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The 67th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota took place on June 18-20, 1956 at Grand Forks City.

COMMON PURPOSE OF MASONS EVERYWHERE — As I have traveled throughout this jurisdiction, to conferences and Grand Lodge communications in several states and three provinces of Canada, I have been deeply impressed with the common purpose of Masons everywhere. I firmly believe that our great fraternity founded in the belief of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man has within its tenets, the key to universal peace. When one visits with brothers from Free China on Formosa, brethren who have been subjected to the despotic rule in the Philippines during the Japanese invasion or in Germany during the reign of Hitler, you are constantly aware of their keen interest in the freedoms they have regained. We are proud of the part of our Masonic Brethren had in establishing this great democracy and in the writing of the constitution which assures us the freedom of speech, the freedom to worship in a church of our choice, our free public school system and all the other freedoms we enjoy. They did their work well but they did not do ours. Democracy and the freedoms we cherish are living things and live only as we live them. Let us choose well our leaders and charge them with the responsibility of guarding our people from the constant threat to our freedom. Leaders are born in the grass roots and are good or bad only as honest and clear thinking individuals perform or neglect their rights as citizens. Let us present day Masons follow the example of our honored brethren of the past and resolve to so live and act that the succeeding generations may have a pattern of conduct to inspire them to perpetuate the most excellent tenets of our Order: Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. — *Merle Kider, Grand Master, 1956 Proceedings. Mt. Wor. Merle Kider, Grand Master, presiding; Mt. Wor. Jame C. McCormick, Grand Master, elected; Mt. Wor. Harold S. Pond, Grand Secretary, re-elected.*

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