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PREFACE

The Commission on Information for Recognition was organized in 1952 as a facility to gather, collate, and from time to time revise information on Grand Lodges in other lands, as a service to the Grand Lodges of this Conference.

The Commission neither advises nor recommends that recognition be given to any Grand Lodges, but merely indicates whether or not it considers that a Grand Lodge in question satisfies the conditions of regularity.

The Commission consists of six members of wide geographical distribution. One new member, usually a Deputy Grand Master, is elected each year, and serves for six years.

After each Annual Meeting of the Conference of Grand Masters, the report, given to and adopted by the Conference, is printed and copies mailed to the Grand Secretaries, and to the Chairmen of the Committees on Fraternal Relations of the Grand Lodges of the Conference. Copies are mailed to many interested brethren who are not members of the Conference.

This report is based upon the most recent information available, and in some cases after a conference with members of some of the Grand Lodge mentioned in the report.

All comments on this report, and all inquiries on other matters of information on Grand Lodges throughout the world, may be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Robert L. Dillard, Jr., 1105 Southland Center, Dallas, Texas 75201.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON INFORMATION FOR RECOGNITION

To the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America:
Most Worshipful Brother Chairman:
Most Worshipful Brethren:

The Commission on Information for Recognition herewith presents its Twenty-First Annual Report to this Conference.

BRAZIL

The situation with respect to Freemasonry in Brazil is confused. On the one hand, there is the Grand Orient of Brazil with constituent Lodges throughout the country, and on the other, some twenty State Grand Lodges, each with its own constituent Lodges located in its particular State. The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland all recognize the Grand Orient. Many of the State Grand Lodges are recognized by North and South American and some European Grand Lodges. To our knowledge, few Grand Lodges recognize the Grand Orient and one or more of the State Grand Lodges.

Some years ago, we reported on the progress that apparently was being made towards "treaties of amity" between the Grand Orient and the State Grand Lodges. It would now appear that some of these "seeds of brotherly love" have fallen on stony ground. We are seeking further information which we hope will be of assistance in resolving the situation in and out of Brazil.

In the meantime, it will be noted that many of the State Grand Lodges are actively seeking recognition from other Grand Lodges. Some have gone so far as to appoint "Grand Secretaries of Foreign Relations." It also should be remembered that these State Grand Lodges date from 1927 onwards, while the Grand Orient was formed in 1832. Under Masonic protocol, it is the Junior Grand Lodge that seeks recognition from the Senior; hence, most Grand Lodges whose Grand Masters are members of this Conference will not receive requests for recognition from the Grand Orient of Brazil.

During 1972, several State Grand Lodges in Brazil have sought recognition from many of the Grand Lodges of this Conference. Brother Kurt Max Hauser, Grand Secretary of Foreign Relations of the Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Sul, whose address is Caixa Postal 683, 90.000 Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, requested and received the annual reports of the Commission for the last several years, and he has asked for recognition from a number of Grand Lodges which are members of this Conference. He has pointed out a new address for the Grand Lodge of Maranhao, viz.,

Rua Henrique Figueredo No. 311, Caixa Postal No. 4, Codo, Maranhao, Brasil.

Brother Hauser also points out that there are now twenty State Grand Lodges in Brazil, with the organization of a new Grand Lodge with the title "Grande Loja do Estado do Espirito Santo," whose address is Rua Alberto de Oliveria No. 59 — Sala 1014, Caixa Postal 845, 29000 Vitoria, Estado do Espirito Santo, Brasil.

Another active correspondent in Brazil has been Brother Ronaldo Jayme, Grand Secretary for Foreign Relations of the Grand Lodge of the State of Goias. Brother Jayme has been most interested in obtaining recognition from the regular Grand Lodges of the world, and particularly those in this Conference. His requests have resulted in a number of recognitions, the latest of which are from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Alabama, Texas and Ohio.

Another active correspondent has been Brother Emidio Rodriguez Carreira, Grand Chancellor of Foreign Relations for the Grand Lodge of Brasilia. He reports that 14 members of this Conference have granted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Brasilia in the last three years.

The current addresses of the twenty State Grand Lodges of Brazil are:

State Grand Lodges of Brazil

Grande Loja de Santa Catarina
Av. Hercilio Luz No. 20
Caixa Postal D-33
88000 Florianópolis, SC.

Grande Loja do Rio Grande do Sul
Av. Praia de Belas 560
Caixa Postal 683
90000 Porto Alegre, RS.

Gr. Loja do Estado do Rio de Janeiro
Rua Barao do Amazonas 572 s/501
Caixa Postal 122
24.000 Niteroi, RJ.

Grande Loja do Estado de Sao Paulo
Rua Sao Joaquim 138
Caixa Postal 8348
01000 Sao Paulo, S.P.

Grande Loja de Pernambuco
Rua Augusta No. 681
Caixa Postal 1415
50000 Recife, Pe.

Grande Loja do Estado do Piauí.
Rua Almirante Tamandaré No. 797
Caixa Postal No. 10
64000 Teresina, Piauí.

Grande Loja do Estado da Paraíba
Rua General Osório 128
Caixa Postal No. 3
58000 Joao Pessoa, Paraíba.

Grande Loja do Estado do Pará.
Rua Padre Eutíquio No. 1078
Caixa Postal 333
66000 Belém, Pará.

Grande Loja do Estado do Paraná
Rua Visconde do Rio Branco
No. 1485
Caixa Postal 1363
80000 Curitiba, Paraná.

Grande Loja de Minas Gerais
Avenida Brasil 428
Caixa Postal No. 5
30000 Belo Horizonte, MG.

Gr. Loja do Estado de Mato Grosso
Av. Calógeras No. 428
Caixa Postal 611
79100 Campo Grande, MT.

Grande Loja do Estado do Maranhão
Rua Henrique Figueiredo 311
Caixa Postal 4
65400 Codó, Maranhão.

Grande Loja do Estado da Guanabara
Rua Mariz e Barros 945
Caixa Postal 2215
20000 Rio de Janeiro, GB.

Grande Loja do Espírito Santo
Rua Alberto de Oliveira No. 59
Caixa Postal 845
29000 Vitória, ES.

Grande Loja do Estado do Ceará
Caixa Postal 76
60000 Fortaleza, CE.

Grande Loja de Brasília
Caixa Postal 11-1128
70000 Brasília, D.F.

Grande Loja Unida da Bahia
Edifício Macônico
Rua Carlos Gomes 21
40000 Salvador, BA.

Grande Loja do Estado de Alagoas
Rua Voluntários da Pátria No. 205
Caixa Postal 252
57000 Maceió, AL.

Grande Loja do Amazonas, Acre,
Rondônia e Roraima.
Rua Joaquim Nabuco 1842
Caixa Postal 162
69000 Manaus, AM.

Grande Loja do Estado de Goiás.
Rua Oito 67, 11o. and. s/1105
Caixa Postal 332
74000 Goiânia, GO.

Grand Orient of Brazil

Dr. Paulo Maia Lucas,
Grand Secretary
Rua do Lavradio 97
(Caixa Postal 510)
Rio de Janeiro

PARAGUAY

A request was submitted to the Commission for Information with reference to the Gran Logia Symbolica del Paraguay, Palma 937, Casilla Correo 1178, Asuncion, Paraguay, South America, whose Secretary is Vincente A. Zayas. This Grand Lodge has long been considered regular by this Commission and is recognized by many Grand Lodges of the Conference and maintains fraternal relations with many Grand Lodges around the world, including the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland.

URUGUAY

In reporting on the Grand Lodge of Freemasonry of Uruguay in 1967, the Commission stated that this Grand Lodge was not regular because it had removed from the altar the V. S. L. and permitted political and religious discussions in its Lodges.

In February of 1971, the Grand Lodge of Freemasonry of Uruguay adopted a resolution asserting that it would now comply

with the requirement that the V.S.L. be placed on the altars of its constituent Lodges. This information alone is not sufficient to support the conclusion that this Grand Lodge is entitled to recognition. We must be sure that in all respects it is operating as a regular Grand Lodge.

ITALY

As early as 1957, the Commission expressed the opinion that the Grand Orient of Italy met the essential standards of recognition followed by the Commission. In 1961, with the union of the Grand Orient of Italy and the Grand Lodge of Italy, it was felt that there could be no question as to the regularity or the strength of the Grand Orient of Italy. This conclusion is reflected in the reports of the Commission for 1961 and 1962. For a number of years, various Grand Lodge officers of the Grand Orient of Italy have visited the meetings of this Conference. As of 1972, all of the Grand Lodges of the United States had recognized the Grand Orient.

The Commission is pleased to note that the Grand Lodge of England, at its quarterly communication of September 13, 1972, adopted a resolution according recognition to the Grand Orient of Italy. It should also be reported that similar action was taken by the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland.

SWITZERLAND

As pointed out in the report of this Commission last year, the Grand Lodge of England withdrew its recognition of the Grand Lodge Swiss-Alpina on March 10, 1971. As also pointed out in the report, the Grand Lodge Swiss-Alpina, at its annual general meeting held on May 8, 1971, adopted a resolution emphasizing that its constituent Lodges, as well as all individual members, were expected to strictly adhere to the Masonic principles laid down in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge Swiss-Alpina, stating that all contacts with any kind of "pseudo-Masonic and para-Masonic bodies, even if they promote or pretend to promote Masonic ideas," must be avoided. Previous to the action of the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on March 4, 1971, resolved as a first step to withdraw that Grand Lodge's representative in the Grand Lodge Swiss-Alpina and gave the Grand Lodge of England whole-hearted support in its proposal to withdraw recognition of the Grand Lodge Swiss-Alpina. This Commission expressed the opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge Swiss-Alpina on May 8, 1971, constituted a reaffirmation of the principles of basic regularity.

The Commission is pleased to report that the Grand Lodge of England, at its quarterly meeting on June 14, 1972, rescinded its March 10, 1971, resolution and restored relations with the Grand Lodge Swiss-Alpina. The Grand Lodge of England has reported that the Grand Lodge Swiss-Alpina has produced evidence satisfactory to it that the difficulties which caused the severance of relations have been resolved. Control of its constituent Lodges and adherence

to true Masonic principles by the Grand Lodge Swiss-Alpina has restored regularity and amity, for which we all rejoice. The Commission expresses its appreciation to the Grand Lodge of England for its efforts in correcting the situation, making it possible for Masonic unity and regularity to be restored.

Note: Those who wish to review the history of the Grand Lodge Swiss-Alpina should read the report in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine for 1972 at page 233.

THE UNIVERSAL LEAGUE OF FREEMASONS

The Commission, in its report to this Conference in 1967, called attention to an organization known as "The Universal League of Freemasons." This organization continues to solicit Masons belonging to Lodges in the United States and Canada to join "The Universal League of Freemasons."

We would remind the members of this Conference that The Universal League of Freemasons is indiscriminate in its selection of members and accepts members from Grand Lodges not recognized by any of the Grand Lodges of this Conference, and some of which are regarded by the Commission as patently irregular. Edicts and resolutions have been issued against membership in this organization by many Grand Lodges, including the Grand Lodges of Texas, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Georgia, Quebec, England and Ireland.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Washington, D. C.

February 21, 1973

TO THE CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS OF NORTH AMERICA:

This report is an accounting of the funds of the Commission on Information for the year just passed.

Funds received from previous Treasurer _____ \$3,229.32

Contributions from the
following Grand Jurisdictions:

Michigan	\$200.00	
Pennsylvania	200.00	
New Mexico	50.00	
Minnesota	100.00	
Arizona	50.00	
Iowa	200.00	
Nevada	50.00	
Idaho	25.00	
Washington	100.00	
Missouri	100.00	
Florida	100.00	1,175.00

Interest received through 12-31-72 _____ 123.81

\$4,528.13

Less paid to Robert L. Dillard, Jr. (expenses)..... 1,200.00

Balance as of 2-21-73 _____ \$3,328.13

It is noted that during the year just past fewer than a dozen Jurisdictions contributed to the fund.

While we hope any and all contributions will be purely voluntary, we are hopeful the amounts received will be adequate to carry on the work of the Commission.

B. DOT DOTSON, Treasurer

CONCLUSION

In concluding this twenty-first annual report to the Conference of Grand Masters, the other members of your Commission join me in expressing our admiration and gratitude to our Secretary, R. W. .

Robert L. Dillard, Jr., Past Grand Master of Texas, who assumed the duties of Secretary in 1967 — the year I was appointed a member. Brother Dillard stepped into the vacancy left by the resignation of another great Freemason, M.'W.'.Thomas S. Roy, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, who had served with distinction from 1955. The responsibilities and work of your Commission fall almost completely on the shoulders of the Secretary. R.'W.'.Brother Dillard has been diligent and effective, and those who have served on the Commission the past six years have been pleasantly amazed at his knowledge on Freemasonry throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. DENSLOW
WILLIAM STANSBURY, JR.
GRAHAM EGERTON BROWN
B. DOT DOTSON
WALTER L. SMITH
ROBERT H. DANIELSON

ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION FOR 1973

At a meeting of the Commission the following organization was voted for the ensuing year:

Chairman — M. . W. . William Stansbury, Jr., Past Grand Master of Maryland.

Vice Chairman — M. . W. . G. Egerton Brown, Past Grand Master of Quebec, Canada.

Treasurer — M. . W. . B. Dot Dotson, Past Grand Master of Oregon.

Secretary — R. . W. . Robert L. Dillard, Jr., Past Grand Master of Texas.

NAMES, ADDRESSES AND YEAR OF RETIREMENT OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

1974 — M. . W. . William Stansbury, Jr., Past Grand Master of Maryland, 508 Club Lane, Towson, M.D. 21204

1975 — M. . W. . Graham Egerton Brown, Past Grand Master of Quebec, Canada, 165 King Street East, Brockville, Ontario, Canada.

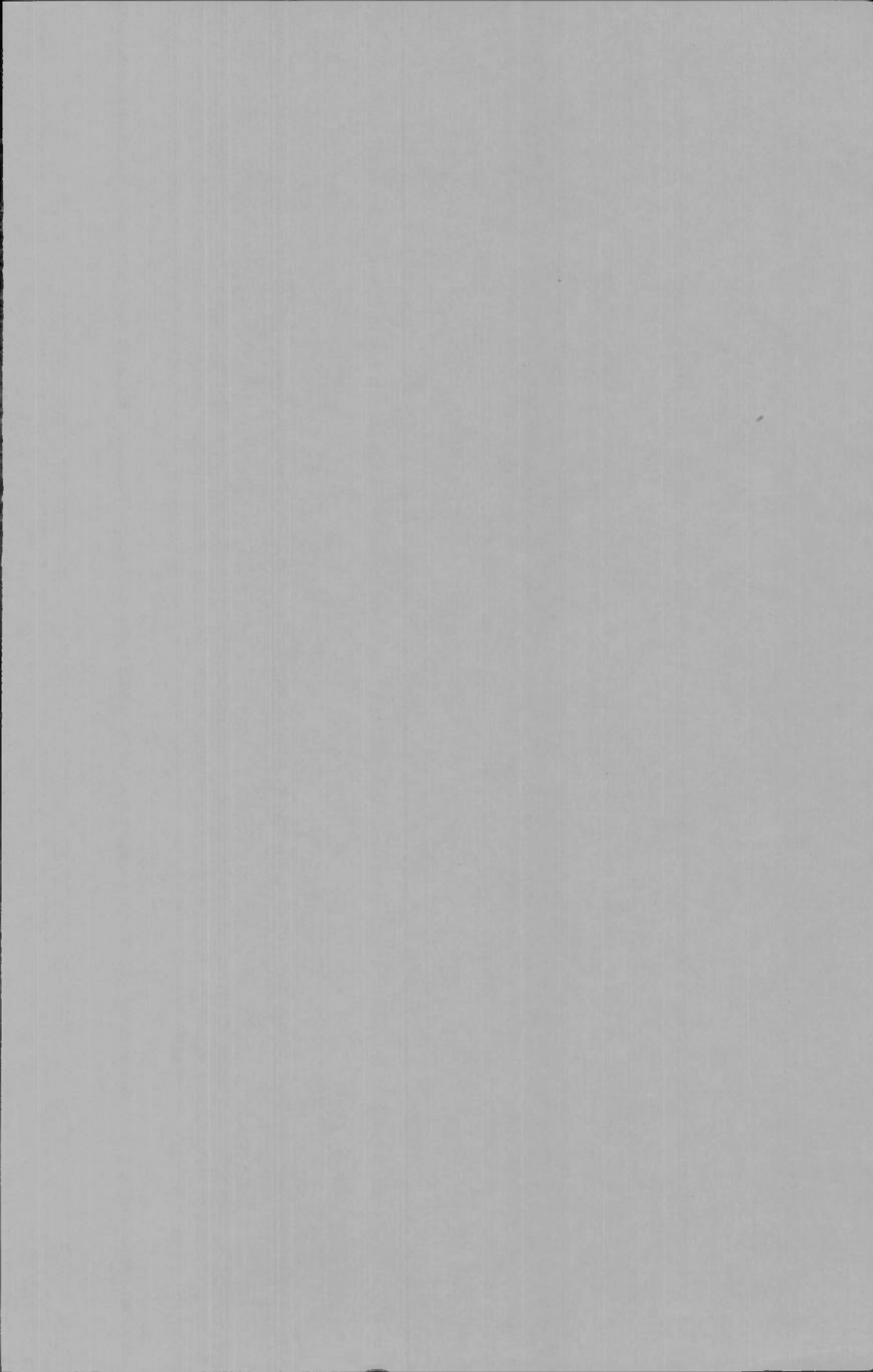
1976 — M. . W. . B. Dot Dotson, Past Grand Master of Oregon, 2075 Charnelton, Eugene, Oregon 97405.

1977 — M. . W. . Walter L. Smith, Past Grand Master of Mississippi, Station WPMP, 5115 Telephone Rd., Pascagoula, Mississippi 39567.

1978 — M. . W. . Robert H. Danelson, Grand Master of New Hampshire, 60 Moulton Road, Hampton, New Hampshire 03842.

1979 — R. . W. . A. Dwayne Anderson, M.D., Deputy Grand Master of Wisconsin. 2665 Marshall Parkway, Madison, Wisconsin 53713.

Secretary — R. . W. . Robert L. Dillard, Jr., Past Grand Master of Texas, 1105 Southland Center, Dallas, Texas 75201.



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