

Tornado Damage at Des Moines Elks Lodge No. 98

From the Eleventh Hour June 1974



“At approximately 10:45p.m. on Tuesday evening the 18th of June 1974 a Tornado struck our Lodge and as the picture shows did considerable damage, especially at the Lodge floor level. Our officers and trustees have had several hastily called emergency meetings and plans are being formulated to rebuild our Home. All paraphernalia and like Lodge property was destroyed or was blown away. Our major records of our Lodge have been salvaged, and it is much too early to ascertain any dollar value to any area that might be of a salvage nature. We did have insurance on our Home and Contents but as mentioned above we have not been able to reconcile to what extent our coverage will be”.

We wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our Good Brothers locally, Statewide and Nationally that have shown so much concern in our time of distress, now that we have been taken over by adversity and misfortune.

We will hold our meetings, with a quorum present, and inside the basic jurisdiction of our Lodge.

Fraternally Yours,

John Mulligan Exalted Ruler

Des Moines B.P.O.E. Lodge No. 98