

OLIN S. MCDANIEL, *Recorder*

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COUNCILS, DECEMBER 31, 1966

(Officers for the Year 1967)

NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	CHARTERED	MASTER	RECORDER	NO. MEMBERS										TIME OF MEETING
						DEC. 31, 1965	CREATED	ADMITTED	REINSTATED	MITTED	SUSPENDED	EXPELLED	DIED	NO. MEMBERS	DEC. 31, 1966	
1	Hiram.....	St. Louis.....	July 18, '83	William W. Zieger...	George J. Grossius...	294	84	1	...	3	4	...	8	364	1st Wed	
9	St. Joseph....	St. Joseph....	Oct. 6, '71	Carl Asmussen.....	A. L. Kowitz.....	575	63	...	2	...	3	...	11	626	4th Wed.	
20	Cape.....	Cape Girardeau.	Oct. 6, '71	Fred C. McGowan...	H. W. Wohlwend...	258	22	1	2	1	4	...	8	270	1st Wed.	
24	Shekinah.....	Kansas City....	Apr. 27, '92	William Asjes.....	Fred H. Knight....	441	39	6	1	1	1	...	7	478	3d Wed.	
25	Zabud.....	Springfield....	Apr. 25, '94	William V. McCollum	Risse L. Hill.....	1266	109	2	17	4	25	...	26	1339	3d Tu.	
27	Poplar Bluff..	Poplar Bluff....	Apr. 24, '95	William S. Carnahan	Clyde M. McCrean..	82	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	81	1st Tu.
28	Chillicothe...	Chillicothe....	Apr. 21, '97	Guy A. Kitchen.....	Harry J. Kolbohn...	209	36	...	...	2	...	...	5	238	1st Mon.
30	Jasper.....	Joplin.....	Apr. 25, '00	H. F. Ensminger...	Howard O. Gray....	131	5	1	3	5	3	...	6	126	2d Tu.	
32	Ezra.....	Jefferson City..	Apr. 23, '02	Chas. A. Bottermuller	John H. Rich.....	555	115	1	2	1	8	...	8	656	2d Mon.	
34	Centralia.....	Centralia.....	Apr. 28, '08	Irvin E. Blackwell..	Frank A. Arnold....	1119	115	1	18	12	10	...	25	1206	4th Mon.	
35	Fidelity.....	Mountain Grove	Apr. 26, '20	Joe W. Cargill.....	Joseph W. Nickle...	254	20	...	...	1	21	...	4	248	3d Th.
36	Josephus.....	Albany.....	Apr. 25, '21	Bob F. Crockett....	Dr. G. F. Kling....	143	10	...	...	...	...	...	3	150	2d Tu.
37	Trenton.....	Trenton.....	Apr. 25, '21	Donald Woodard....	Stanley McKemy....	391	34	1	1	...	7	...	6	414	2d Tu.	
38	Westport.....	Kansas City....	Apr. 25, '21	Kenneth H. Davis...	Thomas H. Sims....	344	39	...	10	6	19	2	13	353	2d Fri.	
39	Rolla.....	Rolla.....	Apr. 10, '22	Baxter Pendergrast..	Hugh W. Harrison..	208	50	...	...	1	4	...	6	247	1st-3d Mon.
40	York.....	Wellston.....	Apr. 10, '22	Kenneth P. Rosengren	Bland J. Tetley....	129	24	...	...	1	1	...	4	147	1st Mon.
41	Carthage.....	Carthage.....	Apr. 10, '22	Millard Pendleton..	Robert Barton....	215	14	...	2	2	8	...	2	219	1st Th.	
42	Sedalia.....	Sedalia.....	Apr. 10, '22	Ralph H. Cook.....	Francis C. Rudd....	305	70	1	...	2	...	...	5	369	2d Th.
43	Bonne Terre..	Bonne Terre....	Apr. 21, '24	Glenn Ames.....	John T. Brenon....	258	24	...	...	3	6	...	8	265	3d Wed.
44	Kirksville...	Kirksville....	Apr. 22, '29	Leroy Ronner.....	George M. Longwith.	505	37	2	3	2	11	...	10	524	3d Wed.	
45	Kansas City..	Kansas City....	Apr. 24, '44	Chester M. Turley...	Frank A. Lewis....	469	40	...	6	4	9	...	6	496	3d Tu.	
46	Neosho.....	Neosho.....	Apr. 22, '46	Jack E. Toothaker...	John R. Kirsch....	238	4	...	1	...	6	...	2	235	1st Mon.	
47	Trinity.....	Hannibal.....	Apr. 25, '49	R. C. Van Houten...	Frederick E. Herrin	173	48	4	1	2	...	...	1	223	1st Tu.
48	Jeremiah....	Webster Groves.	Apr. 24, '50	Emory J. Hampel....	Orville M. Mash....	235	96	...	...	1	...	...	5	325	3d Mon.
49	Independence.	Independence...	Apr. 24, '50	James E. Sullivan...	Roy W. E. Maness...	190	42	3	1	...	3	...	1	232	4th Th.	
50	Liberty.....	Liberty.....	Apr. 24, '50	William E. Barnes...	William P. Mathews..	314	35	1	...	1	6	...	8	335	4th Fri.	
51	East Gate....	Kansas City....	Apr. 24, '50	Bill E. Saulmon....	John M. Plaskett...	130	17	...	...	1	5	...	4	137	2d Fri.
52	El Camino...	Sikeston.....	Apr. 28, '59	Arley D. Denbow....	Elbert F. Sloan....	91	28	...	...	1	1	...	1	117	3rd Mon.
						9522	1221	235	70	54	167	2	195	10420		

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

April,

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION

YEAR	M. ILL. G. MASTER	DEP. G. MASTER	G. P. C. OF WORK	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER
May, 1864.....	Anthony O'Sullivan..	*James N. Burnes.....	Martin Collins.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	*Joseph Foster
†May, 1866.....	*Anthony O'Sullivan..	*James McDaniel.....	*J. F. Houston.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley
October, 1867.....	*Thos. E. Garrett.....	*J. A. Lampton.....	John G. Foss.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley
October, 1868.....	§George W. Belt.....	Martin Collins.....	Bennett Marshall.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley
October, 1869.....	*Martin Collins.....	John G. Foss.....	John Glenny.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley
October, 1870.....	*Martin Collins.....	*Robert L. Fisher.....	Allan McDowell.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley
October, 1871.....	*William A. Prall.....	Allan McDowell.....	Maurice L. Cohn.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley
October, 1872.....	*Allan McDowell.....	*John W. Luke.....	George R. Hunt.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley
October, 1873.....	*Joseph S. Browne.....	*Thos. Wannall.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley
October, 1874.....	*W. W. Garth.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Henry M. Rhodns.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley
October, 1875.....	*Noah M. Givan.....	Elijah T. Walker.....	Charles B. Randolph.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley
October, 1876.....	*Wm. R. Stubblefield..	Orson Davis.....	B. Peter Bailey.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	*Geo. Frank Gouley
October, 1877.....	*Wm. R. Penick.....	B. Peter Bailey.....	John A. Dolman.....	*Wm. N. Loker.....	*John W. Luke
October, 1878.....	*B. Peter Bailey.....	John A. Dolman.....	§Rev. H. C. Duncan.....	John R. Parson.....	Wm. H. Mayo
†May, 1880.....	*John A. Dolman.....	John R. Parson.....	Wm. B. Wilson.....	John W. Luke.....	Wm. H. Mayo
May, 1881.....	*John R. Parson.....	Wm. B. Wilson.....	Geo. R. Hunt.....	John W. Luke.....	Wm. H. Mayo
May, 1882.....	*Wm. B. Wilson.....	Wm. G. Hall.....	Wm. H. Dale.....	John W. Luke.....	Wm. H. Mayo
May, 1883.....	*Wm. G. Hall.....	Wm. H. Dale.....	Wm. J. Terrell.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
May, 1884.....	*Wm. H. Dale.....	Wm. J. Terrell.....	Wm. A. Lord.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
May, 1885.....	*P. R. Fliteraft.....	C. G. Hubbell.....	Wm. H. Stansbury.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
May, 1886.....	§Wm. A. Lord.....	Wm. H. Stansbury.....	H. C. Christopher.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
May, 1887.....	*Wm. H. Stansbury.....	H. C. Christopher.....	Jno. J. Pierron.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
May, 1888.....	*H. C. Christopher.....	Jno. J. Pierron.....	F. J. Tygard.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1889.....	*Jno. J. Pierron.....	F. J. Tygard.....	Thos. Seal.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1890.....	*F. J. Tygard.....	Thos. Seal.....	Ulrich Schneider.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1891.....	*Thos. Seal.....	Ulrich Schneider.....	Grant Wyatt.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1892.....	*Ulrich Schneider.....	Edwin E. Roby.....	Wm. Richardson.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1893.....	*Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Richardson.....	F. A. Kage.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1894.....	*Wm. Richardson.....	F. A. Kage.....	Emanuel F. Hartzell.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1895.....	*Fred A. Kage.....	Emanuel F. Hartzell.....	Elijah H. Phelps.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1896.....	*Emanuel F. Hartzell.....	Elijah H. Phelps.....	*J. Percival Smith.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1897.....	*Elijah H. Phelps.....	Wm. Y. Bean.....	D. M. Wilson.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1898.....	*Wm. Y. Bean.....	David M. Wilson.....	John H. Murphy.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1899.....	*David M. Wilson.....	John H. Murphy.....	Reuben Barney.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1900.....	*John H. Murphy.....	Reuben Barney.....	Cyrus H. Jones.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo

* Dead.

† No Assembly in 1865 or 1879

§ Dimited.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION—Continued

YEAR	M. ILL. G. MASTER	DEP. G. MASTER	G. P. C. OF WORK	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER
April, 1901.....	*Reuben Barney.....	Cyrus H. Jones.....	Robt. F. Stevenson.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1902.....	§Cyrus H. Jones.....	Robt. F. Stevenson.....	Gib. W. Carson.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1903.....	*Robt. F. Stevenson...	Gib. W. Carson.....	Martin T. Balsley.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1904.....	*Gib. W. Carson.....	Martin T. Balsley.....	John H. Barr.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Wm. H. Mayo
April, 1905.....	*Martin T. Balsley...	John H. Barr.....	George T. Burnham.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1906.....	¶John H. Barr.....	George T. Burnham.....	Thomas A. Milburn.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1907.....	*George T. Burnham.....	Thomas A. Milburn.....	Wm. R. Brock.....	Martin Collins.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1908.....	*Thomas A. Milburn.....	William R. Brock.....	Bert S. Lee.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1909.....	¶William R. Brock.....	Bert S. Lee.....	Herbert H. Getman.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1910.....	*Bert S. Lee.....	*Herbert H. Getman...	Henry Schroeder.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1911.....	*Henry Schroeder.....	Wm. H. Herrick.....	Walter R. Anthony.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1912.....	*William H. Herrick...	Walter R. Anthony.....	John C. Senate.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1913.....	*Walter R. Anthony...	John C. Senate.....	Jas. L. Heckenlively...	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1914.....	*J. L. Heckenlively...	V. H. Falkenhainer...	Sanford M. Daniels.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1915.....	*V. H. Falkenhainer...	Sanford M. Daniels.....	William J. Vannix.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1916.....	*Sanford M. Daniels...	William J. Vannix.....	John Pickard.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1917.....	*William J. Vannix...	John Pickard.....	Wm. C. Glenn.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1918.....	*John Pickard.....	William C. Glenn.....	Louis Moller.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1919.....	*William C. Glenn.....	Louis Moller.....	James Price.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1920.....	*Louis Moller.....	James Price.....	Wm. M. Campbell.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1921.....	*James Price.....	Wm. M. Campbell.....	George W. Walker.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1922.....	*Wm. M. Campbell.....	Geo. W. Walker.....	James R. McLachlan...	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Robt. F. Stevenson
April, 1923.....	*Geo. W. Walker.....	James R. McLachlan...	Bernal L. Tatman.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1924.....	*Jas. R. McLachlan...	Bernal L. Tatman.....	John M. Waller.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1925.....	*John M. Waller.....	John M. Waller.....	Frank P. McAttee.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1926.....	*John M. Waller.....	Frank P. McAttee.....	Thos. H. Reynolds.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1927.....	¶Frank P. McAttee.....	Thos. H. Reynolds.....	Kipp C. Johnson.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1928.....	*Thos. H. Reynolds...	Kipp C. Johnson.....	Henry C. Elberg.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1929.....	*Kipp C. Johnson.....	Henry C. Elberg.....	W. Ed. Johnson.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1930.....	*Henry C. Elberg.....	W. Ed. Johnson.....	Carl A. Swenson.....	Gibbon W. Carson.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1931.....	*W. Ed. Johnson.....	Carl A. Swenson.....	Ralph T. Finley.....	*Gibbon W. Carson...	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1932.....	*Carl A. Swenson.....	Ralph T. Finley.....	Chas. Gurley.....	Albert Linxwiler.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1933.....	*Ralph T. Finley.....	Chas. Gurley.....	John M. Gallatin.....	Albert Linxwiler.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1934.....	*Chas. Gurley.....	John M. Gallatin.....	Robt. W. Hedrick.....	Albert Linxwiler.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1935.....	John M. Gallatin.....	Robert W. Hedrick...	Carl Westerhaus.....	Albert Linxwiler.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1936.....	*Robert W. Hedrick...	Carl Westerhaus.....	Walter A. Higbee.....	Albert Linxwiler.....	Ray V. Denslow

* Dead.

¶ Resigned Jan. 1. 1923.

‡ Suspended.

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YEAR	M. ILL. G. MASTER	DEP. G. MASTER	G. P. C. OF WORK	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER
April, 1937.....	Carl P. Westerhaus..	Walter A. Higbee.....	Samuel A. Gilliland.....	Albert Linxwiler....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1938.....	Walter A. Higbee...	Samuel A. Gilliland....	Walter B. Pingree.....	Albert Linxwiler....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1939.....	*Samuel A. Gilliland..	Walter B. Pingree.....	Clyde C. Evans.....	Albert Linxwiler....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1940.....	*Walter B. Pingree...	Clyde C. Evans.....	Paul R. Byrum.....	Albert Linxwiler....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1941.....	Clyde C. Evans.....	Paul R. Byrum.....	Bruce J. Carl.....	Albert Linxwiler....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1942.....	*Paul R. Byrum.....	Bruce J. Carl.....	Joseph V. Gaddy.....	*Albert Linxwiler....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1943.....	Bruce J. Carl.....	Joseph V. Gaddy.....	Walter H. Niestrath...	J. O. Christensen...	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1944.....	*Joseph V. Gaddy....	Walter Niestrath.....	Joseph D. Stewart.....	J. O. Christensen...	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1945.....	*Joseph V. Gaddy....	Walter Niestrath.....	Joseph D. Stewart.....	J. O. Christensen...	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1946.....	*Walter H. Niestrath..	Joseph D. Stewart.....	*John M. Willson.....	J. O. Christensen...	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1947.....	Joseph D. Stewart....	Henry C. Thompson....	Cornelius D. Struble...	*J. O. Christensen...	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1948.....	Henry C. Thompson...	Cornelius D. Struble...	Ralph J. Brooks.....	Paul R. Byrum.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1949.....	*Cornelius D. Struble.	Ralph J. Brooks.....	Bruce H. Hunt.....	Paul R. Byrum.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1950.....	Ralph J. Brooks.....	Bruce H. Hunt.....	Edwin Knudsen.....	Paul R. Byrum.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1951.....	Bruce H. Hunt.....	Edwin Knudsen.....	Robt. E. Armstrong...	Paul R. Byrum.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1952.....	Edwin Knudsen.....	Robt. E. Armstrong...	Francis J. Bullivant...	Paul R. Byrum.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1953.....	*Robt. E. Armstrong..	Francis J. Bullivant...	Edward E. Wilson.....	*Paul R. Byrum.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1954.....	Francis J. Bullivant..	Edward E. Wilson.....	Richard P. Dorris.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1955.....	Edward E. Wilson.....	Richard P. Dorris.....	Walter J. Bublitz.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1956.....	*Richard P. Dorris...	Walter J. Bublitz.....	Walter H. Baird.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1957.....	Walter J. Bublitz....	Walter H. Baird.....	L. Fred Stein.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1958.....	Walter H. Baird.....	L. Fred Stein.....	R. Marvin Cowden.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1959.....	R. Marvin Cowden.....	Olin S. McDaniel.....	Allen C. Sodemann.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Ray V. Denslow
April, 1960.....	Olin S. McDaniel.....	Allen C. Sodemann.....	Wm. H. Utz, Jr.....	Fred H. Knight.....	*Ray V. Denslow
April, 1961.....	Allen C. Sodemann...	Wm. H. Utz, Jr.....	Hiram U. Ford.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1962.....	Wm. H. Utz, Jr.....	Hiram U. Ford.....	Dewey A. Routh.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1963.....	Hiram U. Ford.....	Dewey A. Routh.....	Clovis E. Collier.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1964.....	Dewey A. Routh.....	Clovis E. Collier.....	G. Fred Kling.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1965.....	Clovis E. Collier.....	G. Fred Kling.....	*Etsen E. Jackson.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1966.....	G. Fred Kling.....	Harold L. Lowe.....	Alfred W. Griffith.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Bruce H. Hunt
April, 1967.....	Harold L. Lowe.....	Alfred W. Griffith.....	Frank K. Roy, Jr.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Bruce H. Hunt

* Dead.

‡ Resigned Jan. 1, 1923.

† Suspended.

§ Dimitted.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RITUAL ASSIGNMENT

[April,

COUN- CIL NO.	NAME	RITUAL NUMBER									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Hiram	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	St. Joseph	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
20	Cape	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
24	Shekinah	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
25	Zabud	41	338	333	44	45	46	47	339	49	50
27	Poplar Bluff	51a	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
28	Chillicothe	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
30	Jasper	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
32	Ezra	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
34	Centralia	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
35	Fidelity	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
36	Josephus	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120
37	Trenton	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130
38	Westport	131	132	133	134	135	136	137a	138	139	140
39	Rolla	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150
40	York	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160
41	Carthage	161	162	163	164a	165a	166	167	168	169	170
42	Sedalia	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180
43	Bonne Terre	181	182	183	184	332	186	187	188	189	190
44	Kirksville	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200
45	Kansas City	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210
46	Neosho	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220
47	Trinity	221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230
48	Jeremiah	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240
49	Independence	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250
50	Liberty	251	252	253	254	255a	256	257	258	259	260
51	East Gate	261	262	263	336	265	266	267	268	269	270
52	El Camino	341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	350

RECEIPTS OF GRAND OFFICERS

NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME
301	Edwin Knudsen (37)	320	Olin S. McDaniel (43)
303	Francis J. Bullivant (1)	321	Allen C. Sodemann (1)
304	Henry C. Thompson (43)	323	Dewey E. Routh (39)
305	Edward E. Wilson (9)	324	Clovis E. Collier (24)
307	Walter J. Bublitz (45)	325	G. Fred Kling (36)
308	Walter H. Baird (34)	327	Wm. H. Utz, Jr. (9)
309	Ralph J. Brooks (25)	328	Harold L. Lowe (40)
311	Bruce H. Hunt (44)	330	Frank K. Roy, Jr. (24)
312	Hiram U. Ford (32)	331	Alfred W. Griffith (34)
313	Bruce J. Carl (34)	334	Fred H. Knight (24)
314	R. Marvin Cowden (25)	335	Richard H. Kerr (39)
315	John M. Gallatin (28)	385	Everett E. Phillips (25)
316	Joseph D. Stewart (28)	559	Logan E. Wing, Jr. (9)
317	Carl P. Westerhaus (40)	494	Clyde M. McCrea (27)
318	Walter A. Higbee (44)		

REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Region No. 1—Harland O. Driskell, No. 901

Region No. 2—Delbert Gentry, No. 902

- Region No. 3—William W. Barry, No. 903
 Region No. 4—Robert B. St. George, No. 904
 Region No. 5—Frank A. Brandt, No. 905
 Region No. 6—Glenwood E. Cloud, No. 906
 Region No. 7—Percy F. Ebert, No. 907

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

*To the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the
 State of Missouri:*

COMPANIONS: Your Committee on Credentials has examined the certificates filed with the committee and beg to report as follows:

Number of chartered councils represented, 27; Grand Officers, 12; Past Grand Masters, 14; Past Masters, not representatives, 39; Chairmen of Committees, 8; Masters, 26 (6 being proxies); Recorders, 15; Grand Representatives, 38; Regional Deputy Grand Masters, 5.

Total number of voters, without duplication, 109; 5 Councils fully represented (22 Councils partially represented).

The following council had no representation: Neosho 46.

Grand Representatives: Henry L. Wohlwend, Alabama; Sherman F. Knorr, Arizona; Joseph W. Nickle, Arkansas; Carl P. Westerhaus, Canada, Ontario; Bruce J. Carl, Canada Western; Harold N. Painter, Colorado; Wm. R. Denslow, Connecticut; Roscoe A. Miller, Delaware; Robert H. Arnold, District of Columbia; Elmer A. Hoffmann, Florida; A. W. Griffith, Germany; John S. Smarr, Idaho; Garth D. Doss, Indiana; Walter J. Bublitz, Kansas; Everett E. Phillips, Kentucky; Wm. H. Utz, Jr., Massachusetts; John H. Rich, Michigan; Frank K. Roy, Jr., Minnesota; Morris E. Ewing, Mississippi; Olin S. McDaniel, Montana; Hiram U. Ford, Nebraska; Art H. Harwell, Nevada; Bert W. Casselman, New Hampshire; Henry C. Thompson, New Jersey; S. Chester Selby, New Mexico; Fred H. Knight, New York; Charles S. Alcott, North Dakota; Ralph J. Brooks, Oklahoma; Albert H. Tade, Oregon; Wm. P. Mathews, Philippines; Frank P. Hazelrigg, Jr., Rhode Island; John B. Vrooman, Scotland; Gunard F. Kling, Tennessee; R. Marvin Cowden, Texas; Buron M. Keathley, Utah; Richard H. Kerr, Vermont; Merritt S. Gwinn, Washington; C. Leonard Gasper, Wisconsin; Bruce H. Hunt, England and Wales.

Past Masters, Not Representatives: Sherman F. Knorr (1); Allen B. Fish (1); C. Leonard Gasper (9); William E. Jamieson (9); Jewell W. Pike (9); Elvin K. Luff (24); Harold W. Baker (24); Chester Selby (25); Morris E. Ewing (25); Leonard V. Bowers (25); Don Chapman (28); A. Eldon Hoover (28); Roscoe A. Miller (34); Frank W. Hazelrigg (34); Howard F. Kizer (34); E. Jere Deal (34); Ernest C. Cottle (34); R. Marion Cater (34); William R. Denslow (37); Arthur Berge Pratt, Jr. (38); Elmer A. Hoffmann (40); Adolph F. Simon (40); John R. Miller (40); Billy Dean Henson (41); Oliver D. Schnaare (43); Garth D. Doss (43); Harold M. Jayne (44); Homer L. Lowe (45); Bert W. Casselman (45); Claude E. Oxley (45); LeRoy A. Van Loon (45); Earl Jones (48); Frank A. Brandt (48); Edward McMurry (48);

John R. Sharp (50); Dr. A. L. Pickerell (51); William W. Barry (51); Walter M. Rayburn (52); Merritt S. Gwinn (52).

GRAND OFFICERS—1967

GRAND OFFICERS		LOCATION	MILES	MILEAGE	PER DIEM	AMOUNT
Grand Master.....	G. Fred Kling.....	Albany.....	310	\$31.00	\$10.00	\$ 41.00
Deputy Grand Master....	Harold L. Lowe.....	Maplewood.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
Grand Prin. Cond. Work..	Alfred W. Griffith....	Fulton.....	108	.....	10.00	10.00
Grand Treasurer.....	Fred H. Knight.....	Kansas City.....	255	.....	10.00	10.00
Grand Recorder.....	Bruce H. Hunt.....	Kirksville.....	205	.....	10.00	10.00
Grand Captain Guard.....	Frank K. Roy, Jr.....	Kansas City.....	255	.....	10.00	10.00
Grand Cond. Council.....	Richard H. Kerr.....	Rolla.....	105	10.50	10.00	20.50
Grand Marshal.....	Everett E. Phillips....	Springfield.....	220	22.00	10.00	32.00
Grand Steward.....	Logan E. Wing, Jr.....	St. Joseph.....	305	30.50	10.00	40.50
Grand Sentinel.....	N. Geo. Whiteaker.....	Albany.....	310	31.00	10.00	41.00
Grand Chaplain.....	Rev. Charles F. Rehkopf.	St. Louis.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
Act. Gr. Org.....	Jack J. Stottlemyre....	Kansas City.....	255	25.50	10.00	35.50
			Total.....\$270.50			

PAST GRAND MASTERS—1967

PAST GRAND MASTERS		LOCATION	MILES	MILEAGE	PER DIEM	AMOUNT
Carl P. Westerhaus.....	Clayton.....	.....	.....	\$.....	\$10.00	\$ 10.00
Bruce J. Carl.....	Columbia.....	.....	125	12.50	10.00	22.50
Henry C. Thompson.....	Bonne Terre.....	.....	52	5.20	10.00	15.20
Ralph J. Brooks.....	Whitman A.F.B.....	.....	190	19.00	10.00	29.00
Francis J. Bullivant.....	University City.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
Walter J. Bublitz.....	Kansas City.....	.....	255	.....	10.00	10.00
Walter H. Baird.....	Columbia.....	.....	125	.....	10.00	10.00
R. Marvin Cowden.....	Springfield.....	.....	220	.....	10.00	10.00
Olin S. McDaniel.....	Bonne Terre.....	.....	52	.....	10.00	10.00
Allen C. Sodemann.....	St. Louis.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
Wm. H. Utz, Jr.....	St. Joseph.....	.....	305	30.50	10.00	40.50
Hiram U. Ford.....	Jefferson City.....	.....	130	13.00	10.00	23.00
			Total.....\$200.20			

REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS—1967

REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS		LOCATION	MILES	MILEAGE	PER DIEM	AMOUNT
Harland O. Driskell.....	Hannibal.....	.....	115	\$.....	\$10.00	\$ 10.00
Delbert Gentry.....	Trenton.....	.....	254	25.40	10.00	35.40
Harley E. Thomas.....	Kansas City.....	.....	255	25.50	10.00	35.50
Buron M. Keathley.....	St. Louis.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
Glenwood E. Cloud.....	Bonne Terre.....	.....	52	5.20	10.00	15.20
			Total.....\$106.10			

STANDING COMMITTEES—1967

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	LOCATION	MILES	MILEAGE	PER DIEM	AMOUNT
Credentials, Milcage and Per Diem:					
William A. Slaughter.....	Kansas City.....	255	\$	\$10.00	\$ 10.00
Finance:					
J. Carle Smith.....	St. Louis.....	...	.....	10.00	10.00
Jurisprudence:					
Dewey A. Routh.....	Rolla.....	105	10.50	10.00	20.50
Returns of Councils:					
R. Linn Terry.....	Kirksville.....	205	20.50	10.00	30.50
Total.....					\$ 71.00

REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNCILS

NO.	COUNCIL	MASTER	DEPUTY MASTER	P. C. WORK	RECORDER	MILES	1/2 AMT.	MILEAGE	PER DIEM	AMOUNT
1	Hiram.....	William W. Zieger..	James F. Fitzgerald.	J. Carle Smith.....	.....	...	\$219.50	.....	\$20.00	\$ 20.00
9	St. Joseph.....	Carl T. Asmussen...	Delmar D. Dotson...	H. D. Miller, Sr....	.....	305	388.50	61.00	30.00	91.00
20	Cape.....	Fred C. McGowan...	Ben F. Allen.....	*John S. Smarr.....	Henry L. Wohlwend.	130	139.00	39.00	30.00	69.00
24	Shckinah.....	William Asjes.....	Rodger W. Lind....	D. Thomas Moffitt..	Fred H. Knight.....	255	245.00	51.00	30.00	81.00
25	Zabud.....	Wm. V. McCullum...	Cay S. Smith.....	*Delno J. Spellman..	Risse L. Hill.....	220	712.00	66.00	30.00	96.00
27	Poplar Bluff.....	.....	.....	.....	Clyde M. McCrea...	165	41.00	16.50	10.00	26.50
28	Chillicothe.....	*Russell R. White...	.....	.....	.....	235	137.00	23.50	10.00	33.50
30	Jasper.....	Howard O. Gray.....	.....	.....	.....	290	65.50	.....	10.00	10.00
32	Ezra.....	C. A. Bottermuller..	.....	*Charles S. Alcott...	John H. Rich.....	130	378.50	.....	20.00	20.00
34	Centralia.....	*Maurice E. Votaw...	*W. Bush Walden...	Harry Schmid.....	.....	124	633.00	12.40	20.00	32.40
35	Fidelity.....	Virgil Yadon.....	.....	.....	Joe W. Nickle.....	180	130.50	.....	20.00	20.00
36	Josephus.....	Bob F. Crockett.....	*Beverly P. McClure.	.....	Dr. G. F. Kling.....	310	770.00	31.00	20.00	51.00
37	Trenton.....	George B. Hamilton..	*Seigle C. Moore....	*Harry S. Kline.....	.....	254	220.50	25.40	10.00	35.40
38	Westport.....	*George H. Bowen.....	.....	*Robert H. Arnold...	Thomas H. Sims....	255	190.00	25.50	20.00	45.50
39	Rolla.....	B. J. Pendergrast...	Donald L. Theil....	*John Black Vrooman	.....	105	148.00	.....	20.00	20.00
40	York.....	K. P. Rosengren.....	George R. Hewitt...	.....	Bland Joseph Tetley.	...	795.00	.....	30.00	30.00
41	Carthage.....	M. W. Pendleton....	.....	.....	Robert E. Barton...	275	115.00	.....	20.00	20.00
42	Sedalia.....	Ralph Henry Cook...	*Harry L. Jerome...	.....	.....	190	217.00	.....	10.00	10.00
43	Bonne Terre.....	Glenn Ames.....	Howard B. Odgers..	.....	John T. Brenon....	52	141.50	10.40	30.00	40.40
44	Kirksville.....	*Albert H. Tade.....	.....	.....	.....	205	275.50	.....	10.00	10.00
45	Kansas City.....	Chester M. Turley...	Lloyd P. Shriver...	*W. A. Slaughter....	Frank A. Lewis.....	255	265.50	51.00	30.00	81.00
46	Neosho.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	295	119.50	.....	.....	.....
47	Trinity.....	R. C. Van Houten...	.....	*Arthur L. James....	Frederick E. Herrin.	115	124.50	23.00	20.00	43.00
48	Jeremiah.....	Emory J. Hampel...	John Burle.....	.....	.....	...	207.50	.....	20.00	20.00
49	Independence.....	James E. Sullivan...	Ramond A. Hetrick..	.....	.....	248	134.00	49.60	20.00	69.60
50	Liberty.....	William E. Barnes...	.....	Lester J. Brown....	William A. Mathews.	255	178.50	76.50	30.00	106.50
51	East Gate.....	Bill Eugene Saulmon	John B. Edwards...	.....	.....	255	75.00	51.00	20.00	71.00
52	El Camino.....	Arley D. Denbow....	Owen A. Witty.....	*Leslie Rister.....	Elbert F. Sloan....	155	72.00	31.00	30.00	61.00
Total.....										\$1,213.80

(* Proxy)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

April,

RECAPITULATION

Grand Officers	\$ 270.50
Past Grand Masters	200.20
Committee Chairmen	71.00
Regional Deputy Grand Masters	106.10
Council Representatives	1,213.80
Total	<u>\$1,861.60</u>

Fraternally submitted,
 W. A. SLAUGHTER,
 BURON M. KEATHLEY.



GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MISSOURI

FROM MISSOURI		GRAND COUNCIL	TO MISSOURI	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE		GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE
Velmar A. Meadows, Sr.	Opelika	Alabama	Henry L. Wohlwend	Cape Girardeau
Dwight E. Shannon	Winslow	Arizona	Sherman F. Knorr	St. Louis
Roy S. Bucy	Rector	Arkansas	Joseph W. Nickle	Mountain Grove
Earle T. Bable	Simi	California	R. Lee Barger	Ironton
J. A. Beaton	Sydney, Nova Scotia	Canada, Eastern	Earl E. Bowman, Sr.	Springfield
Arthur L. Hey	London, Ont.	Canada, Ontario	Carl P. Westerhaus	St. Louis
William H. Houghton	Calgary, Alberta	Canada, S. G. C. Western	Bruce J. Carl	Columbia
Ralph W. Bishop	Golden	Colorado	Harold N. Painter	Sedalia
Harold D. Smith	Milford	Connecticut	Wm. R. Denslow	Trenton
Raymond A. Howard	Wilmington	Delaware	Rosecoe A. Miller	Columbia
John T. Reynolds	Washington	District of Columbia	Robert H. Arnold	Kansas City
Harry Guy	Winter Haven	Florida	Elmer A. Hoffman	St. Louis
Kurt Borrach	Hamburg	Germany	A. W. Griffith	Fulton
P. W. Reddick	Pavo	Georgia	Francis H. Cox	Kansas City
John T. Parish	Twin Falls	Idaho	John S. Smarr	Cape Girardeau
J. Emerson Miller	Low Point	Illinois	Howard D. Watkins	Independence
Wm. B. Wickman	Ft. Wayne	Indiana	Garth D. Doss	Farlington
John W. E. Ehlers	Atlantic	Iowa	Roy L. Burris	St. Joseph
Lewis C. McGee	Olathe	Kansas	Walter J. Bublitz	Kansas City
Wylie B. Wendt	Louisville	Kentucky	Everett E. Phillips	Springfield
Irwin L. Felps	Baton Rouge	Louisiana		
Milton C. Stephenson	Wiscasset	Maine	Thos. W. Aulgur	Sedalia
W. Carroll Parks	Baltimore	Maryland	J. Harry Deeter	Kansas City
Clyde L. Hartley	Arlington	Massachusetts	Wm. H. Utz, Jr.	St. Joseph
Hollis J. Colyer	Pleasant Ridge	Michigan	John H. Rich	Jefferson City
Robt. M. Reed	Faribault	Minnesota	Frank K. Roy, Jr.	Kansas City
Guy B. Storer	Starkville	Mississippi	Morris E. Ewing	Morrisville
Harry S. Griffith	Miles City	Montana	Olin S. McDaniel	Bonne Terre
William B. Wanner	Falls City	Nebraska	Hiram U. Ford	Jefferson City
Stephen Ray Downs	Fallon	Nevada	Art H. Harwell	Poplar Bluff
David D. H. Dinwoodie	Laconia	New Hampshire	Bert W. Casselman	Kansas City
Richard Wolfe	Wenonah	New Jersey	Henry C. Thompson	Bonne Terre
Frederick W. Blocksom	Roswell	New Mexico	S. Chester Selby	Lebanon
J. Edw. Rast	Hamburg	New York	Fred H. Knight	Kansas City

FROM MISSOURI		GRAND COUNCIL	TO MISSOURI	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE		GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE
Fred F. Harding.....	Raleigh.....	..... North Carolina.....	Walter J. Eddlemon.....	Joplin
Thos. C. Swope.....	Portsmouth.....	..... North Dakota.....	Charles S. Alcott.....	Jefferson City
Henry L. Goddard.....	Oklahoma City.....	..... Ohio.....	Orville Abernathy.....	Cassville
Frederick H. Forster.....	Albany.....	..... Oklahoma.....	Ralph J. Brooks.....	Springfield
Domer J. Bailey.....	Titusville.....	..... Oregon.....	Albert H. Tade.....	Kirksville
Andrew H. Bulkley.....	Okinawa.....	..... Pennsylvania.....	Edwin Knudsen.....	Trenton
James J. Greene.....	Greenwood.....	..... Philippines.....	Wm. P. Matbews.....	Kansas City
.....	.....	..... Rhode Island.....	Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr.....	Fulton
.....	.....	..... Scotland.....	John B. Vrooman.....	St. Louis
Wm. R. Hartin.....	Columbia.....	..... South Carolina.....	John M. Gallatin.....	Chillicothe
David Graham.....	Hudson.....	..... South Dakota.....	Guy C. Million.....	Boonville
Geo. F. Brookhart.....	Crossville.....	..... Tennessee.....	Gunard F. Kling.....	Albany
Noel Hollingsworth.....	Mexia.....	..... Texas.....	R. Marvin Cowden.....	Springfield
Glen C. Ray.....	Ogden.....	..... Utah.....	Buron M. Keathley.....	St. Louis
C. Reynolds Needham.....	Middlebury.....	..... Vermont.....	Richard H. Kerr.....	Rolla
Gilbert L. Kaseburg.....	Bremerton.....	..... Washington.....	Merritt S. Gwinn.....	Sikeston
Fred C. Lotzow.....	Wisconsin Rapids.....	..... Wisconsin.....	C. Leonard Gaspar.....	St. Joseph
John Sterkel.....	Sheridan.....	..... Wyoming.....	Avery A. Drake.....	Rolla
Reginald E. W. Large.....	London W.C. 1.....	..... England and Wales.....	Bruce H. Hunt.....	Kirksville

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
GRAND RECORDERS

[April,

Alabama.....	Thomas W. Oliver.....	Box 2822-A, Birmingham 35212
Arizona.....	Dwight E. Shamon.....	Box 206, Winslow 86047
Arkansas.....	Ormand B. Shaw.....	Box 487, Ft. Smith, 72902
California.....	Chester H. Newell.....	25 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 94102
Canada:		
Eastern.....	L. S. Cook.....	1622 Preston St., Halifax, N.S.
S.G.C. Western.....	Charles W. Lilley.....	11030-81st Ave., Edmonton, Alb.
Ontario.....	H. E. Harrison.....	218 Church St., Weston, Ontario
Colorado.....	Charles R. Stott.....	770 Masonic Temple, Denver 80202
* Connecticut.....	Philip J. Jones.....	750 Main, Hartford 06103
Delaware.....	Raymond A. Howard.....	10 Ridgeland Road, Wilmington 19803
District of Columbia.....	A. Edmund Johnson.....	5410 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washing- ton, D. C. 20015
England and Wales.....	Lt. Col. J. W. Chitty.....	Mark Mason's Hall, 40 Upper Brook St., London, W.C. 1
Florida.....	Thomas N. Morrison.....	Box 1532, Lakeland 33801
Georgia.....	J. E. Moseley.....	811 Mulberry St., Macon 31201
Germany.....	Donald H. Mensch.....	Postfach 403, 8000, Munich 1
Idaho.....	Ralph W. Hopffgarten.....	Box 2367, Boise 83701
Illinois.....	E. Raymond Kelley.....	1520 Latham, Rockford 61103
Indiana.....	Earl B. Forney.....	1204 Main, Elwood 46036
Iowa.....	Ross J. Camblin.....	Box 307, Atlantic 50022
Kansas.....	Charles S. McGinness.....	320 W. 8th St., Topeka 66601
Kentucky.....	Chas. K. A. McGaughey.....	1084 New Circle Rd., N.E. Lexington 40505
Louisiana.....	Lee W. Harris.....	Box 209, Alexandria 71302
Maine.....	Earle D. Webster.....	415 Congress St., Portland 04111
Maryland.....	D. Ross Vansant, Jr.....	138 Spa Ave., Annapolis 21401
Massachusetts.....	Archie M. Simons.....	186 Tremont St., Boston 02111
Michigan.....	Russell H. Kikstadt.....	407 Wentworth Ave., Battle Creek 49441
Minnesota.....	Emil A. Wold.....	4645 Ewing S., Minneapolis 55410
Mississippi.....	Cecil A. Thorn.....	Box 1030, Meridian 39302
Missouri.....	Bruce H. Hunt.....	Box 188, Kirksville 63501
Montana.....	Wm. A. Thaanum.....	218 S. Roberts St., Helena 59601
Nebraska.....	Carl R. Greisen.....	201 Masonic Temple, Omaha 68102
Nevada.....	C. A. Carlson, Jr.....	206 E. Telegraph St., Carson City 89701
New Hampshire.....	Hiram W. Johnson.....	3 Highland Ave., Antrim 03440
New Jersey.....	G. Norman Schleinkofer.....	Box 66, Atco 08004
New Mexico.....	Elmer H. Riemen.....	Box 1375, Roswell 88201
New York.....	Ray B. Leinbach.....	725 Argyle Rd., Brooklyn 11230
North Carolina.....	Chas. C. Rieker.....	80 Broadway, Asheville 28801
North Dakota.....	Delbert J. Miller.....	Box 668, Devils Lake 58301
* Ohio.....	George R. Fitez.....	Masonic Temple, 34 N. 4th St., Columbus 13215
Oklahoma.....	F. M. Lumbard.....	Box 1037, Muskogee 74401
Oregon.....	Leslie M. Taylor.....	1610 Glenwood St., Portland 97202
* Pennsylvania.....	Wm. E. Montgomery.....	1900 Cooper Circle, Camp Hill 17011
Philippines.....	Antonio Gonzalez.....	1440 San Marceline, Manila
* Rhode Island.....	Clayton T. Chace.....	202 Country Club, Warwick, R. I. 02888
Scotland.....	W. A. Laird.....	76 Queen St., Edinburgh
South Carolina.....	Hugh N. Layne.....	901 Palmetto State Life Bldg., Columbia 29201
South Dakota.....	Clarence E. Buchler.....	Box 366, Mitchell 57301
Tennessee.....	W. Phelan Douglas.....	Box 216, Nashville 37202
* Texas.....	E. S. Winfree, Jr.....	Box 296, Waco 76703
Utah.....	Paul B. Pickering.....	650 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City 84102
Vermont.....	D. Burlleigh Smalley, Jr.....	Box 443, Burlington 05402
Washington.....	Carl L. Swanson.....	2712 N. 12th St., Tacoma 98406
Wisconsin.....	Fred L. Chandler.....	336 W. Kemp, Rhinelander 54501
Wyoming.....	Verne W. Mokler.....	Box 1, Casper 82602
General Grand Council, U. S. A.....	Bruce H. Hunt.....	Box 188, Kirksville 63501

* Not members of General Grand Council, Virginia and West Virginia are not included for the reason that Council degrees are conferred under the jurisdiction of Chapters.

THE CRYPTIC WORLD, 1966

THE CRYPTIC WORLD

A REVIEW BY BRUCE H. HUNT

The Cryptic Review this year again revolves around the theme of York Rite Unity. It has been thoroughly discussed, both pro and con. There are those whose tempers run high for it, and there are others at the opposite extreme who believe that all that has been accomplished is "disunity." We hope that all is not lost because of that which has been done by a few well meaning companions who tried to do a job as assigned to them. This, of course, refers to the York Rite Commission on Unity. You are the judge and jury to make the final determination of good or evil.

This review covers various foreign grand councils as well as those in the United States of America, both within and without the General Grand Council. May we inject the prayer that sometime there will be none without, and that all may join hands to work shoulder to shoulder for the good of all Freemasonry and the Cryptic Rite in particular.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

FLORIDA: The Grand Council of Florida adopted a resolution placing certain responsibilities on the host bodies for the annual meetings, as the following will indicate:

We feel there is much to be desired in the implementation of the programming of our annual meetings, for the general benefit of the Craft; therefore be it

Resolved, The three Grand York Rite Bodies establish the following policy:

1. That unless the Host Bodies conform to the wishes of the three Grand York Rite Bodies, in all matters, any subsistence be denied.

2. That the Grand Secretary-Recorder be empowered to act as the official representative of the three Grand York Rite Bodies in all matters relative to the annual meetings; his decision shall be final.

3. The three Grand Bodies shall donate, year to year as the Budget Committees recommends, certain moneys to the Host Cities to assist in the promotion of those annual meetings.

4. The Host Cities shall accord to the wishes of the Grand Bodies and any expenses incurred, over and above the allotment of the Grand Bodies, will be assumed and paid by the local bodies of the Host Cities.

BIBLE DEDICATION

NORTH CAROLINA: One of the finest pieces of work we have seen in some time comes from the pen of Grand Master Sinclair Tebo of the Grand Council of North Carolina. We are indebted to him for its inclusion in this review.

GRAND MASTER TEBO: We have never had an altar Bible. We usually use the Bible furnished by the Host Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies. This Bible is to be a part of the Grand York Rite Bodies and a permanent thing for them, presented by me this year. At this time I am going to have a short dedicatory service for this Altar Bible.

LITANY FOR BIBLE DEDICATION

Genesis 1:1-4a read by Grand Master Tebo

"O Word of God Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,
We praise Thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age."

—by Grand Master Tebo

"Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace
Our path when wont to stray;
Streams from the fount of heavenly grace,
Brook by the traveler's way."

—by Deputy Grand Master Grubb

"Bread of our souls, whereon we feel,
True manna from on high;
Our guide and chart, wherein we read
Of realms beyond the sky."

—by Gr. Prin. Con. of Work Thornton

"Pillar of fire, through watches dark,
Or radiant cloud by day;
When waves would whelm our tossing bark,
Our anchor and our stay."

—by Grand Cond. of Council Williams

"Word of the ever-living God,
Will of his glorious Son;
Without thee how could earth be trod,
Or heaven itself be won."

—by Grand Steward Casebolt

Reading of Nehemiah 4:15-18 by Rev. Troy G. Robbins, Grand Chaplain

Presentation of Sword and Trowel

"As the Sword and Trowel were used by our ancient
Brethren for defense and protection and to cement

and complete the Sacred Vault, so should we as Select Masters devoutly guard the inestimable secrets of our venerable fraternity, and unite and cement the brotherhood."

—by Grand Captain of Guard Church

"We search the world for truth. We cull
The good, the true, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,
And all old flower-fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mother read."

—John Greenleaf Whittier

Closing prayer

"Lord, grant that we aright may learn
The wisdom it imparts,
And to its heavenly teaching turn
With simple, childlike hearts." Amen.

—by Grand Master Tebo

CHARITY

NEW YORK: The Grand Council of New York annually does its charitable work. The Grand Master said of it:

As in preceding years, our Charity Fund continues to grow. Three additional councils sent in contributions this year and our donations increased over 15 per cent. The Charity Fund was able to present to the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center the sum of \$650 for Parkinson's Disease Research.

CONFERENCE ON UNITY

Several jurisdictions have experimented with "conferences on unity," with Grand Lodges taking the lead.

ILLINOIS: One such conference was held in Illinois, as reported by the Grand Master of the Grand Council:

MASONIC UNITY CONFERENCE

The 1966 Masonic Unity Conference was called by Most Worshipful Grand Master Myron K. Lingle on August 7, 1966 in the Springfield (Ill.) Masonic Temple. Representative officers of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, the Grand Commandery, the Consistories of the Scottish Rite, and the Temples of the Shrine attended.

An excellent round-table discussion on the problems and advantages of Masonic Unity and Co-operation was held.

I believe that we are rapidly approaching our goal of complete Masonic unity and understanding on the Grand Body level, but it can only be assured by the understanding and support of the brethren and companions at the constituent body levels.

That we may have Masonic Promotion through Masonic Unity, let us all unite to work in harmony for a common cause.

MICHIGAN: The Grand Council of Michigan participated in a Conference of Unity, as reported by the Grand Master :

FIFTH ANNUAL MASONIC UNITY CONFERENCE

The Fifth Annual Masonic Unity Conference was called by Most Worshipful Grand Master Percy H. Williams, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Michigan, in Battle Creek on Saturday, March 19, 1966.

A near-full slate of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery was present. In addition, representatives of the Consistories of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, the Temples of the Ancient Arabic Orders of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Grotto were in attendance. An excellent round-table discussion was had concerning many subjects but mainly concerning suspensions of members due to various reasons. The main subject, however, was the suspension due to Non-Payment of Dues.

These unity conference type meetings give one a feeling of nearness of Masonic Unity of the many and varied bodies of the Ancient Craft.

This day was completed by the exemplification of the DeMolay Degree by Battle Creek Chapter, Order of DeMolay. The fine class of candidates was named in honor of our Most Worshipful Grand Master Percy H. Williams.

The degree work was followed by a sumptuous banquet and entertainment by the Shrine Chanters from Grand Rapids. The evening was then completed with an address by the Rev. Dr. Donald E. Bodley, Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

WISCONSIN: The Grand Council of Wisconsin also participated in a meeting of the various Masonic bodies in that jurisdiction, as reported by the Grand Master :

The spirit of cooperation between the York Rite Bodies in Wisconsin has never been so great as it was during this year. A continuation of this kind of cooperation will bring about a wonderful association in York Rite Masonry.

The atmosphere of Cooperation and the correlation of activities present at the several York Rite Association meetings and, of course, at the Conferences on Masonic Unity has been one that has surpassed the expectations of all of the appendant Bodies. Most of this could only be brought about through the efforts put forth by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge.

A further report on the activities of the Conference on Masonic Unity and the York Rite Association will be presented by the Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.

DEMOLAY

FLORIDA: The Grand Council of Florida adopted the following to support its belief in the Order of DeMolay:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Florida, at its last annual communication, has unanimously recommended and adopted, that an incorporated DeMolay Association be chartered for the purpose of defraying to administrative expenses for the promotion of DeMolay in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, These same three Grand York Rite Bodies are equally interested and concerned with the Masonic Relations of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Therefore Be It Resolved,

1. That we enter into the said aforementioned incorporated DeMolay Association, with the Grand Lodge of Florida and other Appendant and Affiliated Masonic Orders of Florida.

2. That the three Grand York Rite Bodies of Florida appropriate and budget, for the formation of the said DeMolay Association, the following moneys:

Grand Council\$300.00

3. To facilitate the instrumentation of the said DeMolay Association, at the instance of the Grand Lodge, these three Grand York Rite Bodies shall empower their Grand Presiding Heads, to select one man to represent these three Grand York Rite Bodies, each of them will vest in him the power, authority and prerogative to act as their agent in all matters relative to the formation of the said DeMolay Association.

4. The mileage and per diem of the said designate, attending any and all meetings for the formation of said DeMolay Association, shall be equally assumed by the three Grand York Rite Bodies.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

TEXAS: The Grand Council of Texas feels that the language of the law relative to tenure in office of Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions near Texas is a bit harsh, and the Grand Master stated:

I feel that this language is too severe and recommend that it be changed to read:

“those Grand Representatives of other Grand Councils to the Grand Council of Texas who have been absent without excuse from the Grand Council Assemblies for three consecutive years; and it shall warrant the Grand Master in requesting the recall of his commission by the Grand Master of the Grand Council represented.”

GRAND YORK RITE COUNCIL

A number of jurisdictions have in the past few years adopted periodic meetings of the top three or four officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. These are termed “Grand

York Rite Councils." In some jurisdictions the plan even extends to the local level, where they are termed "York Rite Councils."

These have had a very definite effect for better relationships between all bodies of the rite. In the first place, the system will put to an end the long lamented practice of each body going its separate way, often in conflict with one another. All are able to plan better programs and work together for the better conduct of classes for ritualistic work.

GEORGIA: The Grand Master of Georgia said:

That a unity meeting of the three top officers of each Grand York Rite Body be called by the Grand Recorder once in each four month period of the year for the purpose of formulating the best plan for promoting York Rite Masonry. Each of the three Grand Bodies should host one meeting a year.

The Grand Master then offered this recommendation:

We have been talking about York Rite Unity for some time. I think the situation is improving but there is still much work to be done. Companions, why put off any longer making some changes? If the old method is failing, let's try another.

IDAHO: The Grand Council of Idaho participates in a "York Rite Association," which appears to be an influence for good:

We are pleased to report what seems to be an increase in activity and enthusiasm in the constituent councils. This is especially true in the Southeast District where they held the regular annual festival in Idaho Falls, Blackfoot and Pocatello besides a special sesquicentennial observance and several other special dinners and other activities which included the ladies.

Lewiston and Boise also held sesquicentennial observances which while not having too many candidates was enjoyed by all who attended.

While we speak of these activities as Royal and Select Master work, they were held in conjunction with the chapters and commanderies which is where they belong in the York Rite family.

JURISDICTIONAL LINES

MASSACHUSETTS: The Grand Master of Massachusetts, after a careful study of jurisdictional lines in Massachusetts, issued the following decree:

To all Councils of Massachusetts:

WHEREAS, Many years ago, due to conditions that were at that time material, a so-called territory or territorial jurisdiction was assigned to our several councils, and

WHEREAS, These territorial limits when means of transportation and communication between councils were vastly different than at present, and

WHEREAS, Present means of transportation and roads have made and created

different neighboring communities and freedom of access than when the jurisdictional lines were established, and

WHEREAS, Some of our communities are many miles from the council having jurisdictional control over a particular geographical area, and

WHEREAS, No council has secured its entire or substantial support over any long period of years from candidates exclusively in its so-called territorial jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, Many other jurisdictions no longer have or never have had so-called territorial limitations for their councils, and

WHEREAS, A committee has been appointed by this Grand Council to inquire and study this matter, and

WHEREAS, Said above committee should have data based upon the effect of any report by it prior to said report to Grand Council,

Now, I, Frank W. Balcomb, Grand Master of The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts, do hereby suspend any and all limitations relative to the so-called territorial or geographical limitations or any other matters following out of said jurisdictional lines or control of each and all councils until said committee appointed to study and report on this question shall make its full and final report and such report be acted upon by the said Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

Done at Peabody, Massachusetts, this thirtieth day of April, A.D. 1965, A Dep. 2965.

(SEAL.)

s—FRANK W. BALCOMB,
M.:I.:Grand Master.

LETTERS

MARYLAND: The Grand Master of Maryland reported that 17 letters were mailed to each master of a council in his jurisdiction. He said:

T.I.M. LETTERS

In an attempt to stimulate interest and provide guidance 17 letters were sent to the Thrice Illustrious Masters over a 20-month period beginning in August, 1964. To provide time for early planning the first of these letters were sent while the present T.I.M.s were still Deputy Illustrious Masters.

The letters covered such subjects as the following:

<i>Letter No.</i>	<i>Subject</i>
3	Planning Your Meetings
4	Friendliness, Attendance, Impressive Conferral
5	Committees
10	York Rite Cooperation
11	York Rite Festivals
12	Leadership

I hope these letters were helpful to the T.I.M.s and their councils.

OUTDOOR MEETINGS

MARYLAND: The Grand Master of Maryland reports two unusual meetings held "on high vales."

TWO OCCASIONS ON TOP OF A MOUNTAIN AT THURMONT, MARYLAND

July 10, 1965—The Grand Council of Maryland had a very successful family outing at the "Ole Mink Farm" operated by P.T.I.M. Gordon Irons who gave us the use of his mountain top park. After an enjoyable picnic lunch York Council conferred the Royal Arch Widows Degree on a number of the Ladies in the High Vale.

September 11, 1965—I opened Enoch Council No. 10 in the High Vale at 3:27 p.m. and the Royal and Select Master Degrees were conferred on a number of candidates by the Thrice Illustrious Masters. There were 12 Councils represented as well as Delaware and the District of Columbia.

The 53 Companions present joined their families after the meeting for a picnic supper. I believe this was the first time that Companion Ellwood Smyrk was ever in the woods.

PAST MASTERS ASSOCIATION

INDIANA: While the Grand Council of Indiana found no objection to one of its subordinate councils forming an association of its past masters, it refused to give it official recognition and a charter. The Jurisprudence Committee reported on it in part, which was adopted:

Your Jurisprudence Committee has given consideration to the resolution of Anderson Council No. 69 requesting that the Grand Council of Indiana give official recognition to the Past Illustrious Masters Association of that council and authorize it to grant charters to other similar associations which other councils in Indiana might desire to organize.

MASSACHUSETTS: The Grand Master of Massachusetts reports the issuance of "Diplomas" to masters of councils. Apparently he did not issue them to all his past masters. He endeavored to determine which deserved to be recorded as past masters, and to these the said diplomas were issued. In part the Grand Master said:

Twenty-six Past Masters' Diplomas were issued to Companions who had served their respective councils as presiding officer for the previous year. In cases where no diploma was issued, a conference was held with the two previous Visiting Officers, as well as with the Grand Lecturers, but the decision was mine and I accept responsibility for the final decision.

Merely to have been installed as a presiding officer and to have done little except to let time pass until the installation of a successor does not seem to justify any award for service, particularly when ritualistic work over the past years has evidenced no real attempt to have been learned "coming up through the line." Further, the feeling that their term was not one in which one could

expect candidates, forecast in advance, does not contribute to any advancement of our Rite or the success of the particular council.

It would seem that some definite steps should be evolved to establish definite requirements for a Past Master's Diploma in order that they may be not automatically given. To me a diploma implies a certain accomplishment, not passage of time after being installed into office.

REINSTATEMENTS

LOUISIANA: The Grand Master of Louisiana believes that there is much to be gained through reinstatements. He recommends that:

Meeting and working with the Grand Master of Masonry and the Grand High Priest for a statewide, coordinated re-instatement program and the program for providing funds for the Education Foundation Fund was most gratifying. I commend both of these programs.

The Grand Master may be on the right track. We know of one York Rite body, and not a small one at that, that showed a 10 per cent increase in membership one year without receiving a single new member. It was all done by reinstatements.

SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE

Certain jurisdictions have permitted the use of the Super Excellent Master Degree as an entertainment feature on the programs of annual assemblies for the ladies and friends in attendance. We hereby go on record as opposing this violation of good Masonic practice with all the vigor we possess. This particular degree is the most spectacular degree in all of Freemasonry. Why should we give it to the unauthorized? What do we have to sell if this is not a part of the Cryptic Rite? We like the comments of the Grand Master of Ohio on this particular subject. In part he said:

During the past year I have received a number of verbal requests to permit the exemplification of the dramatic sections of the Super Excellent Master Degree before the general public. In every instance I refused such permission by stating that the Ritual of the Super Excellent Master Degree in its entirety is the property of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio and can only be given as an honorary Degree to Royal and Select Masters in good standing.

This Council Degree is one of the most dramatic in all Masonry and we should prize it highly. Portrayal of the dramatic sections in public would take away its value as a Cryptic Degree. Why should a Mason join the council when he has already seen its most outstanding Degree?

I feel that the Grand Council should firmly state its position in this matter.

THE WORD

ILLINOIS: M.W. Bro. Myron K. Lingle, Grand Master of Masons in Illinois, prepared a drama entitled "The Word," which depicts in dramatic form the teachings of the degrees of the Capitular and Cryptic Rites. The entire drama, which reaches back into Symbolic Masonry for its beginning, requires a rather large cast of characters, and about two hours of time.

Of the second conferring, or presentation of the drama, the Grand Master of the Grand Council said in part:

On proper request of Springfield Council No. 1, I issued a dispensation for said council to use the drama known as the "Word" to be employed as a vehicle for conferral of the Royal and Select Masters degrees upon candidates for the benefits of Cryptic Masonry. This was done only after consultation with our Jurisprudence Committee, a majority of whom responded favorably. This festival was accordingly held, as a joint York Rite endeavor in the Springfield Scottish Rite Temple, on Saturday, August 6, 1966. However, only the Capitular and Cryptic degrees were conveyed by this drama.

Much York Rite interest was aroused, creating a fine sideline attendance, and while we have as yet no accurate count of new Cryptic Masons created, the figure rests somewhere near 127. Truly a good day's work in our Cryptic vineyard.

TRIENNIAL

GEORGIA: To increase interest and insure attendance by its representatives, the Grand Council of Georgia adopted the following resolution, amended not to exceed \$1,200:

That at each Triennial Year, the Grand Council of Select Masters of Georgia will appropriate the same amount of funds to any Past Illustrious Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, who will agree to attend the General Grand Assembly in the Triennial year, as is appropriated to each of the three dais Officers for that purpose. *This offer shall apply only to those Past Illustrious Grand Masters who have attended at least two (2) full sessions of this Grand Assembly, since the preceding last Triennial, and who will agree to attend all the sessions of the General Grand Assembly to which they are being sent.*

UNITY

Cryptic Masonry generally has contributed much to the cause of York Rite Unity. In the first place it stands to gain more than any other segment of the rite. Also, the Freemasons who by and large staff the councils of our land are progressive in their thinking and have a strong desire for York Rite Unity. All of this can be said of Cryptic Masonry "back home." However, at the Boston Triennial the story was somewhat different.

Almost everyone was disappointed in the turn of events that ended

in the outright snubbing of the proposition of unity, as submitted by the York Rite Commission on Unity. While there can be little doubt as to the sentiment of the companions assembled, there is also grave doubt as to the wisdom of discarding the general plan or idea of some form of unity. The report of the commission was the result of more than two years of hard work, and it was unceremoniously cast aside without the usual courtesy of discussion and thought. The fate of the commission's "Concordat" was predetermined. In this we were disappointed, for we believed it should have been given the considered opinion of the assembled leaders of Cryptic Masonry. Some may disagree, and say that it was given just that. We think not.

The move toward unity has brought about some wonderful results. Let us examine the facts: All bodies of the York Rite have considered their position in the superstructure of the fraternity. All but a very few have altered their course to a better heading. Increases in membership and interest have cropped out all over the country. Lines of officers have been changed, in some instances shortened and in some strengthened. Plans are being evolved to set the house of the York Rite in order.

Oh, there are some who are at one extreme and some at the other, not all want it, and not all want to discard it. Regardless of which camp we support, cannot we agree that there must be some form of unity?

Reports that reach us, and action we read in the proceedings of various jurisdictions, lead us to believe that a gain has been made in the direction of unity. We even think we are not all talking about the same thing when we say, "unity." Do we mean an actual "union," the complete disarrangement of all we have grown to know and love? Is this the real meaning of our work on unity? We think not, again. We firmly believe that unity, in some acceptable form can and will be attained, either because of our efforts, or in spite of them. The choice is ours. It cannot come in two years, as was the time allotted the York Rite Commission on Unity! This was a grave disappointment to many, but it should not have been. A change so great as this cannot come and will not come until all aspects of its right to rule and govern have been explored and rules and regulations established. This will require years, perhaps decades! We cannot agree with those who hoped for and even thought it would happen in two years. All is not lost because it did not come so soon.

In this struggle for and against some form of unity are many interests. Some are personal, some are slanted toward one particular part of the rite. Some are unwilling to give up some unusually large financial

interest, or other cherished possession. The reasons for and against cannot be evenly divided into two separate and distinct categories. They are many and various, both for and against.

COLORADO: The Grand Lecturer of Colorado believes councils in his jurisdiction are working in harmony and supporting commanderies:

No instances were referred to me in which lack of council work was holding up the advancement of candidates for the commandery. I particularly watched for this due to the recent decision to make Cryptic Masonry a prerequisite to membership in our commanderies.

The Committee on Special Promotion reported to the Grand Council of Colorado:

One of the aims of the Grand Council Promotional Committee has been to eliminate any bottlenecks that might arise in Royal Arch Companions receiving their council degrees so as to become eligible to receive the orders of the commandery. The members of the committee have helped in several instances in expediting the work to prevent such delays.

We have helped in several Council Day Festivals, among them being those in Littleton, Denver and Glenwood Springs.

We must make special mention of the Glenwood Springs Council Day Promotion spearheaded by Brinkley Brown. It was the most impressive, unusual and outstanding portrayal of the degrees we have ever seen.

To exist, the York Rite must, in our opinion, continually strive for better and more impressive ritualistic work, family nights that are comparable with those of other organizations, increased promotion among members of the Masonic Fraternity not members of the Rite, and favorable publicity as to our charitable foundations and civic endeavors.

This can only be accomplished by complete cooperation in expediting the degrees and orders, in cooperation in family and promotional nights, and in bigger and better York Rite Festivals throughout Colorado.

With unity in mind, just what did this committee say? We believe the committee said it believes in unity, but does not attempt to define "unity."

DELAWARE: The Grand Master of Delaware recommended:

The plans for a unified York Rite of Freemasonry are well underway and although it cannot be accomplished in one or two years, it is the opinion of your Grand Master that Cryptic Masonry stands to gain much if and when it is accomplished. It is for this reason that I make:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

That the Grand Council of Delaware take part in all deliberations through a committee appointed by the Grand Master, relating to a unified York Rite of Freemasonry.

The York Rite Committee on Unity reported:

We believe that it will be to the best interest of York Rite Masonry if the Three Constituent Bodies, namely the Chapter, Council and Commandery could effect a working agreement at this time, particularly in the matter of petitions. This has been discussed and legislation will be presented in the Bodies.

Further, it was thought that it would be relatively easy for the Bodies in Delaware to work toward complete unity, bearing in mind that much groundwork would be necessary in the General Grand Bodies and the Grand Encampment.

It appears that Delaware has a fine spirit of unity.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: The Grand Master reported meetings at the "Grand level" similar to those in many other jurisdictions. These could easily lead to real unity.

On the brighter side, I can report that the three principal officers of the four Grand York Rite Bodies of this jurisdiction have held joint meetings on October 30, 1965, and February 26, 1966, to discuss our mutual problems and to attempt to find the means of communicating and cooperating for the advancement of all concerned.

YORK RITE INSIGNIA

MONTANA: A special committee in the Grand Council of Montana reported on the proposition of a York Rite Insignia:

COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE INSIGNIA

Your committee has spent much time and thought to the matter of some insignia that would be adaptable for wear by all York Rite Masons in Montana. For members of the commandery there is a ring with the three emblems of the York Rite bodies balanced on each end with the Square and Compasses of the Blue Lodge as representing the entire York Rite of Freemasonry. However, this is an insignia for Knights Templar and could not be universally worn by Royal Arch or council members, nor would the addition of the appropriate emblems of the council and commandery to a ring already bearing the Blue Lodge and chapter emblems as a member progressed be accepted as suitable to designate all York Rite Masons.

What we feel is needed is some single emblem easily recognized as designating a member of the York Rite of Montana and to which some qualifying additions could be added as denoting membership in the council and/or commandery. Thus far we have not found anything suitable.

We commend the committee on its efforts. The need for an appropriate York Rite insignia is great. The finding of this "lost insignia" or possibly we should say this "elusive insignia," could mean a lot to the Rite in general.

STATISTICAL

ALABAMA: One Hundred Twenty-Eighth annual assembly; Dothan; February 14, 1966; 25 councils; 462 greeted; 5,612 members; 201 net gain; Missouri

was not represented; Milton L. Fegenbush, Grand Master presiding; Arthur H. Dailey, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Florence, February 13, 1967.

ARIZONA: Forty-Fifth annual assembly; Yuma; October 25, 1966; 11 councils; 99 greeted; 1,621 members; 43 net gain; Missouri was represented; Olin E. Lehman, Grand Master presiding; Fred P. Misak, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Prescott, October 24, 1967.

CALIFORNIA: One Hundred Sixth annual assembly; San Diego; April 20, 1966; 48 councils; 785 greeted; 17,081 members; 104 net gain; Missouri was not represented; Andrew F. Johnson, Grand Master presiding; Theodore F. Tower, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Sacramento, April 26, 1967.

COLORADO: Seventy-First annual assembly; Denver; January 28, 1966; 22 councils; 173 greeted; 2,962 members; 53 net gain; Missouri was represented; Edward R. Johnson, Grand Master presiding; Irving M. Cannon, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Denver, January 27, 1967.

DELAWARE: Fortieth annual assembly; Wilmington; January 15, 1966; 3 councils; 7 greeted; 360 members; 10 net loss; Missouri was represented; John J. McClearn, Grand Master presiding; Chester C. Coffin, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Wilmington, January 21, 1967.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Forty-Seventh annual assembly; Washington; March 5, 1966; 4 councils; 24 greeted; 1,157 members; 52 net loss; Missouri was represented; Morriss F. Hewitt, Grand Master presiding; Arther E. Johnson, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Washington, March 6, 1967.

FLORIDA: Eighty-Sixth annual assembly; Daytona Beach; May 17, 1966; 33 councils; 372 greeted; 7,548 members; 109 net gain; Missouri was represented; Robert L. Pulley, Grand Master presiding; Leo A. Bowles, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Miami, May 16, 1967.

GEORGIA: One Hundred Twenty-Third annual assembly; Macon; April 20, 1966; 57 councils; 340 greeted; 10,954 members; 422 net loss; Missouri was not represented; Thomas E. Gates, Grand Master presiding; Jay D. Barton, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Macon, April 19, 1967.

IDAHO: Thirty-Third annual assembly; Sandpoint; May 24, 1966; 6 councils; 46 greeted; 998 members; 2 net gain; Missouri was represented; Arthur E. Peters, Grand Master presiding; Donald R. Russell, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Twin Falls, May 23, 1967.

ILLINOIS: One Hundred Thirteenth annual assembly; Waukegan; October 22, 1966; 58 councils; 583 greeted; 9,440 members; 162 net gain; Missouri was represented; John B. Anderson, Grand Master presiding; Charles F. Davis, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Evanston, September 23, 1967.

INDIANA: One Hundred Eleventh annual assembly; Indianapolis; April 14, 1966; 70 councils; 447 greeted; 15,271 members; 261 net loss; Missouri was not represented; Charles R. Watts, Grand Master presiding; Robert A. Rogers, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Evansville, April 27, 1967.

IOWA: Sixty-Fourth annual assembly; Fort Dodge; October 28, 1966; 37 councils; 398 greeted; 7,331 members; 151 net gain; Missouri was represented; John H. Watts, Grand Master presiding; Virgil M. Finkenbinder, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Cedar Rapids, October 5, 1967.

KANSAS: Ninety-Eighth annual assembly; Topeka; March 7, 1966; 21 councils; 274 greeted; 7,141 members; 21 net gain; Missouri was represented; Ollie

R. Norman, Grand Master presiding; Jesse V. Garvey, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Wichita, March 6, 1967.

KENTUCKY: One Hundred Thirty-Ninth annual assembly; Louisville; September 20, 1966; 52 councils; 362 greeted; 6,438 members; 214 net gain; Missouri was represented; Robert F. King, Grand Master presiding; T. T. Yancey, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Louisville, September 19, 1967.

LOUISIANA: One Hundred Eleventh annual assembly; Lake Charles; March 14, 1966; 31 councils; 285 greeted; 4,415 members; 182 net gain; Missouri was not represented; Milton A. Schlitz, Grand Master presiding; Archie L. Sandifer, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Alexandria, March 12, 1967.

MAINE: One Hundred Twelfth annual assembly; Portland; May 4, 1966; 17 councils; 83 greeted; 3,870 members; 104 net loss; Missouri was represented; Nelson B. Camick, Grand Master presiding; Robert L. Travis, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Portland, May 3, 1967.

MARYLAND: Ninety-Third annual assembly; Baltimore; May 9, 1966; 18 councils; 283 greeted; 3,886 members; 108 net gain; Missouri was represented; S. Flory Diehl, Grand Master presiding; Alfred C. Collins, Jr., Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Baltimore, May 8, 1967.

MASSACHUSETTS: One Hundred Thirty-Ninth annual assembly; Boston; December 6, 1965; 33 councils; 271 greeted; 7,336 members; 65 net loss; Missouri was represented; Frank W. Balcomb, Grand Master presiding; Frank W. Balcomb, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Boston, December 5, 1966.

MICHIGAN: One Hundred Eighth annual assembly; Sault Sainte Marie; May 20, 1966; 43 councils; 221 greeted; 5,136 members; 78 net loss; Missouri was represented; Royce E. Curlis, Grand Master presiding; Earl E. Pettit, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Lansing, May 19, 1967.

MINNESOTA: Ninety-Seventh annual assembly; Albert Lea; October 29, 1966; 9 councils; 72 greeted; 2,256 members, 41 net loss; Missouri was not represented; Robert D. Reid, Grand Master presiding; James T. Stark, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Duluth, October 13, 1967.

MISSISSIPPI: One Hundred First annual assembly; Jackson; May 4, 1966; 42 councils; 401 greeted; 7,854 members; 148 net gain; Missouri was represented; Everett Eastburn, Grand Master presiding; W. Neill Bogan, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Jackson, May 5, 1967.

MONTANA: Fifty-Seventh annual assembly; Virginia City; June 8, 1966; 16 councils; 110 greeted; 2,678 members; 13 net loss; Missouri was represented; W. Warren Ensign, Grand Master presiding; Russell L. Danielson, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Bozeman, June 8, 1967.

NEVADA: Forty-First annual assembly; Las Vegas; June 9, 1965; 8 councils; 65 greeted; 707 members; 48 net gain; Missouri was not represented; Lawrence V. Metcalf, Grand Master presiding; Clarence K. Jones, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Reno, June 8, 1966.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: One Hundred Fifth annual assembly; Manchester; June 11, 1966; 14 councils; 53 greeted; 1,499 members; 20 net loss; Missouri was represented; John E. Williams, Grand Master presiding; Willard C. Tompkins, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Concord, May 13, 1967.

NEW MEXICO: Eighteenth annual assembly; Albuquerque; May 16, 1966; 10 councils; 43 greeted; 2,266 members; 15 net loss; Missouri was represented;

Albert Hudson, Grand Master presiding; Ed Hein, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Las Vegas, May 15, 1967.

NEW YORK: One Hundred Forty-Third annual assembly; Saratoga; August 28, 1966; 51 councils; 228 greeted; 6,183 members; 122 net loss; Missouri was represented; John A. Baringer, Grand Master presiding; Kenneth C. Schwartz, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Tarrytown, August 27, 1967.

NORTH CAROLINA: Ninetieth annual assembly; Winston-Salem; March 7, 1966; 30 councils; 463 greeted; 6,167 members; 295 net gain; Missouri was represented; Sinclair Tebo, Grand Master presiding; Robert L. Grubo, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Charlotte, March 5, 1967.

NORTH DAKOTA: Fiftieth annual assembly; Jamestown; March 24, 1966; 10 councils; Missouri was not represented; James G. Fogle, Grand Master presiding; James C. McCormick, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Mandan, March 30, 1967.

OHIO: One Hundred Thirty-Seventh annual assembly; Columbus; October 3, 1966; 111 councils; 1,103 greeted; 34,905 members; 629 net loss; Missouri was represented; Hubert O. Auburn, Grand Master presiding; Arthur W. Craft, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Columbus, October 16, 1967.

OKLAHOMA: Seventy-Second annual assembly Muskogee; April 4, 1966; 32 councils; 155 greeted; 5,086 members; 129 net loss; Missouri was represented; O. Kenneth Taylor, Grand Master presiding; John C. Barnard, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Shawnee, April 25, 1967.

OREGON: Eightieth annual assembly; Medford; April 12, 1966; 21 councils; 256 greeted; 3,195 members; 121 net gain; Missouri was represented; Edward W. Norton, Grand Master presiding; Ross F. Gilkison, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Corvallis, April 11, 1967.

PENNSYLVANIA: One Hundred Twentieth annual assembly; Johnstown; April 26, 1966; 49 councils; 458 greeted; 10,932 members; 55 net loss; Missouri was not represented; L. Z. Tomb, Grand Master presiding; Chauncey A. Lautzenhiser, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Butler, April 25, 1967.

RHODE ISLAND: One Hundred Sixth annual assembly; Providence; April 9, 1966; 7 councils; 18 greeted; 1,562 members; 66 net loss; Missouri was not represented; John F. Hartnett, Grand Master presiding; C. Leigh Kingsford, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Providence, April 8, 1967.

SOUTH CAROLINA: One Hundred Sixth annual assembly; Greenville; March 14, 1966; 32 councils; 456 greeted; 6,557 members; 295 net gain; Missouri was not represented; Fred S. McFadden, Grand Master presiding; Thomas A. Bolt, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Charleston, March 13, 1967.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Fiftieth annual assembly; Huron; September 26, 1966; 7 councils; 90 greeted; 1,563 members; 15 net gain; Missouri was not represented; Alfred V. Armstrong, Grand Master presiding; Lowell Elliott, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Spearfish, September 25, 1967.

TENNESSEE: One Hundred Sixteenth annual assembly; Nashville; March 20, 1967; 41 councils; 496 greeted; 10,890 members; 235 net gain; Missouri was represented; Jacob R. Denny, Grand Master presiding; John F. LaFair, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Nashville, March 25, 1968.

TEXAS: Sixtieth annual assembly; Waco; December 5, 1966; 219 councils; 1,029 greeted; 43,477 members; 657 net loss; Missouri was represented; A. S. No-

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UTAH: Fifty-Fifth annual assembly; Price; May 9, 1966; 5 councils; 54 greeted; 1,114 members; 10 net gain; Missouri was represented; Roy W. Robinson, Grand Master presiding; Calvin A. Behle, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Provo, May 8, 1967.

WASHINGTON: Seventy-First annual assembly; Spokane; May 18, 1966; 21 councils; 137 greeted; 2,789 members; 7 net loss; Missouri was represented; J. Forest Olson, Grand Master presiding; Richard D. Hein, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Spokane, May 17, 1967.

WISCONSIN: One Hundred Ninth annual assembly; Baraboo; September 16, 1966; 31 councils; 169 greeted; 5,770 members; 112 net loss; Missouri was represented; Ralf E. Halvorsen, Grand Master presiding; George R. Rankin, Grand Master elect; next annual assembly, Milwaukee, September 15, 1967.

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