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### **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT WESTERN EUROPE**

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and its subordinate Lodges.*

*Greetings:*

*Giving thanks to the Grand Architect Of The Universe for the numerous blessings he has bestowed upon me in the past year I hereby submit my Annual Report of Stewardship as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District in compliance with Article VII, Section 30 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.*

*The Seventh Masonic District is located in Western Europe and is composed of Blazing Star Lodge No. 26 located in Amersfoort, the Netherlands.*

**BLAZING STAR LODGE #26, AMERSFOORT, THE NETHERLANDS:** *did well in the past year. The Lodge continues to have a high degree of ritualistic proficiency and has fulfilled all of its financial obligations. The Charter, by-laws, and records were found to be in order. Worshipful Master Kenneth Grant led an experienced and able administration. The Lodge celebrated or acknowledged all the Special Days proclaimed by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Several of the brethren of the Lodge are working on a project to update the Lodge history and present it in the form of a book with accompanying DVD. The Lodge website is active and will be expanded in the coming year. The website will be instrumental in making prospective members aware of our presence in the Netherlands and gives the Lodge the capability of keeping its membership throughout the world informed about the Lodge's activities.*

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*Blazing Star Lodge #26 is cognizant of the importance of preserving and increasing its membership. The membership remained stable with the same number of members as last year's roster. The Lodge raised one (1) new brother and (1) member was dropped for non-payment of dues. The Lodge has six (6) candidates ready for initiation in the coming year and the brethren are grateful for this much needed influx of new blood.*

*Almost half of the Lodge's membership lives outside the local area of the Lodge. The Lodge has members in the United States, the Caribbean, England, Africa, and the Middle East. The Lodge utilizes e-mail, the Lodge newsletter, and its website to communicate with these members and former members of the Lodge who remain in contact with the Lodge. Lodge meetings are well attended and the Lodge members hold social activities on a regular basis where the brethren and their families can socialize together.*

*The District had great hopes that we would receive a visitation from the Grand Master this past year. Until July we thought that it would happen. Unfortunately, the Grand Master was unable to make the trip this year. The members of the Seventh Masonic District look forward to receiving the Grand Master in 2010 if he is able to work this trip into his schedule.*

*Elections were held in September 2009. The elected Worshipful Master and his officers were installed in the month of October 2009 by Deputy Grand Lecturer Ernest Allen Jr.*

*Bro. Kenneth Grant was re-elected Worshipful Master for the 2009-2010 Masonic Year. This will be the fourth time that Bro. Grant has had the privilege of serving as Worshipful Master. Except for the position of Senior Warden the administration remains the same as the past year. With the new class of candidates it should be a busy and exciting year for Blazing Star Lodge #26. The members of the Lodge are looking forward to an active and prosperous year of growth.*

*Blazing Star Lodge #26 maintains cordial relations with European Lodges in the Netherlands and Belgium. Blazing Star Lodge #26 regularly has visitors from several Dutch Lodges and some of the members of Blazing Star Lodge #26 have visited Dutch and Belgian Lodges during the past year. Our relations with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Jurisdictions in Europe remain harmonious and close. We were invited to and attended the Council of Deliberation of Western Europe, Southern Jurisdiction in February 2009.*

*The members of the Seventh Masonic District have once again asked me to address the question of dues cards. Once more it was in March or later that we received our dues cards. The Masonic Year begins on the first of November. These members would like the Grand Lodge to make a greater effort to see that the dues cards are printed and mailed as soon as possible after the beginning of the Masonic Year. Ideally, the dues cards should be sent with the proclamation for the Annual Grand Lodge Session and Annual Returns.*

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*I would personally like to thank the Grand Lodge for its efforts during the Annual Grand Lodge Session to educate the membership about health matters. At last year's Annual Session we were given the opportunity to have a check for prostate cancer by Dana Farber Cancer Institute. I took advantage of this opportunity and the results of the test were sent to my home in the Netherlands. The results were such that I was advised to have more tests done. I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Fortunately, it was in the early stages. I am being treated and the treatments seem to be effective. Without having taken the tests at the last Annual Grand Lodge Session I probably would not have had the tests and the cancer would probably have been discovered at a much later date and my options would have been more limited. I encourage all the brethren here to listen to the advice that is given here at the Annual Session and make use of the services that are provided for you.*

*I thank Most Worshipful Brother Anthony I. Jakes for appointing me to this position and giving me the opportunity to continue serving this Grand Lodge. It has been my pleasure to serve him and this Grand body. Peace and harmony prevail in the Seventh Masonic District.*

*May the blessings of heaven rest upon this, our Mother Grand Lodge, its Grand Master, Officers, and members .....*

*Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles B. Beane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

*Charles B. Beane  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Seventh Masonic District  
Western Europe*

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