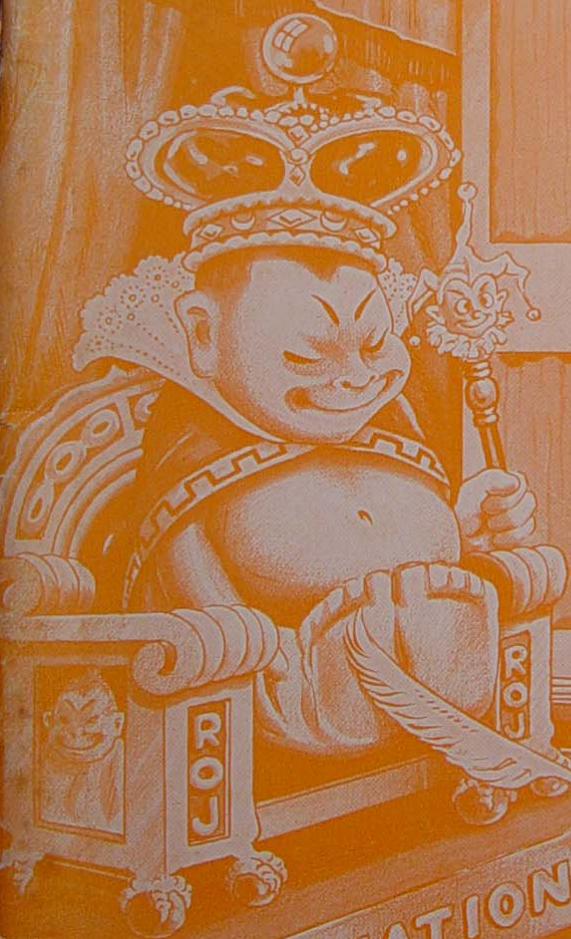


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ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS



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38th ANNUAL MEETING
July 12th, 1955

PROCEEDINGS

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Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting

NATIONAL COURT

ROYAL ORDER

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Held In

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 12, 1955

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June 29, 1954 - July 12, 1955

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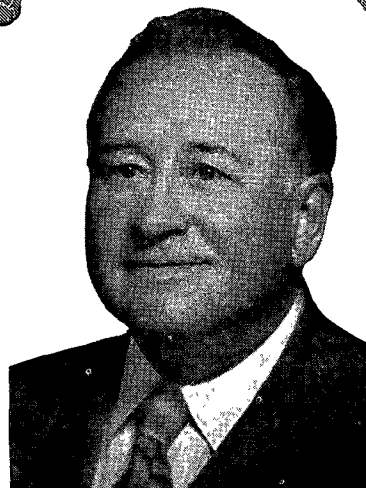
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ROBERT P. SMITH, Royal Director
Capital Court No. 50
1955-1956



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Royal Leading Man



CHARLES M. HOFMAN
Chicago Court No. 48
Royal Tragedian



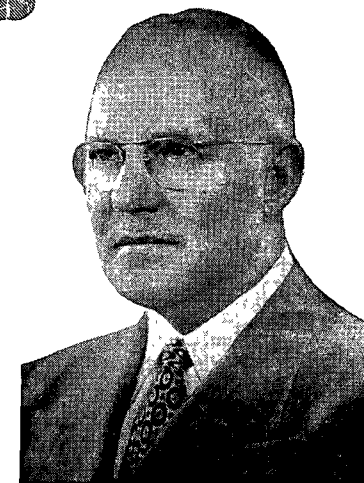
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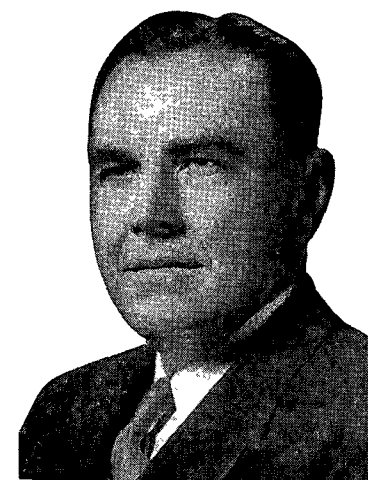
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Hartford Court No. 141
Royal Leading Lady



CARL A. RAHN
Billings Court No. 87
Royal Heavy Man



STANLEY GARRITY
Kansas City Court No. 54
Royal Light Comedian

**NATIONAL COURT—ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS
CALL FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

General Orders No. 2

June 1, 1955

TO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL COURT,
DIRECTORS AND IMPRESARIOS OF SUBORDINATE
COURTS, AND ALL JESTERS WITHIN THE REALM,
WITHERSOEVER DISPERSED:

The Thirty-eighth Annual Meeting of the National Court,
Royal Order of Jesters will be held in the Bal Tabern Room in
the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois, at 1:13 p.m., Tuesday, July
12, 1955.

Representatives to the National Court will obtain their
credentials from their respective Impresarios, to whom they have
been sent for signatures and seal.

**REGISTRATION FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND JESTERS
HOTEL SHERMAN, MEZZANINE FLOOR**

Sunday, July 10th, 1:13 p.m. to 6:13 p.m.

Monday, July 11th, 9:13 a.m. to 6:13 p.m.

Tuesday, July 12th, 9:13 a.m. to 6:13 p.m.

**THE CONRAD HILTON HOTEL, NEAR IMPERIAL COUNCIL
REGISTRATION DESK**

Sunday, July 10th, 1:13 p.m. to 6:13 p.m.

Monday, July 11th, 9:13 a.m. to 6:13 p.m.

Tuesday, July 12th, 9:13 a.m. to 12:13 p.m.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

1:13 p.m. July 12th, Bal Tabern Room, 6th Floor, Hotel
Sherman

ANNUAL BANQUET AND ENTERTAINMENT

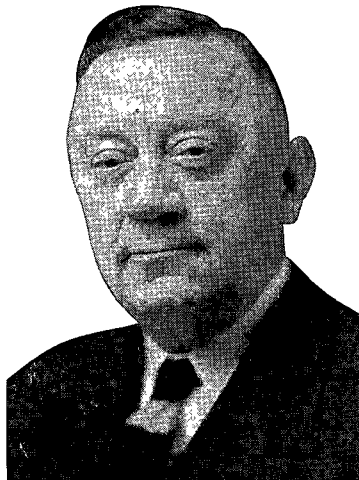
7:13 p.m. July 12th, Grand Ball Room, Hotel Sherman,
Mezzanine Floor. Entertainment 9:13 p.m.

TICKETS FOR BANQUET WILL BE \$13.13 EACH AND MAY
BE PURCHASED AND PLACES AT TABLE RESERVED IN
ADVANCE THROUGH THE IMPRESARIO OF YOUR COURT.

Director Albert N. Wallin, Earl F. Hopkins, Leading Man,
Walter A. Holloway, Tragedian, Alfred W. Sims, Impresario,



CHARLES G. WHITE
Cleveland Court No. 14
Royal Soubrette



WILLIAM OLDENBURGER
Mexico City Court No. 112
Royal Serio Comic



ARTHUR O. OLSON
Tulsa Court No. 47
Royal Character Man



H. R. FINE
Fresno Court 157
Royal Property Man

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

F. Earl Gottner, Treasurer, officers and members of Chicago Court No. 48, will be our Hosts.

IMPRESARIOS, ATTENTION:

See that your Representatives have their credentials properly signed with seal of your Court. Credentials enclosed herewith.

Send remittance to Royal Impresario for reservations at Annual Banquet.

If you have a Jester who is entitled to Life Membership, send resolution in at once.

Send in list of members deceased since last Annual Meeting.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Dress of a Jester is Tux, (white or black coat) and jewel for Banquet, if you have it in Chicago with you.

Representatives have your credentials.

Wear your Jewel at Business Meeting.

Have your Ticket for the Banquet.

HEADQUARTERS FOR REPRESENTATIVES

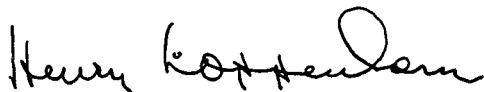
Sunday afternoon, all day Monday and Tuesday until Noon. Bull Fight Room No. 342, Hotel Sherman.

Given under our hands and seals this first day of June, 1955.

ATTEST:



W. Howard Millington
Royal Impresario



Henry L. Oppenborn
Royal Director

NATIONAL COURT ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

of the

NATIONAL COURT

ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS

The Thirty- eighth Annual Meeting of the National Court of the Royal Order of Jesters was held in the Bal Tabern Room of the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill., Tuesday, July 12th, 1955 at 1:13 P.M.

NATIONAL OFFICERS PRESENT

HENRY L. OPPENBORN	Royal Director
ROBERT P. SMITH	Royal Leading Man
WILLIAM A. HOEFGREN	Royal Tragedian
W. HOWARD MILLINGTON	Royal Impresario
ARTHUR H. WILHARM	Royal Treasurer
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CHARLES G. WHITE	Royal Character Man
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The Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the National Court of the Royal Order of Jesters was held in the Bal Tabern Room in the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois, Tuesday, July 12, 1955, at 1:13 P.M., Royal Director Henry L. Oppenborn presiding.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: By virtue of the authority vested in me by you, I now declare the Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Royal Order of Jesters in session.

Past Royal Director Ed King will give the Invocation.

Past Royal Director KING: Almighty and Gracious Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we rejoice that we continue to have Thy blessing, that Thou are with us from day to day, and beseech Thy blessing in the future. Look down on us today while we deliberate as a group of men who love each other in our efforts to brighten the world in which we live. Bless our leaders; may they have knowledge and virtue. We ask these things in the Name of Christ. Amen.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: We will remain standing and pledge allegiance to the Flag.

(All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Past Royal Director Doc Sharrer, will you come up to the rostrum? Are there any other Past Royal Directors in the house who are not on the rostrum? Is Dr. Burdats here?

Royal Jesters, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce the one and only Director of the Twin Octet of Medinah Temple and Chicago Court, Harry Walsh. (Applause)

(The Twin Octet of Medinah Temple and Chicago Court offered the following selections. "We're from Medinah," "Why I Love You," "The Happy Wanderer," "Coney Island Babe," "I'm Proud to be a Jester." Generous applause greeted each selection.)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You know, Royal Jesters, when Harry Walsh puts on a program it is really something. We appreciate it very much Royal Jester Harry Walsh of Chicago Court No. 48.

The Director of Chicago Court is seated over here. He is a very fine-looking young man with a kindly face. He is going to

come up here now and give us an address of welcome. Director Albert N. Wallin. (Applause)

Jester ALBERT N. WALLIN: Mr. Royal Director, Past Royal Directors, Royal Officers, Representatives, visiting Directors and Impresarios and Jesters all. In behalf of Chicago Court, No. 48, I bid you welcome to our fair City of Chicago and hope you will all have an enjoyable time. I also hope that harmony will prevail in your deliberations and that we will always remember that Mirth is King. Have fun and visit us again soon. God bless you all. Thank you. (Applause)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Thank you, Director Wallin.

We will now hear from our Royal Leading Man, who in a few minutes will be our Royal Director, Royal Jester Robert Smith. (Applause)

Royal Leading Man SMITH: Director Wallin of Chicago Court No. 48, Royal Director and Jesters all. When we meet in Chicago I am always reminded of that foray between the old grads of the University of Chicago and Harvard where the Harvard boy got up and said, "I'm from Boston, the home of the bean and the cod; where the Lodges speak only to Cabots and the Cabots speak only to God." Then the old grad from Chicago got up and said, "I'm from Chicago, the home of the ham what am; where everybody speaks to his neighbor and nobody gives a damn." (Laughter)

In the spirit of mirth, Director Wallin, we accept your warm words of welcome and we look forward with pleasure to the things to come. Thank you. (Applause)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Thank you, Royal Leading Man Robert Smith.

Royal Jesters, ever since I have been a Jester—and I attended a National Court meeting for the first time in Washington, D. C. in 1935 — we have had two eminent men who have attended these gatherings. They are both Past Imperial Potentates of the Shrine. They both have all of the honors in Masonry that Masonry can award them. They were not empty honors because they are still laboring ardently, effectively, and insistently in the cause in which we believe. They are here today and I would like to have them stand so you can see them and then have you stand and

give them the Royal plaudits of Jesters. I want them to stand so you can see them, those who have labored so unceasingly in the interests of mirth and laughter.

The one and only Tom Law. (Standing applause)

And the one and only Judge Rowe of Buffalo, New York. (Standing applause)

I want to say to you Judge, and to you Jester Tom, that you both are an inspiration to the Royal Directors from the first time I have had the pleasure to meet you and it is gratifying after all these years to see you come here with all the honors you have received and participate in the events and activities of the Royal Order of Jesters. Thank you very, very much. (Applause)

At this time, Royal Jesters, one of the most important matters of our program is scheduled. It is one that deserves much serious thought. I trust that you will be quiet and that you will harken to every word of wisdom spoken by the narrator. The man who was just introduced is going to give the Necrology Report of those beloved Jesters who have passed into the Great Beyond during the last year.

I am going to call on Past Imperial Potentate Tom Law to give the Necrology Report assisted by the Double Octet of Chicago Court.



THOMAS C. LAW

Atlanta Court No. 91

Royal Prelate

NECROLOGY REPORT

ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS — NATIONAL COURT

Chicago, Ill. - July 12, 1955

"There is a stream that we all must cross
The river of human years,
Now lying calm in the summer's light
Now splashed with the rain of tears.
Out from the hill of God it flows,
And on to the shoreless sea,
Where the noontide sun no shadow throws
And time is eternity."

It is but meet and fitting that we should pause in the midst of our pleasure to realize that we must all sooner or later cross that "river of human years." To those of us who are permitted to linger longer, more slowly to climb the hills capped with sunshine and pass through the valleys covered with shadow, it is a privilege to render loving homage to the memory of dear friends who have reached the river by a shorter route and who, having crossed and finished their course in faith, now rest from the labors of the journey.

These men were Jesters. They did not believe in an emotional appeal. They knew the true meaning of sentiment and admired it in others. They had no room for gloom for their lives have been filled with joy and laughter. So we will not attempt to eulogize their memories or appeal to the emotions of those who loved them. They would not have had it so. Nor would any one of them care for us to make this an occasion of sorrow or sadness. So let us entertain for them those memories, images and precious thoughts that will not die and cannot be destroyed.

The list as reported shows 377 names. Over three hundred outstanding and carefully selected Shriners, Masons who were good Shriners because they could laugh and play, Emeritus members of the Shrine known and loved from coast to coast. Such men as Walter Fancourt and Albert Ladner of Philadelphia, Louis Strum of Jacksonville, Stan Bruner of Los Angeles, Jack McGilvray of San Francisco, Fontaine Johnson of Sacramento, and the noblest Roman of them all, Frank Roundy of Chicago.

Such great Masons as James Collins of Salt Lake City, and the Hon. Peter Schmuck of New York. Dozens of Past Potentates, such as Frank Cromwell of Kansas City, Walter Jeffries of Atlantic City, Andrew Seiler of Boston, John DeGrazier of Dallas, Frank Luckiesh of Atlanta. Their Masonic, Shrine and Jester history is recorded in their local bodies and in our hearts who knew and loved them.

I use a part of a tribute which it was my privilege to pay to Frank Roundy, the Senior Past Potentate, Past Imperial Potentate and oldest 33° Mason in the world. This with a few changes will apply to all and will be our Jester tribute today:

Henry Van Dyke once wrote:

"Be glad of life because it gives you a chance to work and to play—and to look up at the stars."

How perfectly that sentence applies to the life of Frank Roundy. He was unselfish in his work. There was never the slightest indication that he sought reward. He was a perfectionist and the quality of the work was all that counted with him. He left his imprint on every administration of Medinah Temple. He was the close friend, counsellor and advisor for every Potentate of Medinah Temple for nearly fifty years. We of other Temples who knew these Potentates and Frank, recognized the continuing pattern, year after year. He was most responsible for making Medinah a great Temple. His influence in the Imperial Council will always be felt. Frank Roundy possessed to a marked degree that manly devotion for his friends—a platonic friendship that was love in its most practical form—Masonic Brotherhood. He was the friend of every Noble who knew him. Such a man must be friendly himself. He developed and practiced the "chance to love."

Frank could play too. He played clean, like a real Shriner, a Jester, and the Christian gentleman that he was. He had a keen sense of humor which he displayed in a manner that left no stings. Anyone who has followed his work in the Directors' Association knows this. He welcomed the chance to play.

Ovid says that, "God gave man an upright countenance to survey the heavens and to look upward to the stars." Truly Frank Roundy could look upward to the stars and draw his in-

spiration. He was a man of the highest ideals. He elevated the moral and spiritual fiber of Medinah Temple and every Noble with whom he came in contact. When it was necessary for him to place the spiritual above the material it was easy to do so. He who can look up at the stars and can, in imagination, live among the stars and exert their influence on his own life and the lives of others.

"Not how did he die but how did he live,
Not what did he gain but what did he give,
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many hearts were sorry when he went away,
These are the units to measure the worth of a man."
Farewell, Jesters all.

You lived well and practiced Mirth at its best while here with us.

May the peace of Allah abide with you and may we join you among the stars when our call comes.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. LAW, Chairman
GEORGE C. HUNT, Asst. Chairman
HAROLD C. CLOSE
LESLIE H. SWAN
ALBERT M. NICHOLS

NECROLOGY LIST — 1954-1955

Name	Court	No.	Date
Arthur McDuffie.....	Aloha	1	Oct. 2, 1954
Charles Russell Frazier...	Aloha	1	Dec. 13, 1954
Edward H. Stoner.....	Pittsburgh	2	June 16, 1954
William F. Trumble, Jr. . .	Pittsburgh	2	June 18, 1954
John M. Auty.....	Pittsburgh	2	July 25, 1954
Edward P. Kerr..	Pittsburgh	2	Aug. 5, 1954
Walter J. Hirth.....	Pittsburgh	2	Sept. 24, 1954
Charles F. Cruciger.....	Pittsburgh	2	Sept. 25, 1954
Stanley P. Ashe	Pittsburgh	2	Sept. 30, 1954
Dr. William H. K. McDiarmid.....	Pittsburgh	2	Oct. 4, 1954
John B. Howatt.....	Pittsburgh	2	Oct. 23, 1954
Frank W. Main.....	Pittsburgh	2	Nov. 17, 1954
Olver G. Ferguson.....	Pittsburgh	2	Feb. 25, 1955
Oscar Wilson	Pittsburgh	2	Mar. 24, 1955

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Name	Court	No.	Date
Richard T. Eastell.....	Pittsburgh	2	May 9, 1955
Walter B. Spellmire.....	Pittsburgh	2	May 14, 1955
Charles E. Black.....	Pittsburgh	2	June 16, 1955
William H. Woodworth.....	Rochester	3	Feb. 25, 1954
Walter W. Ager.....	Rochester	3	Feb. 8, 1954
Douglas O. Scofield.....	Rochester	3	April 1, 1954
Albert C. Towne.....	Rochester	3	May 1, 1954
Julius J. Andersen.....	Rochester	3	Sept. 25, 1954
D. A. Young.....	Rochester	3	Dec. 5, 1954
Vincent S. Walsh.....	San Francisco	4	July 24, 1953
Ernest A. Bruer.....	San Francisco	4	Feb. 13, 1954
Emil Kardos.....	San Francisco	4	Feb. 10, 1954
Gustave Lachman.....	San Francisco	4	June 9, 1955
John D. McGilvray.....	San Francisco	4	June 17, 1955
William P. Wobber.....	San Francisco	4	1955
Harry H. Pigott.....	Helena	5	May 29, 1954
Herbert Kibler.....	Helena	5	Nov. 1, 1954
Fred W. Heusel.....	Oakland	6	June 26, 1954
George S. Bennett.....	Oakland	6	Feb. 24, 1955
William H. Park.....	Oakland	6	Mar. 28, 1955
Ralph D. Buckley.....	Oakland	6	May 20, 1955
Edward W. Hake.....	Cincinnati	7	July 19, 1954
Albert R. Lang.....	Cincinnati	7	Oct. 2, 1954
Charles C. Davis, Sr.....	Cincinnati	7	Nov. 6, 1954
Dr. Clarence W. Betzner.....	Cincinnati	7	Nov. 13, 1954
George A. Dornette.....	Cincinnati	7	Nov. 28, 1954
Will R. Atkinson.....	Cincinnati	7	April 12, 1955
W. Harry Hartman.....	Cincinnati	7	April 12, 1955
Allen W. Williams.....	Columbus	8	1954
C. A. Lingenfelter.....	Columbus	8	Aug. 16, 1954
Erle H. Leathers.....	Columbus	8	Oct. 3, 1954
Walter O. Kropp.....	Columbus	8	Nov. 21, 1954
George L. Coffinberry.....	Columbus	8	Dec. 24, 1954
Thomas J. Roberts.....	Columbus	8	Jan. 29, 1955
L. Ewing Jones.....	Columbus	8	April 28, 1955
Dr. Gus Edlund.....	St. Paul	9	June 10, 1954
Arthur S. Dunning.....	St. Paul	9	Feb. 12, 1954
Stanley W. Law.....	St. Paul	9	Aug. 4, 1954
William R. Cammack.....	St. Paul	9	Jan. 12, 1955
Bert F. Downey.....	Dayton	10	June 18, 1954
T. M. Hiester.....	Dayton	10	May 27, 1954
George F. Bradford.....	Dayton	10	Sept. 25, 1954
Roy F. Best.....	Grand Rapids	11	May 27, 1954
William B. Brown.....	Grand Rapids	11	July 25, 1954
Paul W. Shafer.....	Grand Rapids	11	Aug. 17, 1954
Cornelius M. McCarty.....	Grand Rapids	11	Oct. 31, 1954
Murray McLeod.....	Little Rock	12	May 27, 1954
Ed Hollyfield.....	Little Rock	12	Dec. 20, 1954
C. H. Duttlinger.....	Little Rock	12	Jan. 3, 1955
J. C. Gibson.....	Little Rock	12	Mar. 23, 1955
Ben F. Garver.....	Wheeling	13	July 28, 1954
Sam E. Hanauer.....	Wheeling	13	Aug. 28, 1954
C. J. Anderson.....	Wheeling	13	Nov. 25, 1954
J. H. McElhinney.....	Wheeling	13	April 12, 1955
W. C. Murray.....	Wheeling	13	May 9, 1955
Arthur H. Seibig.....	Cleveland	14	May 19, 1954
Fred H. Becker.....	Cleveland	14	July 21, 1954
Joseph Harrison.....	Cleveland	14	July 31, 1954
John L. Young.....	Cleveland	14	Sept. 12, 1954

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Name	Court	No.	Date
Frank L. Buckley.....	Indianapolis	15	1954
W. V. Woollen.....	Indianapolis	15	Feb. 6, 1954
A. Fred Matzke.....	Indianapolis	15	Nov. 24, 1954
Elmer F. Gay.....	Indianapolis	15	Nov. 26, 1954
Jack T. Hinesley.....	Indianapolis	15	Mar. 8, 1955
John E. Shrik.....	Indianapolis	15	June 28, 1955
Elliott R. Booker.....	Richmond	16	June 13, 1955
Leonard K. Baber.....	Richmond	16	June 16, 1955
Eugene T. Garrett.....	Phoenix	17	June 8, 1954
William E. Orr, Jr.....	Phoenix	17	June 13, 1954
W. Arthur Latham.....	Phoenix	17	June 16, 1954
J. Park Taylor.....	Phoenix	17	July 17, 1954
Dr. Ralph F. Palmer.....	Phoenix	17	Dec. 16, 1954
Col. Edwin B. Maynard.....	Panama Canal	18	Aug. 21, 1954
Frank L. Scott.....	Panama Canal	18	Nov. 2, 1954
Sen. Hugh Butler.....	Omaha	19	July 1, 1954
Russell Harris.....	Omaha	19	Aug. 13, 1954
Steve W. Van Roekel.....	Omaha	19	Aug. 22, 1954
Dr. Charles McMartin.....	Omaha	19	Sept. 14, 1954
Russell J. Walsh.....	Omaha	19	Jan. 16, 1955
Herbert Bartholf.....	Springfield, Ill.	20	July 1, 1954
Thomas J. Foster.....	Springfield, Ill.	20	Jan. 8, 1954
Dr. Walter B. Holmes.....	Springfield, Ill.	20	Oct. 14, 1954
Roy T. Jefferson.....	Springfield, Ill.	20	Mar. 10, 1954
Harry C. Page.....	Springfield, Ill.	20	June 9, 1954
Walter O. Schulze.....	Springfield, Ill.	20	Sept. 1, 1954
Howard H. Zorn.....	Springfield, Ill.	20	Oct. 5, 1954
Thomas S. Roe.....	Springfield, Ill.	20	June 7, 1955
George Emmert.....	Toledo	21	May 17, 1954
Alfred B. Qualy.....	Toledo	21	Oct. 17, 1954
Charles Guy Struble.....	Toledo	21	Oct. 30, 1954
Otto L. Hankison.....	Toledo	21	Jan. 10, 1955
Robert Blair Haynes.....	Toledo	21	Feb. 26, 1955
Frederick August Hagemeister.....	Toledo	21	Feb. 23, 1955
Charles A. Harrison.....	Toledo	21	June 15, 1955
Ernest J. Brand.....	Toledo	21	June 22, 1955
George W. Dye.....	Buffalo	22	Dec. 21, 1954
Harry B. Colgrove.....	Buffalo	22	Oct. 4, 1954
A. R. Bisby.....	Buffalo	22	April 7, 1955
Walter Noneman.....	Albuquerque	24	May 6, 1954
John L. DeGrazier.....	Dallas	25	Nov. 21, 1954
Edward Gaston Huckabay.....	Shreveport	26	Feb. 27, 1954
William W. Newcomb.....	Shreveport	26	July 18, 1954
James C. Bell.....	Shreveport	26	Sept. 7, 1954
Harold DeGeneres.....	Shreveport	26	Oct. 31, 1954
Judson Marion Grimmer.....	Shreveport	26	April 27, 1955
Dr. Alva H. Unthank.....	Ft. Wayne	27	May 21, 1954
James I. Toy.....	Ft. Wayne	27	Dec. 11, 1954
Charles A. Meigs.....	Ft. Wayne	27	Dec. 27, 1954
James Englen.....	Detroit	28	May 25, 1954
Clarence W. Lyle.....	Detroit	28	June 13, 1954
Frank G. Baxter.....	Detroit	28	July 25, 1954
William J. Buyers, Jr.....	Detroit	28	Oct. 8, 1954
Albert L. Smith.....	Detroit	28	Oct. 29, 1954
Lewis C. Nicholds.....	Detroit	28	April 1, 1955
Thomas Smale.....	Detroit	28	June 28, 1955
A. Skeen Moody.....	Portland	29	May 6, 1954
Harry K. Coffey.....	Portland	29	June 16, 1954
Raymond E. Brennan.....	Portland	29	Mar. 23, 1954

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W. H. Bunney.....	Portland	29	May 30, 1954
Hon. Peter Schmuck.....	New York	30	Aug. 22, 1954
Murton A. Lawyer.....	New York	30	May 8, 1954
Walter M. Mohr.....	New York	30	Jan. 2, 1955
Marshall R. Kernochan.....	New York	30	June 9, 1955
Robert C. Martin.....	Ft. Worth	32	Jan. 26, 1954
Dr. Roy G. Russell.....	Ft. Worth	32	Jan. 22, 1955
Ernest Petteway.....	Ft. Worth	32	Feb. 24, 1955
Albert J. W. Schmid.....	El Paso	34	Oct. 22, 1954
Jewell A. Sperling.....	New Orleans	36	July 30, 1954
Walter E. Drake.....	Newark	37	June 13, 1954
William Johnson.....	Newark	37	June 20, 1954
Andrew G. Staller.....	Newark	37	June 29, 1954
Edgar P. Kastner.....	Newark	37	Dec. 26, 1954
Joseph F. Buhl.....	Newark	37	June 24, 1955
Morgan M. Brown.....	Pine Bluff	38	Aug. 21, 1954
Edgar H. McFadden.....	Pine Bluff	38	Nov. 24, 1954
Charles C. Leverett.....	Pine Bluff	38	Mar. 5, 1955
Charles Glass.....	Chattanooga	39	Oct. 18, 1954
Reuben Kinsinger.....	Peoria	40	Feb. 26, 1954
Hal R. Wetherell.....	Peoria	40	June 4, 1954
Ralph L. Werner.....	Peoria	40	Nov. 13, 1954
Charles C. Wodetzki.....	Peoria	40	April 11, 1955
Ewen G. McAulay.....	Calgary	42	Sept. 21, 1954
George Williams.....	Calgary	42	Oct. 17, 1954
Hon. Walter S. Davidson.....	Calgary	42	Jan. 7, 1955
Alfred H. Williams.....	Calgary	42	Jan. 10, 1955
L. Daniel Hickey.....	Calgary	42	Jan. 11, 1955
Dr. G. C. Wagner.....	Calgary	42	Mar. 6, 1955
J. Bryan Walters.....	Hammond	43	April 17, 1955
Othrie W. "Bill" Jones.....	Terre Haute	45	June 3, 1954
James F. Jones.....	Terre Haute	45	Nov. 8, 1954
Roscoe A. Whittemore.....	Des Moines	46	April 30, 1954
Frank Bovaird.....	Tulsa	47	June, 1954
S. N. (Van) Van Wert.....	Tulsa	47	Aug. 10, 1954
Kenneth E. Rice.....	Chicago	48	Oct. 20, 1954
Thomas O. Wallace.....	Chicago	48	Dec. 4, 1954
Anton C. Negri.....	Chicago	48	Feb. 4, 1955
Frank C. Roundy.....	Chicago	48	Feb. 6, 1955
Lynn Gochenour.....	Chicago	48	Feb. 11, 1955
Otto Ring.....	Chicago	48	April 15, 1955
George E. Siverling.....	Chicago	48	May 15, 1955
James W. Collins.....	Salt Lake	49	Aug. 14, 1954
Dana T. Smith.....	Salt Lake	49	Jan. 27, 1955
Fred H. Knickerbocker.....	Salt Lake	49	May 25, 1955
Alphonso W. Lee.....	Capital	50	May 9, 1954
Ben S. Fisher.....	Capital	50	Sept. 30, 1954
John Forrest Yetter.....	Grand Forks	51	Feb. 7, 1954
Julius Gilbert Spokely.....	Grand Forks	51	Aug. 12, 1954
Dr. Wilford A. Liebeler.....	Grand Forks	51	Sept. 22, 1954
Charles W. Rothgarn.....	Grand Forks	51	Jan. 25, 1955
Dr. Harold Nichols.....	Seattle	52	May 10, 1954
George Heller.....	Minneapolis	53	Aug. 12, 1954
Roy Taylor Collins.....	Kansas City	54	June 5, 1954
Frank C. Howard.....	Kansas City	54	July, 1954
Don Meade.....	Kansas City	54	Nov. 23, 1955
Charles W. Green.....	Kansas City	54	Jan. 16, 1955
Frank H. Cromwell.....	Kansas City	54	April 14, 1955
Harry R. Hoover.....	Kansas City	54	May 24, 1955

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Cleve D. Goldsmith.....	Duluth	55	May 10, 1954
John H. Campbell.....	London	56	May 6, 1954
John McL. Watt.....	London	56	Dec. 17, 1954
William W. Murray.....	London	56	1955
Gordon M. Bentley.....	Knoxville	57	1954
Donald W. Mackie.....	Erie	58	Feb. 25, 1955
Howard J. Jones.....	Erie	58	April 13, 1955
Robert J. Firman.....	Erie	58	May 26, 1955
LeRoy H. Smith.....	Roanoke	59	June 26, 1954
Russell J. Watson.....	Roanoke	59	June 5, 1955
Otto J. Hilgers.....	San Antonio	60	Aug. 31, 1954
Ted Porr.....	San Antonio	60	Dec. 18, 1954
J. Victor Schad.....	Binghamton	61	Oct. 24, 1954
O. C. Wilson.....	Lewiston	62	Mar. 12, 1955
Patrick Murphy.....	Montreal	63	Feb. 9, 1954
William McGee.....	Montreal	63	Sept 30, 1954
Hon. Harold G. Hoffman.....	Crescent	64	June 4, 1954
William B. Griffith.....	Crescent	64	April 1, 1954
J. Fred Quinn.....	Crescent	64	Mar. 25, 1954
Rees B. Bostic.....	Crescent	64	April 22, 1954
William T. Read.....	Crescent	64	Aug. 4, 1954
Walter Jeffries.....	Crescent	64	Oct. 15, 1954
Charles Y. Pontz.....	Crescent	64	Nov. 16, 1954
J. Vickers Foreman.....	Crescent	64	Dec. 18, 1954
Carroll B. Maris.....	Crescent	64	Feb. 2, 1955
Ignatz Bring.....	Crescent	64	Mar. 8, 1955
C. Clare Cater.....	Spokane	65	Mar. 15, 1955
Harry F. Goetz.....	Spokane	65	April 2, 1954
William J. Moore.....	Dimaryp	66	June 12, 1954
Alton R. Collier.....	Dimaryp	66	Jan. 24, 1954
A. Elliott Frost.....	Dimaryp	66	May 15, 1955
Karl J. Mohr.....	Rockford	69	May 4, 1955
Floyd L. Green.....	Altoona	70	April 14, 1954
Ira O. Keagy.....	Altoona	70	May, 1954
Robert B. McCune.....	Altoona	70	Sept. 4, 1954
Hugh Welshman, Jr.....	Providence	71	Jan. 1, 1955
Walter F. Fancourt, Jr.....	Philadelphia	72	April, 1954
John W. Bustead.....	Philadelphia	72	May, 1954
Charles F. Hess.....	Philadelphia	72	May, 1954
Robert L. Mannal.....	Philadelphia	72	Nov., 1954
Albert H. Ladner, Jr.....	Philadelphia	72	May 20, 1955
Russell Schweke.....	Springfield, Mo.	73	April 21, 1954
Harry L. Ford.....	Springfield, Mo.	73	Dec. 24, 1954
John G. Rakowsky.....	Saginaw	74	May 7, 1954
Glen T. Hurd.....	Saginaw	74	Dec. 31, 1954
Frank T. Whitney.....	Saginaw	74	April 6, 1955
Frederick N. Klein.....	Saginaw	74	April 13, 1955
E. Keith Hatzell.....	Wichita	76	July 10, 1954
Dr. Ralph D. Maguire.....	Albany	77	July 12, 1954
Clifford F. Collier.....	Albany	77	Oct. 27, 1954
Delbert G. Barclay.....	Oklahoma City	78	Dec. 31, 1954
Leonard C. Illingworth.....	Syracuse	79	June 6, 1954
William Evans.....	Akron	80	May 26, 1954
Cecil Welker.....	Akron	80	Aug. 29, 1954
Myron G. Nuzum.....	Akron	80	Nov. 21, 1954
Robert R. Guinther.....	Akron	80	Feb. 23, 1955
William D. Myers.....	Akron	80	June 7, 1955
George B. Dunford.....	St. Louis	81	Nov. 7, 1954
Ad P Nies.....	St. Louis	81	Jan. 27, 1955

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Ray W. Linnemeyer	St. Louis	81	May 19, 1955
Albert Theis, Jr.	St. Louis	81	May 23, 1955
William T. Koken	St. Louis	81	1955
Dr. George C. Basil	Baltimore	82	Dec. 5, 1954
R. Walter Dietrich	Baltimore	82	Jan. 7, 1955
Stanley A. Marshall	Toronto	83	July 3, 1954
Charles Heintzman	Toronto	83	Sept. 29, 1954
Harry Eversfield	Toronto	83	Jan. 4, 1955
Oscar J. Ohde	Los Angeles	84	Jan. 26, 1954
Robert M. McCallum	Los Angeles	84	July 11, 1954
Fred S. Beiger	Los Angeles	84	July 12, 1954
C. Shirley Barnes	Los Angeles	84	July 19, 1954
Osmund Olsen	Los Angeles	84	Aug. 7, 1954
W. R. McKay	Los Angeles	84	Dec. 7, 1954
Clif F. Farmer	Los Angeles	84	Jan. 16, 1955
Roy P. Lindberg	Los Angeles	84	Feb. 19, 1955
Stanton A. Bruner	Los Angeles	84	May 1, 1955
Henry O. Dorman	Los Angeles	84	June 15, 1955
William Harris White, Sr.	Los Angeles	84	June 15, 1955
Dr. E. A. Vestal	Wichita Falls	85	Dec., 1954
David D. Munro	Wichita Falls	85	Mar. 6, 1955
Joseph L. Clemens	E. St. Louis	86	Aug. 26, 1954
Herbert Giessing	E. St. Louis	86	Sept. 21, 1954
Carl Schwartz	E. St. Louis	86	June 17, 1955
Elwood F. Kuschke	Billings	87	Aug. 25, 1954
A. F. Warriner	Miami	88	Jan., 1954
Fred L. Purington	Miami	88	May 13, 1954
W. R. DeCostas	Miami	88	Nov. 27, 1954
E. P. Taliaferro	Tampa	89	Oct. 26, 1954
Glenn G. Searing	Jacksonville	90	July 24, 1954
Louis W. Strum	Jacksonville	90	July 26, 1954
James W. Setze, Jr.	Atlanta	91	May 12, 1954
W. Frank Luckiesh	Atlanta	91	May 25, 1954
Jack E. Keefe, Jr.	Nashville	92	Oct. 14, 1954
J. Reeves Handly	Nashville	92	July 24, 1954
Dr. J. Sumpter Anderson	Nashville	92	Sept. 21, 1954
Harry A. Montgomery	Salina	94	May 23, 1954
Sanford L. Felt	Salina	94	June 20, 1954
Ray G. Tripp	Salina	94	Oct. 16, 1954
John R. Lindburg, Jr.	Pittsburg, Kan.	95	April 3, 1955
George Wright	Montgomery	96	Jan. 9, 1954
J. Haygood Paterson	Montgomery	96	July 13, 1954
H. L. Vandigriff	Montgomery	96	Dec. 31, 1954
George A. Wright	Montgomery	96	Jan. 9, 1955
Roy Joseph Redd	Galveston	97	Oct. 17, 1954
Alfred Henry Ober	Galveston	97	Jan. 29, 1955
Richard Merriwether Hood	Galveston	97	April 3, 1955
Byron S. Hunter	St. Joseph	98	Dec. 2, 1954
William C. Barrow	St. Joseph	98	Oct. 17, 1954
Horace Woodward Carle, Jr.	St. Joseph	98	Feb. 24, 1955
Dee German	Muskogee	99	Dec. 18, 1954
Alan N. Ker	Victoria	100	Oct. 16, 1954
Milton J. Schmitt	Milwaukee	101	Aug. 15, 1954
Nels G. Hartberg	Milwaukee	101	Nov. 22, 1954
Walter Hagenbuck	Milwaukee	101	Nov. 6, 1954
Walter Kimmel	Milwaukee	101	April 8, 1955
Leonard L. Kvam	Milwaukee	101	May 2, 1955
Andrew S. Seiler	Boston	103	Sept. 28, 1954

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Name	Court	No.	Date
Benjamin James	Boston	103	June 27, 1954
Worthington S. Bessett	Boston	103	Oct. 6, 1954
George Jacobson	Boston	103	Feb. 2, 1955
Roy W. Smith	Boston	103	April 4, 1955
James Raymond MacAnanny	Boston	103	May 31, 1955
William B. Stephens	Tacoma	104	Jan. 11, 1955
John S. Baker	Tacoma	104	April 6, 1955
Douglas L. Barlow	Tacoma	104	Jan. 11, 1955
Burt Van Auker	Rutland	105	Feb. 24, 1955
George H. Meloon	Put Stevens	107	Mar. 20, 1954
Arthur N. Couri	Put Stevens	107	Nov. 24, 1954
Clarence E. Craig	Put Stevens	107	Jan. 31, 1955
Herman H. Mayberry	Ashland	108	Feb. 6, 1955
A. L. Bell	Charlotte	109	Jan. 12, 1955
Roy F. Best	Pueblo	110	May 27, 1954
W. V. Daniel	Pueblo	110	Feb. 15, 1955
John W. Lee	Charleston, WV.	111	May 6, 1954
Dr. E. R. Hayes	Charleston, WV.	111	Nov. 27, 1954
Joseph T. Crane	Charleston, WV.	111	Dec. 3, 1954
Henry Pamer	Charleston, WV.	111	Dec. 12, 1954
Benjamin T. Crusan	Charleston, WV.	111	May 25, 1955
George G. Tweed	Charleston, SC.	113	May 31, 1955
Charles P. Dunning	Sioux Falls	114	Mar. 14, 1954
John B. Gregg	Sioux Falls	114	Mar. 4, 1954
Davis G. Stribling	Waco	115	July 30, 1954
Hon. Seiber E. Troutman	Harrisburg	116	Jan. 23, 1953
Clifton W. White	Cumberland	117	May 27, 1954
Harrison F. Wyatt	Cumberland	117	June 15, 1954
George W. Brown	Cumberland	117	Oct., 1954
Fred S. Sidles	Lincoln	118	Sept. 2, 1954
Herman L. Freudenberg	Sacramento	119	April 16, 1954
Dr. Percy A. Webber	Sacramento	119	Sept. 2, 1954
Leo Sweem	Sacramento	119	Feb. 23, 1955
Fontaine Johnson	Sacramento	119	April 9, 1955
Frank H. Roos	Mobile	120	Aug. 26, 1954
Charles A. Wachtman	Lexington	121	Aug. 1954
Charles Alfred Baker	Lexington	121	Dec., 1954
Norris L. Townsend	Topeka	125	Oct. 11, 1954
Erling N. Vilberg	Madison	126	April 26, 1953
August O. Paunack	Madison	126	June 24, 1954
Floyd Ferrell	Madison	126	Dec. 10, 1954
Dr. James G. Vance	Birmingham	127	Oct. 11, 1954
Samuel W. Gearhart	Allentown	128	May 8, 1953
John Gallie	Allentown	128	July 13, 1953
Dr. E. A. N. Seyfried	Allentown	128	Dec. 11, 1953
Morton Levy	Savannah	134	Nov. 30, 1954
Alfred Dorman	Savannah	134	Jan. 14, 1955
Alton L. Nixon	Sheridan	135	1954
John T. Porter	Sheridan	135	1954
Edmond Sharp	Sheridan	135	1954
Karl S. Warner	Denver	138	Aug. 16, 1954
LeRoy W. Busby	Cedar Rapids	139	April 9, 1954
Stephen W. Wilder	Cedar Rapids	139	Mar. 25, 1955
Dr. Richard T. Powers	Springfield, Mas.	144	Aug. 28, 1954
Frank Sam Whitney	Springfield, Mas.	144	May 25, 1954
George D. Robertson	Springfield, Mas.	144	Feb. 22, 1955
James Matthew	Springfield, Mas.	144	May 21, 1955
Earl C. Daniels	Springfield, Mas.	144	June 2, 1955
Carl F. Bunting	New Bern	145	Jan. 22, 1954

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William C. Woodard.....	New Bern	145	Dec. 8, 1954
LeRoy C. Robertson.....	New Bern	145	Dec. 30, 1954
Harold Raymond Holder.....	St. John	149	Nov. 27, 1954
H. Webb Smith.....	Wilkes-Barre	154	Aug. 12, 1954
John Rex King.....	Parkersburg	156	Oct. 24, 1954
Harry J. Sands.....	Parkersburg	156	Mar 9, 1955
Minter B. Law.....	Parkersburg	156	May 24, 1955
Thomas Cobb Lackland, Sr.....	Albany, Ga.	159	Oct. 28, 1954
Henry I. Law.....	Wilmington	164	Dec. 31, 1954

Jester THOMAS C. LAW: Royal Director, that concludes the report.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Royal Jester Tom Law, I am sure that the Royal Jesters assembled here this afternoon will never forget the tribute you have paid to the beloved Jesters who have passed on during the past year.

Thank you, very much, Harry Walsh, for your fine assistance. (Applause)

And now it comes time, Royal Jesters, for the Royal Director to give the report of his stewardship of the National Court during the past year but, before doing so, I would like to recognize a few Royal Jesters who have been an inspiration to me for many, many years; who are Past Royal Directors and who have come here from year to year to be with us during our meetings and our frivolities and our serious conversations.

First I want to recognize and present to you an Illustrious Royal Jester and Past Royal Director, Ed King. (Applause)

Dr. Harry Sharrer, the Royal Director in 1943. (Applause)

I was just informed that the dean of the Royal Directors, a grand and glorious person, from Wheeling, West Virginia, just came into our Jester Court, Dr. Oscar Burdats. (Applause)

Next is Billy Wray from Montreal. (Applause) A great guy.

A man who has given me many inspirations not only in Jesterdom but the Shrine and Masonry as well; a man whom I have loved and have cherished his friendship for many, many years, a member of the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee of the Imperial Council, my beloved friend and your friend, Past Royal Director Willard Lombard. (Applause)

And the eyes of Texas are upon us this afternoon as I present our beloved Dr. Harrison Cave. (Applause)

Walter Seeger from St. Paul, Minnesota, Past Royal Director in 1950. (Applause)

An honor member of our Court is none other than that fine gentleman of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Miami Beach. Tony Gocking, Past Royal Director. (Applause)

And "meet me in St. Louis" Charles Franklyn, Past Royal Director. (Applause)

And from the great Northwest, a man we love and revere, take his advice and try to listen to it, a man whom everybody recognizes, Past Royal Director Rube Adams. (Applause)

My immediate predecessor who gave me many, many inspirations and I have tried to live up to his teachings and inspirations. I have fallen down on many things but Arthur has tried to inculcate in my mind many things but I respect him for what he is, one of the greatest Royal Directors Jesterdom ever had, Arthur Loomis. (Applause)

I would like to recognize my Illustrious Potentate of Mahi Temple who has lent inspiration to Miami Court No. 88, and also Mahi Temple of the Shrine. I am sure he is here; Illustrious Harold Ingoe. (Applause)

REPORT OF THE ROYAL DIRECTOR

TO THE OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS THROUGHTOUT THE REALM:

On June 29th, 1954, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, you designated me your Royal Director, to be and to act as such until today. You conferred upon me a great honor—as great an honor as may be conferred upon any Royal Jester. You placed upon my shoulders the great responsibilities that go with the honor. I have told you, heretofore, that I accepted both the responsibility and the honor with all humility, and that I would do the very best that was in me. As I stand here upon this rostrum, you sincerely that I have done my best.

I have lived three score and ten years—most of them very happy years—because I have worked hard and I have played hard. However, the year immediately preceding this Annual Meeting has been the happiest year of my life time. I have really learned what the spirit of true fraternity in its highest and noblest sense of fraternal affection, love and courtesy meant. Never before have I been associated so closely with a finer group of men than the Royal Jesters of North America. Wherever I went I sensed a feeling of “Honest to God” Brotherhood, of loyalty and fidelity to the cause in which we are engaged. Men in all walks of life dedicated and consecrated to the principles and precepts of the various organizations pre-requisite to membership in the Royal Order of Jesters. It was a great year, fellow Jesters, and a wonderful experience to your Royal Director, and from that experience I conscientiously believe and am firmly convinced that our order has a great purpose and a place and a niche on one of the rungs of that ladder that leads to fame in the greatest fraternal family in the world, and in which we so proudly claim membership.

In my travels and visitations about the realm, in my discussions with hundreds of Royal Jesters who visited in my home town, where summer spends the winter, I found all Royal Jesters laboring ardently and efficiently in all branches of Masonry, and in the Shrine, doing everything in their power to propagate and extend the principles of these organizations, and doing it with a smile of fellowship for their Lodge, for their Chapters, their Councils, their Commandries, the Consistories, and their Shrine Temples. So that is why I say we have a definite place and a niche being carved on one of the rungs of the Ladder. Everywhere I went I found the same Royal Jester spirit.

In the great northwest, in the Black Hills of South Dakota, one of America's most beautiful spots, and where I really relished my first T-Bone Buffalo steak; Rapids City, Lead, and Deadwood, (where no Royal Director has ever visited—so I was told) I found the same joyful spirit of “Momus,” the “King of Mirth,” whom we emulate, and there the leaders of Masonry and the Shrine were in the vanguard.

So it was at Cleveland, where the Courts of Ohio participated in a wonderful ceremonial session, and where the “Book of the

Play” was exemplified with perfection and decorum. Our own beloved and venerable Past Imperial Potentate, Al Fiebach—Royal Jester Al Fiebach—who has received all the honors that could be conferred upon any Mason, displayed great histrionic ability as a Judge of the Court.

At Hartford and Boston, throughout all New England, across the Empire State from New York City to Buffalo, through Ohio and Michigan, in all my travels throughout the Realm; the Golden West, the East and the North and the South, I found Royal Jesters doing their bit to make their fellowmen happy, in the hope that our ideology, our way of life and our fraternal bonds shall hold us together as Masons, Shriners, Royal Jesters.

In all my travels I found the subordinate Courts in good financial condition, and extending and propagating the true spirit of Jesterdom. About 2% of the subordinate Courts are rather dormant and have been so for several years. In one of our great states, where there is but one Shrine Temple and one Court of Royal Jesters, a membership of 21 Jesters has been maintained for a number of years. There are several other Courts in this same condition, according to statistical records, with many fine outstanding eligible Shriners in their Jurisdiction who would fit into our picture and into our scheme of good fellowship and mirth as the king. Of course, these Courts are the only ones who really suffer, for Jesterdom, as a National Organization, is on the March!

Your Royal Director called a Mid-Winter Meeting in Miami Beach, Florida, on March 1st-2nd-3rd, 1955, where we gathered at the Saxony Hotel. Present were:

Royal Leading Man ROBERT P. SMITH, of Capital Court, Washington;

Royal Tragedian WILLIAM HOEFGEN of Indianapolis Court;

Royal Impresario W. HOWARD MILLINGTON of Pittsburg, Kansas Court;

Royal Leading Lady CHARLES M. HOFMAN, of Chicago Court;

Royal Heavy Man CHARLES H. LEMPKE, of Albuquerque Court;

Royal Light Comedian JOHN JEPSON, of Hartford Court;
 Royal Character Man CHARLES G. WHITE of Cleveland Court, and
 Royal Property Man BILL OLDENBURGER, of Mexico City Court.

Your Royal Director was very happy over the attendance and much good was derived from the general discussion of many subjects pertaining to Jesterdom. This meeting of the Royal Officers coincided with the visitation of the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine to Mahi Temple in Miami, and the Imperial Potentate advised with us in our deliberations, and much good was derived from this conference. The National Court Officers were among the distinguished guests at the reception for the Imperial Potentate at the Scottish Rite Temple Auditorium on March 4th, and they and their Ladies were also guests at a beautiful Banquet given in honor of the Imperial Potentate by Mahi Temple on March 5th, 1955.

Your Royal Director shall always be grateful for the wonderful cooperation, advice, loyalty and true spirit of fraternal love and friendship of the officers of the National Court. It has been a grand and glorious experience.

Shortly after the Mid-Winter Meeting in Miami Beach a letter from Howard Millington told the Royal Director that he would receive a "little old gift package" from the Royal Officers who were in Miami. I was thrilled, of course, because I am human. However, when the "little old gift package" came it was a "right good sized little old gift package." A huge carton came by express from Baltimore, Maryland, with a gorgeous sterling silver service of "Baltimore Rose," the pattern of all our silverware. My girl, Nellie, and I have lived together in holy wedlock for fifty years come next Christmas Day, and this silver service was the most beautiful gift we have ever received and we shall never forget the manner in which it came to us. However, we have had many happy surprises wherever we went during the past year, and every Court of Royal Jesters visited by the Royal Director presented him with gifts of lasting beauty and usefulness. Thanks again, Royal Jesters, for the honor of having served you! It has not been an empty honor, and I sincerely trust that you may, in a measure, approve of my stewardship over the past year.

I know that through the years ahead the National Court will be in good hands. Your Royal Impresario is one of the most efficient and cooperative men I have ever been associated with, and your Royal Leading Man Robert P. Smith of Capital Court who, in a few short minutes, will be your Royal Director, is an outstanding fraternalist and is most eminently qualified by experience to guide the Royal Order's Ship of State. I commend him to your favor and pray that his efforts and your friendship will bring him the same year of joy and happiness I have had, because.

"There's nothing that equals true friendship,
 The best thing the world can bestow;
 May your success bring happiness and may you
 Remember, wherever you go.
 There's nothing that equals true friendship,
 With a love that is tender and true.
 So here's to you, friend, right down to the
 End; Here's love, here's success to you."

And so, with a heart full of happiness, and the kindest fraternal greeting to you, I pray that "Momus," the "King of Mirth," will reign supreme throughout the realm and bring you joy and happiness and life and laughter, and that the supreme Royal Director of all that is be with you always.

HENRY L. OPPENBORN,
 ROYAL DIRECTOR.

(The Royal Director read his Annual Report, at the conclusion of which there was standing applause.)

Royal Leading Man SMITH. Royal Director, I know I bespeak the sentiment of everyone here for that grand report.

I now recognize Jester Grover Nolte, the Chairman of the Committee on Transactions of National Officers; Royal Jester Grover Nolte from the great Northwest.

(The report on the Committee on Transactions of National Officers was read by Chairman, Jester Grover C. Nolte.)

REPORT OF TRANSACTIONS OF OFFICERS COMMITTEE

To the Royal Director, Officers and Representatives of the National Court, Royal Order of Jesters:

Your Committee on Transaction of Officers of the National Court concurs with you in approving the various reports rendered here today.

It is refreshing to note the many visitations to local Courts made by your genial Royal Director and your efficient Royal Impresario. On many of these visitations they were accompanied by other line officers of the National Court and by Past Royal Directors. All this contributed to the success of local meetings and made for the general well being of Jesterdom.

We particularly recommend the continuation of the periodical publication of "The Bauble." It has great possibilities and can be made the means of disseminating valuable and interesting information to Jesters generally. It need not be expanded, however, to any great extent to accomplish this purpose. To do so might prove financially embarrassing and wreck the enterprise.

We congratulate Royal Director Oppenborn and Royal Impresario Millington for keeping Old King Momus on the jump this past year. "Long Live the King"!

Respectfully submitted,

GROVER C. NOLTE, Chairman

CARL A. RAHN, Asst. Chairman

J. A. WALDEN

EDGAR L. JONES

DANIEL F. MUNN

Jester GROVER NOLTE: Royal Director, I move the adoption of the report.

Royal Leading Man SMITH: The question is on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Transactions of the National Officers. The report is moved. Is there a second? (Motioned seconded)

All in favor signify by saying, "aye." Contrary? Unanimously adopted.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Thank you, very much, Royal Jesters. I was worried about that; in fact, I was told I had cause to worry. (Laughter)

The report of the Credentials Committee by Past Director Bud Fine of Fresno Court.

Jester H. R. "BUD" FINE: Royal Director, I wish to report that we have Representatives At Large, thirteen; Representatives Ad Vitam, seven; Emeritus, fifteen; and two-hundred seventy-seven Representatives. (Applause)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CREDENTIALS

Name	Court	No
R. N. Rice	Aloha	1
Theodore F. Trent	Aloha	1
Arthur H. Wilharm (At Large)	Pittsburgh	2
John G. Daub	Pittsburgh	2
Dr. J. Huber Wagner	Pittsburgh	2
Charles B. Benedict	Rochester	3
A. Elmer Raithel	Rochester	3
Earle B. Brehaut	San Francisco	4
Philip Sheridan	San Francisco	4
George Filmer (Ad Vitam & Life)	San Francisco	4
William M. Coffman	San Francisco	4
Elmer J. Johnson	Helena	5
William K. Converse	Helena	5
Harold G. Towne	Oakland	6
Chester H. Treichel	Oakland	6
William J. Guentter	Cincinnati	7
George F. DeSilver	Cincinnati	7
Raymond J. Lewis	Columbus	8
Warren W. Jackson	Columbus	8
Walter G. Seeger (Ad Vitam)	St. Paul	9
Thomas S. Rishworth (Emeritus)	St. Paul	9
Charles Lampland	St. Paul	9
Thomas W. Baldwin	St. Paul	9
Horace L. Stephens	Dayton	10
Ben Shelley	Little Rock	12
Walter C. Guy	Little Rock	12
Dr. O. W. Burdats (Ad Vitam & Emeritus)	Wheeling	13
Mark Davis	Wheeling	13
Charles G. White (At Large)	Cleveland	14
Arthur Dombey	Cleveland	14
Leon P. Disinger	Cleveland	14
William A. Hoefgen (At Large)	Indianapolis	15
Daniel F. Munn	Indianapolis	15
Ted M. Campbell	Indianapolis	15
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J. LeRoy Sutton	Buffalo	22
Vernon A. Reed	Buffalo	22
Charles U. Bedell	Butte	23
A. Kendrick Smith	Butte	23
Charles H. Lembke (At Large & Emeritus)	Albuquerque	24
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John T. Varney	Albuquerque	24
Dr. Harrison B. Cave (Ad Vitam & Emeritus)	Dallas	25
Lewis A. Priestner	Dallas	25
F. E. Biegert	Dallas	25
Harry S. Weston (Emeritus)	Shreveport	26
J. A. Walden	Shreveport	26
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Kenneth G. Matchette	Fort Wayne	27
Lyle C. Ling	Detroit	28
Joseph C. Davidson	Detroit	28
Reuben R. Adams (Ad Vitam)	Portland	29
Flavel Temple	Portland	29
Charles Parker	Portland	29
William Cresswell	New York	30
Walter M. Clarry	New York	30
J. Harry Hopffgarten	Boise	31
R. M. Stovall	Fort Worth	32
Paul L. Hamilton	Fort Worth	32
Merwyn H. Brown	Reno	33
James B. Gasho	Reno	33
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Albert N. Wallin	Chicago	48
Carl L. Wolf	Chicago	48
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Nels P. Mettome	Salt Lake	49
Robert P. Smith (At Large)	Capital	50
Howard P. Foley	Capital	50
Leonard P. Steuart	Capital	50
Lee H. Everett	Grand Forks	51
Charles G. Burke	Grand Forks	51
Dallas Donnan	Seattle	52
George D. VanWagenen	Minneapolis	53
Hugh G. Moshier	Minneapolis	53
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Verne E. Funkhouser	Kansas City, Mo.	54
Nall E. Brown	Kansas City, Mo.	54
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Clesson Wiles	Duluth	55
H. Louis Hagey	London	56
B. J. Lang	London	56
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Jerry T. Henderson	Knoxville	57
Ralph W. DeLancey	Erie	58
Emet E. McWhertor	Erie	58
A. B. Burton	Roanoke	59
Howard W. Starkey	Roanoke	59
Michael Blue	San Antonio	60
Sam A. Chapman	San Antonio	60
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Howard A. Swartwood	Binghamton	61
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William J. Singleton	Montreal	63
George H. Whitehead	Montreal	63
Ralph E. Hackney	Crescent	64
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Lee A. Folger (Emeritus)	Charlotte	109
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Virgil F. Frizzel	Charleston, W. Va.	111
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A. D. Parker	Houston	136
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Dr. F. Lawrence Bulfinch	New Hampshire	137
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Paul G. Gaither	Amarillo	140
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John Jepson (At Large)	Hartford	141
Harold K. Bonnick	Hartford	141
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Elmer E. Smith	Watertown	142
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Royal Director OPPENBORN: Royal Jesters, you have heard the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Royal Leading Man SMITH: Move it be adopted.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Moved, the adoption of the report. Is there a second to the motion? (Motion seconded)

All in favor say "aye." Contrary, if any. Unanimously adopted.

I have several other presentations to make here; the members of the National Court, many of whom accompanied me on the visitations throughout the realm throughout the past year and I would like to present them to you.

I would like to present to you again the man who just acted as Royal Director in presenting the resolution, this fine young man who will be our Royal Director in a few minutes, Royal Leading Man Robert P. Smith. (Applause)

William A. Hoefgen, Royal Tragedian; W. Howard Millington, Royal Impresario; Arthur H. Wilharm, Royal Treasurer; Norman A. Boyd, Royal Stage Manager; Charles M. Hofman, Royal Leading Lady; Charles H. Lembke, Royal Heavy Man; John Jepson, with his sagacity and witticisms, Royal Light Comedian; Carl A. Rahn, Royal Soubrette; Stanley Garrity, Royal Serio Comic; Charles G. White, Royal Character Man; and the one and only William Oldenburger, Royal Property Man, from Mexico City. (Royal Officers were greeted with applause as they were introduced.)

I understand that our beloved friend and member of the National family, Norman Boyd, has a report to make and a word he would like to say to the Royal Order of Jesters assembled here this afternoon.

Royal Stage Manager BOYD: Royal Director and members of the Royal family and Representatives of the Royal Court. This after the introduction recently made, is sort of a "hello and goodbye." I don't know whether you have ever seen a victim of blasted hopes and frustrated ambitions before but, if by any chance you should happen to be looking in this direction at the present moment, you will discover one.

For many years I have had a very deep desire and ambition to become the head of this wonderful organization, the Royal Order of Jesters and I had determined that if I ever reached that pinnacle that I would give you an administration that would compare favorably with those of my very distinguished predecessors. For eight successive years you have most graciously accepted me into the Royal family and elected me to the next higher office and, with but two more to go, it seemed that the goal was in reach unless you happened to have a change of heart, of course.

Unfortunately, Father Time has taken a hand and produced a condition I cannot ignore. On competent advice I am informed that to undertake to travel and other obligations the Royal Director assumes, would hasten a result which, although ultimately inevitable, is never looked upon with any degree of acceptance.

The office of Royal Director cannot be successfully exercised from a desk or office. In fact, ninety per cent of the pleasure attached to the office is the joy of visiting the Courts of North America and meeting and breaking bread with the splendid membership that constitutes the Order. Denied this privilege, the administration would be a flop and that I could not tolerate.

Accordingly, I am not waiting until the last minute to withdraw but am requesting the Nominating Committee not to consider me as a candidate as Royal Tragedian. Before this action is taken, however, I wish to express to you as Representatives of your various Courts my deep and sincere appreciation for the consideration you have accorded me in the past and to assure you that my interest in the Royal Court of Jesters, of which I have been a member for some thirty-three years, will never cease and that in the future I shall continue to boost from the sidelines. Once more, I give you my very grateful thanks. (Applause)

Royal Director OPPENBORN. Royal Jesters and Royal Stage Manager Norman Boyd. About four months ago Norman wrote me and told me what he expressed to you here today. I was mortified and chagrined to think that he would give up at this particular time and I wrote to him begging him, pleading with him, to reconsider what he had said to me in his recent letter.

But he immediately replied and told me what he said to you here today and I know that he is sincere and that he regrets it as much as any of us. I am going to ask you what you want to do about it, Royal Jesters.

Royal Leading Man SMITH: Royal Director, I move that we accept the resignation and I will have another motion to make after this.

Royal Treasurer WILHARM: Royal Director, I second the motion.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Moved and seconded that we accept the resignation of Royal Stage Manager Norman Boyd from the National Court. All those in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. So ordered.

Royal Leading Man SMITH: Royal Director, we of the Royal family, and I am sure every one of you out there, hear this report with deep regret. Royal Stage Manager Norman Boyd has lived Jesterdom all his life. He is one of our greatest; he is a great Jester. He has been an Emeritus Member of the Imperial Council for many years. He has been on the Finance Committee and taken an active part in all its proceedings; and likewise in the proceedings of the Royal Court. So it is with deep regret that we receive this report.

We would urge him to carry on but his health and his physician will not allow him to do so.

So that he might, however, continue among us and continue to be recognized as a Past Royal Officer, I move you, Sir, Royal Director, that he be made a Representative Ad Vitam.

Jester GEORGE H. ROWE: Royal Director, coming from New York State and having known Norm for many, many years, I second the motion.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You have heard the motion, Royal Jesters. It has been seconded by the dean of the Supreme Court of Buffalo, New York, Past Imperial Potentate Rowe. Are you ready for the question?

VOICES: Question!

Royal Director OPPENBORN: All in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any.

You are now an Ad Vitam member of the Royal Court, Royal Jester Norman Boyd, and may God bless you. Applause)

Royal Stage Manager NORMAN A. BOYD: Thank you, Jesters. I can't tell you how much I appreciate that.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: We will now have the report of the Royal Impresario.

REPORT OF THE ROYAL IMPRESARIO

To the Royal Director, National Court Officers, and Representatives to this 38th Annual Meeting of the Royal Order of Jesters:—

It is my privilege to give you a report of the operation of the office of your Royal Impresario for the year ending March 31, 1955.

I will give only a resume of the important items as a detailed statement in full will be printed in the Proceedings of this Meeting.

Membership:—

Membership, January 1, 1954	15,880
Created, 1954	1,031
Affiliations, 1954	40
Restored, 1954	30

Total 16,981

Demitted, 1954	147
Deceased, 1954	350
Suspended, 1954	87
Resigned, 1954	58
Expelled, 1954	5

Total deductions 647

Membership January 1, 1955 16,334

Net gain 454

113 Courts had a net increase.

33 Courts had a net decrease.

12 Courts had no change.

Finances:

The financial position of the National Court is better than a year ago. The report of the auditor shows an increase of \$10,-488.33 in our net assets to a total of \$61,954.03.

The auditors report shows a net profit on the years operations of \$8,547.28, which is nearly \$6,000.00 more than the estimate set up by the budget adopted at the last Annual Meeting.

At the Midwinter Meeting of your National Officers, all the figures on the operation of the office available at that time were presented.

I recommended at that time that there be purchased, out of the general funds, \$9000.00 in bonds to be added to our bond account. Since the close of our fiscal year, March 31, 1955, I recommend that this be increased to a total of \$14,000.00 in bonds. This matter will be presented to you by the Finance Committee.

I have kept your Royal Director and your Chairman of the Finance Committee advised of the financial condition of the National Court by sending each a copy of the Trial Balance at the end of each month.

The year just closed has been a most pleasant one made so by the privilege of working with our Royal Director, Henry L. Oppenborn, and the Officers of the Royal Court. The Officers of the National Court have been most considerate and helpful in all matters pertaining to the administration of the office of the Royal Impresario and to our Royal Director and officers of the National Court, my sincerest appreciation and thanks.

Respectfully submitted to this 38th Annual Meeting of the National Court, Royal Order of Jesters.

Royal Impresario

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STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 1955

No	Court	Membership Jan 1, 1954	Created	Affil	Restored	Demitted	Deceased	Sus	Resign	Membership Jan 1, 1955	Loss— Gain
1	Aloha	69	6	1	1	0	3	0	0	74	5
2	Pittsburgh	284	13	2	0	3	12	0	0	284	0
3	Rochester	221	10	0	0	1	6	1	0	223	2
4	San Francisco	244	12	2	1	0	4	4	4	247	3
5	Helena	91	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	95	4
6	Oakland	144	7	0	0	7	2	0	0	142	2
7	Cincinnati	118	12	0	0	0	8	0	0	122	4
8	Columbus	229	12	0	0	3	5	3	0	230	1
9	St. Paul	96	7	0	0	4	4	1	0	94	2
10	Dayton	122	13	0	0	0	3	0	0	132	10
11	Grand Rapids	120	2	0	0	0	3	1	2	116	4
12	Little Rock	156	12	1	0	1	5	2	0	161	5
13	Wheeling	221	13	1	0	1	3	0	0	231	10
14	Cleveland	232	13	0	0	5	6	2	1	231	1
15	Indianapolis	185	13	1	0	1	4	2	0	192	7
16	Richmond	61	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	60	1
17	Phoenix	131	11	0	0	0	5	1	0	136	5
18	Panama Canal	94	9	0	0	2	2	2	0	97	3
19	Omaha	180	5	0	0	10	8	0	3	164	16
20	Springfield, Ill.	226	10	0	4	12	7	3	0	218	8
21	Toledo	148	8	0	0	1	3	0	0	152	4
22	Buffalo	207	7	0	0	1	4	0	0	209	2
23	Butte	67	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	73	6
24	Albuquerque	107	13	0	0	1	2	0	0	117	10
25	Dallas	114	7	1	0	0	1	3	0	118	4
26	Shreveport	87	2	0	0	0	4	1	1	83	4
27	Ft. Wayne	110	10	0	0	0	6	0	2	112	2
28	Detroit	250	13	0	0	1	10	0	0	252	2
29	Portland	141	11	0	0	1	4	4	3	140	1
30	New York	118	13	1	0	0	2	0	0	130	12
31	Boise	69	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	73	4
32	Ft. Worth	116	9	0	0	1	1	1	0	122	6

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No	Court	Membership Jan 1, 1954	Created	Affil	Restored	Demitted	Deceased	Sus	Resign	Membership Jan 1, 1955	Loss— Gain
33	Reno	76	11	0	1	0	0	1	0	87	11
34	El Paso	90	9	0	1	0	1	0	0	99	9
35	Austin	92	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	95	3
36	New Orleans	65	5	0	1	0	2	0	0	69	4
37	Newark	188	13	1	0	0	7	1	0	194	6
38	Pine Bluff	133	2	0	1	1	3	1	0	131	2
39	Chattanooga	63	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	64	1
40	Peoria	165	6	0	0	0	7	1	0	163	2
41	Calgary	74	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	71	3
42	Hammond	95	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	91	4
43	Terre Haute	82	11	0	0	1	2	1	0	89	7
44	Des Moines	72	4	1	0	0	1	0	2	74	2
45	Tulsa	127	4	5	0	0	2	1	1	132	5
46	Chicago	216	13	2	0	2	2	0	0	227	11
47	Salt Lake	41	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	49	8
48	Capital	100	6	0	0	2	3	0	0	101	1
49	Grand Forks	101	9	0	0	1	3	0	4	102	1
50	Seattle	61	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	63	2
51	Minneapolis	97	5	0	0	2	1	0	0	99	2
52	Kansas City, Mo.	218	10	0	0	1	3	0	1	223	5
53	Duluth	82	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	85	3
54	London	138	12	0	0	1	2	1	0	146	8
55	Knoxville	76	7	0	0	0	2	2	0	79	3
56	Erie	111	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	120	9
57	Roanoke	52	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	52	0
58	San Antonio	90	9	0	1	0	3	3	0	94	4
59	Birmingham	72	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	71	1
60	Lewiston	43	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	43	0
61	Montreal	119	11	0	0	2	2	0	0	126	7
62	Crescent	161	13	0	2	0	8	1	1	165	4
63	Spokane	63	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	66	3
64	Dimaryp	105	3	0	0	2	3	0	0	103	2
65	Rockford	149	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	153	4
66	Altoona	137	6	0	0	1	2	0	2	138	1
67	Providence	110	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	107	3

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January 1, 1955

No	Court	Membership Jan 1, 1954	Created	Affil	Restored	Demitted	Deceased	Sus	Resign	Membership Jan 1, 1955	Loss— Gain
72	Philadelphia	186	13	2	1	1	6	0	5	190	4
73	Springfield, Mo.	71	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	70	1
74	Saginaw	117	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	125	8
75	Norfolk	68	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	66	2
76	Wichita	115	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	123	8
77	Albany	107	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	114	7
78	Okl. City	136	13	0	0	0	1	3	0	145	9
79	Syracuse	48	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	47	1
80	Akron	141	10	0	0	0	4	2	0	145	4
81	St. Louis	112	6	0	0	9	1	0	0	108	4
82	Baltimore	112	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	112	0
83	Toronto	140	8	0	1	1	2	2	0	144	4
84	Los Angeles	266	13	1	0	1	13	0	1	265	1
85	Wichita Falls	89	9	0	0	0	1	3	0	94	5
86	E. St. Louis	164	13	1	1	0	1	5	0	172	8
87	Billings	84	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	85	1
88	Miami	190	13	1	0	0	3	8	0	190	0
89	Tampa	108	5	3	0	2	2	0	0	112	4
90	Jacksonville	112	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	121	9
91	Atlanta	116	5	0	0	2	2	0	0	117	1
92	Nashville	79	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	78	1
93	Kansas City, Kas.	75	2	0	1	2	2	1	0	73	2
94	Salina	57	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	58	1
95	Pittsburg, Kan.	51	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	57	6
96	Montgomery	71	3	0	1	0	3	1	1	70	1
97	Galveston	73	13	0	1	1	2	0	0	84	11
98	St. Joseph	67	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	66	1
99	Muskogee	81	3	0	0	2	1	1	0	80	1
100	Victoria	45	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	47	2
101	Milwaukee	127	10	1	0	2	3	0	0	133	6
102	Evansville	38	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	6
103	Boston	204	12	0	0	1	5	0	0	210	6

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No	Court	Membership Jan 1, 1954	Created	Affil	Restored	Demitted	Deceased	Sus	Resign	Membership Jan 1, 1955	Loss— Gain
104	Tacoma	67	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	4
105	Rutland	60	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	1
106	Winnipeg	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0
107	Put Stevens	98	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	99	1
108	Ashland	70	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	69	1
109	Charlottesville	114	9	0	1	4	0	0	1	119	5
110	Pueblo	124	8	0	0	1	2	2	0	127	3
111	Charleston, W. Va.	218	13	0	0	3	4	0	0	224	6
112	Mexico City	93	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	96	3
113	Charleston, S. C.	63	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	4
114	Sioux Falls	74	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	78	4
115	Waco	46	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	43	3
116	Harrisburg	83	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	82	1
117	Cumberland	115	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	120	5
118	Lincoln	95	5	0	1	1	2	0	0	98	3
119	Sacramento	107	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	114	7
120	Mobile	31	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	31	0
121	Lexington	100	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	104	4
122	Troy	58	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	64	6
124	Sioux City	78	4	0	0	0	3	0	1	79	1
125	Topeka	69	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	70	1
126	Madison	75	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	70	5
127	Birmingham	97	10	0	0	2	1	0	0	104	7
128	Allentown	116	13	0	3	0	1	1	3	127	11
129	Davenport	67	7	0	1	0	1	1	0	74	7
130	Memphis	51	5	2	0	0	1	1	0	56	5
131	Louisville	80	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	84	4
133	San Diego	61	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	65	4
134	Savannah	80	11	1	0	6	2	0	0	84	4
135	Sheridan	97	4	1	0	0	4	0	0	98	1
136	Houston	83	7	0	0	1	0	0	5	83	0
137	New Hampshire	22	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	21	1
138	Denver	128	13	1	0	2	1	0	2	137	9
139	Cedar Rapids	61	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	63	2
140	Amarillo	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0

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No	Court	Membership Jan 1, 1954	Created	Affil	Restored	Demitted	Deceased	Sus	Resign	Membership Jan 1, 1955	Loss- Gain
141	Hartford	86	11	0	0	8	0	0	0	89	3
142	Watertown	51	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	48	3
143	Jackson	44	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	44	0
144	Springfield, Mass.	75	10	0	0	1	2	0	0	82	7
145	New Bern	117	10	0	1	0	3	1	1	123	6
146	Macon	53	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	55	2
147	Meridian	25	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	27	2
148	Rawlins	90	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	91	1
149	St. John	32	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	32	0
150	Bangor	50	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	2
151	Montpelier	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	1
152	Hastings	40	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	5
153	Deadwood	31	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	34	3
154	Wilkes-Barre	57	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	2
155	Nova Scotia	16	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	17	1
156	Parkersburg	62	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	64	2
157	Fresno	61	12	0	0	0	1	0	3	69	8
158	Greenville	38	5	0	0	1	0	0	2	40	2
159	Albany	22	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	6
160	San Angelo	46	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	52	6
161	Long Beach	30	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	44	14
162	Alexandria	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0
163	Utica	38	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	39	1
164	Wilmington	24	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	36	12
Total		15,880	1031	40	30	147	350	87	63	16,334	

Courts with Net Increase 113
 Courts with Net Decrease 33
 Courts with No Change 12
 Net increase for year 1954. . . . 454

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(The Royal Impresario read his Annual Report, which was received with generous applause.)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Royal Jesters, you have heard the report of the Royal Impresario. What is your pleasure?

Royal Leading Man SMITH: Royal Director, I move it to be adpoted. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Are you ready for the question?

VOICES: Question!

Royal Director OPPENBORN: All those in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. So ordered.

I would like to present at this time a young man whom I have known for many, many years. He was Imperial Potentate when I was Oriental Guide in my Temple. He has come into the meeting since the opening. I am pleased to present to you Past Imperial Potentate Leonard Steuart, Imperial Treasurer of the Mystic Shrine. (Applause)

Next is the report of the Treasurer of the National Court of the Royal Order of Jesters, Arthur H. Wilharm of Pittsburgh Court.

REPORT OF THE ROYAL TREASURER

To the Royal Director, Officers of the National Court, Representatives and Members:

I beg to submit the following report covering Receipts and Disbursements for the period of April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955, both inclusive:

March 31, 1954 Balance \$31,156.09.

Receipts

Deposits from Royal Impresario \$59,584.11 \$90,740.20

Disbursements

By checks No. 4308 to 4563, both inclusive
 as authorized by Warrants Nos. 4308 to

4563, both inclusive \$55,106.02 \$55,106.02

March 31, 1955 — Balance \$35,634.18

application is in due form and signed by thirteen (13) Nobles in good standing in Yelduz Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Aberdeen, South Dakota, and we recommend that a charter be granted, and the Royal Director and Royal Impresario issue a charter and arrange for the institution of said Court.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. LEMBKE, Chairman
WALTER E. PEET, Asst. Chairman
CHARLES E. TORTAT
JOHN B. VESEY
PAUL W. MILLER

Royal Heavy Man LEMBKE: Royal Director, I move the adoption of the report.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Royal Jesters, you have heard the report. What is your pleasure? (Motion seconded)

Any discussion?

VOICES: Question!

Royal Director OPPENBORN: All those in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried unanimously.

The report of the Regalia Committee, Royal Leading Lady Charles M. Hofman.

(The report of the Regalia Committee was read by the Chairman, Royal Leading Lady Charles M. Hofman.)

REPORT OF THE REGALIA COMMITTEE

To the Royal Director, Officer of the National Court, Representatives and Members of Subordinate Court, Royal Order of Jesters:

We, your Regalia Committee, have had no requests or suggestions from members of the Subordinate Courts during the past year to change the regalia of a Jester. The present regula-

tions appear to be satisfactory and we have no recommendations to make at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES M. HOFMAN, Chairman
WILLIAM K. CONVERSE,
Asst. Chairman
JOHN G. DAUB
HERBERT T. WHITE
KENNETH D. McCANN

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You have heard the report of the Committee on Regalia. What is your pleasure?

Royal Treasurer WILHARM: Royal Director, I so move the adoption. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: The adoption of the report is moved and seconded. Any discussion?

VOICES: Question!

Royal Director OPPENBORN: All those in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. So ordered.

The report of the Ritual Committee by George Sengel.

REPORT OF RITUAL COMMITTEE

To the Royal Director, Officers and Representatives, Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the National Court, Royal Order of Jesters:

There are no Ritual changes this year, but 500 new Rituals were printed this year and are in the safe keeping of the Royal Impresario at his office in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE F. SENDEL, Chairman
WILLIAM J. GUENTTER,
Asst. Chairman
FRANK F. HAUSMAN
LEONARD P. STEUART
LEON P. DISINGER

(The report of the Ritual Committee was read by the Chairman, Jester George Sengel.

Jester GEORGE SENDEL: Royal Director, I move you the adoption of the report. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You have heard the motion and the second. All those in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried unanimously.

The report of the Committee on Emeriti and Life Members. Is Walter Guy present? Jim Saunders, a member of his Committee, has the report in his hand; always on the job.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF EMERITI AND LIFE MEMBERS COMMITTEE

To the Royal Director, Officers and Representatives of the National Court, Royal Order of Jesters:

Your Committee on Nomination of Emeriti and Life Members wishes to report requests for three Emeriti Memberships in the National Court and Two Hundred and Seven (207) Life Memberships in the Royal Order of Jesters.

Emeriti Members in the National Court:

J. A. Walden, Shreveport Court No. 26
Henry Pierce, Spokane Court No. 65
Alex Vollmer, Crescent Court No. 64

Life Membership in the Royal Order of Jesters in accordance with Article 10, Section 4 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Court for the following:

NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERS

1955

Life Member	Court	No.	Date Initiated
Benjamin S. Barbour	Pittsburgh	2	Dec. 7, 1929
C. H. Borntraeger	Pittsburgh	2	Nov. 22, 1912
Harry F. Burry	Pittsburgh	2	Oct. 13, 1913
W. J. Creighton	Pittsburgh	2	Apr. 12, 1919
R. A. Daniell	Pittsburgh	2	Aug. 8, 1928
Albert C. Darragh	Pittsburgh	2	May 22, 1920
J. Donald Darragh	Pittsburgh	2	May 8, 1926
Ralph C. Davis	Pittsburgh	2	Apr. 12, 1919
Frank W. Dean	Pittsburgh	2	May 8, 1926

Life Member	Court	No.	Date Initiated
Harry A. Estep	Pittsburgh	2	June 24, 1927
C. E. Frazier	Pittsburgh	2	Mar. 15, 1923
Robert M. Gilliland	Pittsburgh	2	Oct. 4, 1911
Dr. Harry M. Goehring	Pittsburgh	2	Feb. 26, 1921
Harry E. Haller	Pittsburgh	2	Aug. 8, 1928
John L. Hardie	Pittsburgh	2	Feb. 26, 1921
Oakley W. Heselbarth	Pittsburgh	2	May 17, 1930
Lewis W. Hicks	Pittsburgh	2	Mar. 25, 1922
Ernest Hillman	Pittsburgh	2	Mar. 25, 1922
Joseph W. Hubbard	Pittsburgh	2	May 2, 1925
Thomas J. Ingram	Pittsburgh	2	Dec. 7, 1929
James B. Jamison	Pittsburgh	2	Aug. 8, 1928
Albert E. P. Kerr	Pittsburgh	2	Oct. 4, 1911
Dr. James P. Kerr	Pittsburgh	2	Nov. 21, 1914
John F. Kraft	Pittsburgh	2	May 2, 1925
Fred G. Lamb	Pittsburgh	2	May 8, 1926
William Macbeth	Pittsburgh	2	Feb. 26, 1921
Malcolm Macpherson	Pittsburgh	2	Mar. 25, 1922
Arthur C. Martin	Pittsburgh	2	May 22, 1920
Senator Edward Martin	Pittsburgh	2	Dec. 7, 1929
Howard E. Miller	Pittsburgh	2	June 24, 1927
Davis V. Murdoch	Pittsburgh	2	Dec. 7, 1929
Hugh F. McKnight	Pittsburgh	2	Mar. 15, 1923
F. W. Ochsenhirt, Jr.	Pittsburgh	2	Mar. 25, 1922
George S. Oliver	Pittsburgh	2	Feb. 26, 1921
Ralph Overholt	Pittsburgh	2	Nov. 21, 1914
William J. Powell	Pittsburgh	2	May 8, 1926
Francis E. Proctor	Pittsburgh	2	Apr. 12, 1919
D. Lee Pryde	Pittsburgh	2	May 17, 1930
J. Milton Ryall	Pittsburgh	2	June 24, 1927
George C. Schutte	Pittsburgh	2	Nov. 21, 1914
Samuel L. Shank	Pittsburgh	2	Mar. 25, 1922
Joseph N. Succop	Pittsburgh	2	Aug. 8, 1928
Dr. J. Huber Wagner	Pittsburgh	2	June 24, 1927
Robert M. Weisbrod	Pittsburgh	2	June 24, 1927
Charles H. Wentzel	Pittsburgh	2	Feb. 26, 1921
Arthur H. Wilharm	Pittsburgh	2	Aug. 8, 1928
Clayton H. Hoffman	Grand Rapids	11	Feb. 5, 1918
Col. Thomas H. Barton	Little Rock	12	Dec. 7, 1929
Frank H. Beale	Little Rock	12	Dec. 7, 1929
Rex I. Brown	Little Rock	12	Dec. 7, 1929
Vail Paschal	Little Rock	12	Dec. 7, 1929
Renton Tunnah	Little Rock	12	Dec. 6, 1930
James G. Card	Cleveland	14	Apr. 2, 1927
George H. Wagner	Cleveland	14	Apr. 2, 1927
William K. Allsop	Cleveland	14	Nov. 24, 1928
Ralph McOuat	Cleveland	14	Oct. 19, 1929
Fred J. Zang	Cleveland	14	Oct. 19, 1929
Walter B. Turner	Cleveland	14	Oct. 19, 1929
Ralph S. Millard	Cleveland	14	Oct. 25, 1930
George J. Fisher	Cleveland	14	Oct. 25, 1930
Robert A. Burri	Cleveland	14	Oct. 25, 1930
Rupert H. Koepf	Cleveland	14	Oct. 25, 1930
Bertram J. Forsha	Indianapolis	15	Dec. 17, 1929
Carl A. Frey	Indianapolis	15	Dec. 13, 1928
Harry G. Gompf	Indianapolis	15	Dec. 17, 1929
George F. Hilgemeier	Indianapolis	15	Dec. 17, 1929
L. Lynn Logsdon	Indianapolis	15	Dec. 17, 1929
Roy W. Pickett	Indianapolis	15	Dec. 30, 1927
Clyde E. Robinson	Indianapolis	15	Dec. 17, 1929

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Life Member	Court	No.	Date Initiated
Charles B. McDonald	Omaha	19	May 10, 1929
John C. Blain	Albuquerque	24	Jan. 18, 1929
J. Roy Buckland	Albuquerque	24	Jan. 18, 1929
Simon Deschler	Albuquerque	24	Aug. 13, 1929
C. Elmer Riehl	Albuquerque	24	Jan. 18, 1929
Jesse C. Frye	New York	30	Feb. 21, 1925
Arthur L. Lee	New York	30	May 18, 1923
E. Russell Lambert	Pine Bluff	38	Dec. 14, 1929
H. King Wade	Pine Bluff	38	June 21, 1930
James B. Shackleford	Pine Bluff	38	Dec. 10, 1927
Albert L. Pfau	Terre Haute	45	Apr. 1, 1921
Harry J. Cole	Terre Haute	45	Feb. 20, 1922
Raymond F. Thomas	Terre Haute	45	Dec. 29, 1923
Noble J. Johnson	Terre Haute	45	May 26, 1923
W. Rex Bell	Terre Haute	45	July 31, 1924
William L. White	Terre Haute	45	Nov. 24, 1925
Warren Miller	Terre Haute	45	Nov. 14, 1925
Glen W. North	Terre Haute	45	Apr. 24, 1926
Gerhardt A. Monninger	Terre Haute	45	Dec. 31, 1926
Ralph C. Everson	Terre Haute	45	Apr. 13, 1928
Ross R. Bayless	Tulsa	47	Dec. 13, 1930
J. N. Bolte	Tulsa	47	Dec. 13, 1930
A. Y. Boswell	Tulsa	47	Dec. 13, 1930
Howard P. Foley	Capital	50	June 17, 1929
Robert P. Smith	Capital	50	Dec. 14, 1929
Elling J. Severson	Grand Forks	51	Nov. 30, 1921
Arthur L. Netcher	Grand Forks	51	Aug. 21, 1925
Judson LaMoure, Jr.	Grand Forks	51	Aug. 21, 1925
James Walter Hawkins	Grand Forks	51	Jan. 13, 1928
James Nelson Kunkel	Grand Forks	51	Apr. 11, 1928
Harry P. Hopkins	Kansas City, Mo.	54	Nov. 2, 1930
Harry E. Lunsford	Kansas City, Mo.	54	Sept. 27, 1930
Walter J. Packwood	Kansas City, Mo.	54	Aug. 9, 1930
Louis G. Schumacher	Kansas City, Mo.	54	Jan. 15, 1930
James A. Taylor	Kansas City, Mo.	54	Apr. 19, 1930
Dr. Frank J. Elias	Duluth	55	Dec. 28, 1924
M. Louis Hubbard	Duluth	55	Apr. 1923
Willis A. Putman	Duluth	55	Dec. 28, 1929
Dr. William G. Strobel	Duluth	55	Dec. 28, 1929
Harry W. Zinsmaster	Duluth	55	Dec. 28, 1924
Roland C. Buck	Duluth	55	Dec. 8, 1928
Max H. Barber	Duluth	55	Dec. 29, 1923
Joseph H. Jordan	Duluth	55	Dec. 3, 1927
Elmer C. Peterson	Duluth	55	Dec. 28, 1929
Frank M. Brown	Knoxville	57	June 7, 1928
O. B. Keister	Knoxville	57	Dec. 16, 1926
R. Rex Wallace	Knoxville	57	Jan. 3, 1925
Karl P. Baum	Knoxville	57	Jan. 3, 1925
Walter P. Taylor	Knoxville	57	Apr. 1, 1922
C. N. Mynderse	Knoxville	57	Apr. 1, 1922
O. M. Dunn	Knoxville	57	Apr. 1, 1922
Udo Haarmann	San Antonio	60	Sept. 7, 1928
Fred Garfield Silvey	San Antonio	60	Jan. 14, 1928
Godon L. Farned	San Antonio	60	Apr. 19, 1930
George Dullnig	San Antonio	60	May 21, 1930
Herman Koplan	San Antonio	60	Apr. 19, 1930
S. Worth Clark	Crescent	64	July 28, 1928
Earl Bengston	Rockford	69	Oct. 1929
Dr. C. E. Werner	Rockford	69	Oct. 1929
G. Arthur Southam	Rockford	69	Oct. 1929

Life Member	Court	No.	Date Initiated
John Logan	Rockford	69	June 21, 1930
John R. Jackson	Rockford	69	June 21, 1930
Henry L. Collier	Norfolk	75	Aug. 30, 1924
Ernest L. Sawyer	Norfolk	75	Aug. 30, 1924
Melvin T. Blassingham	Norfolk	75	May 14, 1926
Paul W. Kear	Norfolk	75	May 14, 1926
William B. Collier	Norfolk	75	Feb. 3, 1930
George A. Massenburg	Norfolk	75	Apr. 30, 1927
William L. Prieur, Jr.	Norfolk	75	Apr. 14, 1928
Joseph W. Jordan, Jr.	Norfolk	75	Apr. 14, 1928
C. Vernon Spratley	Norfolk	75	Apr. 14, 1928
H. K. Beardmore	Wichita	76	Mar. 15, 1930
D. R. Lauck	Wichita	76	May 31, 1930
Forrest Luther	Wichita	76	Dec. 6, 1930
Charles B. Moore	Wichita	76	May 31, 1930
Edgar S. Warner	Akron	80	Apr. 6, 1929
Fred B. Adam	St. Louis	81	Dec. 21, 1929
Norman B. Champ	St. Louis	81	Dec. 21, 1929
Herman C. Kraleamm	St. Louis	81	Dec. 21, 1929
Carl G. Stifel	St. Louis	81	Dec. 21, 1929
Eldon Y. Hutchison	Toronto	83	May 13, 1930
Wilbert Buchanan	Toronto	83	May 13, 1930
Harry Broders	Miami	88	Mar. 13, 1928
James H. Bright	Miami	88	Mar. 13, 1929
Charles B. Costar	Miami	88	Apr. 8, 1930
Harry C. Ebright	Miami	88	Apr. 8, 1930
John A. Watt	Miami	88	Mar. 13, 1929
Arthur W. Sweeny	Tampa	89	Jan. 22, 1925
Dr. Jack B. Black	Jacksonville	90	Apr. 5, 1926
Raymond B. Harris	Jacksonville	90	May 24, 1930
George H. Hodges	Jacksonville	90	Apr. 5, 1926
Robert Kloeppel	Jacksonville	90	May 24, 1930
Frank W. Norris	Jacksonville	90	May 24, 1930
John M. Register	Jacksonville	90	May 24, 1930
Dr. Ferdinand Richards	Jacksonville	90	May 24, 1930
Dr. Andy W. Sears	Jacksonville	90	May 24, 1930
Benjamin S. Weathers	Jacksonville	90	Apr. 5, 1926
Harry J. Carr	Atlanta	91	May 20, 1926
Frank A. Cundell	Atlanta	91	May 20, 1926
Thomas C. Law	Atlanta	91	May 20, 1926
Dewald A. Cohen	Atlanta	91	May 7, 1927
Virgil W. Shepard	Atlanta	91	Nov. 23, 1927
Walter J. Aichel	Atlanta	91	Dec. 28, 1927
James S. Floyd	Atlanta	91	Apr. 11, 1928
Roy S. Mather	Atlanta	91	Apr. 16, 1928
B. Earle Yancey	Atlanta	91	Nov. 21, 1928
Leidy W. Shehee	Atlanta	91	Dec. 28, 1928
Barnes E. Sale	Atlanta	91	Mar. 19, 1930
Oscar Ernest Casey	Galveston	97	June 7, 1927
Walter Luney	Victoria	100	May 24, 1929
Willard P. Lombard	Boston	103	Dec. 31, 1929
William J. L. Roop	Boston	103	Dec. 31, 1929
Stephen G. Mathewson	Boston	103	Dec. 31, 1929
John E. DeMeyer	Boston	103	Dec. 31, 1929
Norman G. Knapp	Rutland	105	Mar. 1, 1928
Harrie E. Burton	Rutland	105	Mar. 1, 1928
Alexander C. Mason	Rutland	105	Mar. 1, 1928
John E. Traill	Rutland	105	Mar. 1, 1928
Joseph E. Marceau	Rutland	105	Mar. 1, 1928

Life Member	Court	No.	Date Initiated
Tim J. Burke	Ashland, Ore.	108	Apr. 26, 1929
A. B. Cunningham	Ashland, Ore.	108	Apr. 26, 1929
H. S. Deuel	Ashland, Ore.	108	Apr. 26, 1929
A. L. O. "Bub" Schueler	Ashland, Ore.	108	May 22, 1925
A. T. Dozier	Charlotte	109	Jan. 30, 1930
D. E. Lorrey	Charlotte	109	Jan. 30, 1930
Ralph Schmucker	Charlotte	109	Jan. 30, 1930
J. D. Shaw	Charlotte	109	Jan. 30, 1930
Dell Arbaugh	Pueblo	110	Aug. 10, 1929
Isidor Bernheim	Pueblo	110	Aug. 10, 1929
George W. Cramer	Pueblo	110	Aug. 10, 1929
Ray N. Dennis	Pueblo	110	Aug. 10, 1929
Elmer J. Easter	Pueblo	110	Aug. 10, 1929
Guy M. Hanner	Pueblo	110	Aug. 10, 1929
Forest Snyder	Pueblo	110	Aug. 10, 1929
Otis B. Glover	Topeka	125	Nov. 23, 1929
Judge Paul H. Heinz	Topeka	125	Mar. 22, 1930
Fred H. Crawford	Louisville	131	May 19, 1926

The records in the office of the Royal Impresario show the full compliance of each of the applicants for the honor applied for. Your Committee therefore recommends their election as stated above.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. GUY, Chairman
 REMMIE L. ARNOLD, Asst. Chm.
 JAMES H. SAUNDERS
 WILLIAM OLDENBURGER
 DR. HARRY E. SHARRER

(The report of the Committee on Nomination of Emeriti Members and Life Members was read by Jester James H. Saunders.)

Jester JAMES H. SAUNDERS: There are four or five other pages here for Life Members. I hope nobody wants me to read them; I hope not.

Royal Director, I move the adoption of the report. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You have heard as much of the report as could be read. You have heard the motion and the second. All in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. So ordered.

There have been a number of Jesters who have asked about this. This is a Collar and Jewel made by a Past Director of

Toronto Court and presented to me. The maker is an artificer in precious metals. It has all the symbols of Life, Laughter, Gloom, Joy and Happiness. When he presented to me and placed it on my shoulders he said they thought they would like to present to me something to remember the British Empire; so, at the bottom is the Crown. I told him I would wear it at the National Court and would always treasure it and keep it among my trophies.

Past Royal Director REUBEN R. ADAMS: Chairman of the Crippled Childrens Hospitals Committee.

REPORT OF THE CRIPPLED CHILDRENS HOSPITALS COMMITTEE

To the Royal Director, Officers and Representatives to the Thirty-Eighth Annual Convention, Royal Order of Jesters:

As of June 29, 1955, Royal Impresario Millington made the following recapitulation:

Total \$14,748.35

10 Courts donated funds—purchased equipment—clothing, medicine—recreation.

149 Courts failed to report.

REUBEN R. ADAMS, Chairman
 STANLEY GARRITY, Asst. Chm.
 ROBERT P. SMITH
 WILLARD P. LOMBARD

(The report of the Committee on Crippled Childrens Hospitals was read by the Chairman, Past Royal Reuben R. Adams.)

Past Royal Director ADAMS: Probably that is because I was negligent in my duty due to illness, as I would have done if I had been sound in mind and body. I am sure that there would have been many other Courts who would have been assisting hospitals in locations near their locations as well as the funds of their own Courts. I know we do that in Portland. We have some four or five thousand dollars accumulated out there in gifts to the Hospital and I do not believe it was reported. I think this is a grand affair and I think we should take it to heart. I am sure the hospitals are in need of equipment and that would

save funds that they would otherwise have spent to help youngsters to get well. It is again noted that 149 Courts, that is 90%, fail to respond to this wonderful charitable effort. Let's make it better next year.

Royal Director, I move the adoption of the report. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: All those in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. So ordered.

I want to say that I have had a number of Royal Directors of the subordinate Courts tell me that they have not made reports to the Royal Impresario during the past year but have sent contributions to the hospitals within their jurisdictions. I discussed the matter with them and told them they should report it to the Royal Impresario so he could report it.

We will have the report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee by Royal Jester Norman Boyd of Binghamton, New York.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Royal Director and
Representatives to the Royal
Court of Jesters:

Greetings.

Once upon a time there was a chap who became a member of a fraternal organization. This fellow was an introvert of an extreme type. When talking to others he would construe their remarks, however casual or impersonal, to apply to himself and would assay them mentally to discover a possible unpleasant reference to which he might take exception. His attitude toward the actions of others was of a similar nature and as a result he felt certain he was a special object of harassment of the world in general.

Under his native delusion he persuaded the presiding officer of the organization of which he had become a member to set up a committee to pass on all complaints he was sure the members nursed, and more particularly on those which he, himself, would have occasion to make.

Time went on and gradually the subject of our discussion commenced to realize that he was in a new and hitherto undiscovered environment. He was amazed, confused, but eventually delighted to find that his associates were truly interested in his welfare; that they stressed, in their association with others, the pleasant and heartening phases of life to the elimination of disagreeable things, and that cordiality, good nature and happiness dominated their relations with others.

And so gradually Joy entered his being and, in this unusual atmosphere, thrived in the heart of the new member. His course of life underwent a complete metamorphosis and he commenced to work with increasing enthusiasm to spread happiness among those with whom he came in contact. He developed a personal interest in the problems of his fellow members; a sympathetic attitude to the childish pranks of the neighbors' kids, and eventually became an Evangel of Mirth and Joy among associates less fortunate than he. He had become a real Jester and now is a welcome guest on every occasion.

In the meantime, and during the development of this miracle, the committee which had been set up in the organization became thoroughly stagnant as it had nothing to do, and it continues, so to speak, to wither on the vine. It barely exists, and then in name only.

The moral of this tale is this: If you want to have a title and get name in the annual book of the Royal Court, without any obligation to work, just persuade the Powers that Be to put you on the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

Jesters don't have any grievances, or if they do, they forget them.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE on GRIEVANCES
AND APPEALS

NORMAN A. BOYD, Chairman
JESSE D. HURLBUT, Vice-Chm.
GEORGE E. MUNDY
FRED B. GRANT
DEWEY E. S. KUHNS

(The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was read by the Chairman, Jester Norman A. Boyd.)

Royal Stage Manager NORMAN A. BOYD: Royal Director, I move the adoption of the report. (Applause) (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You have heard the report read and heard the motion. It is duly seconded. All those in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, that venerable gentleman whom we all love — and enjoy his Christmas cards and cards after every election — from Topeka, Kansas, our beloved Chairman of Jurisprudence and Laws, Al F. Williams. Come up here, Al, where they can hear you better.

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: Royal Director and Jesters, during the last year your Committee has had thirteen matters come before it; some of which were propositions to amend existing By-Laws and some of which were for the purpose of adopting entirely new sets of By-Laws.

I will read to you the names of the various Courts that are included in this report: Albuquerque, Chattanooga, St. Louis, Toronto, Denver, Watertown. Now those I have just read are Courts in which they were submitting amendments to their existing By-Laws.

New Orleans, Philadelphia, Albany, Wichita Falls, Alexandria, Wilmington, Springfield, Illinois; now these Courts submitted entirely new By-Laws.

These matters were submitted to the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee and handled during the last year.

There was an entirely new set submitted by Cleveland but they were disapproved and no further action taken by the Committee.

There is another matter coming up which I will not include in this partial report and that is the adoption of an entirely new set of By-Laws and Constitution of the National Court.

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS COMMITTEE
Royal Director, Officers and Representatives
of the National Court:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws begs leave to submit the following Report:

The following named Courts have submitted to your Committee proposed Amendments to their By-Laws:

Albuquerque Court No. 24
Chattanooga Court No. 39
St. Louis Court No. 81
Toronto Court No. 83
Denver Court No. 138
Watertown Court No. 142

The following named Courts have submitted entirely new sets of By-Laws:

New Orleans Court No. 36
Philadelphia Court No. 72
Albany Court No. 77
Wichita Falls Court No. 85
Alexandria Court No. 162
Wilmington Court No. 164
Springfield, Illinois Court No. 20

An entirely new set of By-Laws was submitted by Cleveland Court No. 14, but were disapproved by the Committee.

Your Committee finally reporting states that all of the proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws submitted by the various Courts listed above, with the exception of Cleveland Court No. 14, has been by your Committee duly and regularly approved.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS C. LAW, Chm. Emeritus
AL F. WILLIAMS, Chairman
ROBERT P. SMITH, Asst. Chm.
GEORGE H. ROWE
GALLOWAY CALHOUN
WILLARD P. LOMBARD

(The partial report of the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee was read by the Chairman, Jester Al F. Williams.)

As I look over the back of this, where we have provisions for signing by all the members of the committee, I notice they have all been signed including my own signature. We have six

members on this committee. Their signatures are all included and I submit that they have all been put there. There is not a cockeyed one of them who ever saw this report before except me. (Laughter)

I move the adoption of the report.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You have heard the motion and he says that no one has ever seen it.

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: Right now is the time for them to say something. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You have heard the motion and the second. All in favor of this portion of the report by the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried.

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: For a minute I thought my foot was going to slip. I have been doing this for about ten years and I haven't been stopped yet.

I want to make an inquiry. How many of the Jesters have read the copy of the proposed new Constitution and By-Laws? (Hands raised) Well, that is fairly representative. This is voluminous. Do you want me to read it?

VOICES: No!

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: Boys, that is good; that is what you call "unanimous."

I want to say that there have been a number of amendments presented at this meeting relative to the new set of By-Laws we are now talking about. These are submitted by our mutual friend, Louis Chackes; I don't think anybody ever heard of Louis. (Laughter) I venture to say that it would be good to get oriented. These have been submitted by Louis Chackes. (Reading)

Article III, Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the National Court of the Royal Order of Jesters shall be held on the day preceding the annual meeting of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., at the city chosen for such meeting.

I move to amend this Section by adding the following language, "or at such time or place chosen and voted by the

National Court." So that the Section as amended shall read as follows: (Reading)

Article III, Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the National Court of the Royal Order of Jesters shall be held on the day preceding the annual meeting of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., at the city chosen for such meeting or at such time or place chosen and voted by the National Court.

Now that means that this language has been added. It gives you an opportunity to hold your meetings at some other day and place other than that of the Imperial Council.

I move the adoption of the amendment. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You have heard the motion and the second. Any question?

VOICES: Question!

Royal Director OPPENBORN: All in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried unanimously.

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: Now, let me make this suggestion if you please. It isn't the desire of the Committee, or the desire of the Jesters who prepared this set of By-Laws, to bar any Jester at any time from having something to say on the question. If you do not agree with the amendment it is perfectly all right with the Committee if you want to speak.

Article VII, Section 15, now reads as follows: (Reading)

Article VII, Section 15. Every Subordinate Court also shall have power and authority to discipline or expel any member of such Court for conduct unbecoming a Jester, or which brings the Royal Order of Jesters into disrepute.

I move to amend by striking the word "also" and adding the following, "The accused shall be served in person or by registered mail with the formal written charges. He shall have the right of Counsel such to be a member of the Royal Order of Jesters in good standing. It shall require a majority vote of the Jesters present at such meeting on the question of guilt and the question of discipline or expulsion. Either the Court or the accused shall have the right within thirty days to appeal from

the National Court for any judgment rendered and a Jester indefinitely suspended or expelled may be reinstated after the expiration of one year from the date of judgment by a two-thirds vote of the Jesters present at a meeting duly called for the purpose of a vote on such reinstatement. If a request for a reinstatement is denied by the vote of the Court he shall not be permitted to petition for a period of one year thereafter." So that the Section as amended, the new Section, will read this way. (Reading)

Article VII, Section 15. Every Subordinate Court shall have power and authority to discipline or expel any member of such Court for conduct unbecoming a Jester, or which brings the Royal Order of Jesters into disrepute. The accused shall be served in person or by registered mail with the formal written charges. He shall have the right of Counsel such to be a member of the Royal Order of Jesters in good standing. It shall require a majority vote of the Jesters present at such meeting on the question of guilt and the question of discipline or expulsion. Either the Court or the accused shall have the right within thirty days to appeal from the National Court for any judgment rendered and a Jester indefinitely suspended or expelled may be reinstated after the expiration of one year from the date of judgment by a two-thirds vote of the Jesters present at a meeting duly called for the purpose of a vote on such reinstatement. If a request for a reinstatement is denied by the vote of the Court he shall not be permitted to petition for a period of one year thereafter.

I now move you the adoption of the report. (Motion seconded)

Jester JOHN VESEY: Royal Director, I would like to object. My objection is simply this; to expel a man on a majority vote is not right. Everybody in the Court should be pretty well satisfied that the man is guilty and I think it should require more than a majority vote to expel, especially when you have two-thirds to reinstate. I would think that it should be 75% of the members present at the meeting. I would be glad to hear other suggestions but I do think that a majority vote to expel a man from the Court is inadequate.

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: Any other remarks? We will hear from Louis Chackes who is submitting this amendment.

Jester LOUIS CHACKES: Royal Director and members of the Court. May I say that I introduced the amendment merely because the By-Laws as submitted stated, and I will repeat it, "Every Subordinate Court shall have power and authority to discipline or expel any member of such Court for conduct unbecoming a Jester, or which brings the Royal Order of Jesters into disrepute."

When I read that I thought it did put too much power within a Court; especially since they did not require a special meeting to be called for the purpose, or did it give the man accused the right to face his accusers or be represented by Counsel. Neither did it give the Court or the Jester himself a right to appeal; neither did he have a chance to get back in.

I placed the word "majority" in there and I have no preference for the word except I retained that part of the original amendment which gave the Court the right to expel; naturally, that would be majority. Incidentally, in the prerequisite, which would be the Shrine, I believe the Shrine gives the right to expel to a majority. I am inclined to agree that it should be larger.

I am willing to amend my amendment and if John Vesey is willing, that as long as it takes two-thirds vote to reinstate, I move now that the word "majority" here be changed to "two-thirds."

Jester JOHN VESEY. I would be glad to accept that. I just didn't want it to be a popularity contest.

Jester LOUIS CHACKES: And I want you to know that it doesn't interfere with me. I just want him to have a fair rattle, shake and roll.

Jester J. Y. JORDAN, JR.: Royal Director and members of this convention. I object to the feature in this proposed amendment of the right of appeal from the local Court to the Royal Court. Personally, I think that the local Courts are the ones to handle that; and then, when we have an appeal, it would have to come before this entire organization. At the present time we have no committee, no Court of Appeals, and I understand there is nothing set up in the organization to handle that matter. So why, when we come to an annual meeting, should we have the appeal of some suspended, or expelled, member of a local Court

and have to thrash it out here? Suppose that is done and the local Court is not supported? In my judgment that would not make for satisfactory feeling between that subordinate Court and the Royal Court. I think that feature should be deleted.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Royal Jester, we have a Committee on Grievances and Appeals that will handle any appeal from a Royal Jester before it comes before the National Court.

Jester J. Y. JORDAN, JR.: Royal Director, I understand it says, "Appeal to the Royal Court." Should that be spelled out or does it mean the Committee?

Jester LOUIS CHACKES: We do have a Committee on Grievances and Appeals, a standing Committee, on which I served for many years with no work to do except to prepare and present reports. The Committee members were always happy they had no particular work to do. The appeal made by anybody, either the Court or man who lost the case, would under normal conditions eventually be referred to this Committee on Grievances and Appeals. The report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee would be submitted to the National Court for approval.

I always believe that anybody should have the right of appeal to some higher place. In the Blue Lodge, York or Scottish Rites, or Shrine, or anywhere in the structure of Freemasonry, first a man has a chance to listen to the accusation and protect himself; and then, when the judgment is rendered, he has the right to appeal it some place else. That doesn't mean he wins the appeal but he does have a last appeal and it should be within the supreme body, whether the Grand Lodge or whatever. We do it in the Shrine too.

For that reason, my dear friend, I am inclined to believe it should stay in there.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Are you ready for the question? The question is that the report of the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee, as amended, be approved.

VOICES: Question!

Royal Director OPPENBORN: We will vote on the amendment to change "majority" to "two-thirds." All those in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried unanimously.

Now we vote on the original motion.

Jester AL. WILLIAMS: The only change is from "majority" to "two-thirds."

Royal Director OPPENBORN: From a majority to two-thirds of those present. Are you ready for the question?

VOICES: Question!

Royal Director OPPENBORN: All in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried.

Jester AL. F. WILLIAMS: Now, Louis has got another one here. We want to take up Article XI, Section 1 which now reads as follows: (Reading)

Article XI, Section 1. This Constitution, By-Laws, or any part thereof, may be changed or amended at any meeting of the National Court, provided written notice of said change has been mailed to the Director, Impresario and Representatives of all Subordinate Courts, at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting, or provided that said change is submitted in writing to, and has the approval and recommendation of, a majority of the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee, as constituted, sitting at any meeting of the National Court.

I move to amend by striking the words, "or provided that said change is submitted in writing to, and has the approval and recommendation of, a majority of the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee, as constituted, sitting at any meeting of the National Court." And substituting the following, "and provided such written amendment shall first be referred to and reported on by the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee, as constituted, and sitting at any meeting of the National Court." So that this section as amended shall read as follows. (Reading)

Article XI, Section 1. This Constitution, By-Laws, or any part thereof, may be changed or amended at any meeting of the National Court, provided written notice of said change has been mailed to the Director, Impresario and Representatives of all Subordinate Courts, at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting, and provided such written amendment shall first be referred to and reported on by the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee, as

constituted, and sitting at any meeting of the National Court.

Louis, do you have anything to say on that?

Jester LOUIS CHACKES: I will second your motion.

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: That is a mighty fine thing. I so move.

Jester LOUIS CHACKES: Second.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You have heard the motion and the second. Are you ready for the question?

VOICES: Question!

Royal Director OPPENBORN: All in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried.

Jester LOUIS CHACKES: Royal Director, my attention has been drawn to something that, while it is understood, the language says, "This Constitution, By-Laws, or any part thereof, may be changed or amended at any meeting of the National Court." Somebody thought it should be "Annual Meeting." We only have one meeting. When the Officers meet, that is not a meeting of the National Court. Is that right? Does that clear it up?

Royal Director OPPENBORN: That is right.

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: Now I have a couple of amendments here that I want to present personally and not as a member of the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee. I do not speak for the rest of the members of the Committee.

Before I speak I would like to ask if any Jester present has any amendment to present on these By-Laws. If you have, I would be glad to hear it now.

Now, this is changing the Constitutional Law of the Royal Order of Jesters. We don't do that very often and if you have anything in your system to get rid of, now is the time to speak up. Don't come back later on begging.

I want to make two suggestions. The first is on Section 5 and I will read it to you; it is simple. (Reading)

Section 5. The method of choosing the thirteen initiates a year shall be left to each Subordinate Court; provided, however,

it shall be by unanimous vote of those present after notice, unless the By-Laws of the Subordinate Court shall provide for election of New Candidates if not more than two (2) black balls appear on a secret ballot.

A JESTER: What Article is the amendment to?

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: Section 5 of Article IX.

Now, the idea I have here is simply to call your attention that nobody can get into this Order by going out and asking to be a member. It is on invitation and not as a candidate and the boys who presented this, I think, forgot. They probably belonged to another organization where you can get in if you pay the amount. I want to change that to "Nominees." I think you get the point. It is a Nominee who is being invited in and not a Candidate begging.

I move the adoption of the amendment. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You have heard the motion and the second. Are you ready for the question?

VOICES: Question!

Royal Director OPPENBORN: All in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried, Royal Impresario.

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: Now we are getting to something that may be a little controversial. For something like ten years I have been connected with this Committee. During that time I have had written communications from Jester Courts and numerous Jesters individually throughout North America. I have also had personal conversations at times and I want to say that most of the questions that arose were on the question of getting into the Court and of getting out of the Court. The Law, of course, now and as provided in these new By-Laws is the same. If you can't get more than two fellows to vote against a Nominee he is elected but this particular question here is going just on the other side and I will read this Section as it appears in the new set. Section 3 reads as follows: (Reading)

Article X, Section 3. If after a demit has been issued to any Jester, he is rejected in another Subordinate Court, such Jester, upon his written request within 3 months after the date of his

demit or the effective date of this Section whichever is later, shall be reinstated in the Court issuing the demit.

Now I want to make this kind of a statement and I think I am right. I don't think there is a Court in North America that does not have one, two, six or seven, fellows in there that if their names came up now to get in couldn't get in under any circumstances in the world. I have been approached at different times by some of the boys in the eastern part of the Country where they tell me they haven't been able to get a man in for years. They have a bunch of stiff-necked nesters in there who won't vote to put anybody in. They come and cry on my shoulders and go around Robin Hood's barn and get the man in without a vote. This Committee has turned those down and will continue to do so in my opinion.

Jester LOUIS CHACKES: I rise to a point of order, Royal Director. It has been called to my attention that there are newspaper reporters in the anteroom who are taking reports of what is transpiring here.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Royal Property Man. will you see that we are properly tiled.

All right, Royal Jesters, if you will give your attention to Royal Jester Williams.

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: They are asking now that if a Jester takes a demit from his own Court and he goes out and he can't get in some place else, probably turned down, if he comes back within ninety days the Court who gave the demit is absolutely ordered to take him back. He may be one of those birds who wouldn't vote for a Candidate in ten years. That is my idea, that the Court where the demit was granted should have the right to vote as if he were a new member.

I am, therefore, moving that this Section that I have referred to, Section 3 of Article X, be amended to read as follows. This would be the new provision. (Reading)

Article X, Section 3. If after a demit has been issued to any Jester, he is rejected in another Subordinate Court, such Jester, upon his written request within 3 months after the date of his demit or the effective date of this Section whichever is later, shall be reinstated in the Court issuing the demit, provided that

the provisions in Section 5 of Article X shall have been fully complied with.

That is, that he has to come in as he did in the first place. I move the adoption.

Jester R. STUART ANDREWS: What would happen if the man had not been rejected by another Court and wanted to come back?

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: So far as I am concerned I think you have got something there and I think this can be cured probably in another direction. If you will permit me to go back and start over again; I have done that a number of times and don't feel a bit ashamed.

I move that Section 3 of Article X be stricken from the By-Laws so we won't have any question on it.

Jester R. STUART ANDREWS: I second the motion.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Moved and seconded that Section 3 of Article X be stricken from the By-Laws. Any discussion?

All those in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. The Chair is in doubt.

All those in favor of the motion please stand. Those opposed please stand. The motion is carried.

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: I now move the adoption of the proposed new By-Laws and Constitution as submitted to you and as amended.

Royal Leading Man SMITH: Second the motion.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Regularly moved and seconded that the new Constitution and By-Laws of the National Court of the Royal Order of Jesters be adopted as amended. Any further discussion on the motion?

All in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried unanimously.

Jester AL F. WILLIAMS: I now move you that all of the amendments to the By-Laws and all By-Laws as a whole be by this meeting approved. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: All those in favor of the motion signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried unanimously.

Jester LOUIS CHACKES: I think this is an appropriate time to say something; you know, "The time has come," the Walrus said." There was something brought out that many of us did not pay much attention to. We did go to the trouble of reminding ourselves that nobody applies for membership to this organization so our members are not voting on Initiates. At every meeting of our Court, where there are elections and some of the names turned down, I make a motion in our Court that our records contain no reference to the names of anybody who has been turned down. Here is the reason. Here is Joe Smith, a pretty fair citizen; he didn't ask to join. Somebody suggested his name and somebody thinks he ought not to come in. So why should there be a blot on his escutcheon or stigma on his character that we show on his record that we turned him down when he didn't ask to come in? It doesn't require action here but since the matter has come in I thought I would like to tell you what we do in our Court that you might like to do in yours. Thanks for the use of the hall. (Applause)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: I would like to make this observation. I would like to notify the Committee on Ritual that they should make a further report next year. They should have made it years ago. In our Obligation we state that we will never sign the application of anybody to become a Royal Jester. That should be changed.

I am very grateful that you adopted the By-Laws as amended. The Committee on By-Laws—and particularly a member of the National Court, our beloved Brother and Royal Jester Stan Garrity from Kansas City—has spent many arduous hours in preparing these By-Laws and deserve credit. The more you know him the better you love him. I want him to stand. (Applause)

We have another member of the Imperial Council who just came in. Imperial Sir Harold Close of Hartford, Connecticut. (Applause)

The Committee on Nominations, Judge Rowe, will you come up to the microphone? Jesters, we are just about on time and we will be through in a little bit.

Jester GEORGE H. ROWE: Royal Director, Royal Officers and Royal Representatives. I should like to have the privilege of prefacing my report by stating to you that I was somewhat emotional at the time our good friend indicated that he was not going to continue in this Line. In fact, I want to apologize to him, of course, I corrected myself immediately. I was 100% for making him a Representative Ad Vitam and particularly was I affected because I have known him for many, many years. He comes, of course, from Binghamton, New York, and we in the Jesters, as well as in Shrinedom, have interchanged visitations and he has been one of the stalwarts in Shrinedom and also Jesterdom. I am very much upset, of course, that he is retiring.

Now, this report I am submitting to you, I might say that by reason of Norm's resignation there is a vacancy created and there will be two to be nominated and elected to the Royal Line. Those that are ahead of his position in Line, of course, will naturally be pushed up one office. Those below will be advanced two positions.

Of course, I have known the man that the Committee is going to recommend for your Royal Director for a long time, he having been the attorney for the Imperial Council and for the Hospital Board for some years; and particularly during the years of 1946 and 1947 when I was Imperial Potentate I rubbed shoulders with him a great many times. I tried to tell him that because I had been a Judge for about thirty years that I thought I knew a little something about the law but Bob has a wonderful way of sitting down and talking you out of things. I don't know whether he is going to follow that line when he becomes Royal Director. You don't have to be afraid of him because although he is serious-looking sometimes, might I say that he has a heart of gold. He likes Coca Cola; so, if you want to get in with him, buy him a bottle of Coca Cola.

I submit the following report which is unanimous.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is the unanimous recommendation of the Nominating Committee that all Officers in the line be advanced to the following positions:—

Robert B. Smith, ROYAL DIRECTOR
 William A. Hoefgen, ROYAL LEADING MAN
 Charles M. Hofman, ROYAL TRAGEDIAN
 Charles H. Lembke, ROYAL STAGE MANAGER
 John Jepson, ROYAL LEADING LADY
 Carl A. Rahn, ROYAL HEAVY MAN
 Stanley Garrity, ROYAL LIGHT COMEDIAN
 Charles G. White, ROYAL SOUBRETTE
 William Oldenburger, ROYAL SERIO COMIC

and that Arthur H. Wilharm, ROYAL TREASURER and W. Howard Millington, ROYAL IMPRESARIO, be reelected to the positions of ROYAL TREASURER and ROYAL IMPRESARIO respectfully.

I move the adoption of this part of the report.

(Jester George H. Rowe read the first section of the report of the Nominating Committee.)

I should like to put in a good word for our Royal Impresario. Since I have been on this Committee he has been a great help, of course, in preparing this report and in the typing of it.

I now move the adoption of this part of the report. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You have heard this portion of the report. It is regularly moved and seconded that it be adopted.

All in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried.

Jester GEORGE H. ROWE: Now, as to the second part of the report, there has been presented to the Committee five names, four of them by Resolutions of their separate Courts for election to the position of Royal Property Man. Because of the resignation of Norman A. Boyd, for reasons of health and the recommendation of his doctor, it is necessary, as I stated before, for this Committee to put in nomination one name for the position of Royal Character Man and one for Royal Property Man.

Your Committee met Sunday afternoon and at that time we invited the four Candidates, whose names I will read to you,—the fifth man was not in the City and was not present—but we

got acquainted with these Candidates and I am sure that what I say in furtherance of this report will meet with your approval.

There has been presented to the Committee five names, four of them by resolutions of their separate Courts to the position of ROYAL PROPERTY MAN. Because of the resignation of Norman A. Boyd from the Royal Line because of his health and recommendation of his Doctor, it is necessary that this Committee put in nomination, one for the position of ROYAL CHARACTER MAN and one for the position of ROYAL PROPERTY MAN. Your Committee has met with those Royal Jesters that have been recommended for a position on the royal line and find them all to be worthy and well qualified and in our opinion fully capable of discharging the duties of an office in the Royal Line and it is the recommendation of your Committee that Arthur O. Olson of TULSA COURT No. 47 be presented for your approval as ROYAL CHARACTER MAN and that H. R. "Bud" Fine of FRESNO COURT No. 157 is recommended for your approval as ROYAL PROPERTY MAN, and we heartily recommend Paul W. Miller, Atlanta Court No. 91, David S. Wescott, Tampa Court No. 89, and Howard A. Swartwood for your future consideration. I move the adoption of this second part of your Committee Report.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. ROWE, Chairman
 ALBERT N. WALLIN, Asst. Chm.
 HOWARD P. FOLEY
 DR. CHARLES M. PORTER
 CHESTER A. HOGAN
 DALE R. PERREN

(Jester George H. Rowe read the second part of the report of the Nominating Committee.)

This portion of the report is unanimous except, of course, for Jester Howard Foley being absent. I move the adoption of this part of the report. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: You have heard the motion which has been duly seconded.

I recognize Jester Paul Miller of Atlanta Court.

Jester PAUL W. MILLER: Royal Director, I would like to move that the report of the Nominating Committee be unanimously adopted. (Applause)

Jester HOWARD SWARTWOOD: I join with Jester Miller in moving the unanimous approval of the Committee report.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Is Jester David Wescott in the room?

Jester DAVID S. WESCOTT: I would like to second that.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: We have the approval of Jesters Miller, Swartwood and Wescott in approving the report of the Nominating Committee. Any further discussion?

All in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried.

Royal Jesters, I am sure that the National Court has been wise, and the Nominating Committee has been wise, in making this report. I say this with all the sincerity that my soul can muster. I have known Dave Wescott and Paul Miller for twenty years. I know of no two Jesters within the realm who are more sincere and ardent in their efforts for Jesterdom, Masonry and Shrinedom, than Dave Wescott and Paul Miller. Their gracious withdrawal here means much to me.

Royal Jester Arthur Olson, do you accept?

Jester ARTHUR O. OLSON: I do, Sir.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Royal Jester Bud Fine, do you accept?

Jester H. R. "BUD" FINE: I do accept. (Applause)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: I call on the Chairman of the Finance and Accounts Committee, David S. Wescott.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Royal Director, Officers and Representatives to the National Court, Royal Order of Jesters:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave to report on the financial condition of our National Court as of March 31, 1955, the end of our fiscal year.

The accounts of the Royal Impresario and the Royal Treasurer have been audited by a Certified Public Accountant and shows a net increase in the operation of \$8,547.28 as compared with a net loss of \$11.70 for the year ended March 31, 1954. Our net worth is \$61,954.03, an increase of \$10,488.33 over the previous year.

Our assets consist of the following:

Cash	\$37,642.93
U. S. & Canadian Bonds	21,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	2,873.35
Accounts Receivable	2,433.73
	\$63,950.01
Less accounts payable	1,995.98
Net worth	\$61,954.03

The budget set up for the year was not exceeded in expenditures but less by more than \$3,300.00. The estimated receipts were exceeded by over \$2,000.00.

The balance of cash on hand was \$37,442.93 and bonds on hand \$21,000.00.

The audit in detail will be printed in the Proceedings.

In view of the excellent financial condition of the National Court, your Committee recommends the purchase of United States Bonds in the sum of \$14,000.00 to be placed with the bonds in our safe keeping box in the Fidelity Trust Company, Pittsburgh, Penna.

Your Committee proposes a budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1956, based on an estimated income of \$34,950.00 and expenditures of \$30,135.00 for a projected possible net balance of operation for the year of \$4,815.00.

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The budget proposed is as follows:

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$18,500.00
Fees	7,500.00
Interest	850.00
Certificates	1,000.00
Membership Cards	800.00
Jewels	6,000.00
Crowns, Billikens, Etc.	300.00

Total\$34,950.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary, Royal Impresario	\$9,600.00
Salary, Secretary—Royal Impresario	3,000.00
Salary, Secretary—Royal Director	600.00
Salary, Royal Treasurer	600.00
Traveling Expense—Royal Dir.	4,000.00
Traveling Expense—Royal Impresario	2,500.00
Expense Mid Winter Meeting	1,500.00
Expense Annual Meeting	1,500.00
Printing & Stationery	500.00
Office Supplies	500.00
Postage	400.00
Telephone & telegrams	400.00
Office, Rent	1,200.00
Office Equipment	1,000.00
Printing & Mailing Bauble	1,500.00
Royal Directors Jewels	250.00
Social Security	135.00
Miscellaneous Account	600.00
Auditing	200.00
Office Maintenance	150.00

Total\$30,135.00

Balance\$ 4,815.00

At the Midwinter Meeting of your National Court Officers, the items of receipts and expenditures were submitted in detail and the recommendation of your National Officers that the salary of your Royal Impresario be increased to \$9,600.00 is recommended and is included in the above budget.

Should unforeseen expenses become necessary in addition to the budget herein proposed, the Royal Director is authorized to order same.

Respectfully submitted

LEE A. FOLGER, Chairman Emeritus
DAVID S. WESCOTT, Chairman
HENRY A. PIERCE, Asst. Chm.
A. ELMER RAITHEL
WALTER G. SEEGER
D. L. ZIMMERMAN

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

NATIONAL COURT ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS

Henry L. Oppenborn, Royal Director
4000 Northeast Second Avenue
Miami 37, Florida

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to instructions, we have made an examination of the books and records of the National Court, Royal Order of Jesters, from April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955.

COMMENTS RESPECTING INCOME AND EXPENSES

A net worth increase of \$8,547.28 resulted from the operations of the Royal Court for the year ended March 31, 1955, as compared with a net decrease of \$11.70 for the year ended March 31, 1954. An analysis of income and expense is shown on Schedule No. 3. Revenue and expense for the 37th annual convention are shown on Schedule 4. A comparative statement of budget estimates with actual revenue and expenditures during the year is shown in detail on Schedule 5.

The statements of income and expense are prepared on the accrual basis by giving effect to beginning and ending receivables and payables. The general records are kept on a cash basis. It is, therefore, important that details of receivables and payables at the beginning and end of each year be retained.

COMMENTS RESPECTING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The assets and liabilities of the National Court are shown in detail in Schedule 1.

The following comments are made in respect to certain items contained therein:

CASH ON HAND \$200.00:

A petty cash fund of \$200.00 is maintained in the possession of the Secretary to the Royal Impresario. We counted this fund May 12, 1955, reconciling with the March 31, 1955 balance of \$200.00.

CASH IN THE FIDELITY TRUST COMPANY, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA \$37,442.93:

The balance of \$37,442.93 cash on deposit with The Fidelity Trust Company (Colonial Office), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was reconciled with the amount reported in the confirmation letter received from the depository. The balance includes one deposit in transit totaling \$1,808.75.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES \$21,000.00:

This represents the cost of \$13,500.00 par value, U. S. Treasury Bonds, Series K, \$6,500.00 for U. S. Treasury Bonds, Series G and \$1,000.00 Dominion of Canada 3% Bond. We secured written confirmation of these bonds from the Board of Control.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE \$2,312.23:

Our examination of the records disclosed amounts due from various counts in the above aggregate the major part of which (\$1,665.45) was for jewels and jewel tax, the next item in size (\$395.00) being for certificates.

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INVENTORY:

The inventory is made up of the following:

1,200 crowns @ \$.045 each\$ 54.00
5 bilikins @ \$22.50 each 67.50

Total \$121.50

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$1,853.79:

Invoices for jewels amounted to \$494.31, jewel tax of \$123.00, printing \$491.10, stationery and supplies \$156.29, travel expense \$395.28, telephone \$19.37; payroll taxes \$174.44.

NET WORTH \$61,954.03:

This amount is the net worth of the National Court at the close of the year ended March 31, 1955 and is summarized on Schedule No. 1.

GENERAL

Retained copies of billing statements to member courts were, when paid, filed as a record of collections, the amount of the collection being recorded in the cash book and in the ledger accounts with the various courts. Collections thus recorded were traced into the bank. It was noted that no interest was received on Canadian Bond this year. We examined copies of the warrants drawn by the Royal Impresario on the Royal Treasurer, Arthur H. Wilharm, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the checks issued by him with counter signatures.

We appreciate the cooperation of the officers and employees in facilitating this audit.

Yours truly,

Wallace J. Loy
Certified Public Accountant

SCHEDULE NO. 1

NATIONAL COURT, ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

March 31, 1955

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash on hand\$ 200.00
Cash in The Fidelity Trust Company,
(Colonial Office, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.. 37,442.93
Securities—United States and Canadian
Bonds, at cost (par) 21,000.00
Accounts Receivable .. 2,312.23
Inventory (Bilikins and crowns) 121.50

Total Current Assets \$61,076.66

Fixed Assets:

Office fixtures and equipment 2,873.35

Total Assets .. \$63,950.01

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LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable\$ 1,853.79
Due courts for overpayments 142.19

Total Current Liabilities \$ 1,995.98
Net Worth 61,954.03

\$63,950.01

ANALYSIS OF NET WORTH

Beginning balance 3-31-54\$51,465.70

Add: Office fixtures inventory
not before recorded on books.....\$1,941.05
Excess of revenue over
expense for fiscal year
3-31-55 8,547.28

Total 10,488.33

Ending balance 3-31-55 \$61,954.03

SCHEDULE NO. 1-A

NATIONAL COURT, ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS BANK RECONCILIATION

March 31, 1955

Balance per bank (confirmed)\$36,254.02
Add: Deposit in transit 3-31-55 1,808.75

Total\$38,062.77
Less: Outstanding checks 619.84

Balance per books \$37,442.93

OUTSTANDING CHECKS

No.	Amount
4554	\$ 166.50
4555	119.68
4557	111.06
4458	4.00
4561	49.00
4562	169.60

Total\$ 619.84

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SCHEDULE NO. 2

NATIONAL COURT, ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS STATEMENT OF PERMANENT INVESTMENT FUND

March 31, 1955

B O N D S	Due Date	Interest Rate	Par Value & Cost	Interest Income
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series K....	1965	2.76 %	\$13,500.00	\$372.60
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G....	1962	2.50 %	6,500.00	162.50
Dominion of Canada Bond	1959	3.00 %	1,000.00	-0- *
			\$21,000.00	\$535.10

* Interest apparently not received from Dominion of Canada Bond.

SCHEDULE NO. 3

NATIONAL COURT, ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

Year Ended March 31, 1955

INCOME:

Per capita dues	\$17,752.80	
Initiation fees	7,472.24	
Membership cards	\$ 936.32	
Less cost	110.60	825.72
Jewels - sales	\$9,870.37	
Less cost	3,317.61	6,552.76
Jewel tax - collected	\$ 950.68	
Paid and accrued	942.30	8.38
Interest on bonds		535.10
Annual proceedings - revenue	\$5,635.29	
Less cost	4,096.84	1,538.45
Gain on foreign check exchange		25.70
Misc. revenue		3.00
Crowns, seals and bilikins - sales	\$ 370.02	
Cost (purchases \$49.06 plus inventory decrease \$225.00)	274.06	95.96
Certificates - sales	\$2,885.00	
Less cost	1,251.42	1,633.58
Total Income		\$36,443.69

EXPENSES:

Rituals - cost	\$ 273.79	
Sales	174.00	\$ 99.79
Letterheads - cost	\$1,145.08	
Sales	653.78	491.30
Telephone and telegraph		420.21
Travel expense - Royal Director	\$3,206.07	
Royal Impresario	1,387.01	4,593.08

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Salaries - Royal Impresario	\$8,400.00
Secretary	2,747.50
Royal Treasurer	900.00
Secretary - Royal Director	700.00

Total	\$12,747.50
Less salary check not cashed	(-60.00)
	12,687.50

Stationery	470.69
Printing and multigraphing	345.12
Postage	392.34
Office rent	1,182.38
Social security tax (employers share)	135.99
Withholding tax	10.00
Bauble	1,630.28
Annual meeting	1,966.50
Office expense	140.78
Mid winter meeting	1,112.93
National Court Banquet - cost	\$11,826.40
Less revenue	11,083.45
Misc. expense - per sub schedule	742.95
	1,474.57

Total Expense

Excess of income over expense

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE

Flowers	\$ 16.28
Audit	150.00
Two Past Royal Directors Jewels	498.00
Treasurer's bond premium	25.00
Insurance on officers jewels	20.80
Reporter	58.47
Envelopes	189.20
Safe deposit box rent	5.50
Labor - mailing Imperial Potentate message	70.86
Freight, repairs and supplies for office equipment	273.08
Depreciation on office equipment	163.81
Miscellaneous	3.55

Total

SCHEDULE NO. 4

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 37th ANNUAL MEETING

June 29, 1954

RECEIPTS:

Registration and banquet fees	\$11,083.45	
Paid by National Court	742.95	\$11,826.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

Banquet	\$ 7,912.30
W.O.R. entertainment	2,581.80
Printing - banquet tickets, menus, etc.	1,131.40
Refund of tickets	101.30
Royal Director expenses	99.60
	\$11,826.40

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SCHEDULE NO. 5

NATIONAL COURT, ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS
COMPARISON OF BUDGET ESTIMATES WITH ACTUAL
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUE:	Budget Estimates	Actual	Under	Over
Per capita dues	\$18,000.00	\$17,736.23	\$ 263.77	\$
Fees	7,000.00	7,461.34		461.34
Interest earned	500.00	535.10		35.10
Annual proceedings (cost shown below)	5,600.00	5,615.76		15.76
Membership certificates (sales less cost)	600.00	1,633.58		1,033.58
Membership cards (sales less cost)	725.00	825.72		100.72
Letterheads (sales)	800.00	653.78	146.22	
Jewels (sales less cost)	5,600.00	6,552.76		952.76
Bilikins, crowns, tie swings, etc. (sales less cost)	200.00	95.96	104.04	
Miscellaneous revenue		37.08		
Totals	\$39,025.00	\$41,147.31	\$ 514.03	\$2,636.34
DISBURSEMENTS:				
Salary Royal Impresario ..\$	8,400.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$	\$
Salary Sec. to Royal Impresario	3,000.00	2,687.50	312.50	
Salary Sec. to Royal Director	600.00	700.00		100.00
Salary Royal Treasurer ...	600.00	900.00		300.00
Traveling expense — Royal Director	4,000.00	3,206.07	793.93	
Traveling expense — Royal Impresario	2,500.00	1,387.01	1,112.99	
Expense Royal Officers to mid year meeting	1,500.00	1,112.93		
annual meeting exp.....	1,500.00	1,966.50		
				79.43
Printing, stationery, letterheads, etc.	6,500.00	2,060.68)	342.48	
Cost of Annual Proceedings		4,096.84)		
Office supplies	250.00	140.78	109.22	
Postage, telephone, telegrams	1,000.00	812.55	187.45	
Express	200.00	-0-	200.00	
Office rent	1,200.00	1,182.38	17.62	
Office furniture & upkeep ..	1,000.00	171.35	828.65	
Repairs and depreciation office equipment		436.89		436.89
Publishing the Bauble Non-recurring	1,335.80	1,197.84	137.96	
Printing and mailing	2,706.40	1,630.28	1,076.12	
Past Royal Directors Jewel (2)	250.00	498.00		248.00
Auditing	150.00	150.00		
Social security	135.00	145.99		10.99
Miscellaneous	500.00	389.68	110.32	
National Court Banquet expense in excess of revenue		742.95		742.95
Totals	\$37,327.20	\$34,016.22	\$5,229.24	\$1,918.26

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(The report of the Finance and Accounts Committee was read by the Chairman, David S. Wescott.)

Jester DAVID S. WESCOTT: Royal Director, I move the adoption of the report. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Royal Jesters, you have heard the report. It is regularly moved and seconded that the report of the Finance and Accounts Committee be adopted as read.

All in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. Carried.

Well, we are just about down to the end, Royal Jesters, and we are on time; it is just four o'clock.

I want to tell you that there are three countries represented on this rostrum today as Royal Officers; the Royal Property Man, who has just been elected Royal Serio Comic and not yet installed, Bill Oldenburger; Billy Wray, who was Royal Director when I went to the foot of the ladder in 1944 in Milwaukee, from Canada; and your Royal Director is from Miami. Three different countries!

I will call on Doc Sharrer, Past Royal Director, to come up and install the Officers.

(The Installation ceremony was conducted by Past Royal Director Dr. Harry E. Sharrer.)

Royal Director SMITH: Royal Director, with great pleasure I present to you this Past Directors Jewel. You have been a great Royal Director and I want to congratulate you.

Past Royal Director OPPENBORN: Royal Director Bob Smith, I accept this with all the humility that is in my soul and I assure you that if there is anything I can ever do for Royal Jesterdom, or you personally, I am yours to be called on. Thank you. (Applause)

Royal Director SMITH: I declare the Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the National Court, Royal Order of Jesters, closed.

(The Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the National Court, Royal Order of Jesters, adjourned at 4:10 P. M.)

ANNUAL BANQUET

The Annual Banquet was held in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Sherman at 7:13 p. m., July 12, 1955. Director Alex Kisselburg, Los Angeles Court No. 84, gave a beautiful rendition of the "Lord's Prayer."

We were honored to have Imperial Sir Frank S. Land, Imperial Potentate and his Imperial Divan and the Past Imperial Potentates as our guests. Honorable Harry S. Truman was a special guest and he and the Imperial Potentate addressed the nearly 1400 Jesters present at the Banquet.

It was an inspiring sight to see such a large group having fun and yet show perfect decorum when addressed by our distinguished guests and our Royal Director.

The dinner was delicious and served in perfect manner under the personal direction of Jester Frank Bering, who is head of the Hotel Sherman Corporation, and his Matre d'Hotel George Z. Davis.

Royal Director Robert P. Smith presented the Officers of the National Court and our distinguished guests, the Imperial Divan and Past Imperial Potentates.

Jester Monte Blue M. C.'d the program during the Dinner Hour as Jester David Graves and the Mirza Temple Dixieland Band and Quartet and Jester Harry S. Walsh and the Medinah Temple Octette entertained.

The evenings outstanding event was the program presented by Lou Breese and his orchestra and entertainers. The consensus of comment after the party was that it was the best ever presented at any of our Banquets.

We are indebted to Royal Tragedian Charles M. Hofman for securing this fine program for us. It was great and made complete a wonderful evening.

COMMITTEE LIST

These Committees appointed by Royal Director Smith at Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, at the Hotel Sherman, July 12, 1955.

JURISPRUDENCE AND LAWS

	Court	No.
Thomas C. Law, Chairman Emeritus	Atlanta	91
Al F. Williams, Chairman	Topeka	125
George H. Rowe, Asst. Chairman	Buffalo	22
Galloway Calhoun	Waco	115
Willard P. Lombard	Boston	103
Howard A. Swartwood	Binghamton	61

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Lee A. Folger, Chairman Emeritus	Charlotte	109
David S. Wescott, Chairman	Tampa	89
Henry A. Pierce, Asst. Chairman	Spokane	65
A. Elmer Raithel	Rochester	3
Walter G. Seeger	St. Paul	9
D. L. Zimmerman	Wichita	76

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

Charles H. Lembke, Chairman	Albuquerque	24
Walter E. Peet, Asst. Chairman	Syracuse	79
Charles E. Tortat	Peoria	40
John B. Vesey	Memphis	130
Paul W. Miller	Atlanta	91

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Norman A. Boyd, Chairman	Binghamton	61
Jesse D. Hurlbut, Asst. Chairman	Toledo	21
George E. Mundy	Rockford	69
William J. Guentter	Cincinnati	7
Lincoln G. Kelly	Salt Lake City	49

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

	Court	No.
Arthur H. Wilharm, Chairman	Pittsburgh	2
Dr. J. Huber Wagner	Pittsburgh	2
John G. Daub	Pittsburgh	2
Charles G. White	Cleveland	14
Dewey E. S. Kuhns	Charleston, W. Va.	111

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CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Reuben R. Adams, Emeritus Chairman	Portland	29
Arthur O. Olson, Chairman	Tulsa	47
Stanley Garrity, Asst. Chairman	Kan. City, Mo.	54
William Wray	Montreal	63
Henry A. Pierce	Spokane	65
John A. Waldren	Shreveport	26

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the

NATIONAL COURT OF THE ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS

as Revised and Adopted by

National Court in Session at

Chicago, Illinois—July 12, 1955

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION

Section 1. This body shall be known by the name, style and title, "THE NATIONAL COURT OF THE ROYAL ORDER OF JESTERS". It has the power to enact laws, statutes and regulations for the government of the whole body, including any Subordinate Courts established by it.

Section 2. Subordinate Courts of the Royal Order of Jesters may be established from time to time in the manner pursuant to the provisions of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1. The purposes of the Royal Order of Jesters are:

- (a) Spreading the gospel of Mirth and Cheerfulness;
- (b) Promoting Good Fellowship and Fraternalism among its members; and
- (c) Extending assistance and good cheer to others.

Section 2. The participation or interference of any Court of the Royal Order of Jesters, as such, in any matters pertaining to the business of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine or any Temple thereof or the recommendation or endorsement, or the solicitation of votes for, or support of, any candidate for office therein, is hereby prohibited, as not being in accord with the spirit and principles of our Order.

ARTICLE III

Meetings of the National Court

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the National Court of the Royal Order of Jesters shall be held on the day preceding the annual meeting of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., at the city chosen for such meeting, or at such time or place chosen and voted by the National Court.

Section 2. A majority of the Representatives present at any meeting of the National Court shall constitute a quorum, provided at least five Courts are represented.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the Royal Director at any time when in his judgment the same may be necessary, or shall be called upon the written request of five Courts made through the Royal Impresario after thirty (30) days' notice.

Section 4. Proper communications sent by mail to Representatives' last known address, shall constitute a full and sufficient notice under all provisions of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV

Representatives to the National Court

Section 1. Each Subordinate Court shall be entitled to two Representatives to the National Court, and two alternate Representatives, such Representatives to be elected by said Court at its annual meeting.

Section 2. Vacancies may be filled at any meeting of a Subordinate Court and in the event time does not permit the calling of a meeting, the Director may appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

Section 3. National Officers elected as provided for, shall be Representatives-at-Large, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of elected Representatives; provided, however, that no Subordinate Court, one of whose Representatives is elected to a National Office, shall thereby be deprived of the two Representatives allowed to be elected under these By-Laws.

Section 4. All Past Royal Directors shall be Representatives Ad-vitam and shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of an elective Representative.

Section 5. The National Court may, by two-thirds vote of the members present at any session, elect as an Emeritus Member of the National Court, any Jester who has attended, as an accredited Representative of his Subordinate Court, eighteen (18) annual meetings of the National Court, and who is recommended for such honor by the Committee on Nomination of Emeriti Members. Every Emeritus Member shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of an elected Representative.

ARTICLE V

National Officers and Their Election

Section 1. The Officers of the National Court shall be as follows:

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| 1. Royal Director | 8. Royal Heavy Man |
| 2. Royal Leading Man | 9. Royal Light Comedian |
| 3. Royal Tragedian | 10. Royal Soubrette |
| 4. Royal Impresario | 11. Royal Serio-Comic |
| 5. Royal Treasurer | 12. Royal Character Man |
| 6. Royal Stage Manager | 13. Royal Property Man |
| 7. Royal Leading Lady | |

Section 2. The immediate Past Royal Director shall be ex-officio an officer of the National Court in an advisory capacity.

Section 3. Each Officer of the National Court shall be elected by a majority vote of the Representatives elected by the Subordinate Courts and all vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the National Cast.

Section 4. No member of the Royal Order of Jesters may be elected as an officer of the National Court unless he is at the time a Representative, but it shall not be necessary for him to be returned as a Representative by the Subordinate Court for his succeeding election in the Line of Royal Officers.

Section 5. Two Officers in the National Court cannot be elected from one Court.

Section 6. The National Officers' jewels and the past Royal Director's jewel, shall be of gold of the design adopted by the Regalia Committee, and shall be provided and paid for by the National Court.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Royal Officers

Section 1. The Royal Director is the executive officer of the National Court. It is the prerogative and duty of the Royal Director, generally, to exercise all the rights appertaining to his high office in accordance with the By-laws and usages of the National Court.

Section 2. Upon his election and installation to the office of Royal Director of the National Court of the Royal Order of Jesters, the Royal Director shall appoint five members to each of the following Committees, one of whom shall be Chairman:

- (a) Finance and Accounts;
- (b) Jurisprudence and Laws;
- (c) Charters and Dispensations;
- (d) Grievance and Appeals; and
- (e) Investments

Section 3. The Royal Director may suspend, until the next session of the National Court, or for a less time, any officers of the National Court, or any Subordinate Court or officer or member thereof, for violation or disobedience of the By-laws or edicts of the National Court.

Section 4. The Royal Director shall preside over all sessions of the National Court and at his pleasure over all sessions of the Subordinate Courts when present at their meeting.

Section 5. The Royal Impresario shall attend all sessions of the National Court, and shall keep a true record of all the proceedings. He shall collect and receive all of the revenues accruing to the National Court and pay and transfer the same to the Royal Treasurer at least once each month. He shall have in custody the official seal of the National Court. He shall make an annual report of his accounts and also a summary of the return of the Subordinate Courts; and notify the members of the National Court of the annual and special meetings of the National Court. He shall prepare and furnish a badge to be worn by Representatives and members at the National Court sessions. He shall prepare uniform credential blanks to be furnished to duly accredited Representatives to the National Court.

Section 6. The Royal Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the National Court. He shall receive all monies from the Royal Impresario. He shall pay all orders authorized to be drawn on the funds of the National Court. He shall keep in a safety deposit box in a bank or trust company designated, all securities belonging to the National Court. He shall provide a fidelity bond in a sum equal to the total amount of securities held.

Section 7. All books and accounts of the Royal Impresario and the Royal Treasurer shall be audited annually by a Certified Public Accountant to be selected by the Royal Director, and whose report shall be submitted along with that of the Royal Impresario and Royal Treasurer at each Annual Meeting.

Section 8. Before entering upon the duties of their respective offices the Royal Impresario and Royal Treasurer shall furnish surety bonds of at least \$10,000.00 each and the Royal Director shall be custodian of said bonds.

Section 9. The Royal Impresario shall announce at each annual meeting of the National Court the card for the ensuing year and provide the Subordinate Courts with the same at a cost of five cents each.

Section 10. The Royal Impresario is directed to design and have printed a Certificate of Membership in the Order, which is to be mailed to members only upon request of the Director or Impresario of the Subordinate Court.

Section 11. The financial year of the National Court of the Royal Order of Jesters shall be from April 1st to March 31st.

Section 12. The Royal Treasurer and Royal Director, ex-officio, and three other members appointed by the Royal Director, shall constitute the Investments Committee. The Investments Committee shall have charge of the bonds, securities, funds and property constituting the Permanent Investment Fund of the National Court. In order to avoid unnecessary travel to enter a safety deposit box or boxes, the Royal Treasurer, with the consent of the Royal Director, may deputize any other Jester who is not a member of the Investments Committee to act for such purpose.

ARTICLE VII

Subordinate Courts

Section 1. A Subordinate Court may be established by the National Court upon the petition of not less than seven (7) or more than thirteen (13) Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the Jurisdiction where a temple of A. A. O. N. M. S. is located and where a Subordinate Court does not exist.

Section 2. Where a charter is granted to seven (7) members of the Mystic Shrine to form a Court of Jesters, the Royal Director may, in person, or by proxy, confer the order by communication upon the proposed Charter Members of said Court.

Section 3. The membership of all Jesters signing a petition for a new Court shall be terminated in the Court to which they formerly belonged, upon a charter being granted for the new Court, and the Royal Impresario shall so notify the Court to which said Jesters formerly belonged.

Section 4. When an application is made for a charter to form a Subordinate Court, a fee of \$33.13 shall accompany the application, such sum to be in payment of the said charter, and such charter to be issued on the approval of the Royal Director and Royal Impresario.

Section 5. Each Court shall within three months after being granted a charter, prepare suitable rules, regulations and By-Laws for the conduct of said Court, and shall submit a copy of the same to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, through the Royal Impresario, for approval by the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws and by the Royal Director. In lieu of By-Laws being adopted and approved, the Subordinate Courts shall be governed by the By-Laws and edicts of the National Court.

Section 6. Each Subordinate Court must have at least two gatherings or sessions in each fiscal year dating between annual meetings and inclusive thereof; and at least one session must be of an initiatory character, at which session the Book of the Play be enacted in accordance with the Ritual of our order, in all essential parts, it being understood that additions or embellishments thereto are not prohibited.

Section 7. Each Subordinate Court shall pay to the National Court, through the Impresario, the sum of One Dollar and Thirteen Cents (\$1.13) per capita, based upon their annual report of members in good standing. Payment of such per capita to accompany their annual report.

Section 8. All Subordinate Courts shall procure their jewels through the Royal Impresario, including those for the officers of the Subordinate Courts.

Section 9. Subordinate Courts shall hold their annual meeting during the month of January of each year, and make their annual report on or before March 1st following.

Section 10. Each Subordinate Court shall have full power within its jurisdiction, which jurisdiction shall be exclusive in the Oasis of the Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., where the Court is located. Where only one Court exists in a State, that Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction in that State. Jurisdictional Lines established by this Section shall be inoperative in unoccupied territory.

Section 11. After the establishment of a Subordinate Court of the Royal Order of Jesters, which shall consist of not less than seven (7) members, nor more than thirteen (13), the number initiated in any one year shall be limited to thirteen (13).

Section 12. The affiliation of an original member of the Royal Order of Jesters, or a Member-at-large not now affiliated with any Subordinate Court, or affiliation by demit from some Subordinate Court, shall not be counted as being included in the maximum number of thirteen (13) permitted to be initiated.

Section 13. Subordinate Courts shall elect a Director, Leading Man, Tragedian, an Impresario, and a Treasurer each year, and a Director shall serve no more than two consecutive terms of one year each. Other officers may be elected of a rank and style comparable to that of the Officers of the National Court.

Section 14. Any Subordinate Court which:

- (a) Fails to comply with the provisions of the constitution and By-Laws of the National Court; or

- (b) Fails to obey the orders and edicts of the National Court; or
- (c) Sponsors any program, entertainment or affair unbecoming a Jester;

shall be subject to discipline by the Royal Director, and may have its Charter arrested by the Royal Director of the National Court. Such action shall be subject to review and final determination at the next Annual Meeting of the National Court.

Section 15. Every Subordinate Court shall have power and authority to discipline or expel any member of such Court for conduct unbecoming a Jester, or which brings the Royal Order of Jesters into disrepute. The accused shall be served in person or by registered mail with the formal written charges. He shall have the right of Counsel such to be a member of the Royal Order of Jesters in good standing. It shall require a two-thirds vote of the Jesters present at such meeting on the question of guilt and the question of discipline or expulsion. Either the Court or the accused shall have the right within thirty days to appeal from the National Court for any judgment rendered and a Jester indefinitely suspended or expelled may be reinstated after the expiration of one year from the date of judgment by a two-thirds vote of the Jesters present at a meeting duly called for the purpose of a vote on such reinstatement. If a request for a reinstatement is denied by the vote of the Court he shall not be permitted to petition for a period of one year thereafter.

Section 16. It is the sense of the National Court that Subordinate Courts not limit their membership, except as provided in these By-Laws, nor become dormant or inactive, but that each Court should enact reasonable laws to enable it to function in such a manner as not to allow its officers or a few members to hamper or handicap the Court in spreading sunshine, mirth and goodfellowship. In the event any Subordinate Court fails to elect any new members for a period of two (2) years, the Royal Director may request its officers to furnish a full report and explanation thereof at the next Annual Meeting of the National Court.

ARTICLE VIII

By-Laws for Subordinate Courts

Section 1. A Subordinate Court may adopt By-Laws and amendments to existing By-Laws for its own government, provided they are consistent with the laws of and are approved by the National Court. Proposed By-Laws or amendments shall be presented to and ratified by the Subordinate Court at a regular or special session called for that purpose, after due notice to every member of the Court, by a two-thirds vote of those present. Upon the adoption of By-Laws or amendments, three copies thereof signed by the Director and attested by the Impresario shall be forwarded to the Royal Impresario, who shall forthwith send the same to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws. If said Committee approved such By-Laws or amendments they shall be so endorsed, one copy retained by the Committee and two copies sent to the Royal Director for his approval, and if so approved by him, such By-Laws or amendments shall at once be effective, and the Court so notified by the Royal Impresario.

Section 2. All such proposed By-Laws or amendments must be in the office of the Royal Impresario at least thirty days before the Annual Meeting of the National Court.

Section 3. At the Annual Meeting of the National Court all new and amended By-Laws of Subordinate Courts which have been approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws shall be presented and if adopted by the National Court they become law.

ARTICLE IX

Election of New Members

Section 1. Membership in Subordinate Courts of the Royal Order of Jesters shall be by invitation only and not by application.

Section 2. The fee for initiation shall not be less than \$33.13, which fee shall apply also to charter members not already Jesters. A fee of \$7.13 shall be remitted to the Royal Impresario of the National Court immediately upon the initiation of each Jester, and including names and address.

Section 3. A member of the Royal Order of Jesters must be in good standing in a Temple of the A. A. O. N. M. S. Suspension in his Temple automatically suspends his membership in the Royal Order of Jesters.

Section 4. The establishment of a residence of six (6) months in the jurisdiction of a Court of the Royal Jesters, makes a Noble eligible to membership in that Court, providing he is in good standing in his own Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.

Section 5. The method of choosing the thirteen initiates a year shall be left to each Subordinate Court; provided, however, it shall be by unanimous vote of those present after notice, unless the By-Laws of the Subordinate Court shall provide for election of New Nominees if not more than two (2) black balls appear on a secret ballot.

Section 6. The renewal of a nomination of one who has been rejected cannot be made until after the lapse of eleven months from the date of such rejection.

ARTICLE X

Miscellaneous

Section 1. A Jester may demit from any Subordinate Court on application, said demit to be issued without discussion if the member is clear on the books and no charges pending against him.

Section 2. A Jester holding a demit may only affiliate with a Court within the jurisdiction of which he is, and for at least six months has been, an actual resident.

Section 3. The National Court may, by two-thirds vote of the members present at any session, elect as a Life Member in the Royal Order of Jesters, any Jester who has completed twenty-five (25) years' membership in a Subordinate Court at the time of his election and who is recommended for such honor by his Subordinate Court and the Committee on the Nomination of Emeriti Members, which Committee shall be appointed annually by the Royal Director. Upon the payment of a fee of Five Dollars the Royal Impresario is authorized and directed to issue to each and every Jester so elected, a proper and suitable certificate evidencing his said election as a Life Member in the Royal Order of Jesters and said certificate shall not exempt the Jester to whom it is issued from any payment of dues and assessments made by the Court unless otherwise provided by the Subordinate Court.

Section 4. A Jester to gain admission to a session of the National Court or to a Subordinate Court must exhibit his membership card for the current year, signed by himself and by the Impresario of his Court. He should wear his jewel at all Jester functions as a part of his dress.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution, By-Laws, or any part thereof, may be changed or amended at any annual meeting of the National Court, provided written notice of said change has been mailed to the Director, Impresario and Representatives of all Subordinate Courts, at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting, and provided such written amendment shall first be referred to and reported on by the Jurisprudence and Laws Committee, as constituted, and sitting at any annual meeting of the National Court.

ARTICLE XII

Section 1. All laws, resolutions and edicts, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Constitution and By-Laws, are hereby repealed.

Reconcilement

Checks outstanding No. 4554 — \$166.50; 4555 — \$119.68; 4557 — \$111.06; 4558 — \$4.00; 4561 — \$49.00; 4562 — \$169.60! — total \$619.84.

March 31, 1955—Bank Balance \$36,254.02

Funds on deposit in Fidelity Trust Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., certified correct.

ARTHUR H. WILHARM,
ROYAL TREASURER

(The Royal Treasurer read his Annual Report which was received with applause.)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Royal Jesters, you have heard the report of the Royal Treasurer. What is your pleasure?

Royal Leading Man SMITH: Royal Director, I move its adoption. (Motion seconded)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: Are you ready for the question?

VOICES: Question!

Royal Director OPPENBORN: All those in favor signify by saying "aye" at the sound of the gavel. Contrary, if any. So ordered.

Royal Impresario MILLINGTON: Royal Director, I would ask unanimous consent to send a telegram to Past Royal Director George Filmer who is the only one not in attendance. Most of you know he is unable to attend the sessions. It was the privilege of your Royal Director and myself to visit him a few months ago and he still has the spirit of Jesterdom. I would like unanimous consent to send him a telegram of felicitations.

Royal Director OPPENBORN: It will be so ordered.

I just saw several gentlemen come into the room, Royal Jesters. One of them is a life-long friend of mine, just a young boy, and President Eisenhower has just appointed him to a very exalted position as one of the judges of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on the Federal Bench. He is a Past Director of Jacksonville Court and Past Potentate of Morocco Temple. He is very enthusiastic and active in the Shrine and Masonry. I want him to stand so you can see him, Judge Warren Jones. (Applause)

And the young man who come in with him, an inspiration to me for many years, a De Molay boy, and I remember that he received the Active De Molay Honor, Past Potentate of Morocco Temple, Past Commander of the Commandery, Past Master of the Consistory, Past Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Grand Master of the Most Worthy Grand Worshipful Lodge of Florida, Most Worshipful Roy T. Lord. (Applause)

I just couldn't help but take the time to do that because they are most loved and respected in my State.

Jester ROY T. LORD: Royal Director Oppenborn, may I present the man who invited me, Captain Bill Dow, for many years an Emeritus Member of the Shrine and Past Potentate of Morocco Temple. (Applause)

Royal Director OPPENBORN: I am going to ask the Nominating Committee, at this time, to step out in the anteroom and as soon as they are ready for their report we will whistle. If anyone here wants to speak to the Committee for nominations for the office of Royal Property Man you may see them.

We will now have the report of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, Royal Heavy Man Charles Lembke.

(The report of the Dispensations and Charters Committee was read by the Chairman, Royal Heavy Man Charles H. Lembke.)

**REPORT OF DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS
COMMITTEE**

To the Royal Director, Officers of the National Court, Representatives and Members of Subordinate Courts, Royal Order of Jesters:

We, the members of your Dispensations and Charters Committee, beg to report the Committees approval of Leavenworth Court No. 93 to change in name and location from Leavenworth Court No. 93, Leavenworth, Kansas, to Kansas City, Kansas Court No. 93, Kansas City, Kansas. This action was also approved by the Royal Director of the National Court.

An application for a charter from the oasis of Yelduz Temple, Aberdeen, South Dakota, dated July 8, 1955, to be known as Aberdeen Court No. 165 was presented to this Committee. This