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FOR RECOGNITION***
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**CONFERENCE OF
THE GRAND MASTERS OF
MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA**



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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.

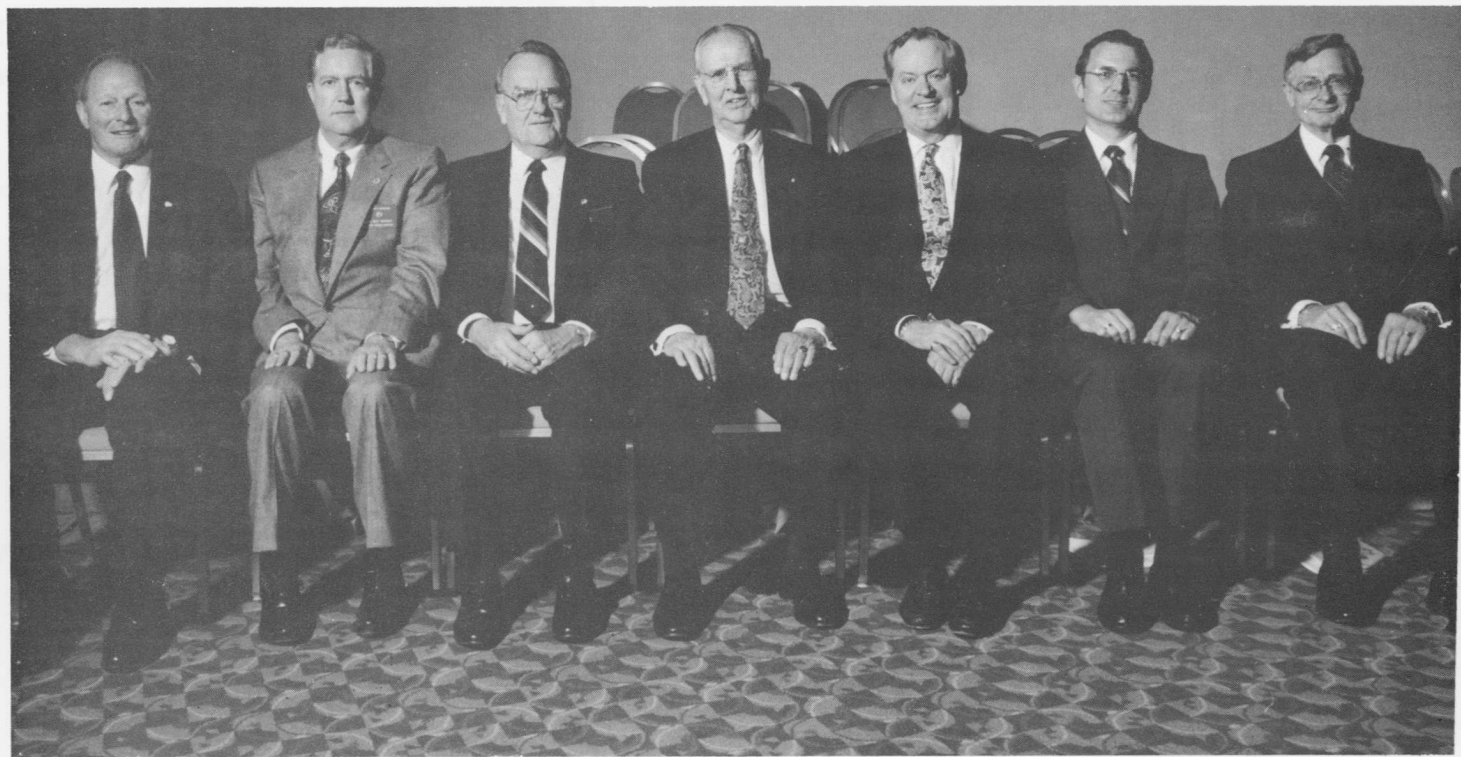
The Commission neither advises nor recommends that recognition be given to any Grand Lodges, but merely indicates whether or not it considers that a Grand Lodge in question satisfies the conditions of regularity.

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 Lodges 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-Treasurer of the Commission, R:W: Robert L. Dillard, Jr., P.O. Box 1850, Dallas, Texas 75221.



Left to right: Leopold L. Otway, G. Ray Marsh, L. Ray Chamberlin, Robert L. Dillard, Jr., William R. Pellow, Earl L. Wunder, William A. Gallmeister.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON INFORMATION FOR RECOGNITION

February 18, 1992

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

It is my honour and privilege on behalf of the members of this Commission to tender this 40th Annual Report.

I present to you the members of the Commission:

M:W: Bro. Earl L. Wunder, P.G.M., Arizona, Vice Chairman
M:W: Bro. L. Ray Chamberlin, P.G.M., Iowa
M:W: Bro. William A. Gallmeister, P.G.M., Indiana
M:W: Bro. G. Ray Marsh, P.G.M., South Carolina
M:W: Leopold L. Otway, G.M., New Jersey
R:W: Bro. Robert L. Dillard, Jr., P.G.M. of Texas and Secretary-Treasurer of
this Commission

I am William R. Pellow, P.G.M., Ontario, Canada, Chairman.

Your Chairman recognizes the devotion to Freemasonry of these members who will have committed six years of servitude to this Commission by the time their tenure is completed. They are prepared to deliberate, discuss and formulate a consensus from all formal applications received. They will endeavour to substantiate the legitimacy of all Grand Lodges within the guidelines set forth by this Commission in 1952 and in an advisory capacity only, provide the members of this Conference with the results of their deliberations.

There is a repeated resurfacing of new developments concerning the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons and constituent Grand Lodges of this Conference.

The Annual All Canadian Conference of Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters held in Winnipeg, Manitoba in March, 1991 devoted a lengthy portion of the agenda to discuss Prince Hall. You are aware that during previous sessions of this Conference there was genuine interest shown on this same subject from papers delivered.

Correspondence has been received where dissension has arisen because Prince Hall has been recognized by one Grand Lodge and there was an overlap in Prince Hall jurisdiction involving two Grand Lodges. Failure to adequately communicate between each Grand Lodge involved, has created provocative edicts being issued which has created unrest within the respective Grand Lodges.

These are just causes of some of the internal calumnations between some Grand Lodges in North America. With the political weights of oppression being lifted, especially in the European Community, we note a progressiveness in Masonic Light and desire to formulate an advancement and a successful rebirth of Freemasonry.

In North America where our democratic freedoms are "unlimited," we are struggling to maintain a positive membership. We now find ourselves dialoging over dissensions within our own established framework. This is not a healthy attitude for survival.

In Grand Lodges in "other Lands" -- there is spasmodic resurfacing of "external" pressures to undermine brotherhood and harmony. I speak not only of the distasteful egress from Religious manipulation and Political interference but of suppressing pressures directed to or from Grand Lodges concerning concordant and appendant organizations within the Masonic Suprastructure -- specifically Scottish Rite and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Where no consensus is reached within the Commission, we have tabled discussions pending procurement of further information and such applications will be re-introduced in 1993.

The Commission reported on the following Grand Lodges:

GRANDE LOGE DE FRANCE

The Commission does not consider the Grande Loge de France to be a regular Grand Lodge. Although it professes to follow the Standards of Recognition of the Commission, the Commission does not believe that it adheres to the Standards. It not only permits intervisitations with the irregular Grand Orient of France, it permits dual membership with the Grand Orient. The Grande Loge Nationale Francaise (GLNF) is the only Grand Lodge in France recognized by the Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada. The GLNF has on a number of occasions negotiated with this Grand Lodge if it would adhere to the Standards of Recognition and sever all relations with the Grand Orient. The Grand Lodge of France has always refused to do this. The Commission was assured some years ago by the then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of France that an agreement would be reached with GLNF only to have his assurances repudiated by the Deputy Grand Master and subsequently by vote of the Grand Lodge.

Any recognition of the Grand Loge de France by Grand Lodges represented in this Conference would be disruptive of their relations with the GLNF.

THE NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE

The National Grand Lodge of Greece has again sought recognition from the Conference through this Commission as it had done in 1987.

The Grand Lodge of Greece is the oldest Masonic power in Greece, having existed since 1868. It is recognized by all the Grand Lodges represented in this Conference (with only one exception) and by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland, and nearly all of the other regular Grand Lodges in the World. The Commission reaffirms its 1987 position that the Grand Lodge of Greece is regular and entitled to continued recognition.

The Commission is of the opinion that the National Grand Lodge of Greece does not meet all the standards of the Commission for recognition.

HUNGARY

In 1991 this Grand Lodge elected a new Grand Master, M: W: Joseph Ferencz to succeed M: W: Istvan Galambos who was installed Grand Master when the Grand Lodge was reinstalled in 1989.

R: W: Laszlo Felcsutic remains as Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Lodge is:

P. O. Box 395
H-1446 Budapest, Hungary

MEXICO

A number of inquiries have been made about the State Grand Lodges in Mexico. The names and addresses of those considered regular by the Commission were set out in its 1974 Report.

This Report includes the following current list of names and addresses of State Grand Lodges in Mexico:

STATE: BAJA CALIFORNIA
MUY RESP GRAN LOG "BAJA CALIFORNIA"
APARTADO POSTAL 134
22000 TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA.
TEL: 86-89-07

STATE: BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR
MUY RESP GRAN LOG "BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR"
APARATADO POSTAL 490
23000 BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR
TEL: 2-28-23

STATE: CAMPECHE
MUY RESP GRAN LOG DE CAMPECHE
APARTADO POSTAL 68
24000 CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE
TEL: 65-550

STATE: CHIAPAS
MUY RESP GRAN LOG DEL ESTADO DE CHIAPAS
APARTADO POSTAL 67
30700 TAPACHULA, CHIAPAS
TEL: 6-3600

STATE: CHIHUAHUA
MUY RESP GRAN LOG "COSMOS" DEL ESTADO
DE CHIHUAHUA
APARATADO POSTAL 171
31000 CHIHUAHUA, CHIHUHUA
TEL: 12-54-93

STATE: COAHUILA
MUY RESP GRAN LOG "BENITO JUAREZ" DE COAHUILA
APARTADO POSTAL 87
21000 TORREON, COAHUILA
TEL: 12-10-29

STATE: COLIMA
MUY RESP GRAN LOG "SUR-OESTE" DEL ESTADO
DE COLIMA
AOARATADO POSTAL 13
28000 COLIMA, COLIMA

STATE: DURANGO
MUY RESP GRAN LOG "GUADALUPE VICTORIA"
DEL ESTADO DE DURANGO
APARTADO POSTAL 108
2-56-06 DURANGO, DURANGO

STATE: HIDALGO
MUY RESP GRAN LOG DEL ESTADO DE HIDALGO
APARATADO POSTAL 75
42000 PACHUCA, HIDALGO

STATE: JALISCO
MUY RESP GRAN LOG "OCCIDENTAL MEXICANA"
APARTADO POSTAL 1-9
44100 GUADALAJARA, JALISCO

STATE: MICHOACAN
MUY RESP GRAN LOG MICHOACANA "LAZARO CARDENAS"
APARTADO POSTAL 148-A
58000 MORELIA, MICHOACAN

STATE: NAYARIT
MUY RESP GRAN LOG DEL ESTADO DE NAYARIT
APARATADO POSTALES 79 Y 407
2-60-43 TEPIC, NAYARIT
TEL: 2-60-43

STATE: NUEVO LEON
MUY RESP GRAN LOG DE NUEVO LEON
APARTADO POSTAL 309
64000 MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON
TEL: 42-30-47

STATE: OAXACA
MUY RESP GRAN LOG
"BENITO JUAREZ GARCIA" DEL ESTADO DE OAXACA
APARTADO POSTAL 184
68000 OAXACA, OAXACA

STATE: QUERETARO
MUY RESP GRAN LOG DE QUERETARO
APARTADO POSTAL 130
76000 QUERETARO, QUERETARO.
TEL: 2-22-75

STATE: QUINTANA ROO
MUY RESP GRAN LOG DE ESTADO
"ANDRES QUINTANA ROO"
APARATADO POSTAL 339
77000 CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO

STATE: SAN LUIS POTOSI
MUY RESP GRAN LOG "EL POTOSI"
APARTADO POSTAL 104
78000 SAN LUIS POTOSI, SAN LUIS POTOSI
TEL: 2-30-10

STATE: SINALOA
MUY RESP GRAN LOG DE SINALOA
APARTADO POSTAL 121 SUC. F
80060 CULIACAN, SINALOA

STATE: SONORA
MUY RESP GRAN LOG DEL PACIFICO
APARATADO POSTAL 5-113
HERMOSILLO, SONORA
TEL: 2-69-13

STATE: TABASCO
MUY RESP GRAN LOG
"RESTAURACION DEL ESTADO DE TABASCO"
APARTADO POSTAL 26
86000 VILLAHERMOSA, TABASCO
TEL: 2-69-13

STATE: TAMAULIPAS
MUY RESP GRAN LOG DE TAMAULIPAS
APARATADO POSTAL 419
89000 TAMPICO, TAMAULIPAS
TEL: 2-10-41

STATE: VERACRUZ
MUY RESP GRAN LOG "UNIDAD MEXICANA"
APARTADO POSTAL 56
91700 VERACRUZ, VERACRUZ
TEL: 2-25-18

STATE: YUCATAN
MUY RESP GRAN LOG UNIDA "LA ORIENTAL PENINSULAR"
APARATADO POSTAL 61
97000 MERIDA, YUCATAN

POLAND

Under date of December 7, 1991 an invitation was addressed to "Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the Regular Masonic Grand Lodges of the World" by Tadeusz Gliwic, Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge 'KOPERNIK' in Warsaw, inviting them to attend the "awakening" ceremony for the National Grand Lodge in Warsaw on December 27, 1991.

The letter of invitation states that the Lodge "Kopernik" was established in 1920 and that thereafter the National Grand Lodge was "re-established" on October 1, 1920. (Other Masonic historians give the date as October 1, 1921 and state seven formed the Grand Lodge of Poland.) The letter further states that two "former" Lodges were "awakened" on December 6, 1991. These three Lodges signed the letter by their Worshipful Masters.

By a letter dated January 24, 1992, the Secretary of the Commission received a communication from the Grand Master, Tadeusz Gliwic, giving further history of Freemasonry in Poland and stating that the three Lodges mentioned above had met on December 27, 1991 in Warsaw and had re-established the National Grand Lodge of Poland and had elected Grand Lodge officers, all of whom were named. As stated, the Grand Master elected was Tadeusz Gliwic. The Grand Secretary is Klemens Aleksandrowics. The address of the Grand Lodge is:

Ulica Lekarska 19
00-610 Warsaw, Poland

The Grand Master acknowledged the assistance of Brother Elvio Sciubba of Italy in the reviving of the National Grand Lodge. Brother Sciubba is an Italian Freemason who is well known internationally in Freemasonry.

PORTUGAL

The Grand Loja Regular do Portugal was consecrated on June 29, 1991 by the Grand Loge Nationale Francaise (GLNF) in a ceremony at the Hotel Palacio in Estoril, Portugal conducted by Grand Master Andre Roux and the other officers of the GLNF. Representatives of many other regular Grand Lodges of Europe and elsewhere were present.

The new Grand Lodge was formed from constituent Lodges of the District Grand Lodge of the GLNF in Portugal. The progress of the GLNF in organizing regular Lodges and the District Grand Lodge in Portugal was reported by the Commission in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

The GLNF is very careful to insure that Grand Lodges sponsored by it adhere to the standards of regularity. This is evident in the formation of the Regular Grand Lodge of Portugal and the constitution adopted by it.

The Commission is of the opinion that the Regular Grand Lodge of Portugal is regular and entitled to recognition as such.

The Grand Master of the new Grand Lodge is M: W: Dr. Fernando Teixeira. The Grand Secretary is Jose' Carlos Viegas. The address of the Grand Lodge is:

Grande Loja Regular do Portugal
Av. de Saboia, 349
Monte Estoril
2765 Estoril
Portugal

ROUMANIA

The Commission has received information that the Grand Orient of Italy has "reactivated" the Lodge CONCORDIA in Roumania.

RUSSIA

The Grand Lodge National of France has consecrated a Lodge in Paris composed largely of Russians. The first Worshipful Master of the Lodge is a Russian resident in Moscow. The GLNF has expressed the hope that this will be its first Lodge in a District of Moscow.

YUGOSLAVIA

The Commission in its report last year expressed the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia was regular and entitled to recognition.

Because of the Civil War in Yugoslavia, concern has been expressed about the stability of this Grand Lodge. The Commission has been assured by its reliable Masonic contacts in Europe that the war has not adversely affected the Grand Lodge. In fact the Grand Lodge had its annual meeting in Belgrade on June 28, 29 and 30, 1991 at which a new Lodge was instituted.

The original parameters of this Commission were outlined in 1952 "to gather, collate and from time to time revise information on Grand Lodges in other Lands." This Commission has been carrying out its mandate since inception in an advisory capacity. However, the erosion of time and the necessity of circumstances may compel some inherent reorganization in the administration of this Commission. This Chairman has proffered several avenues for consideration. To list a few:

- (1) A reassessment to member Grand Lodges.
- (2) Improve the participation of all Commission members.
- (3) Provide representation (on invitation and request) to newly formed Grand Lodges which have provided legitimacy criteria. Representation of Grand Lodges of North America are obviously absent at inaugural ceremonies.
 - (a) Because this committee is a permanent standing committee of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, it is our recommendation that this Commission's meeting time and location be included in the printed Conference agenda.
- (4) We need to redefine what constitutes a formal application to have this committee include the newly formed Grand Lodge as an agenda item for this commission.
- (5) That all Grand Lodges include a list of the Grand Lodges they recognize in their Annual Proceedings.
- (6) Produce an updated text on recognition.

- (7) Lastly (but not conclusively), what can we do to improve our worth to this Conference in the future.

This Commission is pleased to extend credit to and thankfully recognize:

M:W: Bro. Donald M. Robey, P.G.M., of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Chairman of the Committee from the A. Douglas Smith Lodge of Research in Virginia who has performed the arduous task of producing a computerized Chart indicating the Grand Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodges of Canada and the United States. These Charts are available from the Masonic Service Association at a cost per copy of 75 cents U.S.

We thank Brother Robey for his countless hours of research and devotion to tabulate his findings for our use. In his own words he says, "It is a labour of love."

This Commission is also pleased to extend credit to and thankfully recognize:

R:W: Bro. Robert L. Dillard, Jr., P.G.M. of Texas and Secretary-Treasurer of this Commission. He has brought honour and respect to the Commission. His perennial devotion, loyalty, energy and vast personal accumulation of resource knowledge and material has proved invaluable in the deliberations during the 31 years he has served on the Commission. His more than 50 years membership in Freemasonry has proven him to be an extremely valuable asset to these conferences.

We are pleased to announce that M:W: Brother Harold R. K. Weiland, current Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Nova Scotia, has been elected to serve on this Commission for six years and will be Chairman in 1998. His address is P. O. Box 91, New Germany, Nova Scotia, Canada B0R - 1E0.

We now present the Financial Report by the Secretary-Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT
DALLAS, TEXAS
February 18, 1992

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 past, ending at December 31, 1991. Since January 1, 1991, 57 Grand Lodges have contributed \$2,985.00.

Balance from Report dated February 19, 1991 \$ 8,835.86

Receipts from Grand Lodges between
January 1, 1991 and December 31, 1991:

Alabama	\$100.00
Alaska	15.00
Alberta, Canada	15.00
American-Canadian Germany	15.00
Arizona	15.00
British Columbia, Canada	15.00
California	\$100.00
Colorado	50.00
Delaware	15.00
District of Columbia	15.00
Florida	100.00
Georgia	100.00
Hawaii	15.00
Idaho	15.00
Illinois	100.00
Indiana	100.00
Iowa	50.00
Japan	15.00
Kansas	100.00
Kentucky	100.00
Louisiana	50.00
Maine	50.00
Maryland	50.00
Massachusetts	100.00
Michigan	100.00

Minnesota	50.00
Mississippi	50.00
Missouri	100.00
Montana	15.00
Nebraska	50.00
Nevada	25.00
New Brunswick, Canada	15.00
New Hampshire	15.00
New Jersey	100.00
New Mexico	15.00
New York	100.00
North Carolina	100.00
North Dakota	15.00
Nova Scotia, Canada	15.00
Ohio	100.00
Oklahoma	50.00
Pennsylvania	100.00
Prince Edward Island, Canada	15.00
Puerto Rico	15.00
Rhode Island	15.00
Saskatchewan, Canada	15.00
South Carolina	100.00
South Dakota	15.00
Tennessee	100.00
Texas	100.00
Utah	15.00
Vermont	15.00
Virginia	\$100.00
West Virginia	50.00
Washington (State of)	50.00
Wisconsin	50.00
Wyoming	15.00
Total Contributions	<u>\$2,985.00</u>

Expenses between January 1, 1991 and December 31, 1991:

Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies -	
Mailing Labels	\$ 23.04
Stamps	\$156.27
Typesetting, Printing, Mailing of Commission Report	768.40
Robert L. Dillard, Jr. Conference Expense (2/15-2/19, 1991)	484.07
Bank Checks	9.43
Secretarial Expense	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,941.21

Balance as of December 31, 1991 \$ 8,879.65

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Dillard, Jr., P.G.M.
Secretary-Treasurer

This concludes the 40th Annual Report of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Pellow, P.G.M., Chairman
Earl L. Wunder, P.G.M., Vice-Chairman
L. Ray Chamberlin, P.G.M.
William A. Gallmeister, P.G.M.
G. Ray Marsh, P.G.M.
Leopold L. Otway, G.M.
Robert L. Dillard, Jr., P.G.M.
Secretary-Treasurer

ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION FOR 1992

At a meeting of the Commission on February 18, 1992, the following organization was voted for the ensuing year:

Chairman

M:W: Earl L. Wunder
Past Grand Master of Arizona

Vice Chairman:

M:W: L. Ray Chamberlin,
Past Grand Master of Iowa

Secretary-Treasurer

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

**NAMES, ADDRESSES AND YEAR OF RETIREMENT
OF COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS
INSTALLED FEBRUARY 18, 1992**

- 1993 - M:W: Earl L. Wunder,
Past Grand Master of Arizona
506 N. Verde Heights Drive
Cottonwood, Arizona 86326
- 1994 - M:W: L. Ray Chamberlin,
Past Grand Master of Iowa
1540 68th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50311
- 1995 - M:W: William A. Gallmeister,
Past Grand Master of Indiana
8301 Larch Lane
Evansville, Indiana 47710
- 1996 - M:W: G. Ray Marsh,
Past Grand Master of South Carolina
P.O. Box 566
Anderson, South Carolina 29622
- 1997 - M:W: Leopold L. Otway,
Grand Master of New Jersey
RD #4
Princeton, New Jersey 08540
- 1998 - M:W: Harold R.K. Weiland,
Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Canada
P.O. Box 91
New Germany, Nova Scotia, Canada - B0R 1E0
- R:W: Robert L. Dillard, Jr.,
Past Grand Master of Texas
P.O. Box 1850
Dallas, Texas 75221
Secretary-Treasurer



