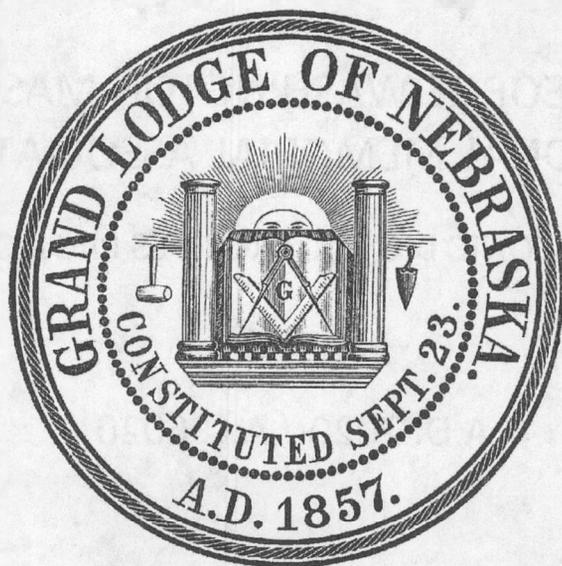


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*One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Communication of the*

GRAND LODGE

*of the*

Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity

of Free and Accepted Masons

of Nebraska



*Holiday Inn*

*Omaha, Nebraska*

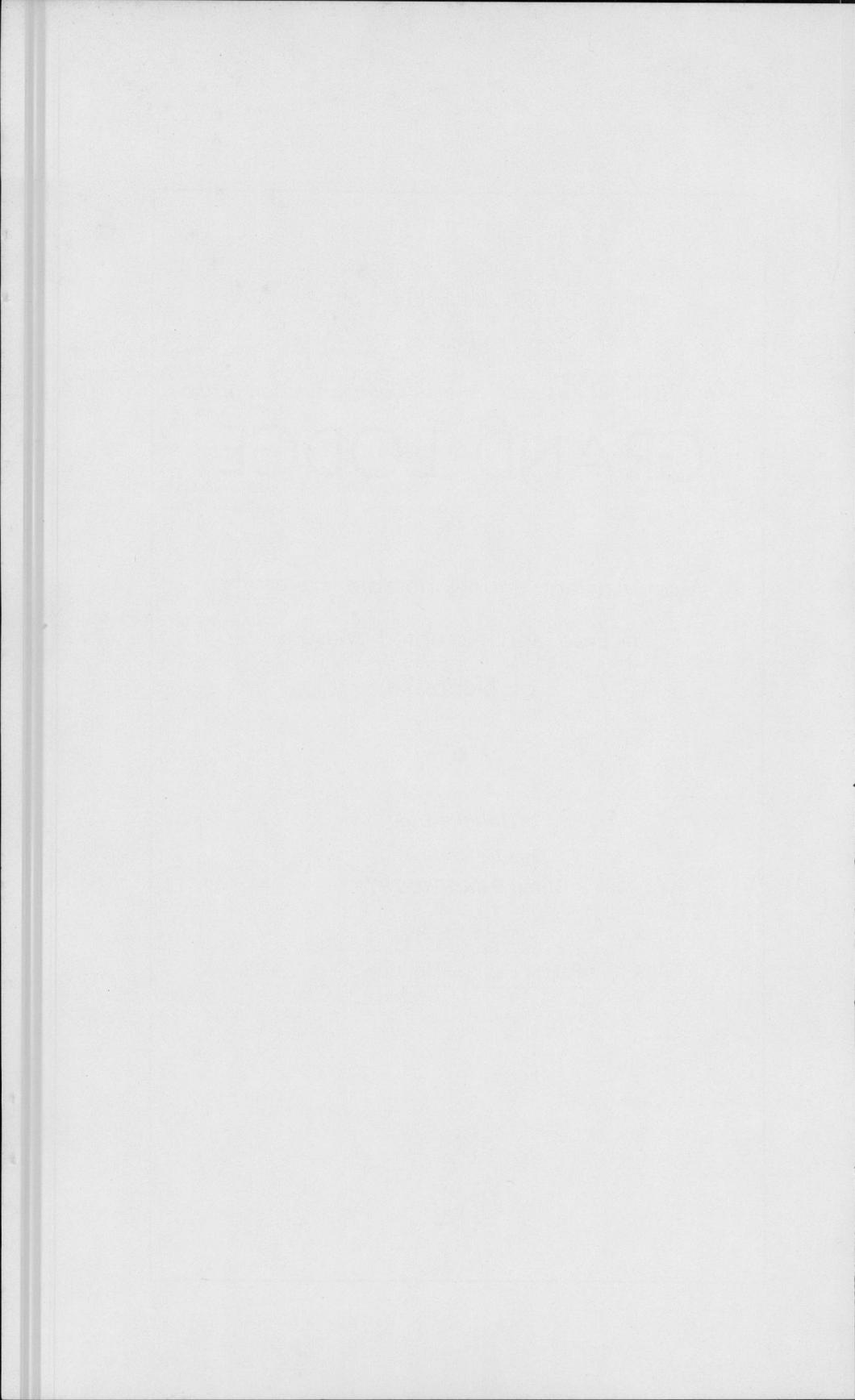
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*Russell L. Fickes*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1971-1972



# Biographical

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## Russell L. Fickes

Russell L. Fickes, 106th Grand Master, the son of John A. and Fannie H. Fickes was born September 25, 1910. His early years were spent at Fairfield, Nebraska, where he graduated from High School.

M. W. Brother Russell and Margaret G. Blair were married September 22, 1940. They are the parents of two sons, John D. Lincoln and Robert R. of Grand Island.

Brother Russell, a Registered Professional Engineer established a Private Consulting Engineering Firm in Grand Island in 1954, which is known as Russell L. Fickes and Associates. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers of Nebraska, Inc., and the Engineer's Club of Grand Island.

He is an active member of the First Christian Church; is an Elder and has served as Chairman of the Administrative board and as a Sunday School Teacher. He has served on the Grand Island School Board, in the Rotary Club and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, B.P.O. Elks and the Lieberkranz.

### MASONIC RECORD

LODGE: Ashlar #33, Grand Island, Nebr. Initiated April 28, 1949, passed June 23, 1949 and raised September 1, 1949, and served as Master in 1954.

He is a member of the Grand Island Temple Craft Committee.

GRAND LODGE: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M. W. John A. Bottorf on June 7, 1967, advancing in the line and on June 12, 1971 he was elected and installed as Grand Master.

In 1968 he was appointed Grand Representative to the Grand York Rite Lodge of Mexico.

DEUEL CHAPTER NO. 11: Royal Arch Masons of Grand Island.  
LEBANON COUNCIL NO. 24: Royal and Select Masters, Central City.

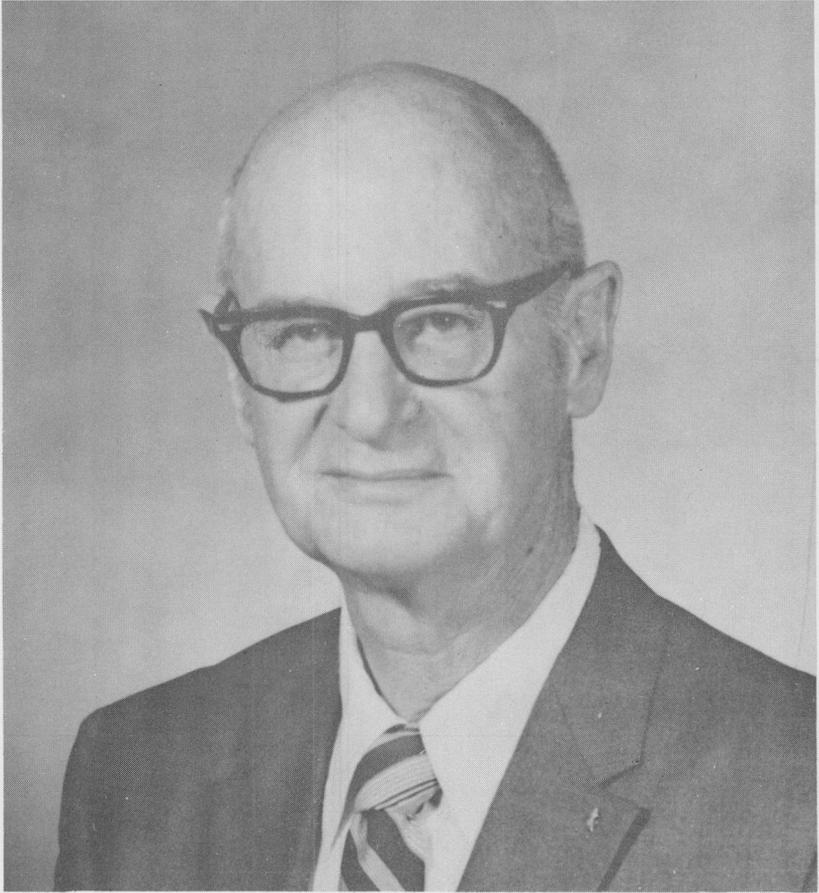
MT. LEBANON COMMANDERY NO. 6: Grand Island.

TEHAMA TEMPLE A. A. O. N. N. M. S. S. of Hastings.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS: Honorary Past Grand Master of Iowa.  
Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay.

M. W. Brother Fickes has completed a year that many brothers would not have commenced. Recuperating from a severe heart attack, he yet picked up the gavel and gave to Blue Lodge Masonry in Nebraska that leadership which we have come to expect in our Grand Masters. Brother Fickes may perhaps be best remembered for his ability to listen and only after full disclosure, make his decision or recommendation. We once asked him if he ever had anything to say and his response was "I do when I have something to say." No Grand Master has worked more diligently at the duties of his office. Each of the problems confronting Masons in Nebraska and which were made known to him, was given the most careful consideration and his decisions thereon were given for the good of Masonry. We are satisfied that both M. W. Brother Fickes and Masonry in Nebraska have improved this past year and for that we extend the sincere respect and appreciation of the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction.

J. A. B.



*Howard J. Hunter*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1972-1973



PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
FIRST EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

Held At

Minden, Nebraska, November 23, 1971

An Emergent Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple of Minden Lodge No. 127, A. F. & A. M., for the purpose of conducting funeral services for M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska.

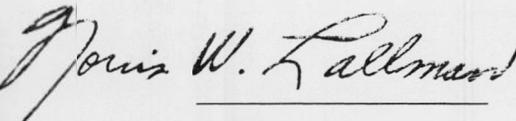
The Grand Master, M. W. Russell L. Fickes opened an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge in ample form.

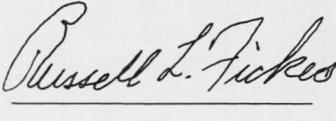
Present were: M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master; M. W. Charles F. Adams, P. G. M.; M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, P. G. M.; M. W. Joseph C. Tye, P. G. M.; M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, P. G. M.; M. W. John A. Bottorf, P. G. M.; M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, P. G. M.; M. W. Norris W. Lallman, P. G. M. & Gr. Sec'y; W. Harold C. Wurdeman, Gr. Marshal; W. Robert W. Boon, Gr. Tyler; W. Paul Pierce, Past Gr. Orator.

Masonic Funeral Services were conducted with W. Bro. Paul Pierce delivering the oration. These services were held at the cemetery in Minden, Nebraska.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Attest:

  
Grand Secretary

  
Grand Master

# PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable  
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons  
of Nebraska

## ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

*Held in Omaha, June 9 and 10, 1972*

### FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

*Friday, June 9, 1972*

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication at the Holiday Inn, Omaha, at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 9, A.D. 1972, A. L. 5972.

#### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. W. Russell L. Fickes, 33 .....	Grand Master
R. W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 .....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Frank J. Mattoon, 75.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Donald R. Swanson, 54.....	Grand Junior Warden
M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72.....	Grand Secretary
M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (acting).....	Grand Chaplain
W. Jack H. Hendrix, 174.....	Grand Orator
W. George W. Rosenlof, 314.....	Grand Historian
W. Ralph W. Gerry, 281.....	Grand Custodian
W. Harold C. Wurdeman, 323.....	Grand Marshal
W. Harold Hultman, 39.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. T. Leo Stines, 36.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Robert W. Boon, 33.....	Grand Tyler

Promptly at 8:30 a.m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by Ashlar Lodge No. 33 A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master, was escorted to the East; by M. W. John A. Bottorf, introduced and given the Grand Honors.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Chartered Lodges. There being a constitutional number of Lodges represented, the Grand Master declared the 115th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska opened in ample form and directed the Grand Marshal to make proclamation thereof.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to escort M. W. Louis V. Sylvester to the altar for the purpose of prayer.

PRESENTATION OF FLAG

Presentation of the Flag of the United States was made by Sir Knights of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, K. T.

Following the seating of the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, was given.

W. Harold Hultman, Grand Senior Deacon presented the following Past Grand Masters according to seniority.

PAST GRAND MASTERS

William B. Wanner	.....	(79th)	1943
Benjamin F. Eyre	.....	(81st)	1946
Elmer E. Magee	.....	(83rd)	1948
Thomas J. Aron	.....	(86th)	1951
Edward M. Knight	.....	(87th)	1952
Charles F. Adams	.....	(89th)	1954
Herbert T. White	.....	(90th)	1955
Merle M. Hale	.....	(91st)	1956
Joseph C. Tye	.....	(94th)	1959
John F. Futcher	.....	(95th)	1960
Herbert A. Ronin	.....	(96th)	1961
Ernest O. Van Wey	.....	(97th)	1962
Harry A. Spencer	.....	(99th)	1964
Louis V. Sylvester	.....	(100th)	1965
Lewis R. Ricketts	.....	(101st)	1966
John A. Bottorf	.....	(102nd)	1967
Norris W. Lallman	.....	(103rd)	1968
Hugh W. Eisenhart	.....	(104th)	1969
John H. Brown	.....	(105th)	1970
Carl R. Greisen	.....	Honorary	1966

The Past Grand Masters were given a most cordial welcome, conducted to the East and given Grand Honors. The following Past Grand Masters were unable to be present because of illness or illness in their families: George A. Kurk; William C. Schaper; Edward Hulwaldt, and Edward F. Carter.

M. W. John A. Bottorf gave the response for the Past Grand Masters.

## RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following: M. W. Thomas J. Davis, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri; R. W. Herman A. Orlick, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri; R. W. Earl M. Potter, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Illinois, and Personal Representative of M. W. John R. Murphy, Grand Master; R. W. Glenn Brown, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa, and Personal Representative of M. W. Woodrow W. Morris, Grand Master; M. W. Harold L. Phelps, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa; R. W. Harry P. Larson, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota, and Personal Representative of M. W. Russell E. Torfin, Grand Master; R. W. Archibald Duncan, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota; M. W. Richard D. Kelsey, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas; R. W. Albert O. Arnold, Jr., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas; R. W. Frank L. Roe, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of South Dakota, and Personal Representative of M. W. Charles E. Clay, Grand Master; M. W. John S. Rowe, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of South Dakota; M. E. Richard T. Albright, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; R. E. Ralph R. Carleton, Grand Secretary-Recorder, Grand York Rite Bodies of Nebraska, and Personal Representative of R. E. Raymond R. Klingner, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska; W. Wendal Miller Potentate, Tangier Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; W. Edwin G. Mortensen, Secretary, Scottish Rite, Omaha; Brother Raymond F. Evers, Superintendent The Nebraska Masonic Home; Brother Fred Mulford, Superintendent, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children; W. Walter Miller, Executive Secretary, International Order of DeMolay and Earl N. Hanel, Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska.

M. W. Russell L. Fickes welcomed the Distinguished Guests with fitting words and thanks them for honoring us with their presence.

## GREETINGS AND MESSAGES

Earl N. Hanel, Worthy Grand Patron:

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brethren: This is a little different than what I am used to. Most generally there is some beauty personalities of the other sex.

M. W. Brother Russell, when I received from the Grand Secretary, the letter asking me to bring greetings, I immediately said, "what will I say". In scouting around I found an article explaining the meaning of "greeting". It is "your pre-

sence is most welcome". We of The Eastern Star are most happy to find so many of you brethren who are also a part of our Organization. Were it not for you, it would not be possible that Eastern Star would exist and through your cooperation in allowing us to be part of the philanthropies of Nebraska, we get the joy along with you in working for the Masonic-Eastern Star Home and also for The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

In Behalf of the Sisters of The Eastern Star, and by the way, the flowers here are presented from the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Nebraska. Andrew Chapter No. 41 also asked to be remembered with a basket of flowers. Without further adieu, Brother Russ. I would like to make this presentation of our gift to The Nebraska Masonic Home from the Order of The Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska. We wish you well, and hope you have a good session.

M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master:

I think there might be some curiosity, in order to deviate that a bit, I will advise you that this check from the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. for our Nebraska Masonic Home, is in the amount of \$3,000. I think the Eastern Star deserves a hand.

#### GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

During the Grand Lodge Communication, we were privileged to have many of our Distinguished Guests address the Grand Lodge. Included in this group were our Guests from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

W. George A. Nothhelfer, Master of Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha, gave the Address of Welcome as follows:

M. W. Grand Master, W. Officers, Brothers all: It gives me considerable pleasure to be present this morning to welcome you on behalf of all the Omaha Lodges, to the Omaha area. And to assure you that if you have any needs or any problems in which we might be able to assist you, we stand ready and eager to be of help to you. I want to exert the prerogative of a man who stands on the platform. He only has time to say four or five words before the ushers rush in to eject him. So I would like to leave this thought with you.

In addition to the normal deliberations which will be before you during the next day and a half, I would adjure you to

give very serious consideration and profound thought to the problems of Blue Masonry as they affect attendance, as they affect the very fact that we are not growing as we well should grow. I leave another thought with you, that a man is a fool who changes for the sake of change or by the same token refuses to change for the sake of tradition. In the next few days, may the blessings of God attend you.

W. Paul Eveland, Master of North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend, gave the Response to the Address of Welcome, as follows:

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers all: It is a distinct pleasure on my part to thank the Omaha Lodges on behalf of the guest lodges here today. Most of us come from lodges and towns which are too small to hope to ever repay the hospitality, so we are doubly indebted to you for being called upon again and again to extend your hospitality to us. I think many of us from the farm and the small communities are apt to hold in awe some of our brothers from the large cities, because of their position in industry, business, finance, law. But as Masons, we must remember that we do meet and we are equal. I want to thank the Omaha Lodges once again for making it possible for us to meet on the level.

#### REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodge. The Grand Master attended them a hearty welcome and suggested that they convey his greetings to the Grand Lodge they represent. All Grand Lodge that were in the fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, were present except Alabama, Alberta, Argentina, Arizona, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bahia, Brazil, Guanabaro, Brazil, Santa Catarina, Sao Paulo, Victoria, Germany, Idaho, Illinois, India, Ireland, Israel, State of, Kentucky, Luxembourg, Maryland, Missouri, Netherlands, New Brunswick, New York, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Ohio, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Queensland, Rhode Island, Scotland, South America Dominicana, South Australia, South Carolina, South Dakota, Sweden, Switzerland, Tennessee, Texas, Turkey, Utah, Vermont, West Australia, Wisconsin.

Response given by M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Past Grand Master:

INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY  
GRAND CUSTODIANS

M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master introduced the Grand Custodian, W. Ralph W. Gerry, who in turn introduced the Deputy Grand Custodians and Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

Harold D. Weddel, 61	1937
Stephen W. Beck, 43	1940
Paul D. Fleming, 93	1949
Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9	1955
Clifford D. Webster, 321	1956
Frank H. Smith, 391	1957
Harry N. Ahl, 112	1959
Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	1960
Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191	1960
T. Leo Stines, 36	1960
Stanley E. Brunton, 222	1961
Glenn W. Binder, 23	1961
Gordon Chard, 240	1962
Harold A. Tilton, 71	1962
Stuart A. Johnson, 169	1963
Aruthur S. Dye, 317	1964
Ralph I. Berry, 256	1965
Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	1965
Robert W. Boon, 33	1965
Alton S. Mote, 183	1965
Arnold F. Mains, 15	1965
Harold J. Oehlerking, 159	1966
Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	1966
Ward L. McGlashan, 180	1966
Curtis J. Griess, 49	1966
Walter Brown, 1	1967
John C. Nelson, 250	1967
Mervin E. Ransom, 65	1967
Donald A. Kychkelhahn, 210	1967
Howard G. Whitmore, 161	1967
Frank R. Harris, 77	1967
Gerald V. Inslee, 158	1968
John C. Sierks, 4	1969
Paul D. Jacobsen, 171	1969
David O. Kipling, 281	1970

Herman O. Hansen, 3 . . . . .	1970
Dwayne Erickson, 146 . . . . .	1970
Walter S. Cork, 75 . . . . .	1970
Richard L. Mauch, 254 . . . . .	1971
O. Wayne Thompson, 201 . . . . .	1971
John A. Brandt, 26 . . . . .	1971
Dale E. Kube, 55 . . . . .	1971
Robert E. Kyes, 36 . . . . .	1972

#### DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIAN EMERITI

Comm. Emer.

Austin F. Whitman, 75 . . . . .	1956
Lewis E. Baker, 135 . . . . .	1958
Ernest E. James, 1 . . . . .	1960
Clarence G. McNamee, 55 . . . . .	1963
Charles M. Frederick, 207 . . . . .	1964
Cecil C. Gates, 227 . . . . .	1965
Mathias E. Mauel, 173 . . . . .	1966
Louis V. Sylvester, 281 . . . . .	1967
Richard L. Wait, 19 . . . . .	1967
Frank M. Johnson, 188 . . . . .	1968
Carroll C. Raymer, 164 . . . . .	1968
Erwin J. Imig, 38 . . . . .	1968
Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314 . . . . .	1968
George S. Schwab, 49 . . . . .	1968
Harold M. Wilkerson, 54 . . . . .	1968
Sebert A. Stover, 281 . . . . .	1970
Clifford D. Webster, 321 . . . . .	1971
Frank H. Smith, 301 . . . . .	1971
Ralph I. Berry, 256 . . . . .	1971
W. Upton Dawson, 135 . . . . .	1971
T. Leo Stines, 36 . . . . .	1972

#### PRESENTATIONS

M. .W. . Louis V. Sylvester, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, presented a beautiful plaque to M. .W. . Benjamin F. Eyre which was engraved as follows: "Presented by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska to M. .W. . Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master, in recognition of Fifty years of continuous attendance and dedicated service to this Grand Lodge."

M. .W. . Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master:

Brother Lou, M. .W. . Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

It is difficult for me to find words at this particular time, to express my appreciation in the proper manner for what

this fine brethren has just expressed to me. Little did I realize when I first joined Nebraska Lodge No.1 or when I became a Master years ago, that such a distinct honor would be bestowed upon me. This matter of service to Masonry, to your church, to your community or to your organization of which you may be a member, is a service of dedicated service if we approach it in the proper manner and find ways and means, because every one of those organizations are looking for those who labor for their cause. And Brother Lou, this service of Fifty years seems very short to me when I look back over the years, but I have seen many changes during those fifty years, and to you, and to this Grand Lodge I appreciate this token that you have presented to me this morning, thank you very much.

M.:W.:Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master:

M.:W.: Brother Ben, your long and distinguished service to this Grand Lodge is known to practically all of us and we love you for this service to Masonry. My Brethren, not only has this distinguished Past Grand Master served his Grand Lodge so well, but for 23 years he served as the Executive Secretary of the Omaha Scottish Rite Bodies. On behalf of Rex Davis, Jake Wine and Phil Ringle, I have been asked to present you with a money bag containing fifty silver dollars. Brother Ben, may I say that what is in their hearts as expressed by this thankful gift, is in the hearts of all the Brethren of the Scottish Rite here in Omaha.

M.:W.: Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master:

M.:W.: Brother Herb, Brethren, I presume now with this bag of silver dollars, I can take a trip to Las Vegas. Brethren, there are so many fine men it has been my privilege to know, so many have cooperated, so many have given so much, that I can only say, "thank you" brother Herb, from the bottom of my heart.

M.:W.: Louis V. Sylvester, Past Grand Master:

Brother Ben, on behalf of the Grand Custodian, I have the privilege of presenting to you a renewed certificate as a certified Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction. This certificate states that you have been continuously certified for 46 years.

M.:W.: Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master presented a plaque to Harold Weddel for 35 years of service as a Deputy Grand Custodian, also a plaque was presented to Stephen W. Beck for 32 years of service as a Deputy Grand Custodian.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES

**Application for Reinstatements:** W. Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman; W. Kenneth P. Lott, 184; W. Donald R. White, 327.

**Appropriations;** W. Alfred B. Saum, 46, Chairman (1957); W. Walter E. Truex, 55, (1973); W. E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1974); W. Thomas W. Tye, 46, (1972) W. Robert A. Carhart, 120 (1976).

**Charters and Dispensations:** W. Charles W. Jacobs, 325, Chairman; W. Floyd R. McKenzie, 15; W. Donald L. Bayly, 102.

**Codification of the Law:** W. Bernard H. Pipher, 31, Chairman; W. Joseph N. Lindquist, 1.

**Credentials:** W. Clyde H. Jones, 173, Chairman; W. William M. Hisey, 210; W. Glenn F. Speery, 139; W. William W. Steen, 280; W. Harold O. Swanson, 10; W. A. Larry Rogers, 39; W. Albert B. Osborn, 318.

**Doings of Grand Officers:** W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; W. Robert A. Carhart, 120; W. Albert E. Christy, 201.

**Entertainment of Distinguished Guests:** M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281; M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19; M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49.

**Finance:** W. Fitzhugh L. Brown, 290 (1973), Chairman; W. Ansel Toft, 232 (1975); W. Howard L. Patterson, 303 (1976); W. LeRoy C. Sutton, 1 (1972); W. Harold E. Day, Jr., 150 (1974).

**Fraternal Dead:** W. Levi B. Williams, 1, Chairman; W. Robert L. Murphy, 32; W. Raymond Ruth, 121.

**Fraternal Relations:** M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9.

**George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association:** M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33.

**Grand Lodge Office:** M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54 (1975); W. Harold C. Wurdeman, 323, (1972); W. William L. Hopson, 327 (1973); W. Thomas H. Blanchard, 21, (1974).

**Grand Trustees:** M. W. John F. Fatcher, 302, (1976), Chairman; W. Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1974); W. Fred S. Kuethe, 1 (1972); W. Harold E. Gabrielson, 302, (1973).

**Grievances:** W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; W. Marshall N. Zalkin, 25; W. Robert Imig, 38.

**Masonic-Eastern Student Fund:** W. Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, Chairman; M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227; W. Roy L. Smith, 78.

**Masonic Education:** R. W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1972) Chairman; W. E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1972); Alfred G. Wurst, 59, (1973); W. Edward H. Lockwood, 265 (1973); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1974); M. W. John H. Brown, 1 (1974).

**Masonic Relief:** W. Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1972) Chairman; W. James A. Bradley, 1 (1976); W. Richard L. Newlun, 50 (1975); W. Otto W. Burkhart, 55 (1973); W. Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1974).

**Nebraska Work:** M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201 (1973) Chairman; M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49 (1974); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1972).

**Public Relations:** W. John S. Savage, 11, Chairman; W. Al Ray Brown, 50; W. Rex H. Lathen, 33.

**Returns;** W. Sebert A. Stover, 281, Chairman; W. John L. W. Nelson, 1; W. Harvey A. Smith, 326.

**Lodge Advisory:** M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46, (1973) Chairman; M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 (1974); M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 219 (1972).

**Temple Building Advisory:** W. Donald F. Sampson, 36 (1973), Chairman; W. Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1974); W. Robert E. Wolf, 1 (1972).

**Arrangements:** W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; W. Jerome Trunecek, 184; W. Richard Scheef, 288; W. Harvey A. Smith, 326; W. William O. Warren, 3; W. Charles W. Amidon, 281; W. Vern L. Anderson, 302; W. Albert G. Bates, 1; W. Amos Campbell, 184; W. C. Erwin Paulsen, 1; W. Henry E. Sass, 232; W. James P. Nielsen, 184; W. Charles W. Jacobs, 325; W. Harry A. Tollander, 281; W. Doyle E. Berg, 281.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER  
TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL, THE GRAND LODGE, ANCIENT  
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA

I extend a hearty welcome to the 115th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. As my term of office as your Grand Master draws to a close I look back on a year filled with rewarding and inspiring experiences. Whatever has been accomplished in this Masonic year is the result of wholehearted cooperation of my Grand Lodge Officers, Committee members, Past Grand Masters, and Masons through-out Nebraska.

I am especially thankful to the Committee on Arrangements for this Grand Lodge. They have been most helpful.

To the Worshipful Master and Officers of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 I extend my thanks for their hosting this session of the Grand Lodge and my congratulations for their proficient opening of the Lodge this morning.

To the Sir Knights of Mt. Calvary No. 1, K. T., my appreciation for their part in the services this morning.

A warm fraternal greeting is extended to our distinguished guests who have honored us by their presence. Many of you have traveled a considerable distance to attend this communication. We sincerely hope your stay with us will be pleasant and rewarding.

Although this year has provided great rewards and much enjoyment it has also had times of great sorrow.

NECROLOGY

The Supreme Architect of the Universe called to his eternal home our beloved Grand Chaplain, V. W. Brother Walter O. Samuelson. His passing was a great loss to our Grand Lodge and to Masonry. We miss his physical presence but his devotion to the craft will be remembered by all.

We were saddened by the death of our senior Past Grand Master M. W. Brother Charles A. Chappell. He served as Grand Master in 1923 and was in regular attendance at Grand Lodge Communications until last year. He will be greatly missed by the Brethren.

The Chairman of our Grand Lodge Office Committee, W. Brother Alfred E. Geschke was called to eternal rest. He will be most difficult to replace because of his dedicated devotion to the business of the Grand Lodge.

Later in this Communication the Committee on Fraternal Dead will offer a fitting tribute to these deceased brethren.

## DISPENSATIONS

Dispensations to permit conferring of Degrees without regard for time for Brethren in the military service, were granted to: Custer No. 148, Wallace No. 279, Scotts Bluff No. 201, Hastings No. 50, Pilot No. 240, Platte Valley No. 32, and Wayne No. 120.

Midwest Lodge No. 317 was granted permission to move their October 1971 regular meeting from Wednesday, October 6 to Tuesday, October 5, as the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star needed the Lodge room on Wednesday October 6.

Winnebago Lodge No. 309 was authorized to move their Charter to Walthill in the Lodge Building of Olive Branch No. 274, as they were required to vacate the building in Walthill.

Signet Lodge No. 193 was authorized to hold their election at a Special Meeting on December 17, 1971, as the regular communication fell on New Year's Eve.

Shiloh Lodge No. 327 was granted permission to hold a special election on December 15, 1971, as the Junior Warden elected at regular meeting December 1, 1971 was unable to accept the station.

I approved the examination as to proficiency of four Master Masons who had failed to prove up during the six month period following their raising. I waived payment of the fee in each case.

A particular pleasure was signing the dispensation creating Miloma Lodge U. D. The brothers petitioning for this dispensation complied with Grand Lodge Law in every respect. It is encouraging to see new Lodges in the expanding areas of our Grand Jurisdiction.

Swastika No. 280 was granted permission to install officers in February. As the request was necessitated by illness, the fee was waived.

Golden Sheaf No. 202 was granted permission to install their Master elect in February as he was ill at the regular installation. Fee was waived.

Liberty Lodge No. 300 was granted permission to install the Junior Warden elect in February due to illness in January. Fee was waived.

Granite Lodge No. 189 was granted a dispensation to elect and install their officers on March 7, 1972. A storm prevented holding election in December and they proceeded on the assumption the officers could hold over without election and installation, until they were advised otherwise.

Shiloh No. 327 was granted permission to elect two members of the Board of Trustees and two members of the Templecraft Committee at their regular February meeting. These officers were overlooked at the regular December election.

Stella No. 105 was granted permission to install their Senior Warden elect on April 6, 1972 as he was out of the state at the regular installation.

Ashlar No. 33 was granted permission to move their Charter to the Holiday Inn, Omaha, Nebraska, for June 9 and 10, 1972, for the purpose of hosting the 115th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Nebraska.

#### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Twenty-three amendments to the By-laws of subordinate lodges were approved. Fifteen of these were to increase dues, six were to change meeting nights, and two were a change in audit procedure.

#### REINSTATEMENTS

I am deeply appreciative of the work of the Committee on Reinstatement. I found their recommendations fully justified and approved their action in each case.

#### TRIAL COMMISSIONS

I appointed one trial commission for alleged violation of Section 3-102(d). Action is pending in this case.

#### CONSOLIDATIONS

I approved the consolidation of Wolbach Lodge No. 292 into St. Paul Lodge No. 82.

#### APPOINTMENTS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

At the request of the Grand Master of each jurisdiction I appointed the following to be representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge named.

WILLIAM H. WIDSTRAND, PGM to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota

ATTILA ATLI to the Grand Lodge of Turkey

ALEXANDER STEPHEN MITCHELL to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia

RHODAN D. BATSON to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina

#### DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

Acting on the recommendations of our Grand Custodian, Ralph W. Gerry, four dedicated Master Masons were appointed Deputy Grand Custodians. Each of these brothers have the ability, enthusiasm, and dedication required for this important assignment.

The newly appointed Deputy Grand Custodians are:

O. Wayne Thompson - Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201

John A. Brandt - Beatrice Lodge No. 26

Dale E. Kube - Mosaic Lodge No. 55

Robert E. Kyes - Lone Tree Lodge No. 36

I also had the distinct pleasure of issuing certificates attesting to the appointment as Deputy Grand Custodians Emeritus to each of the following brothers:

Frank H. Smith - Bayard Lodge No. 301  
Ralph I. Berry - Hickman Lodge No. 256  
W. Upton Dawson - McCook Lodge No. 135  
T. Leo Stines - Lone Tree Lodge No. 36

#### DEDICATIONS — CORNERSTONES

Your Grand Lodge formally dedicated Masonic Temples for Humboldt Lodge No. 40 at Humboldt, Melrose No. 60 at Orleans, and Shiloh No. 327 at Omaha. The ceremony at Humboldt was conducted by R. W. Howard J. Hunter, Deputy Grand Master.

Cornerstones were laid for Public School District 1-R, Hall and Merrick Counties, near Grand Island, with Grand Island Lodge No. 318 as host and for a Community Nursing Home at Coleridge, Nebraska with Relief Lodge No. 219 as host.

#### CEREMONIES AND VISITATIONS

As reported at our last annual communication by W. George W. Rosenlof, Grand Historian, there was only one Centennial Celebration this year. This lack of quantity was amply compensated by the fact that this Centennial was for my home lodge, Ashlar No. 33 at Grand Island. It was a pleasure and privilege to have a part in this celebration.

Your Grand Lodge also participated in 75th Anniversary celebrations for Golden Rule Lodge No. 236 at Allen and for Pilot Lodge No. 240 at Lyons and in a Fifty year celebration for Perkins Lodge No. 308 at Grant. R. W. Frank J. Mattoon represented your Grand Lodge at a Fifty year celebration for Golden Rod Lodge No. 306 at Lodgepole.

I was officially received and welcomed at sixty-two Blue Lodges and regret that I was unable to attend more, as these were all joyous and inspiring occasions.

I was privileged to present twenty-seven fifty-year badges and one sixty year badge. I consider the recognition of these brothers one of the finest ceremonies in Masonry and believe more attention should be paid to these occasions. Presentations should be public whenever possible.

I also attended receptions and meetings of York Rite and Shrine Units, DeMolay meetings and Grand Chapter Order of the Easter Star. I attended the Grand Lodge sessions in Iowa and was represented at the Grand Lodge Session in Wyoming by R. W. Frank J. Mattoon and in Kansas by R. W. Howard J. Hunter

I attended the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Washington D. C. from February 20 to 23. This was an inspiring occasion and I was particularly impressed with the work of the Masonic Service Association. These brothers are doing an important service to Masonry.

## DECISIONS

I am including decisions requiring more than mere reference to the applicable sections of the Grand Lodge Law.

1. Omaha Lodge #288 asked if it would be possible to accept the petition of a service man who has been frequently transferred and is unable to meet the one year residence requirement.

I RULED, that the one year requirement of Section 2-803 is mandatory and cannot be waived.

2. East Lincoln Lodge #210 asked if a Certificate of Transfer can be issued for a brother who received all three degrees under Special Dispensation during World War II and has not established proficiency in any of the degrees.

I WAIVED proficiency and ruled the brother could be issued a certificate of transfer, and later a demit if applied for in the proper manner.

3. Fremont Lodge #15 asked, if they had a degree team from the Missouri Grand Jurisdiction confer a degree, could the candidate be from Lodge #15 or would he have to be from the Missouri Grand Jurisdiction.

I RULED, unless the team used Nebraska Work, the candidate must be from the same jurisdiction as the degree team. I also advised that it would be necessary to obtain permission from the Grand Master of both jurisdictions.

4. Fairmont Lodge #48 asked if it would be permissible to rent the basement of their Lodge to the Lions Club for the purpose of playing Bingo to raise funds.

I RULED, this would be a form of gambling and in violation of Masonic Law.

5. Two members of Ogallala Lodge #159 placed an objection with the Worshipful Master to the advancement of a Fellowcraft Mason, claiming an irregularity in his election.

The Worshipful Master, stating he had served as Senior Warden at the subject election and had observed no irregularity, disapproved the objection.

The Objectors appealed to the Grand Master, claiming they had cast ballots against the candidate.

I have been able to ascertain the following:

- (1) The election was properly held at the regular Lodge Meeting in December.
- (2) All parties have stated in writing, that the ballot was declared "clear" in the South and in the West.
- (3) There is a question as to the exact declaration in the East but no dispute that the Worshipful Master did declare the candidate "elected to receive the degrees of Masonry".
- (4) The three principal officers of the Lodge have stated, in writing, that the ballot was clear when displayed at their respective stations.
- (5) There was no objection when the ballot was declared "clear", no objection before the ballot was destroyed, nor when the candidate was declared "elected".
- (6) There was no objection to the Candidate receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree.
- (7) There was no objection to his advancement to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason.

I RULED, the belated and unsubstantiated claim of an "irregularity in the election" is not a sufficient reason to stop the advancement of a Fellowcraft Mason. I disapproved the appeal.

The Objectors have appealed to the Grand Lodge.

6. Mizpah Lodge No. 302 advised they had elected a man of the Moslem faith to receive the degrees of Masonry and asked if this man could be obligated on the Koran.

I RULED, the three great lights of Masonry must be displayed on the altar in strict accordance with Nebraska work and all wording at the altar must conform to Nebraska work, however the Koran may be placed on the altar in addition to the three great lights.

## APPRECIATION

As the year draws to a close it seems that, to paraphrase Winston Churchill, "never has one man owed so much to so many". It is impossible to thank each one to whom I am indebted.

First, my thanks to Almighty God who gives us strength for every important undertaking. Without His help this year would not have been possible.

My thanks also to the Officers and Brethren of Ashlar Lodge No.33 who have supported me over the years and especially this past year. I appreciate the memorial gavel you have given me, the fine reception you gave in my home lodge, and your opening and hosting this session of the Grand Lodge.

To the Grand Lodge Officers, your participation in all Grand Lodge functions has been a source of joy to me throughout the year. The relationship of the Grand Lodge family is unique, inspiring and an outstanding example of masonry in action. Our travels together will long be remembered.

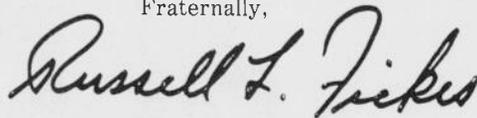
During my years in the Grand Lodge line, I learned the Past Grand Masters were always willing and able to assist in any Masonic endeavor. Their very presence has been an inspiration, and they have been helpful in many ways.

To M.:W.: John A. Bottorf, who appointed me Grand Junior Deacon and made it possible for me to serve as your Grand Master, you have been a trusty friend. I trust I have merited the faith you placed in me.

To M.:W.: Norris W. Lallman, the Grand Secretary, and to W.: Ralph W. Gerry, the Grand Custodian, my thanks for your able assistance on all matters. I want you to know how much I appreciate your devotion to duty and your help to me in carrying out the duties of my office.

And finally, to all of you through-out the state who have offered your hand in friendship, given generously of your time and hospitality, and in every way helped to make this year successful; I owe you all a debt of gratitude I can never repay.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell L. Fickes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the word "Fraternally,".

Grand Master

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

Complete returns have been received from 255 Lodges and all dues and fees for the year of 1971 have been paid in full.

## CONSOLIDATIONS

Wolbach No. 292, Wolbach voted to consolidate with St. Paul No. 82. St. Paul No. 82 voted to accept Wolbach No. 292 in consolidation. The records of Wolbach No. 292 have been delivered to St. Paul No. 82. The date of the consolidation is December 23, 1971.

## GRIEVANCES

The Grand Secretaries office has received four petitions for restoration and one appeal of a decision. These have been forwarded to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

## FIFTY YEAR BUTTONS

There were 512 Buttons presented this year. In most cases special meetings were held for the presentation ceremony.

## JORDAN MEDALS

Many special meetings and ceremonies were held this year for the presentation of the Robert Carrel Jordan Medal to the senior member of a Lodge in years of membership who was a resident of Nebraska.

## GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

W. Bro. J. Frank Heywood is the wearer of the Gold Jordan Medal. W. Bro. Heywood is a member of Peru Lodge No. 14. He has been a Member of the Fraternity for more than 76 years.

## SECRETARIES MEETINGS

The Grand Secretary attended seven area meetings this year, and met with the Secretaries of the constituent Lodges. We have about forty new secretaries this year and these meetings are most helpful. I am sorry that I was not able to attend two of the area meetings because of illness.

## LOCAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Again may we express our thanks to the Brethren of the Omaha and Lincoln Relief Associations. They continue to assist out-state Lodges in hospital calls, etc., as well as sojourning Masons, their widows and orphans.

## MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U. D. U.

Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U. D. U., is called upon many times during the year to conduct the funeral of a sojourning Brother. W. U. Brother Warner White and the officers and Brethren of Memorial Lodge are to be commended for their efforts.

## CHARTERED LODGES

Zeredatha Lodge No. 160, Reynolds was not represented at the last two Annual Communications and have been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Tyrian Lodge No. 243, Oak, Nebraska is in the process of consolidating with a Lodge in their vicinity.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICES

The Grand Secretary is most fortunate to have the utmost cooperation from the entire office force.

The untimely death of W. U. Brother Alfred E. Geschke, chairman of the Grand Lodge office committee was a shock to all who knew him, he will be missed.

M. U. W. U. Brother John F. Fitcher, chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees deserves a special thanks for the countless hours he spends working for the betterment of our Grand Lodge.

All Masons of Nebraska are cordially invited to visit the Grand Lodge offices.

## GRAND CUSTODIAN

We work closely with the Grand Custodian W. U. Brother Ralph W. Gerry and his fine group of Deputy Grand Custodians. These men are ready at all times to be of assistance, our sincere thanks to all of them.

## FRATERNAL REVIEW

I would urge every Brother to read the fraternal review, which is prepared by M. U. W. U. Brother William B. Wanner. His review is outstanding and also very informative.

FINANCIAL REPORT  
General Fund Receipts

Cash, U. S. National Bank, April 30, 1971.....	\$ 22,921.17
Per Capita Tax \$4.00 per member .....	163,428.00
Initiations \$10.00 per member .....	5,119.00
Surety Bond Premiums .....	657.90
Liability Insurance Premiums .....	2,838.58
Supplies .....	2,798.77
George Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial .....	
Association .....	512.40
Custodial Fees .....	810.00
Interest & Dividends on Investments .....	46,892.98
Matured Investments--Long & Short Term .....	138,976.03
Affiliations .....	65.00
Dispensation Fees .....	20.00
Misc. Income .....	34.32
Re-Instatements .....	752.00

\$ 385,826.15

Disbursements

George Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial .....	
Association .....	551.00
Liability Insurance Premium .....	3,562.00
Supply Account .....	2,338.93
Relief Account .....	2,465.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home--General Fund .....	79,916.00
The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children ...	25,162.50
1971-1972 General Budget .....	96,069.24
Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1972 .....	175,761.48

\$ 385,826.15

Retirement Fund  
Receipts

Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1971 .....	7,330.50
Interest and Dividends on Investments .....	12,409.29
Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. & The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	20,528.00

\$ 40,267.79

Disbursements

Securities Purchased .....	30,250.00
Accured Interest .....	184.46
Payments to retired Employees .....	2,172.60
Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1972....	7,660.73

\$ 40,267.79

## JUNE, 1972 GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

## RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges last year .....		255
Charters Consolidated .....		1
Number of Chartered Lodges .....		254
Number Initiated .....	510	
Number Passed .....	454	
Number Raised .....	461	
Number Affiliated .....	152	
Number Dual Members .....	20	
Number Reinstated .....	187	
Number Gained-other causes .....	2	
Consolidations .....	77	
Total gross increase .....		899
Number Demitted .....	162	
Number Deceased .....	1,005	
Number Suspended N.P.D.....	553	
Number Expelled .....	0	
Lost by other causes--Consolidations ....	85	
Total gross loss .....		1,805
Net Loss for year ending		
December 31,1971 .....		906

Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1970	40,864
Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1971	39,958

I wish to express my personal appreciation to those who have been so cooperative during the past year. We have many fine Secretaries in our constituent Lodges throughout the state, a special thank you to them.

Fraternally submitted,

*Norris W. Lallman*  
Grand Secretary

NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS										No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1971	No. of Lodge										
	E. A. A.					F. C. C.							GAIN					LOSS				
	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated		No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1971		No. Passed	No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1971		No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1970					TOTAL	By Demission					TOTAL LOSS		
		By Raising	By Affiliation	By Dual Membership	By Reinstatement		Other Causes	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes									
Nebraska	1	7	3	8	1	957	7	1	1	9	0	975	2	26	10	0	0	38	937	1		
Western Star	2	6	10	4	1	262	3	0	0	0	0	265	1	7	2	0	0	10	255	2		
Capitol	3	2	5	1	1	610	1	0	0	4	0	615	4	12	11	0	0	27	588	3		
Nemaha Valley	4	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	70	1	4	0	0	0	5	65	4		
Omadi	5	0	3	0	0	103	0	0	0	0	0	103	0	3	0	0	0	3	100	5		
Plattsmouth	6	2	4	3	2	322	2	3	0	0	0	327	1	7	2	0	0	10	317	6		
Falls City	9	1	4	0	3	199	0	1	0	7	0	207	1	7	5	0	0	13	194	9		
Solomon	10	1	0	1	0	105	3	0	0	0	0	108	0	0	3	0	0	3	105	10		
Covert	11	22	11	11	4	1519	24	2	0	5	0	1550	8	32	10	0	0	50	1500	11		
Orient	13	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	13		
Peru	14	1	0	2	0	95	2	1	0	0	0	98	1	2	0	0	0	3	95	14		
Fremont	15	9	4	6	3	634	3	7	0	6	0	650	4	15	7	0	0	26	624	15		
Tecumseh	17	0	7	0	1	136	0	0	0	0	0	136	1	5	3	0	0	9	127	17		
Lincoln	19	8	11	10	1	791	10	0	0	3	0	804	3	18	13	0	0	34	770	19		
Washington	21	7	2	5	1	157	4	3	0	0	0	164	1	3	3	0	0	7	157	21		
Pawnee	23	1	0	2	0	105	2	2	0	0	0	109	0	5	0	0	0	5	104	23		
St. Johns	25	15	8	13	0	816	13	0	0	1	0	830	3	33	24	0	0	60	770	25		
Beatrice	26	4	6	1	0	355	1	3	0	1	0	360	1	5	2	0	0	8	352	26		
Jordan	27	3	3	0	0	71	0	1	0	0	0	72	1	1	0	0	0	2	70	27		
Blue River	30	5	1	4	2	75	2	0	0	0	0	77	0	1	1	0	0	2	75	30		
Tekamah	31	6	2	5	0	182	5	2	0	0	0	189	0	3	0	0	0	3	186	31		
Platte Valley	32	3	21	1	4	526	5	6	0	3	0	540	4	18	6	0	0	28	512	32		
Ashlar	33	3	9	3	2	478	1	2	1	4	0	486	0	13	14	0	0	27	459	33		
Acacia	34	2	3	2	2	161	3	0	0	0	0	164	0	4	0	0	0	4	160	34		
Fairbury	35	1	0	0	0	229	2	2	0	0	0	233	1	1	2	0	0	4	229	35		
Lone Tree	36	3	2	2	1	184	2	0	0	2	0	188	0	8	1	0	0	9	179	36		
Crete	37	1	0	0	0	186	0	0	0	5	0	191	0	5	1	0	0	6	185	37		
Oliver	38	1	2	2	2	134	0	0	0	4	0	138	1	0	2	0	0	3	135	38		
Papillion	39	8	3	9	1	304	11	3	0	0	0	318	1	4	4	0	0	9	309	39		
Humboldt	40	1	2	1	0	93	1	1	0	0	0	95	0	3	0	0	0	3	92	40		
Northern Light	41	0	0	0	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	69	1	1	0	0	0	2	67	41		
Hebron	43	0	0	0	0	127	0	0	0	0	0	127	2	5	5	0	0	12	115	43		
Harvard	44	3	0	1	0	77	1	1	0	0	0	79	0	1	0	0	0	1	78	44		
Rob Morris	46	7	9	5	3	341	5	0	0	3	0	349	1	7	4	0	0	12	337	46		
Fairmont	48	0	3	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	3	2	0	0	5	70	48		
Evening Star	49	0	1	1	0	97	1	0	1	0	0	99	1	2	2	0	0	5	94	49		
Hastings	50	7	11	5	6	472	1	1	0	1	0	475	0	14	0	0	0	14	461	50		
Fidelity	51	0	3	0	0	133	0	0	0	0	0	133	0	5	0	0	0	5	128	51		
Hiram	52	2	4	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	1	0	0	0	1	78	52		
Charity	53	0	0	1	0	130	1	0	0	1	0	132	1	1	0	0	0	2	130	53		
Lancaster	54	17	7	16	2	848	15	1	0	4	0	868	1	17	11	0	0	29	839	54		
Mosaic	55	2	7	0	1	282	2	1	2	0	0	287	0	12	0	0	0	12	275	55		
York	56	2	3	1	0	242	1	2	0	0	0	245	0	8	0	0	0	8	237	56		
Mt. Moriah	57	0	2	1	2	94	0	1	0	0	0	95	0	3	4	0	0	7	88	57		
Wahoo	59	1	4	0	0	271	1	1	0	2	0	275	1	9	0	0	0	10	265	59		

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. F. C.					MASTER MASONS											No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1971	No. of Lodge		
	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated		No. Passed	No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1971	No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1970	GAIN					TOTAL	LOSS							
		No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1971	No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1971				By Raising	By Affiliation	By Dual Membership	By Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	TOTAL LOSS
Melrose	60	1	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	1	0	72	3	0	10	0	0	13	59	60
Thistle	61	0	1	0	0	236	0	1	0	1	0	238	1	6	1	0	0	8	230	61
Keystone	62	0	2	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	3	0	0	0	3	46	62
Blue Valley	64	2	4	3	0	95	3	0	0	0	0	98	0	1	0	0	0	1	97	64
Osceola	65	1	2	1	1	83	1	0	0	0	0	84	0	5	0	0	0	5	79	65
Edgar	67	1	3	0	1	70	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	2	0	0	0	2	68	67
Aurora	68	1	4	0	0	134	0	1	0	0	0	135	0	3	1	0	0	4	131	68
Sterling	70	0	1	1	1	35	1	0	0	0	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	1	35	70
Trowel	71	1	2	1	0	94	1	0	0	0	0	95	0	6	0	0	0	6	89	71
Hooper	72	2	2	1	2	90	0	1	0	0	0	91	0	1	0	0	0	1	90	72
Friend	73	0	4	0	2	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	73
Frank Welch	75	5	1	4	0	239	4	2	0	2	0	247	0	4	4	0	0	8	239	75
Nelson	77	0	0	0	0	126	1	0	0	0	0	127	0	2	1	0	0	3	124	77
Albion	78	0	0	0	0	140	0	0	0	0	0	140	1	2	8	0	0	11	129	78
Geneva	79	1	3	0	0	151	0	0	0	0	0	151	2	5	1	0	0	8	143	79
Composite	81	1	2	0	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	85	1	6	0	0	0	7	78	81
St. Paul*	82	0	3	1	2	161	1	1	0	0	0	199	1	3	1	0	0	5	194	82
Corinthian	83	0	1	0	1	66	0	0	0	0	0	66	2	1	2	0	0	5	61	83
Fairfield	84	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	2	0	0	0	2	40	84
Ionic	87	0	1	1	0	94	1	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	87
Star	88	2	0	2	1	100	4	0	0	0	0	104	0	5	0	0	0	5	99	88
Cedar River	89	1	3	0	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	2	0	0	0	2	85	89
Oakland	91	4	7	1	0	128	1	0	0	0	0	129	1	5	2	0	0	8	121	91
Beaver City	93	0	2	0	0	91	0	0	0	1	0	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	93
Bennett	94	2	4	1	0	66	2	0	1	2	0	71	1	0	1	0	0	2	69	94
Garfield	95	0	4	0	0	102	0	0	0	0	0	102	0	0	3	0	0	3	99	95
Utica	96	0	1	0	1	66	0	1	0	0	0	67	0	1	0	0	0	1	66	96
Euclid	97	3	3	2	0	103	2	1	0	0	0	106	0	2	1	0	0	3	103	97
Republican	98	0	2	0	2	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	2	0	0	0	2	40	98
Shelton	99	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	1	67	99
Creighton	100	0	1	0	2	77	0	0	0	1	0	78	0	2	0	0	0	2	76	100
Ponca	101	0	0	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	2	0	0	0	2	79	101
Waterloo	102	6	6	2	0	177	2	3	0	0	0	182	0	4	6	0	0	10	172	102
Ord	103	0	0	0	0	132	0	3	0	1	0	136	1	2	1	0	0	4	132	103
Wymore	104	0	0	0	0	167	0	2	0	0	0	169	0	1	9	0	0	10	159	104
Stella	105	1	2	0	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	1	0	0	2	48	105
Porter	106	1	0	1	0	65	0	0	1	0	0	66	0	2	0	0	0	2	64	106
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	2	0	0	0	2	29	108
Pomegranate	110	2	5	1	4	183	0	0	0	1	0	184	0	1	0	0	0	1	183	110
Dewitt	111	0	2	0	2	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	2	0	0	2	40	111
Springfield	112	1	1	1	0	109	2	0	0	0	0	111	0	2	2	0	0	4	107	112
Globe	113	1	1	0	1	77	0	3	0	0	0	80	0	5	2	0	0	7	73	113
Wisner	114	1	0	0	0	87	0	0	0	3	0	90	1	2	0	0	0	3	87	114
Harlan	116	1	2	2	1	94	2	0	0	0	0	96	0	4	2	0	0	6	90	116
Hardy	117	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	4	0	0	4	41	117

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							By Raising	By Affiliation	By Dual Membership	By Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes	
																				TOTAL GAIN
North Bend	119	1	0	3	0	97	4	0	0	0	0	101	0	5	0	0	0	5	96	119
Wayne	120	4	0	4	0	181	8	4	0	2	0	195	1	5	0	0	0	6	189	120
Superior	121	1	3	1	1	169	3	2	0	0	0	174	1	4	1	0	0	6	168	121
Auburn	124	0	0	0	0	119	0	0	0	0	0	119	1	1	2	0	0	4	115	124
Mt. Nebo	125	0	0	0	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	0	2	0	0	2	72	125
Stromsburg	126	7	10	4	3	149	3	1	0	0	0	153	2	2	0	0	0	4	149	126
Minden	127	2	2	1	3	90	0	0	0	0	0	90	0	2	0	0	0	2	88	127
Guide Rock	128	2	1	3	0	75	4	0	0	0	0	79	0	1	0	0	0	1	78	128
Scribner	132	1	2	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	132
Solar	134	0	1	1	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	1	0	0	1	66	134
McCook	135	1	10	2	2	322	1	0	0	0	0	323	1	6	4	0	0	11	312	135
Long Pine	136	0	1	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	1	41	136
Upright	137	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	1	52	137
Rawl	138	0	5	2	2	77	2	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	138
Clay Centre	139	0	6	0	1	59	2	2	0	0	0	63	0	1	1	0	0	2	61	139
Western	140	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	140
Crescent	143	1	4	1	0	28	1	1	0	0	0	30	0	2	0	0	0	2	28	143
Bancroft	145	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	3	0	0	3	46	145
Jachin**	146	0	0	0	0	158	0	0	0	0	0	158	1	8	0	0	0	9	190	146
Siloam	147	1	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	2	1	0	0	3	26	147
Custer	148	5	3	3	1	186	4	1	2	0	0	193	1	4	0	0	0	8	185	148
Cambridge	150	1	0	1	1	95	1	0	0	2	0	98	0	3	2	0	0	5	93	150
Evergreen	153	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	2	7	0	0	9	50	153
Lily	154	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	3	0	0	3	57	154
Hartington	155	1	0	1	0	56	0	1	0	1	0	58	1	1	0	0	0	2	56	155
Samaritan	158	8	4	6	1	227	5	0	0	0	0	232	0	5	4	0	0	9	223	158
Ogalalla	159	6	5	5	3	148	4	1	0	2	0	155	1	5	3	0	0	9	146	159
Zeredatha	160	0	2	0	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	160
Mt. Zion	161	2	0	2	2	49	1	0	0	0	0	50	0	2	0	0	0	2	48	161
Trestle Board	162	0	1	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	2	2	0	0	4	68	162
Unity	163	1	0	1	0	74	2	0	0	0	0	76	0	2	0	0	0	2	74	163
Atkinson	164	1	2	3	0	48	3	0	0	1	0	52	0	0	2	0	0	2	50	164
Barneston	165	1	0	1	0	43	2	0	0	1	0	46	1	0	0	0	0	1	45	165
Mystic Tie	166	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	166
Elwood	167	2	0	2	0	51	2	1	0	0	0	54	0	0	1	0	0	1	53	167
Curtis	168	0	2	1	0	74	1	0	0	0	0	75	0	5	1	0	0	6	69	168
Amity	169	1	1	1	0	84	1	0	0	0	0	85	1	2	1	0	0	4	81	169
Mason City	170	0	2	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	2	0	0	0	2	23	170
Merna	171	1	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	1	50	171
Robert Burns	173	4	2	5	0	72	5	0	0	1	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	173
Culbertson	174	0	2	0	2	67	1	0	0	0	0	68	1	2	0	0	0	3	65	174
Temple	175	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	3	0	0	0	3	38	175
Gladstone	176	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	7	0	0	0	7	65	176
Hay Springs	177	0	1	1	3	110	1	0	0	0	0	111	1	2	0	0	0	3	108	177
Prudence	179	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	1	0	0	0	1	42	179

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							GAIN								LOSS									
							By Raising	By Affiliation	By Dual Membership	By Reinstatement	Other Causes	TOTAL			By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	TOTAL LOSS				
Justice	180	1	3	0	1	133	1	1	0	0	0	135	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	180	
Faith	181	4	2	2	1	85	2	0	0	1	0	88	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	83	181
Alliance	183	5	5	4	1	326	3	0	0	1	0	330	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	321	183
Beehive	184	10	12	9	2	956	9	4	0	11	0	980	5	24	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	921	184
Boaz	185	1	1	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	50	185
Mendian	188	1	4	1	0	133	2	1	0	2	0	138	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	130	188
Granite	189	0	4	0	0	66	0	0	0	2	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	67	189
Amethyst	190	0	1	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	190
Crystal	191	1	1	0	0	73	1	0	1	0	0	74	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	71	191
Minnekadusa	192	1	7	0	2	152	0	0	0	3	0	156	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	147	192
Signet	193	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	43	193
Highland	194	1	1	1	1	42	0	0	0	1	0	42	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	40	194
Arcana	195	2	3	1	1	133	1	0	0	0	0	135	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	129	195
Purity	198	1	4	1	1	127	1	0	0	0	0	128	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	124	198
Gavel	199	1	3	0	1	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	199
BiazingStar	200	4	4	1	2	77	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	73	200
Scottshuff	201	0	4	1	0	183	1	0	1	0	0	186	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	182	201
Goldensheaf	202	1	1	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	56	202
Romaneagle	203	1	4	0	4	65	0	0	1	0	0	66	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	61	203
Planview	204	0	0	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	104	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	98	204
GoldenFleece	205	1	2	0	1	156	1	0	0	1	0	158	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	155	205
Parian	207	1	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	207
Canopy	209	1	1	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	91	209
EastLincoln	210	12	4	10	3	124	10	0	0	5	0	139	6	24	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	1088	210
Cement	211	0	2	0	0	73	0	1	0	0	0	75	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	67	211
Plumbline	214	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	1	0	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	31	214
Ocidental	215	1	2	1	1	61	1	0	1	0	0	64	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	63	215
Palisade	216	2	1	2	1	100	2	0	0	0	0	102	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	216
Wauneta	217	0	0	0	0	53	2	0	0	0	0	55	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	53	217
Bloomfield	218	3	0	3	6	77	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	73	218
Relief	219	0	3	1	1	47	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	219
Magnolia	220	0	2	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	43	220
WoodLake	221	2	3	0	0	71	0	0	2	0	0	74	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	71	221
Landmark	222	2	2	1	3	90	3	1	0	0	0	94	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	93	222
Eminence	223	2	0	2	1	55	1	0	0	0	0	56	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	52	223
SilverCord	224	3	2	3	2	127	4	1	1	0	0	133	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	127	224
Cable	225	1	4	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	76	225
Grace	226	1	0	1	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	226
NorthStar	227	7	1	6	0	453	6	2	0	8	0	471	2	15	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	435	227
Bartley	228	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	228
Comet	229	4	7	1	0	116	1	1	0	0	0	118	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	114	229
Mr.Herman	231	1	1	0	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	231
JohnS.Bowen	232	0	1	0	1	72	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	232
Galעד	233	0	0	1	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41	233
Zion	234	0	1	0	2	98	4	0	0	0	0	102	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	99	234

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																				TOTAL LOSS
Fraternity	235	0	1	0	1	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	2	2	0	0	4	54	235
Golden Rule	236	0	0	0	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	0	0	0	1	53	236
Cubit	237	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	1	0	0	0	1	36	237
Friendship	239	1	2	0	0	56	0	0	0	4	0	60	1	5	2	0	0	8	52	239
Pilot	240	0	3	1	0	110	1	0	0	0	0	111	0	1	2	0	0	3	108	240
George																				
Armstrong	241	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	67	1	4	3	0	0	8	59	241
Tyrian	243	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	243
Hampton	245	1	2	1	0	42	1	0	0	0	0	43	1	3	0	0	0	4	39	245
Nehawka	246	3	1	5	2	100	4	0	0	3	0	107	0	2	2	0	0	4	103	246
Laurel	248	0	1	1	2	80	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	2	3	0	0	5	75	248
Bothenburg	249	1	0	1	1	150	0	3	0	0	0	153	2	4	0	0	0	6	147	249
George																				
Washington	250	3	5	1	0	317	1	0	0	1	0	319	0	1	5	0	0	16	303	250
Wausa	251	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	251
Beemer	253	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	1	2	0	0	0	3	33	253
Bassett	254	1	0	1	0	69	1	0	0	1	0	71	0	3	0	0	0	3	68	254
Hickman	256	4	8	7	3	70	6	1	0	0	0	77	0	1	0	0	0	1	76	256
Anselmo	258	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	1	0	0	0	1	79	258
Ornan	261	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	6	0	0	0	6	54	261
Endeavor	262	0	0	0	2	83	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	1	0	0	0	1	82	262
Mitchell	263	2	0	3	0	152	4	0	0	1	0	157	0	7	1	0	0	8	149	263
Franklin	264	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	5	0	0	0	5	80	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	6	12	4	2	407	4	1	2	0	0	414	1	9	9	0	0	19	395	265
Silver	266	0	3	1	1	57	1	0	0	0	0	58	0	1	3	0	0	4	54	266
James A. Tulleys	267	4	3	1	2	92	0	1	0	0	0	93	0	0	2	0	1	3	90	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	9	0	9	0	227	9	1	0	0	0	237	0	6	0	0	0	6	231	268
Dasis	271	1	2	0	0	194	1	0	0	0	0	195	1	8	0	0	0	9	186	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	1	57	272
Drofton	273	0	1	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	1	1	0	0	2	30	273
Olive Branch	274	0	2	1	1	45	2	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	274
Ramah	275	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	4	0	0	5	35	275
Antelope	276	1	6	1	0	58	2	0	0	1	0	61	0	3	4	0	0	7	54	276
Sioux	277	2	4	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	277
Litchfield	278	0	4	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	2	0	0	0	2	30	278
Vallace	279	2	4	1	0	34	1	0	0	0	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	279
Swastika	280	0	1	0	0	77	0	1	0	0	0	78	0	1	0	0	0	1	77	280
Florence	281	8	2	7	0	804	7	2	0	5	0	818	3	19	24	0	0	46	772	281
Mullen	282	2	2	2	0	60	2	0	0	0	0	62	0	3	0	0	0	3	59	282
Seneca	284	1	4	0	1	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	2	0	0	0	2	56	284
Camp Clarke	285	5	4	3	1	137	2	0	0	0	0	139	0	2	0	0	0	2	137	285
Dshkosh	286	3	5	2	3	92	0	1	0	1	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	286
Union	287	1	0	1	0	56	1	0	0	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	1	56	287
Omaha	288	3	4	2	2	435	1	0	0	2	0	438	2	16	7	0	0	25	413	288
Lotus	289	0	3	0	2	149	0	0	0	0	0	149	1	7	0	0	0	8	141	289
John J. Mercer	290	24	3	26	5	1556	22	6	0	2	0	1586	3	31	10	0	0	44	1542	290
Diamond	291	0	0	0	1	92	0	0	0	1	0	93	3	4	0	0	0	7	86	291

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. F. C. .					MASTER MASONS											No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1971	No. of Lodge			
	No. of Lodge	E. A.		F. C. .		No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1970	GAIN					TOTAL	LOSS						TOTAL LOSS		
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1971	No. Passed	No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1971		By Raising	By Affiliation	By Dual Membership	By Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion				Other Causes	
Wolbach	292	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	36	36	0	292	292
Monument	293	0	2	1	2	58	1	0	0	1	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	293	293
Kimball	294	4	9	3	2	183	1	2	0	2	0	188	1	6	4	0	3	14	174	294	294
Minatare	295	0	0	1	0	81	1	0	0	0	0	82	2	4	3	0	0	9	73	295	295
Cotner	297	9	3	5	2	281	4	3	1	1	0	290	0	5	2	0	0	7	283	297	297
Chester	298	1	0	4	1	50	3	1	0	0	0	54	0	0	1	0	0	1	53	298	298
Sutherland	299	0	0	0	0	79	0	1	0	0	0	80	0	1	1	0	0	2	78	299	299
Liberty	300	2	1	3	0	428	4	1	0	3	0	436	1	12	14	0	0	27	409	300	300
Bayard	301	1	2	1	0	75	1	1	0	0	0	77	0	2	1	0	0	3	74	301	301
Mizpah	302	12	10	13	2	1047	12	3	0	9	0	1071	8	20	23	0	0	51	1020	302	302
Right Angle	303	8	8	7	0	473	7	1	0	4	0	485	1	15	4	0	0	20	465	303	303
Newman Grove	305	0	0	2	0	56	3	0	0	0	0	59	0	2	1	0	0	3	56	305	305
Golden Rod	306	1	1	1	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	74	0	3	1	0	0	4	70	306	306
Perkins	308	0	0	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	0	2	0	0	2	92	308	308
Winnebago	309	0	3	1	1	52	1	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	309	309
Victory	310	2	2	3	0	195	4	0	1	2	0	202	1	9	0	0	0	10	192	310	310
Polk	311	1	1	1	1	68	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	311	311
Oak Leaf	312	0	0	1	0	42	2	0	0	0	0	44	1	3	2	0	0	6	38	312	312
Potter	313	0	0	0	1	94	0	0	0	1	0	95	1	0	5	0	0	6	89	313	313
Craftsmen	314	5	1	5	1	563	4	1	1	1	0	570	3	15	4	0	0	22	548	314	314
Alpha	316	1	5	0	2	178	0	2	0	0	0	180	2	5	0	0	0	7	173	316	316
Mid West	317	3	8	7	4	652	5	6	0	1	0	664	4	12	7	0	0	23	641	317	317
Grand Island	318	5	8	3	2	334	4	1	0	3	0	342	2	5	4	0	0	11	331	318	318
Bladen	319	1	1	2	1	33	1	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	319	319
College View	320	1	3	1	1	156	1	3	0	0	0	160	0	2	7	0	0	9	151	320	320
Harmony	321	0	0	1	0	49	1	1	0	2	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	321	321
Lebanon	323	2	6	2	1	211	2	4	1	1	0	219	3	4	2	0	0	9	210	323	323
Cairo	324	0	5	0	0	68	2	0	0	0	0	70	0	1	1	0	0	2	68	324	324
Bellevue	325	16	5	18	1	435	18	4	1	4	0	462	5	3	8	0	0	16	446	325	325
Centennial	326	10	11	14	3	483	15	0	1	2	0	501	5	6	7	0	0	18	483	326	326
Shiloh	327	2	1	4	1	82	4	2	0	0	0	88	1	0	0	0	1	2	86	327	327

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\*St. Paul No. 82 had 36 consolidations

\*\*Jachin No. 146 had 41 consolidations

## VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

Roy T. Stiehl.....	Hay Springs No. 177.....	37 years
William E. Edwards.....	Alliance No. 183.....	37 years
Harve I. Lang.....	Litchfield No. 278.....	34 years
Floyd Christy.....	Trestle Board No. 162.....	32 years
Warren C. Hall.....	Nelson No. 77.....	32 years
Donald D. Hill, Sr.....	Scribner No. 132.....	30 years
F. Otto Nelson.....	Signet No. 193.....	29 years
Wayne Warden Loftis.....	Landmark No. 222.....	29 years
Bernard Besse Harris.....	Robert W. Furnas No. 265	29 years
Donald S. Hinman.....	Antelope No. 276.....	29 years
Clyde H. Jones.....	Robert Burns No. 173.....	29 years
Albert B. Osborn.....	Grand Island No. 318.....	28 years
Harley I. Simons.....	Cambridge No. 150.....	26 years
Harold K. Bond.....	Frank Welch No. 75.....	26 years
Merle P. Hayes.....	Superior No. 121.....	26 years
John J. Carter.....	Cement No. 211.....	25 years
Alvin C. Groesser.....	Euclid No. 97.....	25 years

## REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA.

The Annual Report of the Grand Custodian is hereby fraternally submitted:

## CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Your Grand Custodian was incapacitated during most of the Central Schools this past year; nevertheless our devoted Deputy Grand Custodians carried on in every case, resulting in ten Central Schools consisting of nineteen sessions. The reports reaching this office, were of the highest praise for our Deputy Grand Custodians, and the fine manner in which the Central Schools were conducted.

I was able to return part time to the office in January and have conducted the Omaha and Lincoln schools, together with one all day session at Lexington. An all day school at Cambridge had to be cancelled.

I find that the ritual is being done very well insofar as Central Schools are concerned; however, I am sure there are still some areas where this may not be true, due to lack of attendance at the above mentioned schools.

The floor work, as adopted by this Grand Lodge several years ago, is not only accepted, but has become perfectly natural in the lodge room.

## LODGE CERTIFICATION

We show a total of one hundred thirty-six lodges holding current certificates of Proficiency. Our congratulations to Wauneta No. 217 and Bloomfield No. 218 for returning to our list of Certified lodges.

## INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

Following is a list of our Brethren who have attained this honor during the past year:

Keith L. Hatfield	227	Robert J. Reitz	250
Jimmie L. Brown	320	Vernon L. Clark	210
Gladwyn A. Youngs	210	Dale E. Kube	55
Robert L. Tollander	281	Lance R. Brown	325
Harold W. Noble	325	Perry H. Laten	215
Floyd A. Sterns	19	William P. Buckley	310
Jack M. Williams	310	Lloyd C. Strong	263
		Frank J. Mattoon	75

We are exceptionally pleased that our Grand Senior Warden, Frank J. Mattoon, has been added to this list. Let me take this opportunity to thank all certified brethren for their dedicated service.

## CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

I am pleased to recognize the following Brethren who have re-certified each year for the past twenty years and have now received their Certificate of Merit:

Roy O. York	54	Collins L. Wilcox	54
Corbett W. Krumtum	19	John M. Ward	39
Edward F. Grabe	39	David Spilman	290
Orville B. Entenman	39	Walter Butcher	271
Francis J. Beaman	229	Wayne L. Campbell	306

and

Russell L. Fickes, 33 our Grand Master, Frank H. Smith, 301, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus and Willard I. Lewis, Jr. 9, Deputy Grand Custodian.

May our ritual continue to be a living part of your lives for many more years. You have our perpetual gratitude.

## DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

On August 30, 1971, the Grand Master and I made a trip to Gering to commission W. O. Wayne Thompson, 201, as Deputy Grand Custodian to replace W. Frank H. Smith in District No. 30. W. Wayne is handling it like a seasoned veteran.

On October 11, 1971, W. John A. Brandt, 26 of Beatrice was commissioned and assigned to District No. 12 which was re-vamped to better fit the situation.

On November 27, 1971, W. Dale E. Kube, 55 of Norfolk was commissioned and assigned to District No. 15, where he is doing a fine job. I expect even greater accomplishments from W. Dale.

On May 13, 1972, W. Robert E. Kyes, 36, Central City, was commissioned Deputy Grand Custodian for District No. 20, replacing W. T. Leo Stines.

All these fine Brethren are very well qualified for the position of trust they now hold.

## DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

W. Frank H. Smith, 301, found it necessary to ease his work load and was commissioned Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus at Gering on August 30, 1971.

W. W. Upton Dawson, 135, was commissioned at McCook on March 18, 1972.

W. Ralph I. Berry, 256, was commissioned at Lincoln on March 25, 1972.

On May 13, 1972, W. T. Leo Stines, 36, was commissioned Emeritus in Central City. All of these fine brethren will remain partially active in their respective districts.

Your Grand Custodian and all Deputy Grand Custodians continue to bring the authorized ritual and its meaning to all interested brethren.

Your Grand Lodge is proud of the work being done by every member of our staff; and no words will adequately express my gratitude to these fine Masons who claim the proud title of Deputy Grand Custodian.

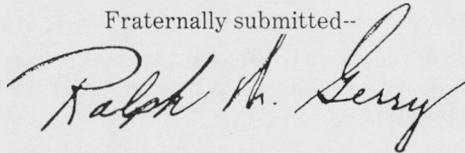
Most Worshipful Grand Master, my heartfelt thanks for the honor of the appointment in order that I might serve the craft.

My thanks to M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary, for his ever ready assistance.

To the Committee on Work, M. W. Edward F. Carter, Chairman, M. W. Louis V. Sylvester and M. W. John A. Bottorf, for their patience and understanding; but more especially to M. W. Louis V. Sylvester for conducting the Annual Custodians meeting at Grand Island and the affairs of my office while I was confined.

May the Blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons now and forever more.

Fraternally submitted-



Ralph W. Gerry  
Grand Custodian

#### REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, Past Grand Master, Vice President, Board of Trustees, presented the report on The Nebraska Masonic Home, which was adopted.

My Brethren:

On behalf of the Officers and Trustees of your Home, I am pleased to give you our report at this Communication.

As to population it still remains somewhat constant between 70 and 80. The average age is between 83 and 84 years.

Average age at death is 85 plus and average period of residence is 4 1/2 years.

During the year just passed, we lost by death 18 residents. This is about normal.

I doubt if you will be surprised to know that the per capita cost of maintaining a resident in the Home has risen during the past 12 months.

Last year, I reported to you the total cost was \$4,739.00. This year for about the same number of people and the same sized staff the cost is \$5,241.00.

I am certain I need not explain this item. Any of you concerned with your own cost of living know that there still is no end in sight in the cost of food, services, and all other items involved in maintaining not only your own household but the Home as well.

I should like to just once report to you a lessening of our costs, but it isn't possible in the foreseeable future.

With all this, there are a few things that remain the same. The care our residents receive has never changed. The Love we talk of often is the ground roots of the entire establishment. If you visit the Home, you feel it the minute you enter the door. It shows in the eyes of our residents and their serenity in the realization that they are wanted and belong.

There is a constant need to replace or refurbish. The surface in the kitchen area finally had to be replaced. The same is true of some of our furniture.

I reported to the stockholders that the application for admission to the Home has been reprinted. It should be much easier to complete than before.

One of the finest things we did last year was to originate the intensive care room.

It is in use constantly and has proven its worth in providing intensive care for those who have need of it.

During the year, our old friend and former Trustee, George Leschinsky, retired from his dental practice and gave the Home all his equipment. This was typical of George and we appreciate it.

According to his desire, we have set aside a room for our dental room.

His equipment now allows us to have the dentist come to the Home and treat his patients instead of us having to take them to him. This provides a great convenience and our residents are constantly under our care as we would have it.

We are indebted to Sister Mary Ann Watchorn, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Olin Brake, Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star for their invaluable support.

Sister Watchorn and Brother Brake have seen to it that at every Star meeting the Home has been on the Agenda.

Our thanks for such thoughtfulness.

We have been fortunate in Endowment and Bequests received during the past year. Your Home can survive only if these continue as they have since its organization. This past year has indicated that we still are being remembered and should do much to make certain the continued life of your Home.

The Seal fund is still doing its part in helping cover the cost of operation of the Home. Returns this year continue to be a great help.

Each year it has been my pleasure to report to you the Thanksgiving trip to the Home by W. Bob W. Boon of Grand Island and his group in that vicinity, and W. J. C. Peterson of Scottsbluff and his group in that vicinity. All in the Home look for them at this time of year. It's a great time when the big semi-trailers loaded with food arrives. It is so appreciated. There are many Lodges involved in this and we thank them all.

Following Thanksgiving comes Christmas. At this time of year, regardless of birthdays, our residents turn into children with all the anticipation and expectation of a child. They are never disappointed.

A great number of guests were present Christmas Eve around the Tree. Santa Claus, as usual was there. Presents for all, good food and entertainment put on entirely by the Home residents.

I'm sure you know that all this is made possible by the Masters and Wardens of all the Lodges in our State. We thank them all for understanding the importance of making this sacred holiday possible.

Though we have thanked some here, there are many others far too numerous to mention. There are the Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Masters and Wardens, Order of the Eastern Star Chapters, the youth groups to list only a few. We thank you all.

There is within our Fraternity a few people who believe in supporting the Home with all their heart and all their mind and backing it up with their substance. The number is very limited and when we lose one of these great Masons to the Grand Architect, we feel it and suffer. Our loss stems not only from the substantial help we have received from him over the years, but also the knowledge that we have lost a gentleman who, without inducement, loved us. We in return have given our love.

This year our grief is great, for we lost during the year two stalwarts who for years, unsolicited, sensed our needs and in a great measure helped us when we needed it.

We acknowledge the loss of Arthur L. Palmer and Dr. J. F. M. Heumann. May God's light perpetually shine upon them.

My friend, Jake Wine, handed me a clipping which covers our memory of these men:

"There are stars whose light reaches the earth after they themselves have disintegrated and are no more, and there are people whose memory lights the world even after they have passed from it. These lights which shine in the darkest night are those which illumine for us the path of life."

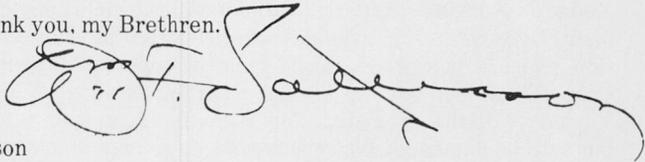
To our Grand Master, M. W. Russell L. Fickes, our sincere thanks for his affection for us and his untiring efforts in our behalf.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, as our secretary, is a tower of strength with his experience and hard work constantly in handling the affairs of the Home.

Our Superintendent, Raymond F. Evers, never seems to stop work. He is dedicated to the care of our residents in all their needs. Our Home is the finest, in our mind, and this man is responsible for a great part of making it so.

Now lastly to my Brother Trustees, I have received many honors in my life but none that can surpass the privilege of living and working with these great men.

Thank you, my Brethren.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm. F. Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "W" and a long, sweeping tail.

Wm. F. Patterson  
President

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Your committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully reports that there has been no change in our Fraternal Relations with other jurisdictions, with which we are now changing Representatives, during the past Masonic Year.

On August 15 1971, we received a request for recognition from the Grande Loja Do Maranhao of Brazil. This is another one of the State Grand Lodges of which there are 19 in Brazil. We have already recognized thirteen of them. According to M. W. Bro. Roy of Massachusetts, former Secretary of the Grand Masters Conference: any and all of the Brazilian Grand Lodges are equally worthy of being recognized. This particular one was constituted in March 1960. They have nine lodges.

Masonry came to Latin and South America in direct contrast to North America. Here the environment was friendly and favorable to it. There the locale was very unfavorable for two reasons: first an intolerant hostile religion and second a lack of a democratic way of life. The members here are small in number, but the quality and interest are outstanding. There it takes courage, character and devotion to espouse the cause of Freemasonry. There is also a barrier, too, on our part, as Spanish, Portuguese, and French are the tongues usually used. We know really little about them, they are much better informed about us. In view of our past record, I move that this Grand Lodge be recognized and an exchange of Representatives be made.

The Cuban picture remains about the same. Evidently their Grand Lodge is working regularly, without official hindrance by the government. Over 80% of their lodges were reported at their last Communication, which is very good, considering the reported difficulty of travel in Cuba. Their membership is now reported as about 25,000, they have 332 lodges on their register. This is quite a drop from previous reports, but is to be expected. We recommend no change in our relations at this time.

The Grand Lodge of France has again broken off relations with the Grand Orient of France. This makes the third time in ten years that this has happened, but it seems to be of little effect. In fact it seems to have contributed to the difficulty now between England and the Swiss.

A statement was issued in May, 1971 in French, English and German, by the Swiss, stating their loyalty and adherence to the established principles of Freemasonry. But they did not specifically state that they had had no visitation with irregular French Masons. They had been warned by England several years before and then broke off relations with France. This eased the situation for a time, but now on May 10, 1971 England withdrew recognition from the Grand Lodge Alpine of Switzerland for "failing to conform with the Basic Principles of Freemasonry." We, however recommend no change in our relations with the Swiss at this time. Queensland followed England in this respect and Alabama has done so here, but no other that I know of, wanting to find out just what the charges are specifically.

A letter was received from the Grande Loza do Rio Grande Do Sul, which we recognize, in February 1972, warning us as well as all others, against the efforts of the Grand Orient of Brazil in again attempting to obtain recognition from the United States Grand Lodges. Only Florida that I can observe, has been fooled by this recent effort, not to the extent of recognition but they stated that the Grand Orient was a legitimate organization. Originally it was, but for many years it has not been.

Last year I made mention of troubles in Greece by the civil authorities, this came mostly from items printed by Michigan. It now seems that this was a case of newspaper exaggeration, which seized upon the 'Masonic' angle of an item of an association which had no connection with legitimate Masonry. The premiere Research Lodge No. 2076 Quatuor Coronati of England made inquiry through a Brother living in Greece and found that the facts were that Greek Masonry is actually in an excellent condition. We are happy to correct the statement of last years supposed troubles.

Several jurisdictions have had the question of lowered age limit brought before them, but so far they have all been rejected. However as more states give consent, this may become an issue in the future.

Wisconsin last year rerecognized the Grand Lodge of France to my surprise. The new Grand Master in that state soon changed that and reversed their stand in a hurry with an edict. Congratulations to him!

Japan had another gain of 76 members for the year. In fact this is their 13th year of consecutive gain for this jurisdiction. Their great need is however not so many soldiers and not enough Nationals being initiated. Sooner or later they will have to stand on their own feet and that will be their real test. Their ritual has been translated into Japanese, but was revised in some difficult portions of the third degree. This will make it easier for those lodges using the translated ritual. Japan has always been very liberal in their donations to our charities; such as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Disaster Funds and the Masonic Service Association. These run into over 70,000 yen each. They were recognized by Queensland and South Australia last year. Their finances are in excellent condition. Their Temple Reserve Fund was over two million yen and the Sight Assistance Fund almost 3/4 million yen. Ten percent of all receipts go to the Temple Fund and 3% to the Sight Assistance Charity. A Japanese Flag was presented to the International Jobs Daughters Headquarters in Omaha. Mention must be made of their 16 donations to other of their charities, many of which like those of our Canadian Brethren, we would be barred from as lodges. The total amount runs to 2 1/2 million yen. Of course a yen is not a dollar, but the total is still quite a little money.

Peru, as most of you know, had a terrible earthquake lately, with almost 2,000 Masonic families affected. The great heart of Masonry responded and more than \$25,000 was sent to provide food and shelter through the MSA for the victims. Nebraska did its share.

As almost always the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Scotland went on an extended tour of their outlying lodges again. They bring greetings, honors and a general "pepping up" of their lodges in the four corners of the earth in fine shape. This past year they went to East Africa, Zambia, Rhodesia, the Transvaal and Orange Free State as well as the East and West Cape of Good Hope. It is a real hard trip, but it does produce results for the Scottish Constitution for sure.

India continues to progress in spite of their civil wars. They now have more than 200 lodges and recognitions from more states. They approved a Trust Fund for scholarships. Everything in all their work is of the most dignified nature.

Israel continues to progress in spite of the tension existing in that country. Their first lodge was started in 1773. In 1832 there was a four lodge, Grand Lodge started, but it failed. In 1938 the present Grand Lodge was erected and is now almost universally recognized. There are at least three Holy Books on every altar with a Bible Bearer for each. They continue to greet every Grand Lodge in the world at the time of their Annual Communication. A nice gesture.

We are seldom given much information from the proceedings of Ireland. They have provincial Grand Lodges, each with a Master and Secretary. These Masters make a report to Grand Lodge. This year in imitation perhaps of the Scots, the Grand Master, The Earl of Donoughmore, made an extensive tour of the Far East and Australia and New Zealand, where they have Irish Lodges. In Singapore he commented on the fact that here the Brethren of every race and creed were all happily working together. He also comments on the various "workings" (rituals) Emulation, this is one of the most widely used British rituals; Munster, Bristol and even some original ones, but all very beautifully performed. Some of these workings were acquired from traveling military lodges, more than a hundred years ago. In Hong Kong they looked over the river into China and also visited the Drug Addiction Treatment Center. In New Zealand, where they have four lodges, he was much impressed by the Roskill Masonic Village, where 150 people live in this home. This may have carried over into his own country where last May, he opened the First Masonic Home at Bengor Ireland, called the Radcliffe Masonic Housing Association. While in the East at a Jubilee of Erin Lodge No. 463, he received a check for 500 pounds. This he afterwards distributed to their Girls and Boys Schools and an Annuity Fund and fifty pounds to the above mentioned Home. He devotes a lot of space, several pages to the Duke of Leinster Lodge No. 363 in Adelaide, South Australia, the only Irish Lodge left in Australia and the largest in the state with 263 members. Their warrant was issued in 1885. A highway caused the hall to be government seized and it is now demolished. They will rebuild on other land they own. He describes their last meeting. A final hymn was sung and the officers retired in procession, first the Deacons; then the Master with their warrant (charter) and Maul; the Senior Warden with Bible and column down; the Junior Warden with Bible and column up; Immediate Past Master with Book of Constitutions and By-laws; Chaplain with Bible; another Brother with Bible and Altar Emblems;

Treasurer with gold key; Secretary with Minute Book, Inner Guard with working tools; Tyler with sword; Past Masters and other, last their Director of Ceremonies. They moved around the hall twice, all singing "Land of Hope and Glory" and retired. Their Grand Secretary's office has six employees, 3 ladies and 3 men, to handle a world wide organization, not as large as Scotland but far flung. They are liberal minded as are all these, mention is made of assistance granted a widow with seven children as an instance.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania prints a nearly ten page report of a visit of two of their Past Grand Masters to the 8th Conference of the Interamerican Masonic Conference held in the Dominican Republic last March. They were Brothers John K. Young and Richard A. Kern. Brother Kern is perhaps the best informed Mason on South American and Mexican Masonry, in the world today. He has attended four of these Conferences as an Observer and has visited 12 of the 20 countries represented, repeatedly over a score of years. Brother Kern wrote the report, which is very readable and presents a lucid picture of their feelings, troubles, success and failures. It is entirely too long to reprint here, but I wish I had the space. The Confederation is divided into six zones, each with a President, usually from the country in which the meeting is held; six vice-presidents (one for each zone) and a secretary. They meet every three years. There was also quite a number of observers from other United States Jurisdictions. There is a Masonic Home and School in Santo Domingo with 150 youngsters, most of them orphans, supported by the Masons and a remarkable lady, Senora Dona Saldana, a practicing lawyer for many years, although she is over 80. The next session of the Conference is to be held in Buenos Aires in 1973.

The Commission on Information for Recognition of the Grand Masters Conference in North America is set up on a more or less voluntary basis, as far as finance is concerned. The maximum contributions for jurisdictions of our size is \$100 a year. In 1960, the Commission asked for a donation of \$50 from our size group, but it was not until July 1963 does the Treasurers report show \$50 from Nebraska and nothing before or since that time, is recorded at all. It would seem to me that since 1952, when this committee was set up, that in 20 years we should be able to support it a little better. Many states appear almost every year. I therefore move that the finance committee appropriate \$100 payable to this committee, as the information they send out is often of great value.

Hoping this very brief report of some other jurisdictions is of some interest to the Brethren of Nebraska, your Committee now recommends that all past applications be continued for further study, without prejudice, until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. M. W. Sir, I move that this report be received and spread full on the minutes of this Communication and that its recommendations be adopted. Brother Archie B. Gay, Grand Secretary of Virginia writes: "Let us all remember that as no man is an island, neither does any Grand Lodge stand alone, for what one does affects the other." At least in some form!

Sincerely and fraternally submitted--

William Ballou Wanner

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Committee respectfully submits as its report that the Address of M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master, be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:  
The section on Necrology.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:  
The section on Dispensations.  
The section on Amendments to By-Laws.  
The section on Decisions.

To the Committee on Grievances:  
The section on Trial Commissions.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:  
The section on Consolidations.

The report shows the activity of the Grand Master during the current year and reflects the amount of time devoted to affairs of the Grand Lodge. The Committee recommends that all matters not herein referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

### REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

We recommend that the designated portions of the report of the Grand Secretary be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:  
The section on Consolidations.

To the Committee on Grievances:  
The section on Grievances.

To the Committee on Finance:

The section on financial report, all report schedules relating to funds, statistical tables and reports relating to membership.

To the Committee on Returns:  
The section on Returns.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a continued faithful discharge of the duties of his Office. The Committee further recommends that all matters not herein referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

### REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the entire report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work. As in the past the work of the Grand Custodian and his Deputies is such that we all can commend them for their fine work.

The Committee further recommends that all matters not herein referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

Fraternally submitted

W. . Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman

W. . Robert A. Carhart, 120

W. . Albert E. Christy, 201

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

W. Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290, Chairman, presented the report on Finance which was adopted:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submits the following report.

Each and every claim, supported by properly approved vouchers, was explained. The Auditor's report includes the individual receipts and expenditures, therefore, we did not deem it necessary to duplicate it in this report.

### ACTUAL INCOME 1971-72

Number of Master Masons on roll 12/31/71 - 39958 at \$2.00	\$ 79,916.00
510 Initiation Fees at \$10.00	\$ 5,100.00
Investment Income	\$ 46,892.00
Sub-total	\$131,908.98
General Fund Cash on hand, April 30, 1972	\$175,761.48
Short Term investments	\$ .00
Affiliations	20.00
Reinstatements	752.00
Misc. Income	53.32
Custodian Fees	810.00
George Washington Memorial Association	512.40
Unexpended Funds	\$20,592.54     2,147.72
Grand Total	\$309,883.18

Due to the efficiency of the Grand Secretary and his staff, there are no exceptions of consequence to be reported at this time.

It was noted that there was a substantial average in both the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian expenses due to illnesses, therefore it was recommended to the Appropriation Committee that the previously appropriated amounts be continued for the coming year,

Your Committee Chairman expresses appreciation to W. Howard L. Patterson, W. Ansel Toft, W. Leroy Sutton and W. Harold E. Day, Jr. for their cooperation and help in making this survey and preparing this report.

## PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

W. Alfred B. Saum, 46, Chairman, presented the preliminary report on the Appropriations:

1972 - 1973

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Approp.

Payroll, 1972 Communication .....	\$ 8,000.00
Grand Master's Dinner, PGM and Guests .....	750.00
Printing Proceedings, Annual Session .....	4,000.00
Grand Lodge Dinner - Delegates .....	2,500.00
Entertainment - Distinguished Guests .....	800.00
Preparing Fraternal Reviews .....	300.00
Printing Fraternal Reviews .....	450.00
Printing Secretary's Book (2 years) .....	1,400.00
Printing Programs & Incidental Expense .....	600.00
Printing Grand Master's Orations (Gr. Historian) .....	1,914.83

\$20,714.83

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Masonic Education .....	\$ 4,600.00
Masonic Relief .....	50.00
Trial Commission .....	100.00
Grand Trustees (Expense audit) .....	2,530.00
Appropriations .....	25.00
Grand Lodge Officers .....	50.00
Finance .....	50.00
Nebraska Work .....	50.00
Grand Historian Expense .....	100.00
Relief Fund .....	7,991.60
Grand Lodge Committee, Revision of By-Laws .....	500.00
Masonic-Eastern Student Fund .....	625.00

\$16,671.60

TRAVELING EXPENSE

Grand Master .....	\$ 4,000.00
Grand Secretary .....	1,500.00
Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions .....	700.00
Grand Custodian Department .....	7,900.00
Grand Officers and Committees under direction of Grand Master .....	2,000.00
Deputy Grand Master - Grand Masters Conference .....	450.00
Grand Masters Conference and Grand Secretary Con- ference dues and expense .....	450.00

\$17,000.00

SALARIES

Grand Secretary .....	\$10,800.00
Grand Custodian .....	9,000.00
Grand Lodge Clerical Staff .....	17,580.00
Social Security .....	1,950.00
Federal & State Employment Ins. ....	450.00

\$39,780.00

## FIXED EXPENSE

Rent - Grand Lodge Offices.....	\$ 8,100.00
Museum and Library .....	150.00
Office Expense.....	6,600.00
Jewel, Apron, for retiring Grand Master .....	400.00
Grand Lodge Supplies .....	4,000.00
Legal Fees .....	100.00
Fifty Year Buttons (not this year) .....	— — —
Retirement Benefit C.R.G .....	4,646.40
Contribution to Retirement Fund for Grand Lodge Emp .....	528.00
	<u>\$24,524.40</u>

## INSURANCE ASSESSMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Workmen's Compensation and Liability .....	\$ 50.00
Masonic Relief Association Dues.....	329.32
Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers and Employees....	400.00
Grand Master's and Employee's Car Insurance .....	275.00
Comprehensive Liability Ins. and All Subordinate lodges .....	3,650.00
Office Contents - Fire Insurance .....	100.00
Masonic Service Association .....	1,154.07
George Washington Memorial Association .....	700.00
Grand Masters Conference - 1¢ per member for 200th Anniversary in 1976 .....	417.40
Hospitalization Ins. for Grand Lodge Employees.....	1,450.00
Nebraska DeMolay .....	750.00
	<u>\$ 9,275.79</u>

Grand Lodge Operation (Total) .....

## GRAND LODGE RESPONSIBILITIES .....

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	<u>24,046.00</u>
	\$152,012.62
The Nebraska Masonic Home Budget.....	<u>\$451,740.00</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$603,752.62</u>

At 11:50 The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

FIRST DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

REPORT OF THE  
MASONIC EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

W. Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, Chairman, presented the report on The Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, which was adopted:

To the Grand Master and the Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

Your Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee submits the following report:

As many of you are aware, the responsibility of our joint committee is that of sponsoring our young people who are residents of the Children's Home in Fremont in their further education after high school graduation.

During the school year presently drawing to a close there have been no students under our sponsorship, so your Committee has had a brief respite in its activity. However, this spring we have a young man graduating from Fremont High School whom we interviewed in April with respect to his college education, and whom we have approved for sponsorship at Kearney State College beginning this fall. We estimate the extent of financial assistance required to provide our sponsorship through the first school year to be \$1,250.00, to be shared equally by the two Grand Bodies. We respectfully request that the Grand Lodge approve an appropriation of \$625.00 for this purpose. A similar appropriation was granted by the Grand Chapter last month.

The young man we purpose to sponsor has been a resident of the Children's Home in Fremont since he was a small lad, and our Committee is confident that he intends to pursue his studies in pre-law with the proper attitude toward his schooling and with sincere appreciation to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter for making his college education possible.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Levi B. Williams, 1, Chairman, gave the report on the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead on whom you conferred the honor of submitting the Annual Report, respectfully submits the following report:

Another year in the life of Freemasonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska has come and gone, and we now pause for a short time to pay our high tribute to a select group of men who have lived and died, but have given much to the on-going cause of Freemasonry among us. All of these served well in their respective offices within our Grand Jurisdiction, and we desire to show our respect and gratitude for their work and labors of love and fellowship to the Fraternity within our Grand Jurisdiction. We will do well to recall their deeds of fraternal friendship during this period. They have served well, but have completed their work, and have been called to higher duty.

Before they departed from our midst, I am sure they could have said with the Apostle Paul as he wrote to his Son, Timothy; "For I know I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Timothy 1:12)

Our Grand Secretary has received Memorial Cards issued by twenty-three Grand Lodges upon the deaths of Grand Officers and two Grand Jurisdictions in Canada. He also received notice of the passing of one Deputy Grand Master and one Grand Secretary. All of these brethren have laid down their working tools in the work of Freemasonry in their own areas. Our Grand Lodge will want to offer its sincerest condolences to all these Sister Jurisdictions in their losses of these stalwart and faithful men.

The Supreme Grand Master of all Masons called on our Senior Past Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska during this year past for service in that higher place to which we all hope to be received. Most Worshipful Charles A. Chappell was born October 9, 1882 in Pike County, Indiana and departed this life on November 21, 1971.

He was initiated in Minden Lodge No. 127, on October 26, 1907, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on November 16, 1907 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on December 28, 1907.

Most Worshipful Brother Chappell served as Worshipful Master of Minden Lodge No. 127, in 1912 and was elected Secretary in 1914.

Most Worshipful Brother Chappell was appointed Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge by Most Worshipful Brother Frederic L. Temple in June of 1917, and served the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as Grand Master in 1923. He was the acting Grand Master from August 31, 1922 until June of 1923. He received the fifty year badge of service to Masonry in 1957.

Most Worshipful Brother Chappell was widely known in Masonic Circles and was a member of the following Masonic affiliated organizations:

Hastings Consistory of Scottish Rite Masonry, of which he was a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason for a period of fifty years, and a member of Tehama Shrine Temple in Hastings. He belonged to the Nebraska Veterans Freemasons Association and was a Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota for more than 53 years.

Most Worshipful Brother Chappell was admitted to the bar as an attorney in 1904. He served several terms as Kearney County Attorney and was a state senator for three terms. He was active in the civic affairs of Minden for many years.

He was the Senior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Masonic Services were conducted for our Brother by the Brethren of Lodge No. 127, A. F. & A. M. and by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on November 23, 1971, with the time honored ceremonies of the Order. Interment at Minden Cemetery, Minden, Nebraska.

During the past year the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska suffered the loss of the Very Worshipful Walter O. Samuelson, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge. Brother Samuelson was born August 27, 1892 at Bradford, Pennsylvania, and departed this life December 1, 1971.

He was initiated into Friendship Lodge No. 239, of Chapman, Nebraska, on November 26, 1920; passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason January 14, 1921 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason March 25, 1921.

He affiliated with Victory Lodge No. 310 at Valley, Nebraska on January 8, 1924; admitted by Charter to Centennial Lodge No. 326 on July 27, 1956. He re-affiliated as a Dual member with Friendship Lodge No. 239 on September 10, 1970.

Very Worshipful Brother Samuelson was appointed Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by Most Worshipful Louis V. Sylvester in 1965. He was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 1968, and served the Grand Lodge as Grand Chaplain with outstanding distinction until the time of his death.

He was a Past Patron of Vesta Chapter No. 6, Order of Eastern Star.

He belonged to the York Rite Bodies in Omaha and served the Grand Council and Grand Chapter as Grand Chaplain.

Brother Samuelson was a member of Tangier Shrine Temple and has been Chaplain of that organization for a number of years.

Very Worshipful Brother Samuelson was an ordained Baptist Minister and served his church for many years. After his retirement he conducted a Sunday School Class in his church, which was one of the largest in the State.

His life truly exemplified the tenets of Faith, Hope and Charity. He will be missed by a host of friends as well as by his Masonic Brethren.

Masonic Memorial Services were conducted for our Brother by the Brethren of Centennial Lodge No. 326, Friendship Lodge No. 239, and by the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska on December 3, 1971, with the time honored ceremonies of the Order.

Brother Samuelson was most dedicated to his tasks during his years of service in the Grand Lodge. He will be greatly missed by all the Brethren within our Grand Jurisdiction.

Our Grand Lodge also suffered the loss of Worshipful Brother Charles Henry Ninegar, Past Grand Tyler, who served faithfully for a number of years. He was born July 29, 1885 in Hunts Corners, New York, and passed away January 25, 1972 in Blair, Nebraska. His last Rites were held January 29, 1972, under the supervision of Washington Lodge No. 21 at Blair, Nebraska. The Grand Lodge offers its sympathy and prayers to Mrs. Ninegar and the family that remains.

It is with sadness that we report that there were 1,006 deaths among our Brethren during the past year. We here acknowledge that they have finished their tasks, and have laid down their working tools that must be taken up by others within our Grand Jurisdiction if our work is to be continued as all of us desire. The Chapter of their earthly sojourn is closed, but their many virtues will not go unrecognized among us of the Grand Lodge. Let our hearts be warmed by remembering them, and following in their footsteps in the work of our craft. To each of these has come the wonderful welcome "Home" by a gracious Father who is indeed appreciative for such service as all of these men have given during their lives as Masons.

In addition to our losses, the Grand Secretary has received notices that other Jurisdictions have suffered the loss of 38 Grand Masters in 23 Grand Jurisdictions, and one Grand Master and one Grand Treasurer in Canada.

To the survivors of all of these Brethren we offer our deepest sympathy and concern for the welfare of their families and Lodges.

M. W. John F. Futcher, 302, Chairman, presented the report of the Grand Trustees, which was adopted.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES  
As of APRIL 30, 1972.

As we prepare and make this report there is present in our midst the great loss we sustained this year in the death of one of our most ardent and hard working members. W. Alfred E. Geschke accepted the appointment to the Board of Grand Trustees in June 1960 and served untiringly until his death on February 4, 1972. In all those twelve years he worked diligently and with a devotion to our Grand Lodge that won for him the deep respect and admiration of each and every member of the Board. His knowledge of the intricacies of investment accounting and his dedication to our efforts places him in an eminence among Committee members that will be impossible to match.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE

The financial operations of the Grand Lodge, we trust, will meet with your approval.

Income for the use of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge amounted to \$144,345.64 with expenses of \$130,301.37 leaving an excess of income over expenses of \$14,044.27. Included in the income is interest and dividends received on our investments. We point out that \$33,282.80 of the investment income of \$47,327.07 was used to operate the Grand Lodge. Income in 1972 as compared to 1971 was less by \$3500.00 due to a decline in per-capita tax (dues) received, while the expenses of operation were slightly less for the year.

Assets of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge were \$1,016,457.05 an increase over 1971 of \$14,068.00 Assets consist of Cash, Investments (bonds and stock), Supply Inventory and a nominal amount for furniture and our interest in the Masonic Home.

The Grand Trustees operate the Retirement Fund of the Grand Lodge. Income to this Fund consists of contributions of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home and Investment Income. The Fund was established in 1965 by the Grand Lodge to provide Retirement Benefits for the Home and Grand Lodge employees in accordance with the Retirement Plan then adopted. Income to this Fund in 1972 amounted to \$32,745.84. Expenses (benefits paid) were \$2,172.60. The excess of \$30,573.24 has been invested to defray future liabilities of the Fund. Contribution from the Grand Lodge was \$528.00 and from the Home \$20,000.00

Assets of the Retirement Fund consist of cash and Investments (Bonds and Stock). Total Assets amounted on April 30, 1972 to \$210,543.83 This is an increase over 1971 of \$30,573.00.

## FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Income to the General (Operating) Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home in 1972 was \$367,197.31 and Expenses of the Home were \$401,604.58 resulting in an excess of expenses over income of \$34,407.27. This deficit was defrayed by transfer of money from the Endowment & Bequest Fund of the Home.

Income was derived as follows: Per capita (\$79,916.00), residents of the Home (\$207,248.53), donations (\$30,753.41), seal program (\$46,623.18), and other small items. The 1972 income was larger than that in 1971 by \$56,738.74, principally due to an increase from residents in the Home of \$43,243.00 and an increase in donations of \$21,460.82.

Expenditures for operation of the Home exceeded those of 1971 by \$38,503.06.

Assets of the General Fund of the Home amounted to the sum of \$121,647.83, which is a decrease of \$147,697.17 as compared to 1971. The Board of Grand Trustees transferred all securities held in the General Fund to the Endowment & Bequest Fund because the latter Fund had subsidized the General Fund since May 1966 to the extent of over \$350,000.00.

The Endowment & Bequest Fund of the Home is the Fund into which all moneys and securities are placed unless otherwise designated by the donors. Income to this Fund consists of Investment income and bequests and gifts. There are no expenses of this Fund, Investment income in 1972 amounted to \$185,829.83 and gifts and bequests of \$116,944.09. These two items represent an increase over 1971 of \$62,628.04.

The Assets of the Endowment and Bequest Fund consist of cash, bonds, stock and mortgages and as of April 30, 1972 amounted to \$3,331,877.55. This is an increase to the Fund of \$416,407.69 over that held in 1971.

In connection with all these figures we have given, you should know that the income from dues and fees to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge have been declining year by year over the last ten years. In 1972 receipts from this source were \$88,661.00 in 1971 it was \$89,184.00, but in 1969 it was \$93,160.00. Fortunately expenses have also been in a declining trend since 1969 except for one year. While the investment income has sustained us, we should not expect this income to increase, principally because of lower interest rates on short term securities and the lack of a surplus to invest in long term higher rates. This statement is not made to push the panic button but to inform you of what may be necessary in the increase of dues in the future.

Returning to the discussion of the Retirement Fund. The Grand Lodge having adopted the Retirement Plan which provides the retirement benefit an eligible employee may be paid, having established a separate and distinct Fund only out of which benefits shall be paid and having by law directed the Grand Trustees to manage the Fund and administer

the Program, The Grand Trustees have interpreted this as their authority to pay retirement benefits when applied for by an eligible employee without seeking an appropriation from the Committee on Appropriations.

The Board of Grand Trustees have reviewed the appropriations approved at the Communication of the Grand Lodge last year together with the audit prepared by independent accountants and we are pleased to commend the Grand Lodge officers and committees and the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home for operating within their respective appropriations.

We are also pleased to report that all bonds held in our Funds are current as to payment of principal and interest; all preferred and common stocks are regularly paying dividends and that none of the mortgages held is in default.

It is requested that the Grand Trustees be authorized to incorporate in this report figures taken from the final Audit when it is received showing the assets and liabilities, surplus and Fund balances reflecting the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
April 30, 1972 and 1971

ASSETS  
GENERAL FUND

	1972	1971
CASH ON HAND AND ON DEPOSIT... \$	175,786.48	\$ 22,946.17
INVESTMENTS:		
Bonds - at amortized cost (market value, 4/30/72, \$581,463.75).....	688,755.53	827,921.44
Stocks (market value, 4/30/72, \$86,421.50).....	148,597.59	148,597.59
Total investments.....	<u>837,353.12</u>	<u>976,519.03</u>
SUPPLY INVENTORY - At Cost.....	3,314.45	2,921.66
OTHER ASSETS:		
Stock in Nebraska Masonic Home - 1,518 shares capital stock at nominal value.....	1.00	1.00
Stock in Masonic-Eastern Star Home - at nominal value.....	1.00	1.00
Furniture and fixtures - at nominal value.....	1.00	1.00
Total other assets.....	<u>3.00</u>	<u>3.00</u>
Total General Fund, 1972	\$1,016,457.05	\$1,002,389.86

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY  
GENERAL FUND

LIABILITIES - Withheld payroll taxes. \$	61.97	39.05
GENERAL FUND EQUITY:		
General.....	912,655.92	904,985.32
Supply account.....	18,112.46	17,539.99
Relief account.....	85,597.70	79,711.50
George Washington Memorial.....	29.00	114.00
Total General Fund Equity	<u>\$1,016,395.08</u>	<u>\$1,002,350.81</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.	<u>\$1,016,457.05</u>	<u>\$1,002,389.86</u>

RETIREMENT FUND

CASH - Checking account..... \$	7,660.73	\$ 7,330.50
INVESTMENTS:		
Bonds - at amortized cost (market value, 4/30/72, \$166,032.50).....	181,370.77	151,127.76
Stocks (market value, 4/30/72, \$22,943.75).....	21,512.33	21,512.33
Total investments.....	<u>202,883.10</u>	<u>172,640.09</u>
TOTAL RETIREMENT FUND \$	210,543.83	179,970.59
RETIREMENT FUND EQUITY..... \$	210,543.83	\$ 179,970.59
TOTAL RETIREMENT FUND \$	<u>210,543.83</u>	<u>\$ 179,970.59</u>

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
April 30, 1972 and 1971

ASSETS GENERAL FUND

	1972	1971
CASH ON DEPOSIT.....	\$ 121,645.83	\$ 51,688.60
INVESTMENTS		
Bonds.....		204,121.52
Stocks.....		9,532.88
Total investments.....		<u>213,654.40</u>
PROPERTY:		
Buildings & Grounds Masonic Home.....	1.00	1.00
Furnishing - Masonic Home....	1.00	1.00
Total Property	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND..	<u>\$ 121,647.83</u>	<u>\$ 265,345.00</u>
GENERAL FUND EQUITY:		
Capital stock - authorized 10,000 shares par value \$100 per share; issued and outstanding 2,230 shares.....	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Other equity accounts:		
General.....	74,333.41	222,395.08
Memory account.....	44,541.67	40,177.17
Room furnishing account.....	1,114.20	1,114.20
Edwards memorial account.....	262.55	262.55
Evers memorial account.....	1,395.00	1,395.00
Total other equity accounts.....	<u>121,646.83</u>	<u>265,344.00</u>
Total general fund equity.....	<u>121,647.83</u>	<u>265,345.00</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND..	<u>\$ 121,647.83</u>	<u>\$ 265,345.00</u>

ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND

CASH IN DEPOSIT.....	\$ 40,825.13	\$ 68,647.95
INVESTMENTS (Note 3):		
Bonds (Market value, 4/30/72, \$2,492,483.95).....	2,782,279.72	2,578,798.25
Stocks (Market value, 4/30/72, \$389,305.61).....	453,202.97	219,902.09
Mortgages.....	55,569.73	48,121.57
Total investments.....	<u>3,291,052.42</u>	<u>2,846,821.91</u>
TOTAL ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND.....	<u>\$3,331,877.55</u>	<u>\$2,915,469.86</u>

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. John H. Brown, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted section by section, then as a whole.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has carefully considered all matters in the M. W. Grand Master's address referred to it by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, and reports its action and recommends the following:

Dispensation set out on page 2 of the Advanced copy of the Grand Master's Address, we desire to take up first the Dispensation in the second paragraph referring to Mid-West Lodge No. 317. We recommend that the same be disapproved, for the reason that the Grand Master has no authority under Article X of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, to permit the changing of the date of a regular meeting contrary to the day set out in the lodge by-laws.

However, it is the sense of the Committee on Jurisprudence that the action taken by Mid-West Lodge under this dispensation is valid and lawful.

We recommend that all other dispensation be approved.

We recommend that the paragraph on Amendments to By-laws and appointments of Grand Representatives be approved.

Referring now to the Decisions of the Grand Master on page 5.

We recommend that Decision No. 1 be approved.

We recommend that Decision No. 2 be approved.

We recommend that Decision No. 3 be approved.

We recommend that Decision No. 4 be approved.

We recommend that Decision No. 5 be approved.

We recommend that Decision No. 6 be approved.

M. W. Grand Master we recommend that the entire report of the Jurisprudence Committee be approved.

M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master.

Brethren, at this time we will discuss the proposed Amendments to our By-laws. These were presented at the 114th Annual Communication and were held over for action at this Communication.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it RESOLVED, that section 3-102 (d) of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge be amended as follows: Section 3-102--Enumerated. The following are specifically declared to be Masonic offenses. Engaging in the manufacture, bottling, blending, selling, bartering, transporting, delivering, furnishing or possessing any alcoholic liquor, for beverage purpose, contrary to or in violation of the laws of this state of Nebraska.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that we the undersigned Masons of Nebraska, do hereby request that this Grand Lodge amend Section 2-1001 of its By-laws to provide that two black cubes must be cast in the ballot to reject a petition for initiation.

Now, my brethren, these resolutions are open for discussion before we vote. I am assuming that all of you were informed that these By-laws were up for ballot at this time. If any Brother wishes to speak for or against these By-laws he may do so at this time. After the discussion we will vote on the proposed amendments and also on the Election of Officers of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

I would like to appoint W. Brother Harold D. Weddel and ten of his Deputy Grand Custodians to be judges and tellers. Please collect the ballots and tabulate them.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL  
ASSOCIATION

W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33, presented the report of the Committee which was adopted:

The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Association was held in Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, February 21, 1972. Nebraskans in attendance included, M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master; R. W. Brother Howard J. Hunter, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Brother Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary; M. W. Brother Louis V. Sylvester, W. Brother Charles E. Baker, Grand High Priest; and M. W. Charles F. Adams, Second President of the Association.

The most significant thing about the meeting this year was the announcement of plans to complete the building by the installation of the exterior granite work around the base including the completion of the terraces above the base. Because of the constantly increasing cost of labor and material the Board of Directors requested approval of the Association to borrow \$250,000.00 from the Endowment Fund to pay the cost of this construction. This request was approved and a resolution adopted which provides for the repayment of the loan within five years. Other partially completed improvements to the property include illuminating the tower and the landscaping of the grounds.

It is interesting to note the recent report of the Insurance Committee which places a value of \$14 million on the building. The original cost, including equipment, was about \$5,750,000.00. Nearly 110,000 persons visited the Memorial during 1971 and a large proportion of the visitors were school children. There is much in the Memorial devoted to the life of Washington which, not being of a strictly Masonic character, holds a great interest for people of this age group.

As your Committee has repeatedly reported, we feel that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska should discharge its obligation to this outstanding project by contributing to the Endowment Fund under the so-called Pennsylvania plan which would amount to \$1.00 per member and \$10.00 per lodge for approximately \$45,000.00. The importance of this magnificent structure increases as years go by and Nebraska Masons should be able to point with pride to their part in helping to make this dream a reality.

The other members appointed to this Committee are W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, who died December 11, 1971, after many years of faithful service on this Committee and M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Grand Historian, presented his report which was adopted.

As this report was being prepared for presentation, your Grand Historian was witnessing, as many of you were, the splashdown of the Apollo 16 and the completion of another trip to the moon by Mattingly, Duke and Young whose achievements and that of others in space exploration will go down in history as representing another milestone in man's progress in the realm of scientific discovery and, dare we say, another and finer realization of the extent to which God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe and in Whom we have put our trust, has led us "to these many years."

One cannot help but wonder what the founders of the Masonic Fraternity in this Jurisdiction might have thought, were they living now, to see and experience what we have been privileged to see in 1972, one hundred and fifteen years after our origin in what was the Nebraska Territory.

To make any adequate comparison between the Masonic Fraternity in 1857 and 1972 is out of the question. Of one thing we are certain. They were no less challenged then as we are today by the many problems they faced as pioneers and that we face today as seasoned citizens of this republic. The principles upon which Masonry was built, thank God, were the same as the principles we obligate ourselves to maintain and preserve in this Twentieth Century.

In these times of noble endeavor and high achievement, as well as in these times of tragic failure and defeat in so many areas of life, we should be challenged, as never before, to enlist in the causes that we as Masons know are "righteous altogether" and worthy of the best that we are. As someone else put it, we should "Thank God who hath match-ed us with this hour!"

Even so, it is good to harken back in our history to what was and what were the matters about which they were concerned. In so doing, we can better appreciate the problems then faced by those pioneers and how they were solved either in whole or in part. We can also gain strength and encouragement for ourselves in facing up to the challenges now calling for solution in our generation. They met them and so we must now, given the same foresight and understanding and the same courage and dedication.

The Fifteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Jurisdiction was convened June 18th to 21st, 1872 at Lincoln, Nebraska meeting in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol and called to order by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, William E. Hill.

Representatives of 32 subordinate lodges were present, together with the Grand Officers, 7 Past Grand Officers and 4 Custodians.

This Communication was in one sense unique. Three of the Grand Officers were persons of high repute and considerable acclaim. The Grand Master, brother Hill was a Past Master of Western Star Lodge No. 2 of Nebraska City and described as one of our "most distinguished members" having demonstrated extra-ordinary leadership and having contributed to the establishment of our Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, the Homes for Boys and Girls at Fremont and the creation of the Orphans Educational Fund.

The Grand Secretary Robert Wilkinson Furnas was a Past Master of Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 of Brownville and Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge for two years - 1865 and 1866. He was also the Governor of the State of Nebraska for two years, 1873 to 1875. He was affectionately known as "Father of Nebraska." Masonically, he was one of the "founders of this Grand Jurisdiction."

Finally, we should not fail to pay tribute to the Grand Orator, Nathan K. Griggs, whose oration at this Fifteenth Annual Communication on the subject of "Teachings of Masonry," revealed an extensive knowledge of Masonry in all of its facets and a deep appreciation of its impact upon our civilization. Other than this, we should bring to mind his civic contributions as a member of the bar, nationally recognized, a church leader, a public school teacher, composer, author, songwriter and lecturer. In world affairs, his leadership is best exemplified by his appointment by President Grant as United States Consul in Chemnitz, Saxony.

Of the remaining officers, we could say much. Their accomplishments and leadership are a matter of record about which future "Proceedings" of this Grand Lodge will reveal.

The Grand Master's Annual Address always merits consideration. It "sets the pace" as it were for what was to follow in the deliberations. It reviews actions already taken by the Grand Master and appropriate recommendations acted upon by the membership.

In brief, Grand Master Hill happily reported that the year, Masonically speaking, had been a "prosperous one." The number of "subordinate lodges" had grown to 32 with a membership increasing from 1494 Master Masons to 1679 - an increase of approximately eight (8) percent. There was some concern expressed in that a few of the lodges had "done nothing." These represented instances of a "lack of interest" and a failure to hold regular meetings for "want of a quorum." It was apparent that greater care had to be exercised in granting dispensations. Weakening lodges, he felt, should be encouraged to consolidate with proven stronger lodges.

Notwithstanding, four lodges, heretofore under dispensation, were granted charters at this communication:

- a. Acacia Lodge No. 34 at Schuyler
- b. Fairbury Lodge No. 35 at Fairbury
- c. Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 at Central City
- d. Crete Lodge No. 37 at Crete.

Three lodges under dispensation were continued - Saint Deroin Lodge in Nemaha County, Palmyra Lodge in Otoe County and Seward Lodge in Seward.

These newly chartered lodges, will this year celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of their chartering. In passing, we would call attention to the fact that George Armstrong Lodge No. 241 located at Craig could, if it so chose, celebrate the 75th Anniversary of its chartering and that two lodges Oakleaf Lodge No. 312 at Lynch and Potter Lodge No. 313 at Potter might well celebrate their Fiftieth Anniversary.

Two major matters of importance were emphasized in the Grand Master's address in 1872. The first was that of "finance." Specifically the Grand Lodge was in areas of meeting its fiscal responsibilities. It was borrowing money from the Orphans Education Fund in order to meet its necessary obligations.

The Grand Master reminded the brethren that "to be useful as a body, you must be prosperous and to be prosperous you must be free from debt." To that end he commended earlier action taken in 1871 by the Grand Lodge to increase revenues and retrench wherever possible the expenses of the Grand Lodge. Of necessity he urged the continuance of these efforts. A strict adherence to Section 20 of the By-laws,

he pointed out, justified discontinuing the payment of "mileage and per diem expenses of the present Grand Lodge officers and past grand officers until the Grand Lodge is relieved of its indebtedness." Such expense items, it was suggested, might well be assumed by the subordinate lodges.

In summary, the Grand Master concluded his position with this salient observation:

"The evils resulting from an embarrassed treasury are pressing and increasing; it deprives the Grand Lodge from paying the money borrowed from the Orphan Fund; it cripples the usefulness of the Grand Lecturer and the Custodians in the discharge of their duties and is one of the causes why they have not more efficiently discharged the duties imposed upon them by the Grand Lodge during the past year."

The second matter about which he was concerned was that of "immoral practices." The Grand Master had been "importuned by brethren" to know if there was anything unmasonic in a lodge engaging in or endorsing a "real estate gift enterprise more properly called a lottery for the purpose of building a lodge room." Would the Grand Master give consent for a Masonic Lodge or endorse such an enterprise was the question.

His reply was incisive. It still prevails as we all know. He said, and I quote:

"The purpose for which you wish to raise money is commendable but the manner is, in my judgment, highly improper and unmasonic. I could not give my consent for a Masonic Lodge to become engaged in such a demoralizing speculation however commendable might be its object, without doing violence to my own feelings and to the feelings of many good brethren who have done much to bring our Order to its present high moral standard. A lodge of Masons should never engage in any enterprise, the moral effect of which would be to prevent any of the Fraternity from participating therein, I do object to the Masonic Order bearing the odium of a lottery scheme for any purpose.

Lotteries and gift enterprises are akin to the gambling room and should not be tolerated by any Grand Lodge."

In the same vein the Grand Master called the attention of the Grand Lodge to some other immoral practices and vices, such as "saloon-keeping, gambling, swearing, drunkenness and their kindred vices." He admonished the brethren not to forget their high mission, but rather as Masons endeavor both by precept and example to impress its moral principles of our Order upon all with whom we associate.

Relative to the Orphan School Fund created by the Grand Lodge, the Trustees made a report showing that the maximum of the originally contemplated Orphan School Fund had been reached and that there was no longer a necessity for the tax on the "subordinate lodges" for this purpose. It was recommended the said tax be abolished by an appropriate amendment on the By-laws.

The exact amount on hand in the Fund was \$5,154.65 of which amount the Grand Lodge had borrowed \$2,574.30 with interest accumulated in the amount of \$308.92.

In accordance with earlier actions taken by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of insuring that the "work" be unified and correctly imparted in all lodges of this Grand Lodge, it authorized that two "schools of instruction" be held - one at Omaha and the other in Lincoln and the Grand Lecturer and several custodians be required to be present and that each lodge be required to send at least one representative to one of the said schools his expenses to be paid by the lodge of which he was a member. The Grand Lecturer and the custodians were charged with the responsibility of teaching the adopted "work" of the Nebraska Jurisdiction.

It is with pleasure that I can report the publication of the second volume of "Selected Orations" delivered by our Grand Orators during the years from 1882 to 1907. Like the first volume covering the period from 1857 until 1882, it has been our thought that these orations will provide valuable materials for educational purposes and provide stimulus for most successful lodge meetings as well as for the personal interests of many individuals in the Mason Fraternity.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Fickes, I now present to you and through you to this Grand Lodge a manuscript it has been my pleasure to write during the past six months. It has been inspired by reason of a considerable number of requests for information about Monitor Lodge. Under Dispensation, and authorized by the Grand Lodge July 29th, 1863 and continued as such for about three years or until June 21st, 1866. This lodge has been frequently been referred to as a "traveling lodge," which indeed it was. It was unique in many respects, the only one ever approved in the Jurisdiction of the Nebraska Territory and vitally associated with Nebraska's participation in the Civil War. Two of our primary sources were the Military History of Nebraska as a Territory together with Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Nebraska and a "History of Monitor Lodge U. D. ." compiled by our Former Grand Secretary, Francis E. White and published in a very limited edition in Omaha in 1917.

I conclude with an expression of personal gratitude for having been in the "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. & A. M. ., 1972."

I conclude with an expression of personal gratitude for having been privileged to serve as Grand Historian under your administration during the past year. I regard my association with the Officers and Brethren these past ten years as an honor and an opportunity for rich experiences beyond my expectations. My only regret is that I could not have been of greater service.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless and keep us all.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

W. Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman, presented the Report which was adopted:

Reinstatements are always a question, but with the excellent information the Secretaries are submitting, these are usually quite easy to clear up.

We are receiving quite a few applications where the brother has been suspended for many, many years, and we are making every effort to reinstate any brother who is desirous of being in good standing. This year we handled 41 applications and recommended approval of all 41 and the Grand Master concurred with us.

Thanks to you all for your wonderful support to the Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
GRAND LODGE OFFICE

W. Thomas H. Blanchard, 21, presented the report, which was adopted:

The members of the Grand Lodge Office Committee met on June 1st to discuss various matters pertaining to the operation of the Grand Lodge Office. As a result of these meetings we make the following recommendations:

1. To contribute 1¢ per member to the Grand Master's Conference to be used in 1976 in connection with the 200th Anniversary of the founding of this great nation. This amount is to be contributed by each Grand Lodge in the United States.
2. To provide hospitalization insurance for the employees in the Grand Lodge offices. The total cost for all employees to be \$1,450.00 per year.
3. To raise the appropriation for the Jewel and Apron for the retiring Grand Master from \$350.00 to \$400.00.

We commend Most Worshipful Brother Norris W. Lallman for running an efficient and harmonious operation of the Grand Lodge Office. We also commend the employees for their zeal and faithfulness.

## REPORT OF TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY

W. Donald F. Sampson, 36, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted:

Activity of this committee has been less than usual this past year.

Back in the fall of 1970 Dewitt Lodge #111 appeared to be ready to build a new lodge building, but no final plans or financial arrangements have ever been submitted, so we are unable to report on their present situations.

Harvard Lodge #44 had the good fortune to have the First Christian Church presented to them without cost. The Lodge submitted plans for remodeling of this good brick and stone structure which will make into a very attractive and well arranged lodge. They also had the money to pay the bills, and the Grand Master's approval was given on April 7. It should soon be ready for dedication.

Ogallala Lodge #159 has completely remodeled the kitchen and serving area of its lodge.

Approval was given by the Grand Master in May, 1971, for the joint purchase of a building by Shiloh Lodge #327 and Omaha Lodge #288, provided a loan of \$15,000.00 was granted by the Grand Lodge Trustees. The Purchase was completed and remodeling accomplished according to a plan recommended by our committee.

This completes the activities of this committee for the past year.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, presented the report of the Committee on Work, which was adopted:

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

Your Committee on Work is pleased to advise that the report of your Grand Custodian has been submitted to us and continues to reflect the fine method and manner in which the promulgation of the work has been carried on, and indicates that it has been most effectively done.

Unfortunately, our Grand Custodian, Worshipful Brother Ralph Gerry suffered a severe heart attack September 15, and was unable to resume his work on a part-time basis until January. During the interim, through dedicated and devoted services of the Deputy Grand Custodians and the assistance of the Committee on Work, the activity of this department of our Grand Lodge did not diminish in any way, and the work was carried on with dispatch. The fact that this could be done is due to the detailed plan of operation which our Grand Custodian established upon first assuming office and is a tribute to his method of planning the work in his department together with the support of our dedicated Deputy Grand Custodians.

All vouchers and expense items of the Grand Custodian were submitted to and approved by the Committee on Work, and we are pleased to advise, that as has been the case for the past three years, the Grand Custodian operated well within the appropriation for his office. We have examined the proposed budget of the Grand Custodian and we approve his request in an amount of \$8,600, exclusive of the Grand Custodian's salary, which is the same amount requests and appropriated a year ago.

Our Grand Master of a year ago, Most Worshipful Brother John Brown, made a recommendation that the Bible be placed on the altar

before Lodge opens and left there until after Lodge is closed. This recommendation was referred to the Committee on Work. There is a difference of opinion among the Committee members, and we are unable to arrive at a unanimous recommendation for the consideration of this Grand Lodge. Therefore, it is our feeling that the matter should be referred directly to Grand Lodge for its decision one way or the other. This was the only recommendation which the Committee had during this past year.

The Grand Custodian was again reexamined as to proficiency both in the floor and exoteric work in our three degrees, and we are pleased to advise that he continues to be extremely proficient in these matters. In October, due to the illness of our Grand Custodian, Most Worshipful Brother Louis Sylvester conducted the annual school and examination of the Deputy Grand Custodians held at Grand Island. Here, again, the Deputies were most proficient and demonstrated their real grasp and knowledge of that which they are teaching in our subordinate lodges.

The Committee approved and recommended that the Grand Master, appoint as Deputy Grand Custodians for the 1971-72 Grand Lodge, the following Brethren: O. Wayne Thompson, No. 201, Gering; John A. Brandt, No. 26, Beatrice; Dale E. Kube, No. 55, Norfolk; and Robert E. Kyes, No. 36, Central City. In addition, we regretfully noted retirement of the following Brethren and, subsequently, recommended to the Grand Master that they be recognized with the honor and title of Deputy Grand Custodian, Emeriti: Frank H. Smith, No. 301, Bayard; Ralph I. Barry, No. 256, Hickman; W. Upton Dawson, No. 135, McCook; and T. Leo Stines, No. 36, Central City.

We are pleased to advise that our Grand Custodian has completely recovered and has been devoting full time to his work for the past several months. The work throughout the state is being carried on in a most proficient manner and this Grand Lodge and the Committee on Work owe to the Grand Custodian and Deputies a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for their loyalty and devotion. It is truly a labor of love.

**M. W. RUSSELL L. FICKES, GRAND MASTER:**

We will now vote by ballot on the recommendation presented a year ago on the method of displaying the Bible.

At 4:00 p.m. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

## GRAND ORATION

Friday Evening, June 9, 1972 — Grand Lodge Banquet

## MASONRY — THE IMAGE OF THE FRATERNITY

by W. Jack H. Hendrix, Grand Orator

Some of you may remember the fable about the four blind men who came upon their first elephant. The first approached the elephant from the front and came in contact with the trunk. He reported that an elephant was like a snake. The second approached the elephant a little further back and felt the giant leg. He reported that an elephant was like a tree. The third man approached the elephant between the front and back and ran into the perpendicular side. He reported that an elephant was like a wall. The fourth approached the elephant from the rear and grasped the tail. He reported that an elephant was like a rope. Therefore, each had his own limited idea, correct as to the particular part involved, of the nature of the animal.

And so it must be of the image of our beloved fraternity of Freemasonry. It would be ideal if non-masons could grasp in their minds the whole of the institution, for then we know that it would be universally admired and successful. But the plain hard truth must be that it is impossible for a non-mason to comprehend the meaning of the entire animal. As a matter of fact, there are those in this group who have virtually spent a lifetime in its study and are still frequently confronted with things about masonry which they did not previously know. We must reconcile ourselves, therefore, to the proposition that the general public is going to know only bits and pieces of masonry. We must likewise reconcile ourselves to the proposition that generally the bits and pieces known by one be the same bits and pieces known by others. We must further reconcile ourselves to the proposition that, like the elephant, certain parts of us will be more prominent than other parts.

There are many facets of Masonry, and I do not wish to explore them for the purpose of determining which might be the most important. Each facet will have its own special meaning to each individual, and I suspect that like the links in a chain the failure of one would mean the failure of all. I would, however, like to briefly examine the areas of Masonry to see which "stick out" most to the general public. Our lovely ritual is confined in some areas to our members, and reaches a limited audience, at best, in its public presentation at such occasions as open installation. Although I am happy that its public use is being extended, we would have to say that it does not reach a great section of the public. Our fellowship, by its very nature, must be pretty much confined to our members and their families. After all, the fellowship of any good fraternal organization fosters close personal relationships which, like family relationships, of necessity take place within the membership group. As for social activities, I am again pleased that we are rapidly increasing the number of affairs to which we invite our friends and the public. Nevertheless, they are generally designed for the pleasure of Masons and their families.

This brings us to the function of Masonry which reaches out to all the world. It is the function by which Masonry touches the lives of all human beings. By this function Masonry projects itself. It is the substance that makes Masonry a force for good which does not stop at any national boundary, does not stop with the knowledgeable, does not stop with the affluent, does not stop with today, but continues on as stated in our ritual, "through the boundless realms of eternity". Our image, then, must, should and does reflect to the extent we have and project it - *CHARITY*. By charity we justify our existence and create an image which non-masons can understand and appreciate.

In order for charity to have this profound effect, it must be applied as Masonic charity is applied and not in the narrow and limited way in which charity is regarded by many these days. When this magnificent word is used, many people conjure up a vision of a rich man giving some money to a poor man. In this vision the rich man has pity and disdain for the poor man. The poor man accepts the gift with envy and hatred in his heart, and resents the feeling of inferiority the gift has engendered. Is this the charity spoken of in the Holy Bible as follows:

"Though I speak with the tongues of man and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

*Of course not* - the charity about which we speak in Masonry is broader and on a much higher plane than this common opinion of it. I would like to point out some examples of charity which I bet you never thought of as such.

Let us suppose that you meet an acquaintance some morning. You smile and say, "Good Morning". Charity? I should say so. Just analyze it. First, you have expended, in this case, effort. You have had to move your facial muscles so that you would get a smile and you have forced air through your voice box to make a sound. Now, if it were just plain fun to do this you would go around all day smiling and saying "Good Morning", even if you were alone in your car, office or home. If you did this, you would not only feel silly, it would become just plain boring. Second, your acquaintance has received something - a feeling that you care a feeling of importance and a feeling of brotherhood. Thus a charitable gift has been bestowed and received. The psychological impact? Happiness not resentment. There is no rancor because it is an act growing out of love and each knows that the other is made happier by the greeting. True, you may get a smile and good morning back, but the same feeling results when you greet a friend in the hospital who may not be able to respond.

Next, let us look at another form of charity - *Forgiveness*. Kenyon J. Scudder, one of the great prison wardens of the west tells this story: A friend of his happened to be sitting in a railroad coach next to a young man who was obviously depressed. Finally the man revealed that he was a convict returning home from a distant prison. His imprisonment had

brought shame on his family, and they had neither visited him nor written often. He hoped, however, that this was only because they were too poor to travel, too uneducated to write. He hoped, despite the evidence, that they had forgiven him. To make it easy for them, however, he had written them to put a signal for him when the train passed their little farm on the outskirts of town. If his family had forgiven him they were to put up a white ribbon in the big apple tree near the tracks. If they didn't want him back they were to do nothing, and he would stay on the train, go west and probably become a hobo. As the train neared his home town his suspense became so great that he couldn't bear to look out the window. His companion changed places with him and said he would watch for the apple tree. In a minute, he put his hand on the young convict's arm. "There it is", he whispered, his eyes bright with sudden tears. "It's all right. The whole tree is white with ribbons." In that instant all the bitterness that had poisoned his life was dispelled. "I felt as if I had witnessed a miracle. Perhaps, I had.", the other man said.

So forgiveness too can be a powerful form of charity. So can understanding, gently reminding a friend of faults, and all sorts of other kindnesses. When taken in this context we spend more of our lives dispensing charity than we might think but there are a few who make it their only goal in life. Porter J. Crown of Palm Beach Atlantic College speaks of one of these - a fellow that you have heard of called Johnnie Applesseed. But have you heard that he was a real person? He was. His name was John Chapman and his time was the 1800s. He lived on the east coast originally and came from a very wealthy family. He wanted to do something for the country that he loved so much that he just took off and started walking through the forests, across the plains, toward the northwestern area. Now this was his plan - Johnny would go into a community and he'd walk up to a man in the square and he'd say, "Who's got the biggest farm around here?" and the fellow in the square would look at him and back off a little, because Johnny looked like a bum, and say something like, "Well, Mr. Johnson down the road has a pretty big farm." Johnny Chapman would thank the man and then hike over to Mr. Johnson's farm and say, "Mr. Johnson, I want to work for you for nothing. All I want to do is to be here and be a laborer. I'm a good laborer. Look at my hands. I'll sleep in the barn if you like, and then, if I'm worth anything, later you can pay me, but I want to start out and do anything you ask - mend fences, plant your crops, whatever you want." Sometimes he wouldn't get the job because some people would be a little turned off by his approach. But most often he would be given a chance. He would go to work and he'd stay for a year or two or more. Whenever he felt he had made his contribution, he would move on to another place. But in the meantime, he would study the soil and he would gather applesseeds from the valleys and the hills. He would save certain kinds of applesseeds and he would cross pollinate these and come up with new kinds of apples. At every farm where he worked he left some apple trees. He'd wait until the little plants started growing and he knew they were nourished, alive and were going to flourish. Then he would leave. But he would leave his mark.

Now in 1972, all over the northwest section of the United States you will run into trees that bear the fruit that Johnny Appleseed planted. Today when you eat the Washington apple, the white and the red, you eat the product of Johnny Appleseed's charity.

Well, we can't all be Johnny Appleseeds and it wouldn't be good if we were. Most of us make our best contributions by living what we regard as normal lives. Maybe some of us are destined to make people happy without intending to, and by breaking all the rules about how to make people happy. A humorist, Will Stanton, tells about himself: "I have always been lucky in this respect. Gifted, some might say, A while back, I went into a store to get a cigarette lighter. The salesgirl was at the other end of the counter talking to friends. Laughing. Snapping fingers. Enjoying life. Cleared my throat. Girl ignored me. I became annoyed. Rapped on counter. Girl sauntered over. Chewing gum. Sullen. Large hairdo with tiny opening for face. Like baby bird peeking out of nest. I spoke to her of responsibility to store. Service. Dedication. Loud enough for other to hear. 'I don't want to seem too critical,' I said, 'But you're being paid to wait on customers, not to visit with friends. A person with minimal skills and training can make up for it by being extra courteous and helpful. I suggest that in the future you spend less time having fun and more time earning your salary.' Girl visibly shaken. Remorseful. Rang up purchase. Told me \$2.85. I reached for money. No money. Wallet in other pants. Explained to girl. Girl smiled. Remarkable change, Entire personality suffused by inner glow. She smiled at me again. Smiled at her friends. Radiant. Sales people are human. Appreciate customers who take an interest. I left store. Didn't really need lighter. Use matches." I wouldn't recommend this approach as charity, but in this case it did promise happiness.

I trust these examples were sufficiently varied to illustrate the broad spectrum of charity, and that charity amounts to an act of kindness, one toward another, where there is sufficient love to make each happy for the gift. The word "charity" as Masonically used comes from an Old Testament word which originally meant love. To some, a broad use of the word "charity" would be love but really charity encompasses more than love, for charity requires an additional element-action. You see, this is where the hippie community makes its mistake. In their philosophy, "Love" is the alpha and omega of human relationship. In reality, "Love", while of untold importance, is only a state of mind. It is only when this love is acted upon that charity exists. Masons believe in taking love and going one step further by performing an act of kindness.

The individual Mason, in his daily life, will practice charity over and over again, and to the extent he is known as a Mason, that image will reflect upon us all.

There is another type of Masonic charity, the image of which projects the character of Masonry directly to the world. This is the charity we express in our organized giving. We must recognize that there are needs in our world which cannot be satisfied by a greeting, a smile, or forgiv-

ness. There are people, both in and out of the fraternity, who can only be helped by the donation of money. Food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, medical attention for the sick, and care for the young and aged, for example, cannot be provided in any other way. And, when traced back, the gift of money can be blessed with the same love as any gift of kindness. After all, the money given by Masons represents a gift of labor, for we have earned that money through efforts in our regular vocations.

It is in this way that we can make our greatest Masonic contribution. Our Masonic charities are extensions of the actions we take out of love for all of humanity and have two distinct advantages over individual giving. First, there is the advantage of accumulation. An individual brother with a dime can do little to alleviate suffering, and especially with inflation, where "Brother, can you spare a dime?" has become "Brother, can you spare a dollar?" But the same dime, when joined with over 40,000 other dimes (the approximate number of Masons in Nebraska) can provide \$4,000.00, an amount that can be used to work wonders. Second, there is the advantage of fellowship. It is always more fun to do things together. How much more fun it is to do good works together, and particularly to perform charity together. The joy of giving is greatly increased by joining with our brethren in the gift.

The importance of our Masonic charities has been enhanced by some of the current attitudes of our society. These attitudes are such that they prompted the director of the Action Agency to recently speak on the subject, "Who Killed The Volunteer?" The current vogue is to let the government do it. Social changes have caused our nation to evolve from one known for its barn raisings and husking bees to a nation where one may not know his next door neighbor. Our Masonic charities must replace those old community charities which are a thing of the past, never to return.

May I leave you with this thought. When you wear the Square and Compass on your lapel, or display it on your Masonic ring, what does it mean to you? Many, many things to each of you. My fervent prayer is that to all of mankind it will always mean:

*I am a Mason. I help people.*

Jack H. Hendrix  
Grand Orator

SATURDAY, JUNE 10  
SECOND DAY - MORNING SESSION

At 8:30 a.m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MASONIC-  
EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W. Joseph N. Lindquist, 1, presented the report of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Distinguished Guests:

It is a pleasure to again report to you that "all is well" at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

The past year has been one of satisfactory progress to the Trustees of the Home. Harmony and a spirit of fraternal cooperation were the dominant features through the year and the atmosphere has been that of a real American Home. The Superintendent, House Mothers and children have contributed toward making it a year of pleasant memories for all concerned.

There have been two changes on the Board of Trustees. We deeply regret to report the resignation of Clyde Worrall and Bill Robinson, who have served you so faithfully and well for the past ten years and twelve years. We commend them for their untiring efforts in behalf of the children, their counsel and timely advise, and their cooperation have been greatly appreciated by the members of the Board.

At this time we have 29 children in the home. Twenty-two boys and seven girls. They all attend the Fremont Public Schools and the church of their choice.

Opportunities for good times occur throughout the year for the children. Picnics, concerts, programs, football and basketball games, swimming, camps, treats, the Shrine Circus and many other activities.

Again this year we are planning on an active summer program at our Home with our 4-H club being the hub on our wheel of activities. We are again so grateful to all the people and organizations throughout the State who have contributed our 4-H animals. Without this loyal support we would be unable to have a club at all. As you are all aware, each Eastern Star Chapter was given a child from the Home to remember at special times during the year. Several of these Chapters, who shared the same young man, got together and raised enough money to buy him his 4-H calf.

We are grateful for all of the gifts and memorials sent to the Home. Since it is impossible to mention all of these fine gifts we urge you to read the annual report of the stockholder's meeting. A copy is mailed to

each Chapter. In it you will find a detailed financial report by the Secretary; the activities of the Home by the Superintendent; the Farm Inventory; the Budget; and gifts received at the Home.

Our homes and grounds are in good condition, but as in your own homes, there are always repairs to be made and articles to be replaced. We lost several trees last winter and will replace them this spring.

The Publicity committee prepared and distributed the Christmas Letter and the Mother's Day Letter to every Masonic family in the state. The response to these letters has been excellent.

Expenses for the past year were kept within the budget. The budget submitted by our Board of Trustees for next year's operation is \$116,092.00 which is the largest we have had, due to inflation and high cost of operation. However, the askings from the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter is \$24,046.00 which is smaller than in previous years.

Our Finance Committee needs to be commended for their efficient work on the budget and for their knowledge on investments. Our endowment fund continues to grow through bequests and memorials.

To the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, all members of the Masonic Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, Shrine Clubs, Rainbow for Girls, Jobs Daughters, and DeMolay, who have helped to make a real home for the children, we express the thanks and appreciation, not only of the Board, but of the children themselves.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, it has been a pleasure to attend your 115th Annual Communication and to bring you greetings and this report from the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

"Let others share your sunny days and you will find it true,  
That others will be glad to share the rainy days with you."

## REPORT OF MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin presented the Report, which was adopted.

### REPORT OF THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

The Masonic Service Association again serviced the Grand Master's Conference which was held in Washington, D.C. during the week of February 22, 1972, with our Association holding its traditional annual meeting on February 21, 1972. The Annual meeting of the Association was attended by the Grand Masters of the 43 Grand Lodges who are members. Our Grand Master Russell L. Fickes, R. W. Howard J. Hunter, M. W. Norris W. Lallman, and M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, and M. W. Charles F. Adams were in attendance. I sincerely regret that pressing court work prevented my attendance, which was the first session I have missed in the past eight years. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky at its Annual Communication on October 20, 1971 voted to become a member

of the Association, and we are hopeful that in the near future all the Grand Lodges may become identified in the labors and support of this Servant of American Freemasonry.

The former office of The Masonic Service Association in the Victor Building in downtown Washington was taken over by a government contract to the Federal City College of the District of Columbia. This required our relocation of offices and the move was completed to the Metro Building, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland. I visited the new offices last October and they are much more suitable for our purposes.

There were no requests for either Foreign Relief or U.S.A. Relief this past year by reason of any disaster occurring.

Digests, Short Talk Bulletins, and reports were distributed to those designated by our member Grand Lodge Jurisdictions. A bulletin was prepared and issued on Members of the Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, Senators and Representatives of the 92nd Congress who are Master Masons. Another Bulletin entitled *Famous American Freemasons* containing a descriptive compilation of names of outstanding Americans who are Masons was also issued. There is a continuing demand for copies of previous Bulletins, Digests and materials requiring printing. Good Masonic literature at low cost is one of the benefits which are derived by reason of membership in the Association. Our research library and reference files enable us to answer many inquiries from Masonic students and scholars from all over the world.

The Masonic Service Hospital Visitation Program continues to grow. There are but 33 of the Grand Jurisdictions that participate in it. Nebraska has never joined in this splendid work of our Masonic Service Association. It would be a marvelous endeavor for Masonry in Nebraska to service our Veterans' Hospitals in Nebraska. The expense is not great as our Field Agents are generally Masons who are retired from their usual vocations and enjoy this benevolent work even though their compensation is limited. I wish you could hear some of the many appreciative comments which our Field Agents and volunteer workers hear from hospitalized veterans in their rounds of visitation. These expressions of gratitude are the Master's wages which make their labors so worthwhile. We are grateful for the continued financial support from Grand Lodges, constituent lodges, and The Supreme Council of both the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, A. & A. S. R. Our neighboring Grand Jurisdictions of Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas enthusiastically maintain Hospital Visitation Programs.

We had \$350.00 in our Budget last year for the expenses of some Nebraska Mason to undergo training under a Field Agent in a Veteran's Hospital such as in Des Moines. None of this was spent. I recommend the reappropriation of another \$350.00 for this purpose which can only be expended under the express approval of the Grand Master. I will be

pleased to see that the M.S.A. office is utilized in initiating such a program in Nebraska, and I would be delighted to hear from any of you who would be interested in becoming a Field Agent.

W. Sebort A. Stover, 281, Chairman, presented the report on Returns, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Returns respectfully submits the following report:

The Committee has examined the Annual Returns of the 254 subordinate Lodges for the year 1971 and find in general, these reports are satisfactorily prepared by the Lodge Secretaries.

These Annual Reports are due to reach the Grand Secretary's Office on or before February 10th. We find a few lodges are not meeting this deadline and are quite late in rendering their reports. Our attention was directed, and from file of correspondence relating to these reports, that one Lodge had not yet as of June 1st, filed their 1971 Annual Report. It is the recommendation of this Committee that Section 2-601, chapter 6 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge be enforced to secure this Report.

We wish to highly commend the experienced Lodge Secretaries for their prompt and efficient rendition of these Annual Reports.

However, we find the following omission errors in reports of the newer and inexperienced Secretaries:

37 Lodges neglected to apply their Official Seal imprint.

11 Lodges did not show the name of their Bronze Jordan Medal.

Member and date of presentation.

Several Lodges failed to sign their reports by the Master and Secretary.

Others neglected to complete the Financial Statement portion of their Returns.

It is the suggestion of this Committee, directed to the newer and inexperienced Lodge Secretaries, that a more careful study be made of these self explanatory Annual Reports.

We also wish to commend the Grand Secretary and his efficient staff for the excellent manner in which these reports are maintained and the courteous cooperation extended the Committee while checking these Returns.

W. Charles W. Jacobs, 325, Chairman, presented the Report on the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully submits the following report for the consideration and approval of the 115th

Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

Tyrian Lodge No. 243, Oak, Nebraska, voted to consolidate with Nelson Lodge No. 77, Nelson, Nebraska and was accepted. Wolbach Lodge No. 292, Wolbach, Nebraska consolidated with St. Paul Lodge No. 82 on December 23, 1971. We concur with these consolidations.

Zeredatha Lodge No. 160, Reynolds, Nebraska, failed to be represented at the 113th and 114th Annual Grand Lodge Communications. Worshipful Master Edmund H. Cerveny and Senior Warden Truman Garber appeared before the committee and gave a satisfactory explanation.

The Committee respectfully submits the following report on the request of Miloma Lodge U. D., Omaha, Nebraska, formerly Millard, Nebraska, Douglas county that it be granted charter.

The last charter granted by the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska was on June 10, 1966, to Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha, Nebraska. Since this charter was granted the population of Omaha and Douglas County has increased significantly especially on the southwestern portion of Omaha.

The location of Miloma Lodge U. D. is some distance from any other Masonic Lodge and being in a highly developed and growing area is in an excellent situation to attract worthy men to petition our Fraternity. This includes the former city of Millard and the nearby subdivisions and developments. It is also anticipated that many present Masons of other Jurisdictions may be inclined to demit to this new Lodge.

The charter members of Miloma Lodge represent the finest in Masonry and the officers have been satisfactorily examined by the Grand Lodge for Lodge proficiency.

For the good of Masonry it is the recommendation of your committee on Charters and Dispensations that Miloma Lodge U. D. be granted a charter and that it be known as Miloma Lodge No. 328 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

The following named Lodges failed to be represented at the 114th and 115th Annual Grand Lodge Communications and should be cited to appear before the Grand Lodge Committee on Charters and Dispensations at the 116th Annual Grand Lodge Communication to show cause why their charter should be forfeited for violation of Section 2-514:

Bancroft Lodge No. 145, Bancroft, Nebraska;  
Merna Lodge No. 171, Merna, Nebraska;  
Amethyst Lodge No. 190, Stapleton, Nebraska;  
Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway, Nebraska;  
Sioux Lodge No. 277, Harrison, Nebraska.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve on this Committee for the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

### REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

M. W. John F. Futcher, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees presented the following, which was adopted.

RESOLVED: That Section 1-407 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

#### Section 1-407 -- ALLOCATION OF FUNDS --

The per capita tax of \$4.00 shall be divided as follows:

To The Nebraska Masonic Home . . . . .	\$2.00
To The General Fund . . . . .	2.00

The initiation fee of \$10.00 and all affiliation fees shall be allocated to the General Fund.

That Section 1-407 as originally drawn and all subsequent amendments be repealed.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

R. W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman, presented the report, which was adopted:

Your Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education conducted ten Area Meetings during the last Masonic year. In the fall we held meetings starting at Broken Bow and Alliance in October, followed by Grand Island, Fairbury, South Sioux City and Norfolk. All were quite well attended with Alliance being an outstanding meeting with a special table banquet for 50-year members and their ladies. The Grand Master made 50-year presentations and interest ran high.

The spring Area Meetings at Fremont, McCook and Lincoln were especially well attended with good participation and interest shown in the afternoon sessions. The last meeting was different, being held in the Chapel of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. Papillion Lodge opened and closed in fine style. Much interest was displayed in the Home and its guests, many of whom attended the meeting. It is anticipated a like meeting will be held at the Home with other lodges in attendance to give them an additional opportunity to visit the Home. It was the first trip to the Home by many of the Masons and their wives who attended this year. The hospitality of Superintendent Ray Evers and his staff and guests in the Home is greatly appreciated and the dinner was delicious.

Our Area Meetings serve the purpose of keeping local lodge officers and their ladies in touch with the Grand Lodge officers and their ladies. The opportunity to meet informally and discuss our current lodge issues between Grand Lodge communications is invaluable and affords an opportunity to clear up problems and misunderstandings so that peace and harmony will prevail.

It is anticipated that your Committee will continue this type of meeting but will also experiment with smaller meetings attended by lodges of close like size in the hope of even better communication between the

Grand Lodge and the local lodges and helpful suggestions and ideas from successful lodges to weaker lodges that will help them cope with current problems that often falsely seem insoluble.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

W. Clyde H. Jones, 173, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Credentials report that all lodges are represented except the following: 23, 30, 48, 53, 57, 61, 70, 73, 78, 82, 83, 99, 108, 111, 125, 128, 137, 140, 145, 167, 169, 171, 181, 190, 191, 199, 207, 216, 218, 219, 228, 231, 237, 253, 261, 262, 271, 277, 284, 286, 301, 305, 308, 309, 312, 319.

Total number of lodges 254, number not represented 46. Lodges not represented for the last two Annual Communications: 145, 171, 190, 207, 277.

All Grand Officers are present and all Past Grand Masters except M. W. Edward F. Carter, George A. Kurk, William C. Schaper, Edward Huwaldt.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

Nebraska	1	Clyde J. Birch	Abraham Temin	Howard C. Speck
Western Star	2	R.T. Miyoshi	Alvin Willis	Eric C. Larson
Capitol	3	Ray G. Campbell	*Rudy Melchior	*Wesley Lindahl
Nemaha Valley	4	*Clay W. Kenney	*Olin Jones	*John C. Sierks
Omadi	5	*Roger Bartels	Roger Bartels	.....
Plattsmouth	6	Joseph A. McCool	Norman G. Henry	*Raymond F. Evers
Falls City	9	George I. Griffiths	J. Chris Horn	*Lloyd F. Bindle
Solomon	10	*Roland W. Husk	Philp A. Lorenzen	*Harold O. Swanson
Covert	11	George A. Nothhelfer	*Charles A. Tuttle	Albert O. Bangert
Orient	13	*Willard Lewis, Jr.	*Willard Lewis, Jr.	*Willard Lewis, Jr.
Peru	14	Dick Parriott	John Grafton	Dean Vanderford
Fremont	15	Floyd R. McKenzie	Gordon H. Rawlings	Larry D. Ludvigsen
Tecumseh	17	*Wayne C. McCoy	.....	.....
Lincoln	19	Neil S. Trabert	.....	Floyd Sterns
Washington	21	Mark H. Calridge	Harry E. Heinzerling	.....
Pawnee	23	.....	.....	.....
St. Johns	25	Vern S. Dirgo	Kazui Ikebasu	Max E. Obrecht
Beatrice	26	Vergil L. Simmons	.....	.....
Jordan	27	Franklin Johnson	*Franklin Johnson	.....
Blue River	30	.....	.....	.....
Tekamah	31	Robert Brickenridge	Ralph M. Anderson	*Robert Breckenridge
Platte Valley	32	Merle K. Meyers	Robert L. Peterson	Harold W. Westphal
Ashlar	33	Henry J. Ballard	Roland G. Scott	Norman D. Brockelsby
Acacia	34	Marlyn Grubbs	.....	*Joseph Hoffman
Fairbury	35	Keith Richardson	.....	.....
Lone Tree	36	Gerald Gleason	H.T. Riley	Richard H. Svitak
Crete	37	James B. Logsdon	.....	*James B. Logsdon
Oliver	38	*Richard L. Besse	Richard L. Besse	*Richard L. Besse
Papillion	39	Claire W. Conrad	Ernest B. Sowel	Richard E. Doll
Humboldt	40	Galen P. Vaughan	.....	.....
Northern Light	41	*Walter Lamml	.....	.....
Hebron	43	*D. B. Shearer	*Stephen Beck	.....
Harvard	44	Carl H. Von Spreckelsen	Clarence R. Farrand, Jr.	*Clarence Farrand, Jr.
Rob Morris	46	Donald E. Krick	*Alfred B. Saums	*Donald E. Krick
Fairmont	48	.....	.....	.....
Evening Star	49	*Robert X. Reighter	*John A. Bottorf	*John A. Bottorf
Hastings	50	*Merwyne B. Valentine	*Dale Branch	Robert A. Bennett
Proxy*				

Fidelity	51	*Charles E. Baker	.....	.....
Hiram	52	*Melvin H. Misfeldt	Melvin H. Misfeldt	*Melvin H. Misfeldt
Charity	53	.....	.....	.....
Lancaster	54	Lester Way	Melvin E. Hatfield	Ernest M. Barney
Mosaic	55	Louis E. Moody	Earl E. Haines	.....
York	56	Harold Elkins	*Harold Elkins	Raymond J. Roch
Mt. Moriah	57	.....	.....	.....
Wahoo	59	Rex A. Buchanan	Donald L. Veskrna	Willis A. Salkeld
Melrose	60	Walter Havenridge	*Don White	Ernest Humes
Thistle	61	.....	.....	.....
Keystone	62	Victor D. Hunt	*Robert F. Perrd	Wm. H. Schuster
Blue Valley	64	Richard Rains	.....	Kenneth Smisek
Osceola	65	Harold Pearson	Edward E. Watts	Marvin Dawes
Edgar	67	*Maurice Hand	*Maurice Hand	*Maurice Hand
Aurora	68	Roger L. Anderson	*Roger L. Anderson	*Steven C. Larson
Sterling	70	.....	.....	.....
Trowel	71	George Strassler	*George Strassler	*George Strassler
Hooper	72	Cecil Hocking	*Donald E. Morrow	*Herman Lallman
Friend	73	.....	.....	.....
Frank Welch	75	Benjamin Spady	*Harold K. Bond	*Kenneth G. Fleming
Nelson	77	Ivan L. Schafer	J. Phillip Wehrman	*Frank Harris
Albin	78	.....	.....	.....
Geneva	79	.....	*David A. Portwood	Steven L. Flader
Composite	81	Leo Aldrich	.....	*Leonard Davis
St. Paul	82	.....	.....	.....
Corinthian	83	.....	.....	.....
Fairfield	84	James Hagemeyer	*James Hagemeyer	*James Hagemeyer
Ionic	87	Carl V. Crosley	*Carl V. Crosley	*Donald L. Jones
Star	88	Robert Baker	.....	Owen L. Donghoe
Cedar River	89	Arna A. Peterson	*Arna A. Peterson	*Arna A. Peterson
Oakland	91	James L. Nelson	.....	.....
Beaver City	93	Victor C. Graham	Glenn W. Cornell	*Victor C. Graham
Bennett	94	*Larry TeSelle	*Larry TeSelle	Larry TeSelle
Garfield	95	*Merlyn M. Shaw	Merlyn M. Shaw	*Merlyn M. Shaw
Utica	96	Glen L. Eberspacher	Ray E. Cain	.....
Euclid	97	Jermiah J. Twomey	*Jeremiah J. Twomey	Harold Domingo
Republican	98	Tom F. Chandler	*Tom F. Chandler	*Tom F. Chandler
Shelton	99	.....	.....	.....
Creighton	100	A.J. Boone	.....	*John C. Rehder
Ponca	101	Stanley C. Leigh	*Harry Stammers	.....
Waterloo	102	Leonard A. Neidermyer	Harvey W. Hansen	Dean D. Bull
Proxy*				

Ord	103	Donald D. Walker	Howard D. Stephens	*Donald D. Walker
Wymore	104	Lester E. Shalla	*Lester E. Shalla	*Lester E. Shalla
Stella	105	*C. Harold Edward	*Earl Hicks	.....
Porter	106	Asa J. Farnham, Jr.	*Austin S. Bacon	.....
Table Rock	108	.....	.....	.....
Pomegranate	110	Arthur W. Laughlin	Robert E. Jones	*George Groverholy
Dewitt	111	.....	.....	.....
Springfield	112	*Harry N. Ahl	.....	*Harry N. Ahl
Globe	113	*Harold E. Seiler	.....	.....
Wisner	114	Dean T. Dinklage	.....	.....
Harlan	116	*Allen W. Parker	.....	.....
Hardy	117	Clyde Washington	.....	.....
North Bend	119	Paul R. Eveland	.....	Kenneth Beebe
Wayne	120	Richard Lund	*Robert Carhart	*G. O. Macklin
Superior	121	.....	Tom Nuss	.....
Auburn	124	.....	Frank Able	*C.E. Mathews
Mt. Nebo	125	.....	.....	.....
Stromsburg	126	Wayne Beatty	*Louis Monson	.....
Minden	127	*Warren C. Newbold	.....	.....
Guide Rock	128	.....	.....	.....
Scribner	132	Harold Mueksch	Richard H. Swanson	Richard L. Porter
Solar	134	Philip E. Foulk	.....	.....
McCook	135	Richard W. Lennemyer	*R. W. Lennemyer	*R. W. Lennemyer
Long Pine	136	*Norman Johnson	.....	.....
Upright	137	.....	.....	.....
Rawalt	138	Glenn M. Cowan	.....	*Floyd Kennedy
Clay Centre	139	Nelson L. Hughes	*Glen Sperry	*Nelson L. Hughes
Western	140	.....	.....	.....
Crescent	143	N. A. Martinsen	*N. A. Martinsen	*N. A. Martinsen
Bancroft	145	.....	.....	.....
Jachin	146	.....	Arthur R. Anderson	*Melvin Johnson
Siloam	147	*Ora Yarges	.....	*Charles Mulford
Custer	148	H. Dean Joy	Ivan Nelson	Marvin Talbot
Cambridge	150	*H. W. Eisenhart	*H. W. Eisenhart	*H. W. Eisenhart
Evergreen	153	Wm. B. Chilvers	.....	.....
Lily	154	Duane M. Albers	.....	.....
Hartington	155	Vernon Nebrow	*Vernon Nebrow	*Vernon Nebrow
Samaritan	158	*Gerald Inslee	John B. Siekert	*Gerald Inslee
Ogalalla	159	Willard Soper	G. Herman Clark	K. Loy Baumann
Zeredatha	160	E. N. Cerveny	Truman Garber	.....
Proxy*				

Mt. Zion	161	Jan Grossnicklaus	*Jan Grossnicklaus	*Howard Whitmore
Trestle Board	162	Ival Schmucker	*Ival Schmucker	*Floyd Christy
Unity	163	*Harold Jewett	*Lloyd Jeffrey	*Lloyd Jeffrey
Atkinson	164	T. M. Manzer	.....	.....
Barneston	165	Dale L. Novotny	Donald D. Riemann	*Robert Hinman
Mystic Tie	166	*Roy Barkdoll	*Roy Barkdoll	*Roy Barkdoll
Elwood	167	.....	.....	.....
Curtis	168	*George Wetzel	*George Wetzel	*George Wetzel
Amity	169	.....	.....	.....
Mason City	170	*R. S. Martin	.....	.....
Merna	171	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns	173	*Clyde Jones	*Clyde Jones	*Clyde Jones
Culbertson	174	*Jack Hendrix	.....	.....
Temple	175	*Carl O. Dixon	*Fred G. Smith	Carl O. Dixon
Gladstone	176	.....	Anton J. Bubak	.....
Hay Springs	177	.....	Charles Fortune	*Phillip Warren
Prudence	179	*Grant E. Hansen	.....	Harvey G. Walden
Justice	180	Donovan Merklin	.....	Tom Jones
Faith	181	.....	.....	.....
Alliance	183	Orris J. PeCoy	.....	John C. Wright
Bee Hive	184	LeRoy H.	.....	Harvey Getzschman
Boaz	185	Armstrong	.....	.....
Boaz	185	*Wm F. McCarty	.....	.....
Meridian	188	Ralph McNulty	Emil Swanda	Gary Wilcher
Granite	189	Clyde A. Smyth	*Albert F. Roos	.....
Amethyst	190	.....	.....	.....
Crystal	191	.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa	192	*U. Wesley Fox	*U. Wesley Fox	*U. Wesley Fox
Signet	193	*Joseph P. Kucera	.....	.....
Highland	194	.....	Carl Bonebright	.....
Arcana	195	Donald W.	W. R. Annett, Jr.	.....
		Alexander	.....	.....
Purity	198	Jerry D. Willhoft	.....	James H. Bragg
Gavel	199	.....	.....	.....
Blazing Star	200	Dean Robinson	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff	201	*B. G. Laurant	*O. Wayne Thompson	B. G. DeLaurant
Golden Sheaf	202	Pete Milander	*Pete Milander	*Peter Milander
Roman Eagle	203	Harold Lewin	V. E. Lovell	*Otto Burmeister
Plainview	204	*Thomas A. Brown	Thomas A. Brown	.....
Golden Fleece	205	*Darrell Clark	Lenoyl R. Duffield	.....
Parian	207	.....	.....	.....
Canopy	209	.....	Raymond K. Althouse	.....
East Lincoln	210	Vernon J. Clark	*Charles M. Godwin	*Wm. M. Hisey

Proxy\*

Cement	211	*Ed L. Bates	.....	.....
Plumblin	214	Earl S. Dorsey	.....	.....
Occidental	215	*Richard N. Nielsen	.....	Arnold H. Hahn
Palisade	216	.....	.....	.....
Wauneta	217	Ted Anderson	.....	.....
Bloomfield	218	.....	.....	.....
Relief	219	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia	220	Ivan Mackling	.....	.....
Wood Lake	221	F. D. Graff	Gene Schlueter	.....
Landmark	222	James O. Thone	*Wayne Loftis	.....
Eminence	223	William W. Bobst	.....	.....
Silver Cord	224	*Richard Jones	Dale W. Kirkpatrick	.....
Cable	225	Clarence A. Romans	*Clarence A. Romans	*Clarence A. Romans
North Star	227	Fred Hilligas	Merril Stewart	*Russell F. Richmond
Bartley	228	.....	.....	.....
Comet	229	Gerald Brodd	*Gerald Brodd	Jerry Mullins
Mt. Hermon	231	.....	.....	.....
John S. Bowen	232	Samuel M. Wright, Jr.	Archie T. Neet	Lowell Neumeyer
Gilead	233	.....	Max O. Brown	.....
Zion	234	Bernard Boots	*Bernard Boots	*Bernard Boots
Fraternity	235	Gail Axen	.....	.....
Golden Rule	236	*Howard Gillespie	.....	*K. R. Mitchell
Cubit	237	.....	.....	.....
Friendship	239	Robert E. Comer	.....	.....
Pilot	240	Robert L. Little	*Floyd L. Hale	*Vernon L. Cates
George Armstrong	241	Lyle Curley	.....	Lloyd Hurrell
Hampton	245	Kenneth A. Schultz	William D. Gordon	*Glendon Harp
Nehawka	246	Robert Attebery	Marion Gregg	*Lewis W. Rogers
Laurel	248	David W. Curtiss	*Everard Burns	.....
Gothenburg	249	Arland Garrett	*Arland Garrett	*Arland Garrett
George Washington	250	.....	Charles G. Shell	Ardeane Davis
Wausa	251	*Melvin Rosen	*Melvin Rosen	*Melvin Rosen
Beemer	253	.....	.....	.....
Bassett	254	Richard Nelson	Norman Hixson	*Richard L. Mauch
Hickman	256	Virgil VerMaas	Neal Penton	.....
Anselmo	258	Lowell Minert	*Lowell Minert	*Lowell Minert
Ornan	261	.....	.....	.....
Endeavox	262	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell	263	Jay R. Rogers	.....	*Jay R. Rogers
Proxy*				

Franklin	264	Clarence A. Paulson	*Jesse Malich	.....
Robert				
W. Furnas	265	Donald Loos	.....	.....
Silver	266	Chapin E. Peterson	*Earle Hardle	.....
James A.				
Tulleys	267	Max L. Keim	.....	.....
George W.				
Lininger	268	*John W. Webster	.....	Merrill G. Carlson
Oasis	271	.....	.....	.....
Lee P.				
Gillette	272	Irvin F. Grienpenstroh	.....	.....
Crofton	273	Lender Eliasson	.....	.....
Olive Branch	274	*Lester Hrdy	John S. Kruse	Vernon Knecht
Ramah	275	*Robert L. Davis	*Robert L. Davis	*Robert L. Davis
Antelope	276	Duane E. Johnson	*Fred L. Caples	*Julian L. Paul
Sioux	277	.....	.....	.....
Litchfield	278	Kenneth Wollery	.....	.....
Wallace	279	.....	Dwight C. Jameson	.....
Swatika	280	*William W. Steen	*William W. Steen	*William W. Steen
Florence	281	Maurice Hall	*Robert Fairleigh	Carleton Crawford
Mullen	282	Harry C. Cable	.....	.....
Seneca	284	.....	.....	.....
Camp Clark	285	Reed S. Eickman	.....	.....
Oshkosh	286	.....	.....	.....
Union	287	Russell E. Hicks	.....	.....
Omaha	288	Virgil O. Johnson	*E. L. Petterson	Myron Widges
Lotus	289	.....	.....	Grant Asher
John J. Mercer	290	Frank Koch	Carl Parmenter	*John Stolly
Diamond	291	Duard Dempster	Galen D. Gibbs	.....
Monument	293	Allen H. Chambers	.....	.....
Kimball	294	*William Begley, Jr.	*William Begley, Jr.	*William Begley, Jr.
Minatare	295	Harry E. Krumenacher	.....	.....
Cotner	297	John G. Quinn	Harlan H. Adams	Russell Quinn
Chester	298	Richard A. George	Neal Eickman	*Don R. Duey
Sutherland	299	.....	.....	Wm. H. McCune
Liberty	300	O. Dean Van Zandt	Burney J. Bouslough	Raymond S. Prieb
Bayard	301	.....	.....	.....
Mizpah	302	Paul Youngstrom	John Crowley	William T. Fuller
Right Angle	303	Lyle Clifton	Don Mahan	*Wade Sheppard
Newman Grove	305	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rod	306	Irvin Caldwell	*Wayne L. Campbell	*Ralph R. Carleton
Perkins	308	.....	.....	.....
Winnebago	309	.....	.....	.....

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Victory	310	Robert Lewis	.....	Glen W. Cleveland
Polk	311	Carl Vern Samuels	Don Shoup	.....
Oak Leaf	312	.....	.....	.....
Potter	313	Clyde Nelson	*Clyde Nelson	*Clyde Nelson
Craftsmen	314	Warren D. Lichty	Thomas C. Fisher	.....
Alpha	316	Frank Boeshart	Clark Kleinberg	Keith N. Rector
Mid-West	317	Alfred M. Harvey	Richard Goering	*Homer C. Davey
Grand Island	318	Mylus Robinson	Earl Hanel	*Albert B. Osborn
Bladen	319	.....	.....	.....
College View	320	Jimmie L. Brown	.....	.....
Harmony	321	Arnold Draper	Jim High	.....
Le Banon	323	Leland S. Pennington	Gerald Overturf	*Robert E. Lund
Cairo	324	Franklin Myers	Raymond E. Johnson	.....
Bellevue	325	Harold Noble	*R. M. McLaughlin	William Carrier
Centennial	326	Glenn A. Goodrich	Melvin Selberg	Robert L. Schellhase
Shiloh	327	Darwin Delehoy	*John Laughlin	William Covey
Miloma		U. D. Ralph E. Tetrick, Jr.		

\*Proxy

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

W. Paul L. Toombs, 290, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Relief is happy to submit the report that during the year we have expended \$2,265.00 for relief. Based upon the membership December 31, 1971, this averages just a little under \$ .06 per member.

We still have our three regular annuitants and have performed three special acts of Charity during this year. In working with the Masonic Relief Association of Omaha we were instrumental in exposing an imposter and following this up by forwarding the information to the Grand Masonic Relief Association Secretary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and the Secretaries of Grand Lodges in Nebraska and Oregon. We feel it imperative to call attention to the fact that imposters and others, hearing of Masonic Charity, may contact Lodge and suggest that action be cautiously taken. Whenever relief to our members or sojourners is indicated, we are happy to assist in any way possible.

Thank you for the privilege of serving the Grand Lodge this past year.

W. Harold D. Weddel, 61, Deputy Grand Custodian:

M. W. Grand Master, the tellers are ready to report.

On the proposed amendment 3-102 (d) (Intoxicating beverages), for 234; against 155. This proposed amendment did not receive the necessary 2/3 majority and was not approved.

Proposed Amend 2-1001, (two black cubes), for 154; against 227. This amendment was not approved.

Proposed Amendment in the procedure of handling the Bible. For 116, against 101. This change in our procedure requires only a majority, therefore the change was approved.

The following officers were elected to serve:

Brother Howard J. Hunter, 59 . . . . . M. W. Grand Master  
 Brother Frank J. Mattoon, 75 . . . . . R. W. Deputy Grand Master  
 Brother Donald R. Swanson, 54 . . . . . R. W. Grand Senior Warden  
 Brother Harold Hultman, 39 . . . . . R. W. Grand Junior Warden  
 Brother Norris W. Lallman, 72 . . . . . M. W. Grand Secretary

Later in the Communication appointment was made of:

Brother J. Dallas Gibson, 54 . . . . . V. W. Grand Chaplain  
 Brother Jack H. Hendrix, 174 . . . . . W. Grand Orator  
 Brother George W. Rosenlof, 314 . . . . . W. Grand Historian  
 Brother Ralph W. Gerry . . . . . W. Grand Custodian  
 Brother Harold C. Wurdeman, 323 . . . . . W. Grand Marshal  
 Brother T. Leo Stines, 36 . . . . . W. Grand Senior Deacon  
 Brother Alfred B. Saum, 46 . . . . . W. Grand Junior Deacon  
 Brother Alfred G. Wurst, 59 . . . . . W. Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES  
 APPOINTED

Application for Reinstatement: W. Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman, Donald R. White, 327; Kenneth P. Lott, 184.

Appropriations: W. Walter E. Truex, 55, (1973), Chairman; Paul Eveland, 119, (1977); Harry A. Tollander, 281, (1975); Robert A. Carhart, 120, (1976); E. Forrest Estes, 19, (1974).

Finance: W. Ansel Toft, 232 (1975), Chairman; Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290, (1973); Harold E. Day, Jr., 150, (1974); Howard L. Patterson, 303, (1976); LeRoy C. Sutton, 1, (1977).

Fraternal Dead: W. Levi B. Williams, 1, Chairman; W. Arnold H. Hahn, 15; Godfrey A. Machal, 34.

Fraternal Relations: M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33; Henry L. Rood, 59.

Grand Lodge Office: M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54 (1975) Chairman; Douglas D. Duey, 59 (1976); Harold C. Wurdeman, 323 (1977); William L. Hopson, 327 (1973); Thomas H. Blanchard, 21 (1974).

Grand Trustees: M. W. John F. Fitcher, 302 (1976) Chairman; Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1974); Fred S. Kuethe, 1 (1977); Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1973).

Grievances: W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; Carl T. Johnson, 229; Claud D. Lutton, Jr., 110.

Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund: W. Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, Chairman; M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227; Max. O. Quick, 126.

Masonic Education: M. W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1975), Chairman; E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1975); M. W. John H. Brown, 1 (1974); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1974); Alfred G. Wurst, 59 (1973).

Masonic Relief: W. Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1977) Chairman; James A. Bradley, 1 (1976); Richard L. Newlun, 50 (1975); Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1973); Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1974).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201 (1973), Chairman; M. W. John A. Bortorf, 49 (1974); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1975).

Public Relations: W. Lester Way, 54, Chairman; John S. Savage, 11.

Temple Building Advisory: W. Donald F. Sampson, 36 (1973), Chairman; Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1974); Robert E. Wolf, 1 (1975).

Lodge Advisory: M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46 (1973), Chairman; M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 (1974); M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 240 (1975).

W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Victory Lodge No. 310 and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on December 25, 1959; that he petitioned for restoration in Victory Lodge No. 310 on December 7, 1971; that the investigating committee voted favorably for restoration and his petition was granted and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the petition of a former member of Victory Lodge No. 310 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Wisner Lodge No. 114 and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on August 24, 1954; that he petitioned for restoration in Wisner Lodge No. 114 on February 14, 1972; that the investigating committee voted favorably for restoration and his petition was granted and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves it adoption:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the petition of a former member of Wisner Lodge No. 114 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Alliance Lodge No. 183 and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on March 12, 1970; that he petitioned for restoration in Alliance Lodge No. 183 on September 30, 1971; that the investigating committee voted favorably for restoration and his petition was granted and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the petition of a former member of Alliance Lodge No. 183 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

W. Bernard T. Pipher, Chairman, gave the report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits its report and recommends an amendment to the By-laws of this Grand Lodge as follows:

That Section 1-407 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1-407 - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

The per capita tax of \$4.00 shall be divided as follows:

To The Nebraska Masonic Home. . . . .	\$2.00
To The General Fund. . . . .	2.00

The Initiation Fee of \$10.00 and all affiliation fees shall be allocated to the General Fund.

That the original of said section be repealed.

That the approved decisions of the Grand Master, which are not repetitive of existing annotations, should be placed in the code as annotations to the pertinent sections.

RESOLUTION

M. W. Sir, Grand Officers and brethren: I am Floyd McKenzie from Fremont Lodge No. 15, This is an amendment regarding voting. We, the undersigned brethren wish to amend Section 1-104 - VOTES IN GRAND LODGE, of the Constitution, to read as follows:

Section 1-104 - VOTES IN GRAND LODGE - Every officer and member of the Grand Lodge, including Deputy Grand Custodians shall be entitled to one vote in his individual right and no other, nor shall any member vote by proxy, except as provided in Section 1-102 of this code. A majority of the votes cast shall determine all questions, except as provided in Section 1-502 of this code. A roll-call shall be ordered at the request of three members.

This change will give the Grand Tyler and the Deputy Grand Custodians a vote in Grand Lodge.

## FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

This budget covers the period of the Finance Committee and the Auditors report which covers the period May 1, 1972 to April 30, 1973.

Under Grand Lodge Committees add:

Masonic Service Association Training Program . . . . . \$350.00

Changing the total expense of the Grand Lodge Committee Expense from \$16,671.60 to \$17,021.60.

Under "Fixed Expense"

Contribution to Retirement Fund for Grand Lodge Employees.

The preliminary report request in the amount of \$528.00 is increased to \$6,334.01.

An addition of \$5,806.01. Changing the total of Fixed Expense from \$24,524.40 to \$30,330.41.

These changes to the preliminary report will change the total appropriation from \$603,752.62 to \$609,908.63.

We the Committee wish to thank the Grand Master and other Grand Officers and the Grand Lodge Committee for their promptness and their fine cooperation in arriving at this budget.

W. . Jack Hendrix, Grand Orator:

M. . W. . Grand Master, may I make the following motion?

That the published proceedings of the 114th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. . F. . & A. . M. . of Nebraska, held June 11th & 12th, 1971 and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and distributed by the Grand Secretary, be ratified and approved.

M. . W. . Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master:

Brethren, I would feel that we were remiss if we did not make it a matter of record thanking the Committee on Arrangements for all the work that they have expanded for this Grand Lodge Communication.

At 11:15, The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10th -- AFTERNOON SESSION**

W. Harold Hultman, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the Grand Guardian, Mrs. Nell Beezley and Robert Beezley, Associate Grand Guardian of International Order of Job's Daughters. Job's Daughters performed one of their ceremonies for those present and also presented M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master with a check from their organization.

M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master, thanked the Job's Daughters for their recognition to the Grand Lodge and also for their check that they presented.

**M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master:**

Several years ago when Grand Lodge changed the date of our Annual Communication, we did not realize that it would conflict with the annual meeting of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. They are in Session at Crete and can not be with us. Kay McKay, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, wrote a letter which expressed their disappointment at not being able to attend our meeting because of a conflict in dates. A check was also enclosed in this letter and she hoped that this monetary gift will aid in the furtherance of our work.

M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master, presented Brother Walter Miller, Executive Officer in Nebraska for the Order of DeMolay.

**Brother Walter Miller:**

M. W. Grand Master, I am substituting today for our State Master Counselor who was involved in an automobile accident on the Interstate while on his way to attend this meeting. Brother Miller thanked the Grand Lodge for its support of the Order of De Molay in the state of Nebraska. About 350 Master Masons in Nebraska are giving of themselves and their time in support of this fine Order. Brother Miller stated that in a short time the Grand Lodge would be installing the 8th Senior De Molay as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska. This tops all other Grand Jurisdictions in the number of Senior DeMolays who became Grand Masters.

Our Grand Master thanked Brother Miller for appearing on behalf of the Order of DeMolay.

**JUNE 10th -- AFTERNOON SESSION**

At 2:30 p.m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

**M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary:**

The following resolution has been presented:

RESOLVED that Grand Lodge delete Section 3-102 (d) chapter 1 under Masonic Offenses.

This does not intend to alter Section 2-904 which has to do with a petitioner. This resolution is signed by ten Master Masons in good standing from ten separate chartered Lodges in the state of Nebraska.

M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Grand Master:

The above resolution will be placed on file to be acted upon at the 116th Annual Communication.

This concluded the business of this 115th Annual Communication.

We will now prepare for the installation of officers.

The Installing Officers are: M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Installing Grand Officer; M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, Installing Grand Marshal; M. W. John H. Brown, Installing Grand Secretary and M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, Installing Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Past Grand Master;

Brethren, I would like to take the opportunity to express to you ladies and those of you who do not belong to the Fraternity, the deep appreciation of the Officers to be installed, for your presence here this afternoon. I know that you are here because of your loyalty to the Masonic Fraternity and your great interest in the individuals who will be installed as officers of this Grand Lodge.

I shall be using the gavel on several occasions, the ladies and those who are not members of the Fraternity need not pay attention to the use of the gavel, however, we would like to have you stand when a prayer is offered.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, we are now prepared to install your Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Before proceeding further, I should like to present those who will assist in the installation ceremony.

Serving as Grand Marshal, M. W. Brother Louis V. Sylvester; as Grand Secretary, M. W. John H. Brown and Installing Grand Chaplain M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts.

## THE NEW GRAND MASTER M. W. HOWARD J. HUNTER

Brethren:

I accept this high office at your hands with thanks for your confidence and the cooperation you will surely give me in the coming year in my efforts and those of the Grand Lodge officers to renew and strengthen the place of Masonry in the hearts and minds of its members and in the community.

We must continue our search for ways to enhance and enlarge the capabilities of our Grand Lodge level. We will give these local leaders vision and help in order to strengthen our local lodges and give them standing in their communities. Lodge officers must give their lodges more planning. Being a Freemason should be a greater source of pride of belonging to a meaningful relevant body of men dedicated to the building of each member's character, in real brotherhood, in furtherance of God's plan for His sons.

Masonry is the Rock in this material world which, for many centuries men of good will regardless of race, creed or color, could cling to. It typifies strength and unselfish Good and transcends national boundaries.

Masons honor their old and faithful and will continue to do so. In many of the Area Education Meetings this past year lodges have taken advantage of the opportunity of having the 50-year pin and Jordan Medal presentation made to their members by the Grand Master before a good crowd of the brethren, their ladies and friends. We hope this custom will grow.

For many years, over the state as a whole, we have been hiding the "light of Masonry" from our youth and especially our sons, grandsons, and the members of the Order of DeMolay in the sense that we have not made Masonry relevant to them and to the times in which we live. Why Masonry is and has been important in our lives and is important to the young men of today must be brought to them. The young men of that fine organization get wonderful "on the job" training as officers in their fraternity. They particularly need your presence and interest in their meetings and training. They need more "Chapter Dads" who will give of their time and knowledge to this great and good work of training our youth in our basic principles. This applies to Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters as well as DeMolay. We must remember what the future of Masonry, as well as that of our country, will soon be decided by our youth of today, and we have a great responsibility to transmit to them our heritage, in such a way as to make it relevant and meaningful to them.

Masons are taught to be good citizens of the country of which they are a part and it behooves our American Masons to pay particular interest at this time to good government in our country; taking a firm stand for the public school as the first defense against the divisiveness which periodically threatens our American way of life.

A different form of small group meetings is planned as well as our regular Area Meetings this coming year. Table lodges will be used in the effort to give more individual and close attention to community lodge affairs, and to promote more fellowship! Increased efforts will be made to have lodges located where convenient for those attending and with parking possible, to upgrade and modernize old meeting places where practical, or to relocate them if they have outgrown their usefulness or the population has shifted away from them.

I wish to thank my installing officers, not only for today's help, but for the many years of support given me by them and many others of you. I know I count on continued support and counsel for me and the rest of the fine group of Masons installed today as your Grand Lodge Officers.

I am particularly grateful today, brethren, to have this fine representation of my lodge. Wahoo Lodge No. 59. I would like the members of Wahoo lodge to please stand. Thank you, brethren, from the bottom of my heart. Your presence here is very gratifying and at this time I would particularly like to ask that my family be recognized.

Our neighboring Grand Jurisdiction in Kansas, Past Grand Master, Jack Staton informed me that he had a present for me and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, that he wished me to particularly put to use in this coming year. I assured him that it would be put to use.

Three beautiful gavels hand made and all joined together with different wood. These were given to the Grand Lodge and myself by T. Walter Albey, an older Kansas Mason who does this sort of work for the love of the Fraternity.

I don't believe that I have finished with my part of this, but I don't believe that we could finish without having the beautiful ladies recognized, that are a part of the Grand Lodge family. I would like to ask the officers ladies to stand and receive recognition.

## PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL AND APRON

M. W. John A. Bottorf, Past Grand Master.

Thursday noon you were inducted into the Past Grand Masters Association, recognizing the fact that this afternoon you would turn over the gavel to the man that this Grand Lodge has elected to follow you.

Five years ago, you were first installed and have been regularly installed each year. During the years you have seen your friends and Brothers installed into those offices that you yourself have held. The saying is that all good things must come to an end and each Past Grand Master realizes this fact.

I am proud of your accomplishments and I know that I speak for the Past Grand Master who selected me as well as those other Past Grand

Masters in our Grand Lodge line of succession. You have conducted this Grand Lodge Communication in a real business like and dignified manner, you have left no Masonic duties uncompleted. However, you did have to give up an apron that you had worn for 365 days, it is well worn, but unspotted. In order that you may be duly clothed, we wish to present you with your own Past Grand Master's apron, this will insure that you will have an apron that will last as long as your devotion to Masonry.

For those occasions where you will have communication with your Brethren, and waiting to be introduced as the Junior Past Grand Master, we wish to present to you your Past Grand Master's Jewel, signifying your service to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Last year I congratulated you on being installed as the new Grand Lodge Master, may I now congratulate you on a year well done and welcome you to the rank of Junior Past Grand Master.

#### Russell L. Fickes:

M. W. Brother John, of all the people here, you and a very few others realize how I felt when I took off my apron. The Grand Master's apron and jewel. I felt a little like the hippie that went to sleep in the barber chair. I never felt so naked since the day I was born. I am very happy to have a little covering.

You mention that I joined the Past Grand Masters Association the other day and now become officially a member. I have it on no less authority than our Grand Historian, W. Brother George Rosenlof, that I just joined another organization. The organization of "the use to beezers, and once wasers". You state that I don't step down, I just step off. But I tell you that the way I felt, I never went from something to nothing so fast in my life. I do realize that the Past Grand Masters is an honorable and distinguished group of men and it is with a great joy and some fear that I join their group. I know that I can do the work they have to do, that is not hard, but whether I can maintain the dignity of that organization, it will take some effort.

This is the last time, I think, that I will have the opportunity, M. W. John, to publicly thank you for all you have done for me, also publicly thank all of the other Past Grand Masters and members of the Grand Lodge, for the splendid cooperation and the wonderful help that I received.

Even though I think she had some reluctance when I accepted the first appointment, she has been an inspiration and help to me. She is my wife, Margaret will you please stand?

At 4:45 no further business appearing after prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

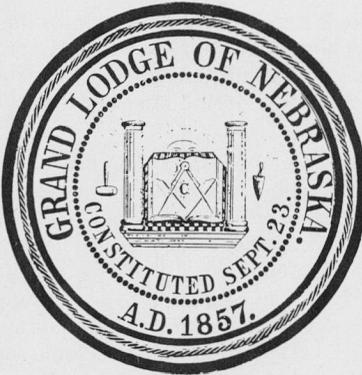
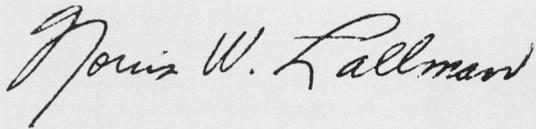


Grand Master

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, June 9 and 10, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 5th day of July, 1972.

Grand Secretary

WE HAVE SET APART THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE  
MEMORY OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE  
PASSED BE YOND THE VEIL.

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
Robert C. Jordan	Jan. 9, 1899	3	(1st) 1857-58-59
George Armstrong	Nov. 12, 1896	3	(2nd) 1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler	Nov. 27, 1912	6	(3rd) 1863-64
Robert W. Furnas	June 1, 1905	4	(4th) 1865-66
Orsamus H. Irish	Jan. 27, 1883	5	(5th) 1867-68
Harry P. Deuel	Nov. 23, 1914	11	(6th) 1869-70
William E. Hill	Dec. 29, 1917	2	(7th) 1871-72
Martin Dunham	Feb. 18, 1915	3	(8th) 1873
Frank Welch	Sept. 4, 1878	27	(9th) 1874
Alfred G. Hastings	July 10, 1894	19	(10th) 1875
George H. Thummel	Feb. 5, 1932	33	(11th) 1876
George W. Lininger	June 8, 1907	3	(12th) 1877
Edward K. Valentine	April 11, 1916	27	(13th) 1878
Rolland H. Oakley	Feb. 2, 1904	19	(14th) 1879
James A. Tulleys	Jan. 21, 1901	53	(15th) 1880
James R. Cain, Sr.	Nov. 24, 1920	9	(16th) 1881
Edwin F. Warren	July 9, 1923	2	(17th) 1882
Samuel W. Hayes	Nov. 15, 1913	55	(18th) 1883
John Jay Wemple	May 28, 1943	50	(19th) 1884
Manoah B. Reese	Sept. 18, 1917	59	(20th) 1885
Charles K. Coutant	Aug. 23, 1910	11	(21st) 1886
Milton J. Hull	Sept. 18, 1923	67	(22nd) 1887
George B. France	Aug. 16, 1914	56	(23rd) 1888
John J. Mercer	Feb. 25, 1915	4	(24th) 1889
Robert E. French	Feb. 16, 1927	46	(25th) 1890
Bradner D. Slaughter	May 8, 1909	89	(26th) 1891
Samuel P. Davidson	Dec. 8, 1928	17	(27th) 1892
James P. A. Black	Nov. 12, 1918	76	(28th) 1893
John A. Ehrhardt	Nov. 1, 1925	41	(29th) 1894
Henry H. Wilson	June 28, 1941	19	(30th) 1895
Charles J. Phelps	Aug. 24, 1915	34	(31st) 1896
John B. Dinsmore	Oct. 6, 1915	49	(32nd) 1897
Frank H. Young	Dec. 24, 1917	207	(33rd) 1898
William W. Keysor	Aug. 17, 1922	25	(34th) 1899
Albert W. Crites	Aug. 23, 1915	158	(35th) 1900
Robert E. Evans	July 8, 1925	5	(36th) 1901
Nathaniel M. Ayers	Nov. 19, 1913	93	(37th) 1902
Frank E. Bullard	Jan. 31, 1933	32	(38th) 1903
Charles E. Burnham	May 29, 1933	55	(39th) 1904
Melville R. Hopewell	May 2, 1911	31	(40th) 1905
Zuingle M. Baird	Dec. 17, 1916	155	(41st) 1906
Ornan J. King	Dec. 26, 1927	54	(42nd) 1907
William A. DeBord	May 17, 1916	3	(43rd) 1908

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
Michael Dowling	May 5, 1921	119	(44th) 1909
Harry A. Cheney	June 27, 1948	100	(45th) 1910
Henry Gibbons	Aug. 22, 1923	46	(46th) 1911
James R. Cain, Jr.	Sept. 3, 1950	105	(47th) 1912
Alpha Morgan	April 17, 1924	148	(48th) 1913
Thomas M. Davis	Aug. 12, 1919	93	(49th) 1914
Samuel S. Whiting	Aug. 11, 1931	54	(50th) 1915
Andrew H. Viele	May 9, 1941	55	(51st) 1916
Frederic L. Temple	Aug. 13, 1944	61	(52nd) 1917
Ambrose C. Epperson	Mar. 16, 1944	139	(53rd) 1918
John J. Tooley	July 31, 1934	258	(54th) 1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg	June 14, 1950	3	(55th) 1920
Lewis E. Smith	July 10, 1965	136	(56th) 1921
Edward M. Wellman	Aug. 31, 1922	1	(57th) 1922
Charles A. Chappell	Nov. 21, 1971	127	(58th) 1923
Robert R. Dickson	June 18, 1941	95	(59th) 1924
John Wright	Oct. 29, 1936	19	(60th) 1925
Edwin D. Crites	Nov. 7, 1953	158	(61st) 1926
Albert R. Davis	Mar. 7, 1929	120	(62nd) 1927
Frank H. Woodland	Oct. 23, 1940	25	(63rd) 1928
Ira C. Freet	Oct. 13, 1944	56	(64th) 1929
Orville A. Andrews	Oct. 16, 1936	19	(65th) 1930
John R. Tapster	Mar. 21, 1954	119	(66th) 1931
Edwin B. Johnstor	Feb. 11, 1933	33	(67th) 1932
Ralph O. Canaday	Oct. 7, 1970	50	(68th) 1933
Archie M. Smith	May 8, 1950	203	(69th) 1933
Virgil R. Johnson	Aug. 7, 1956	26	(70th) 1934
William C. Ramsey	May 19, 1938	268	(71st) 1935
Chancellor A. Phillips	Sept. 12, 1968	150	(72nd) 1936
William A. Robertson	July 3, 1944	6	(73rd) 1937
Walter R. Raecke	April 9, 1960	36	(74th) 1938
William J. Breckenridge	Nov. 16, 1951	317	(75th) 1939
Earl J. Lee	Dec. 15, 1963	15	(76th) 1940
Roscoe Pound	July 1, 1964	54	(Honorary) 1949
Ernest S. Schiefelbein	April 20, 1959	59	(84th) 1949
John S. Hedelund	Jan. 30, 1962	268	(85th) 1950
Fay Smith	Oct. 2, 1968	198	(88th) 1953
Roy I. Babbitt	Feb 13, 1971	295	(92nd) 1957
John E. Beaver	Sept. 20, 1965	153	(93rd) 1958
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov. 10, 1965	120	(98th) 1963

PAST GRAND MASTERS  
 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE  
 A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

EDWARD F. CARTER, 201	(77th)	1941
State House, Lincoln 68509		
GEORGE A. KURK, 54	(78th)	1942
1085 Santa Cruz Ave., Apt. 1, Menlo Park, California 94025		
WILLIAM B. WANNER, 9	(79th)	1943
2017 Stone St., Falls City 68355		
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER, 148	(80th)	1944-1945
345 South 10th Avenue, Broken Bow 68822		
BENJAMIN F. EYRE, 1	(81st)	1946
7314 Maple, Apt. 6, Omaha 68134		
EDWARD HUWALDT, 318	(82nd)	1947
Lakeview Nursing Home		
ELMER E. MAGEE, 227	(83rd)	1948
2132 Calvert, Lincoln 68502		
THOMAS J. ARON, 37	(86th)	1951
Crete State Bank, Crete 68333		
EDWARD M. KNIGHT, 183	(87th)	1952
Alliance National Bank, Alliance 69301		
CHARLES F. ADAMS, 68	(89th)	1954
Box 167, Aurora 68818		
HERBERT T. WHITE, 11	(90th)	1955
643 Omaha National Bank Bldg., Omaha 68102		
MERLE M. HALE, 54	(91st)	1956
1915 D, Lincoln 68502		
JOSEPH C. TYE, 46	(94th)	1959
Box 636, Kearney 68847		
JOHN F. FUTCHER, 302	(95th)	1960
5224 Crown Point, Omaha 68104		
HERBERT A. RONIN, 210	(96th)	1961
Court House, Lincoln 68508		
ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 249	(97th)	1962
802 11th Street, Gothenburg 69138		
HARRY A. SPENCER, 227	(99th)	1964
State Capitol, Lincoln 68509		
LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, 281	(100th)	1965
801 S. 52nd, #2105, Omaha 68106		
LEWIS R. RICKETTS, 19	(101st)	1966
600 South 11th, Lincoln 68508		

- JOHN A. BOTTORF, 49. . . . . (102nd) .. 1967  
     Sutton 68979
- NORRIS W. LALLMAN, 72. . . . . (103rd) .. 1968  
     201 Masonic Temple, Omaha 68102
- HUGH W. EISENHART, 150 . . . . . (104th) .. 1969  
     Box 250 Cambridge, 69022
- JOHN H. BROWN, 1. . . . . (105th) .. 1970  
     2506 No. 55, Omaha 68104
- RUSSELL L. FICKES, 33 . . . . . (106th) .. 1971  
     1022 West 8th St. Grand Island 68801
- CARL R. GREISEN, 32 . . . . . (HONORARY) .. 1966  
     Box 68, Boone, 68625

#### GRAND SECRETARIES

- \*GEORGE ARMSTRONG . . . . Sept. 23, 1857 to June 2, 1858
- \*ROBERT W. FURNAS. . . . . June 2, 1858 to June 4, 1862
- \*ROBERT C. JORDAN . . . . . June 4, 1862 to June 24, 1863
- \*STEPHEN D. BANGS. . . . . June 24, 1863, to June 24, 1865
- \*J. NEWTON WISE. . . . . June 24, 1865, to Oct. 27, 1869
- \*ROBERT W. FURNAS. . . . . Oct. 27, 1869, to June 21, 1872
- \*WILLIAM R. BOWEN. . . . . June 21, 1872, to May 6, 1899
- \*FRANCIS E. WHITE . . . . . June 9, 1899, to June 11, 1925
- \*LEWIS E. SMITH . . . . . June 11, 1925, to June 6, 1946
- CARL R. GREISEN. . . . . June 7, 1946. to June 6, 1968
- \*ROBERT W. COOK . . . . . June 6, 1968, to April 5, 1969
- NORRIS W. LALLMAN . . . . . June 4, 1969
- \*Deceased

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Alabama	John C. Dodd	Box 6195, Montgomery 36106
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Bolivia	Bernado Hustado Navarro	Obispo Cardenas, 1480 Casilla Postal 564, La Paz
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Brazil, Brasilia		
Brazil, Ceara	Antonio Zelalon Filho	Box 76, Fortaleza
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Brazil, Minas Gerais	Sergio Alexandre Ivanenko	Avenida do Brasil, 478, Box 5, Belo Horizonte
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Brazil, Grand Lodge of Guanabaro	Jose Isaac Kac	Box 2215, Rio de Janeiro
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Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Napoleon Grispem	Box 3, Paraiba
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Colorado	Dean C. Settle	Suite 300, Masonic Temple, Denver 80202
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Finland	Martii V. Mustakallio	P. Esplanaadikatu 35, E. Helsinki
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Guatemala	Lauro Antonio Rivera Flores	P. O. Box 34, Guatemala, C.A.
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Ireland	J. O. Harte	Freemasons Hall, Dublin
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Peru	<b>Jamie Dorich</b>	Box 587, Lima
Philippines	Esteban Munarriz	1440 San Marcelino, Manila
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Saskatchewan	T. M. Spencer	P. O. Box 246, Regina
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South America	Alfredo de La Cuesta	Apartado No. 209, Santa Do- mingo, Republic Dominicana
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Wyoming	Marcus R. Nichols	Box 459, Casper 82602

## VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

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21 Years Or More

Benjamin F. Eyre 50 years	1923-24-26-26-27-28-30-31-32-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65- 66-67-68-69-70-71-72
Carl R. Greisen 49 years	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37- 38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64- 65-66-67-68-69-70-71
William B. Wanner 46 years	1926-27-28-29-30-31-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67- 68-69-70-71-72
Herbert T. White 42 years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58- 59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71- 72
Pearl C. Hillegass 40 years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56- 57-58-59-60-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71
Elmer E. Magee 38 years	1927-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61- 62-63-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72
George A. Kurk 38 years	1930-32-33-34-35-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46- 47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59- 60-61-62-63-65-66-67-68-69-70
Merle M. Hale 36 years	1936-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63- 65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72
Edward F. Carter 34 years	1932-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46- 48-49-50-51-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61- 62-63-64-66-67-68
C. Ray Macy 34 years	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37- 38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51- 52-53-54-55-56-57
Otto Nelson 34 years	1935-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49- 50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62- 63-64-65-66-67-70
Thomas J. Aron 33 years	1930-31-32-33-39-40-42-44-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-65-66-67- 68-69-70-71-72

Harold H. Thom 33 years	1925-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-46-47-48- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61- 62-63-64-65-66-67
Robert E. Lund 33 years	1937-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65- 66-67-68-69-70-72
William C. Schaper 32 years	1929-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64- 67-68-69-70
Louis V. Sylvester 31 years	1942-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56- 57-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68- 69-70-71-72
Edward M. Knight 31 years	1938-39-40-41-42-43-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53- 54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-66-67-69- 70-71-72
Norris W. Lallman 30 years	1939-41-44-46-47-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57- 58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70- 71-72
Albert B. Osborn 29 years	1943-44-46-47-48-49-50-52-53-54-55-56-57-58- 59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71- 72
Clyde H. Jones 29 years	1944-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58- 59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71- 72
Charles F. Adams 27 years	1946-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59- 60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72
Arthur Anderson 27 years	1942-43-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-55-57-58-59- 61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72
E. Forrest Estes 26 years	1943-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57- 58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-69-71
Ralph R. Carleton 25 years	1941-42-47-48-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59- 60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska	1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 55...	Oct. 3, 55 *1
Western Star	2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56 *2
Capitol	3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 9, 57...	June 3, 57 *3
Nemaha Valley	4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	December 15, 57...	June 2, 58
Omaha	5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Falls City	9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	October 4, 64...	June 23, 65
Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun.....	Washington.....	August 15, 65...	June 22, 66
Covert	11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66
Orient	13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67
Peru	14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67
Fremont	15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
Tecumseh	17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	December 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 69
Lincoln	19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
Washington	21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24, 68...	June 25, 68
Pawnee	23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
St. Johns	25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice	26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
Jordan	27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
Blue River	30	Milford.....	Seward.....	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
Tekamah	31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
Platte Valley	32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
Ashlar	33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
Acacia	34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
Fairbury	35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
Lone Tree	36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	August 9, 71...	June 19, 72
Crete	37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8, 72...	June 19, 72
Oliver	38	Seward.....	Seward.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
Panillion	39	Panillion.....	Sarpy.....	November 18, 72...	June 18, 73

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16, 72...	June 18, 73
Northern Light	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	January 20, 73...	June 18, 73
Hebron	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10, 73...	June 18, 73
Harvard	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25, 73...	June 18, 73
Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	February 21, 73...	June 26, 74
Fairmont	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	December 4, 73...	June 26, 74
Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22, 73...	June 26, 74
Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 3, 74...	June 26, 74
Fidelity	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	January 19, 74...	June 26, 74
Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	February 26, 74...	June 26, 74
Charity	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	March 2, 74...	June 26, 74
Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	April 20, 74...	June 26, 74
Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
York	" 56	York.....	York.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	November 7, 74...	June 23, 75
Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20, 75...	June 23, 75
Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	March 10, 75...	June 24, 75
Thistle	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8, 75...	June 21, 76
Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1, 76...	June 21, 76
Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	October 6, 76...	June 20, 77
Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23, 76...	June 20, 77
Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	February 27, 77...	June 20, 77
Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	February 10, 76...	June 19, 78
Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	July 16, 77...	June 19, 78
Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	January 28, 78...	June 19, 78
Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 78...	June 25, 79
Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 78...	June 25, 79
Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 79...	June 23, 80

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Albion	No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 79...	June 23, 80
Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 79...	June 23, 80
Composite	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 80...	June 22, 81
Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	September 3, 80...	June 22, 81
Ionic	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	January 24, 81...	June 20, 82
Star	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	September 17, 81...	June 20, 82
Cedar River	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	January 19, 82...	June 20, 82
Oakland	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	February 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	May 3, 82...	June 19, 83
Bennett	" 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster.....	May 5, 82...	June 19, 83
Garfield	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	June 28, 82...	June 19, 83
Utica	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Euclid	" 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	July 21, 82...	June 19, 83
Republican	" 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	July 27, 82...	June 19, 83
Shelton	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83
Creighton	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	August 19, 82...	June 19, 83
Ponca	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	September 1, 82...	June 19, 83
Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	September 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Ord	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	September 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Wymore	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	November 10, 82...	June 19, 83
Stella	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	December 4, 82...	June 19, 83
Porter	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	December 9, 82...	June 19, 83
Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	January 24, 83...	June 19, 83
Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13, 83...	June 19, 83
DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February 28, 83...	June 19, 83
Springfield	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	March 30, 83...	June 19, 83
Globe	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	February 16, 82...	June 24, 84

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	February 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Harlan	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Hardy	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	July 18, 83...	June 24, 84
North Bend	" 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	September 5, 83...	June 24, 84
Wayne	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	September 26, 83...	June 24, 84
Superior	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	November 22, 83...	June 24, 84
Auburn	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	December 25, 83...	June 24, 84
Mount Nebo	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	January 1, 84...	June 24, 84
Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16, 84...	June 24, 84
Minden	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	January 22, 84...	June 24, 84
Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	January 28, 84...	June 24, 84
Scribner	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85
Solar	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
McCook	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Long Pine	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Upright	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	November 14, 84...	June 24, 85
Rawalt	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	November 15, 84...	June 24, 85
Clay Centre	" 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	January 24, 85...	June 24, 85
Bancroft	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	April 30, 85...	June 24, 85
Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	July 13, 85...	June 17, 86
Siloam	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	August 15, 85...	June 17, 86
Custer	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	August 10, 85...	June 17, 86
Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	March 31, 85...	June 17, 86
Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	November 27, 85...	June 17, 86

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Lily	No. 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28, 85...	June 17, 86
Hartington	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	January 26, 86...	June 17, 86
Samaritan	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	March 17, 86...	June 16, 87
Ogallala	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	August 14, 86...	June 16, 87
Zeredatha	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	August 21, 86...	June 16, 87
Mount Zion	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	August 25, 86...	June 16, 87
Trestle Board	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	October 9, 86...	June 16, 87
Unity	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	December 18, 86...	June 16, 87
Atkinson	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	August 19, 86...	June 21, 88
Barneston	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	August 20, 86...	June 21, 88
Elwood	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
Curtis	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
Amity	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 88
Mason City	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	August 1, 87...	June 21, 88
Merna	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	August 2, 87...	June 21, 88
Robert Burns	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	November 15, 87...	June 21, 88
Culbertson	" 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	November 16, 87...	June 21, 88
Temple	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	December 9, 87...	June 21, 88
Gladstone	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	February 18, 88...	June 21, 88
Hay Springs	" 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	February 20, 88...	June 21, 88
Prudence	" 179	Beaver Crossing.....	Seward.....	August 24, 88...	June 20, 89
Justice	" 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	October 8, 88...	June 20, 89
Faith	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	December 13, 88...	June 20, 89
Alliance	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	January 18, 89...	June 20, 89
Bee Hive	" 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 22, 89...	June 20, 89
Boaz	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	January 24, 89...	June 20, 89
Meridian	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	February 4, 89...	June 20, 89

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Granite	No. 189	Gibbon	Buffalo	February 18.89	June 20.89
Amethyst	" 190	Stapleton	Logan	August 5.89	June 20.90
Crystal	" 191	Scotia	Greeley	August 7.89	June 20.90
Minnekadusa	" 192	Valentine	Cherry	August 15.89	June 20.90
Signet	" 193	Leigh	Colfax	September 3.89	June 20.90
Highland	" 194	Cortland	Gage	September 21.89	June 20.90
Arcana	" 195	Gordon	Sheridan	October 17.89	June 20.90
Purity	" 198	Imperial	Chase	December 24.89	June 20.90
Gavel	" 199	Carleton	Thayer	July 20.89	June 18.91
Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell	Garfield	August 5.90	June 18.91
Scotts Bluff	" 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	August 8.90	June 18.91
Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph	Cedar	August 29.90	June 18.91
Roman Eagle	" 203	Pender	Thurston	August 30.90	June 18.91
Plainview	" 204	Plainview	Pierce	September 1.90	June 18.91
Golden Fleece	" 205	Chappell	Deuel	September 2.90	June 18.91
Parian	" 207	Callaway	Custer	January 31.91	June 18.91
Canopy	" 209	Elmwood	Cass	September 4.91	June 16.92
East Lincoln	" 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	November 5.91	June 16.92
Cement	" 211	Wood River	Hall	November 27.91	June 16.92
Plumbline	" 214	Adams	Gage	November 17.91	June 15.93
Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	July 16.92	June 15.93
Palisade	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	July 18.92	June 15.93
Wanneta	" 217	Wanneta	Chase	December 7.92	June 15.93
Bloomfield	" 218	Bloomfield	Knox	January 18.93	June 15.93
Relief	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	January 19.93	June 15.93
Magnolia	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	January 21.93	June 15.93
Wood Lake	" 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	September 22.92	June 21.94

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Landmark	No. 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	March 1, 93...	June 21, 94
Eminence	" 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton.....	September 26, 93...	June 21, 94
Silver Cord	" 224	Ainsworth.....	Brown.....	October 17, 93...	June 21, 94
Cable	" 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	November 17, 93...	June 21, 94
North Star	" 227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 28, 94...	June 13, 95
Bartley	" 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November 23, 94...	June 13, 95
Comet	" 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	December 5, 94...	June 13, 95
Mount Hermon	" 231	Cook.....	Johnson.....	December 19, 94...	June 13, 95
John S. Bowen	" 232	Kennard.....	Washington.....	February 6, 95...	June 13, 95
Gilead	" 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	November 22, 94...	June 10, 96
Zion	" 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	July 19, 95...	June 10, 96
Fraternity	" 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	August 2, 95...	June 10, 96
Golden Rule	" 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	August 3, 95...	June 10, 96
Cubit	" 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	August 9, 95...	June 10, 96
Friendship	" 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	October 7, 95...	June 10, 96
Pilot	" 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	November 29, 95...	June 10, 96
George Armstrong	" 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	August 1, 95...	June 17, 97
Hampton	" 245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	July 13, 99...	June 7, 00
Nehawka	" 246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	January 2, 00...	June 7, 00
Laurel	" 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	February 12, 00...	June 7, 00
Gothenburg	" 249	Gothenburg.....	Dawson.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
George Washington	" 250	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
Wausa	" 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	November 18, 00...	June 6, 01
Beemer	" 253	Beemer.....	Cumming.....	January 1, 02...	June 5, 02
Bassett	" 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	October 8, 02...	June 4, 03
Hickman	" 256	Hickman.....	Lancaster.....	December 7, 03...	June 9, 04
Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo.....	Custer.....	December 10, 04...	June 7, 05

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Ornan	No. 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	March 5, 06...	June 5, 07
Endeavor	" 262	Indianola.....	Red Willow.....	June 28, 06...	June 5, 07
Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff.....	July 5, 06...	June 5, 07
Franklin	" 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	June 11, 07...	June 10, 08
Robert W. Furnas	" 265	Scottsbluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 21, 07...	June 10, 08
Silver	" 266	Silver Creek.....	Merrick.....	June 14, 07...	June 10, 08
James A. Tullevs	" 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	December 26, 07...	June 10, 08
George W. Lininger	" 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 26, 08...	June 10, 08
Oasis	" 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Lee P. Gillette	" 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Crofton	" 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	July 10, 09...	June 8, 10
Olive Branch	" 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September 20, 09...	June 8, 10
Ramah	" 275	Bertrand.....	Phelps.....	November 8, 09...	June 8, 10
Antelope	" 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	January 12, 10...	June 8, 10
Sioux	" 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	June 10, 10...	June 6, 11
Litchfield	" 278	Litchfield.....	Sherman.....	December 19, 10...	June 6, 11
Wallace	" 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	February 25, 11...	June 4, 12
Swastika	" 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	October 18, 12...	June 4, 13
Florence	" 281	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 17, 13...	June 4, 13
Mullen	" 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	July 22, 13...	June 9, 14
Seneca	" 284	Theadford.....	Thomas.....	September 29, 13...	June 9, 14
Camp Clarke	" 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16, 13...	June 9, 14
Oshkosh	" 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November 25, 13...	June 9, 14
Union	" 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15, 13...	June 8, 15
Omaha	" 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24, 14...	June 8, 15
Lotus	" 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	June 11, 14...	June 8, 15
John J. Mercer	" 290	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 21, 14...	June 8, 15
Diamond	" 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	November 23, 14...	June 8, 15
Monument	" 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	December 18, 14...	June 8, 15

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Kimball	No. 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June 10, 15	June 7, 16
Mimatare	" 295	Mimatare.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 10, 15...	June 7, 16
Cotner	" 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 15, 17...	June 5, 18
Chester	" 298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	June 27, 17...	June 5, 18
Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland.....	Lincoln.....	June 23, 17...	June 5, 18
Liberty	" 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	January 10, 18...	June 5, 18
Bavard	" 301	Bavard.....	Morrill.....	January 19, 18...	June 5, 18
Mizpah	" 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 12, 18...	June 4, 19
Right Angle	" 303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 24, 19...	June 9, 20
Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January 14, 20...	June 9, 20
Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole.....	Cheyenne.....	August 19, 20...	June 8, 21
Perkins	" 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	December 1, 20...	June 8, 21
Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago.....	Thurston.....	December 6, 20...	June 8, 21
Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	December 27, 20...	June 8, 21
Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	January 4, 21...	June 8, 21
Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	June 23, 21...	June 7, 22
Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	September 10, 21...	June 7, 22
Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March 22, 22...	June 5, 23
Alpha	" 316	South Sioux City.....	Dakota.....	January 27, 25...	June 10, 25
Mid-West	" 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 8, 25...	June 10, 25
Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	April 1, 25...	June 9, 26
Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	January 11, 26...	June 9, 26
College View	" 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 1, 27...	June 6, 28
Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	February 21, 28...	June 5, 29
Lebanon	" 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November 14, 28...	June 5, 29
Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January 16, 36...	June 8, 37
Bellevue	" 325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy.....	March 5, 55...	June 8, 55
Centennial	" 326	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 26, 55...	June 6, 56
Shiloh	" 327	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 3, 65...	June 10, 66
Miloma	" 328	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 19, 72.....	June 28, 72

## LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORY OTHER THAN NEBRASKA

Name of Lodge	Location
Summit No. 7	- Parkville, Colorado . . Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8	- Gold Hill, Colorado . . Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U. D. .	- Central City, Colorado . . Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannack City, U. D. .	- Bannack City, Idaho . . Instituted April 1863, or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U. D. .	- United States Army . . Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct, prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U. D. .	- Nevada City, Idaho . . Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28	- South Pass City, Wyoming . . Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874.

## CONSOLIDATIONS

- Joppa Lodge No. 76 with Franklin No. 264, Oct. 18, 1934.  
 Parallel Lodge No. 152 with Barneston No. 165, Jan. 2, 1940.  
 Tyre Lodge No. 85 with Wymore No. 104, July 7, 1941.  
 Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 with Hampton No. 245, May 21, 1942.  
 Level Lodge No. 196 with Cambridge No. 150, June 4, 1942.  
 Riverside Lodge No. 269 with Cedar River No. 89, June 5, 1942.  
 Juniata Lodge No. 42 with Kenesaw No. 144, July 15, 1942.  
 Palmer Lodge No. 315 with St. Paul No. 82, Oct. 6, 1942.  
 Riverton Lodge No. 63 with Franklin No. 264, May 16, 1945.  
 Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 with Tecumseh No. 17, Nov. 11, 1944.  
 Hildreth Lodge No. 252 with Grace No. 226, Oct. 11, 1945.  
 Hubbell Lodge No. 92 with Hebron No. 43, Feb. 8, 1946.  
 Inense Lodge No. 182 with Jewel No. 149, April 22, 1947.  
 Bee Lodge No. 259 with Oliver No. 38, June 13, 1947.  
 Tuscan Lodge No. 130 with Composite No. 81, Feb. 9, 1963.  
 Delta Lodge No. 230 with Albion No. 78, Jan. 1, 1965.  
 Jewel Lodge No. 149 with Geneva No. 79, Sept. 9, 1966.  
 Valley Lodge No. 157 with Beaver City No. 93, Mar. 8, 1966.  
 Ruskin Lodge No. 304 with Nelson No. 77, Sept. 23, 1966.  
 Morning Star Lodge No. 197 with Stromsburg No. 126, Dec. 9, 1967.  
 Cornerstone Lodge No. 247 with Plainview No. 204, Dec. 12, 1967.  
 Kenesaw Lodge No. 144 with Midwest No. 317, Jan. 13, 1968.  
 Blue Hill Lodge No. 129 with Midwest No. 317, Mar. 19, 1968.  
 Pioneer Lodge No. 322 with Oasis No. 271, Apr. 10, 1969.  
 Square & Compass No. 212 with Thistle No. 61, Apr. 20, 1969.

- Hope No. 29 with Nemaha Valley No. 4, Sept. 9, 1969.  
Elm Creek No. 133 with James A. Tulleys No. 267, Mar. 17, 1970.  
Naphthali No. 206 with Fairbury No. 35, Mar. 24, 1970.  
Alexander No. 74 with Hebron No. 43, Sept. 10, 1970.  
Pythagoras No. 156 with Diamond No. 291, Dec. 4, 1970.  
Grace No. 226 with Jachin No. 146, May 11, 1971.  
Wolbach No. 292 with St. Paul No. 82, Dec. 23, 1971.  
Tyrian No. 243 with Nelson No. 77, June 9, 1972.  
Mystic Tie No. 166 with Trowel No. 71, June 12, 1972.

NAME & LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 - Decatur . . . . .	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 - Columbus . . . . .	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 - Nebraska City . . . . .	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 - Arago . . . . .	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 - Ashland . . . . .	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 - Rock Bluff . . . . .	July 16, 1884
Macy No. 22 - Plattsmouth . . . . .	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 - Lafayette Pct. (later Grant) . . . . .	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 - Palmyra . . . . .	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 - Salem . . . . .	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 - Columbus . . . . .	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 - First . . . . .	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 - Ulysses . . . . .	July 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 - Waco . . . . .	January 31, 1885
Steele City No. 107 - Steele City . . . . .	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 - Arapahoe . . . . .	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 - Brainard . . . . .	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 - Dorchester . . . . .	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 - Odell . . . . .	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 - Indianola . . . . .	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131 - Ainsworth . . . . .	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141 - Johnson . . . . .	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 - North Loup . . . . .	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 - Valparaiso . . . . .	October 9, 1962
Parallel No. 152 - Liberty . . . . .	January 2, 1940
Grafton No. 172 - Grafton . . . . .	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178 - Shickley . . . . .	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186 - Grant . . . . .	November 15, 1897
Israel No. 187 - Ulysses . . . . .	December 18, 1956
Gauge No. 208 - Areadia . . . . .	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213 - Miller . . . . .	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238 - Crab Orchard . . . . .	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242 - Ravenna . . . . .	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244 - Battle Creek . . . . .	June 6, 1928
Springview No. 260 - Springview . . . . .	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270 - Huntley . . . . .	June 7, 1939
Holbrook No. 257 - Holbrook . . . . .	June 11, 1959
Exeter No. 283 - Exeter . . . . .	December 16, 1952
Cowles No. 296 - Cowles . . . . .	December 31, 1946
William E. Hill No. 307 - Otoe . . . . .	December 15, 1964
Doniphan No. 86 - Doniphan . . . . .	May 12, 1966

REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Hubert P. Key	Birmingham	Feb. 3, 1960	Alabama	John W. McLane, 150	Cambridge	Aug. 7, 1969
F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta	Edward H. Lockwood, 205	Elstings	Dec. 15, 1959
Jose Gonzalez Ledo		Jan. 10, 1964	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fletcher Sills, Jr.	Prescott	Apr. 13, 1949	Arizona	Erwin J. Imig, 38	Seward	Aug. 6, 1960
Frank A. Smith	Little Rock	Jan. 27, 1958	Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee, 227	Lincoln	Aug. 24, 1944
Hugo Barber	Vienna	Mar. 22, 1951	Austria	O. Robert H. Beezley, 250	Lincoln	Apr. 21, 1965
Rene Desgain		Nov. 13, 1962	Belgium	Leonard B. Woods, 103	Ord	Nov. 6, 1962
			Bolivia	Harold A. Tilton, 71	Neligh	Dec. 1, 1963
			Brazilia	Alfred G. Bates, 1	Omaha	June 4, 1971
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	Val do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Brazil, Bahia	Frank I. Vlasak, 119	North Bend	July 6, 1972
Roumundo Nonata do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	Stanley E. Brunton, 222	Herman	
			Brazil, Matto Grasso	Swynne L. Neubauer, 258	Brewster	
Jose Cesario Horta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Oscar de Paula Assis	Rio de Janeiro	Aug. 1, 1969	Brazil, Guanabaro	Earl N. Hanel, 318	Grand Island	July 6, 1972
Ewald Helmuth Langweiler	Rio Grande do Sul	Feb. 18, 1965	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Clarence G. McNamee, 55	Norfolk	July 6, 1972
Jose Agular E. Silvia	Para	Oct. 10, 1968	Brazil, Para	Gerald A. Moller, 15	Fremont	Dec. 10, 1968
Joao Bento	Paraiba	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
Habib-Chehade Jeha	Parana	Mar. 7, 1968	Brazil, Parana	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	Lincoln	Mar. 7, 1968
Jose Aguiar E. Silva	Pernambuco	Oct. 22, 1968	Brazil, Pernambuco	William M. Hisey, 210	Lincoln	June 4, 1971
			Brazil, Santa Catarina	Wallace E. Moffett, 312	Lynch	Sept. 7, 1963
			Brazil, Sao Paulo	Clyde D. Worrall, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 9, 1962
Walter Pinto	Sao Paulo	Nov. 14, 1951	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Nicholas Mussallem	Vancouver	Apr. 13, 1965	California	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1958
Harold Loewenthal	Eureka	Apr. 23, 1969	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
F.W. Nance Kivell		Dec. 16, 1965	Chile	David O. Kipling, 281	Omaha	June 4, 1971
Jorge A. Wachholtz	Taiwan	Jan. 10, 1962	China	Earl H. Furman, 290	Omaha	Apr. 13, 1960
Tze-Tsing Tuan	Barranquilla	Sept. 14, 1962	Columbia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Henry E. Olsen, 54	Lincoln	July 6, 1972
Jose Maria Serna		July 31, 1951				
Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932	Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 23, 1943
Vincent Vernon	Collinsville	Mar. 18, 1969	Connecticut	Arnold F. Mains, 15	Fremont	Dec. 13, 1968
Carlos Miranda		Oct. 22, 1968	Costa Rica	George W. Rosenlof, 314	Lincoln	Nov. 9, 1962
V.H.F.E. Gracia		Nov. 5, 1952	Cuba in Exile	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
Paul E. Ellis		Jan. 28, 1971	Delaware	T. Leo Stines, 36	Central City	Feb. 18, 1967
Knwd V. Raude		Sept. 23, 1971	Denmark	Alton S. Mote, 183	Alliance	Dec. 2, 1968
Godfrey L. Munter		May 6, 1969	Dist. of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
F.G. Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Ecuador	Clarence M. Pierson, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
Sir Knox Cunningham		Dec. 29, 1970	England	Charles F. Adams, 68	Aurora	Dec. 2, 1968
Kalle Putkisto	Helsinki	Dec. 15, 1969	Finland	Sebert A. Stover, 281	Omaha	Feb. 9, 1968
Wm. C. Mitchell		June 23, 1970	Florida	Bryon C. Jenkins, 325	Bellevue	Aug. 8, 1966
Edward Jeanmonod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	France Nat'l Grand Lodge	Robert D. Cresap, 158	Omaha	Oct. 5, 1966
John M. McClurd		May 13, 1969	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Aug. 3, 1960
Heinz Ziemer	Frankfurt	Dec. 26, 1963	Germany	Alfred G. Wurst, 59	Lincoln	July 6, 1972
Geo. Sakelloriou	Athens	Apr. 10, 1954	Greece	Stephen W. Beck, 43	Hebron	Sept. 3, 1960
Angel G. Guzman		Aug. 13, 1963	Honduras	Gordon Chard, 240	Lyons	Nov. 3, 1962
Bjarne Bjarnason	Helgafell	Jan. 7, 1953	Iceland	John Nelson	Lincoln	
Eugene Taylor	Kendrich	Nov. 9, 1966	Idaho	James M. Paxson, 302	Omaha	Aug. 11, 1960
Harry L. Kline	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Illinois	Warren W. Kelley, 290	Omaha	May 13, 1959
John P. Lippincott	South Bend	Feb. 26, 1949	Indiana	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Omaha	May 21, 1959
H.J. Engineer	Bombay	Aug. 7, 1963	India	Warren K. Urbom, 314	Lincoln	Sept. 7, 1966
			Iran	Joel N. Lindquist, 1	Omaha	June 4, 1971
James E. Weir	Dublin	June 19, 1970	Ireland	Richard L. Ely, 128	Guide Rock	June 17, 1958
Israel Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept. 14, 1965	Israel, State of	William Grodinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1964
Maurizio Segre	Rome	Feb. 9, 1967	Italy	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
Edward W. Knepper		Sept. 17, 1965	Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
Richard K. Hart	Topeka	Jan. 6, 1964	Kansas	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 31, 1958
C. James Hyde	Louisville	Sept. 18, 1962	Kentucky	Ralph S. Tully, 25	Omaha	Jan. 13, 1950
Philip O. McLaughlin		Jan. 23, 1961	Louisiana	John A. Bottorf, 49	Sutton	Jan. 23, 1958
						Feb. 23, 1958

REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Robert M. Fletcher		Dec. 15, 1970	Maine	Ralph W. Gerry, 281	Omaha	Aug. 7, 1969
Clarence V. Antenburg	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951	Manitoba	Harry N. Ahl, 112	Louisville	Sept. 12, 1962
Clifford S. Hubbard		Apr. 19, 1961	Manitoba	Henry L. Rood, 59	Wahoo	July 6, 1972
James E. Roy	Worcester	Aug. 30, 1964	Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937
George Sanfor	Mexico City	Aug. 8, 1969	Mexico York Grand Lodge	Russell L. Fickes, 33	Grand Island	Apr. 13, 1968
Willard Sauer	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	Michigan	John H. Brown, 1	Omaha	Nov. 1, 1965
Herbert S. Ramberg	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952
Wm. W. Widstrand	St. Paul	Feb. 9, 1972	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
Wm. R. Robbins	Springfield	July 23, 1963	Missouri	William F. Patterson, 327	Omaha	June 3, 1964
J.R.P. Reimener	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Montana	C. Harold Edwards, 105	Lincoln	Oct. 21, 1965
J.F.A. Gravenberch		Dec. 14, 1960	Netherlands	W. Upton Dawson, 135	McCook	May 6, 1965
Lee Griswold	Eureka	Aug. 5, 1968	Nevada	Alfred B. Saum, 46	Kearney	Jan. 30, 1958
Kenneth R. Nelson	St. John	Oct. 21, 1955	New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 31, 1958
Ellis W. Howard	Littleton	June 14, 1962	New Hampshire	Clyde H. Jones, 173	Stratton	Sept. 27, 1956
Robert W. Emery	Littleton	Sept. 15, 1972	New Jersey	John F. Fitcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 61	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Frederick J. Hayward	Mosman	Mar. 10, 1950	New South Wales	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Apr. 8, 1957
Wm. Cahn	Lido Beach	Dec. 30, 1971	New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
T. W. Pairman	Mangaweka	Dec. 4, 1956	New Zealand	Carl D. Ganz, 209	Lincoln	Oct. 19, 1962
			Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Nathaniel C. Dean		July 26, 1965	North Carolina	Levi B. Williams, 1	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Calvin E. Rustad	Grand Forks	Sept. 7, 1955	North Dakota	Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150	Cambridge	Apr. 28, 1965
Han Oluf Lorentzen	Oslo	March 2, 1971	Norway	Einar Hoel, 327	Omaha	June 9, 1964
C. Fraser Lorimer	Stellarton	July 28, 1952	Nova Scotia	Curis J. Griess, 49	Grand Island	Dec. 2, 1968
Juan L. Arocha	Mt. Terray	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Robert W. Boon, 33	Grand Island	Mar. 6, 1967
E. L. Galbraith		Apr. 23, 1969	Ohio	Otto Nelsen, 300	Lincoln	Feb. 17, 1958
Aubrey R. Erhart	Guymon	July 29, 1963	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Omaha	Feb. 6, 1958
Norman W. Oliver	Burns	May 5, 1964	Oregon	Frank J. Mattoon, 75	Omaha	Feb. 6, 1958
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 13, 1953	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	Sidney	Dec. 4, 1968
Carlos Pena	Lima	Sept. 1, 1972	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 254	Hastings	July 28, 1965
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946	Philippines	Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	Bassett	June 4, 1971
Allan C. Jenkins	Summerside	April 8, 1971	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Lincoln	Aug. 7, 1969
A. D. Lightbourn	Fajards	Aug. 3, 1966	Puerto Rico	Herman O. Hansen, 3	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
T. H. Whitman		Aug. 3, 1966	Quebec	E. Forrest Estes, 19	Omaha	June 4, 1971
W. R. Gailey		Feb. 29, 1960	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Lincoln	July 6, 1972
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Gaylord C. Wright	Regina	Apr. 13, 1965	Saskatchewan	Robert E. Fund, 323	Omaha	July 3, 1942
William Sloss	Edinburgh	Aug. 30, 1963	Scotland	Harold H. Thom, 1	Columbus	Sept. 17, 1962
George C. Hobson		Dec. 3, 1968	Southern Africa	Gerald V. Insee, 148	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Pafael F. Moreno	Bogota		South America Columbia	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	Chadron	Dec. 2, 1968
			South America Columbia		Trenton	Aug. 7, 1969
M. D. J. C. Navarro		Aug. 25, 1969	South America Dominicana	Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191	Scotia	Aug. 7, 1969
Cyril W. C. Peaks		Sept. 9, 1959	South Australia	Walter Brown, 1	Omaha	May 12, 1970
Rhoden D. Batson	Greenville	July 6, 1971	South Carolina	Mark Mitchell, 138	Oxford	Jan. 1, 1962
Lawrence J. Larson	Sioux Falls	June 17, 1971	South Dakota	U. Wesley Fox, 192	Kilgore	July 6, 1972
Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	Sweden	Lillard S. Jensen, 232	Omaha	Nov. 17, 1965
Eric C. Monk	Zurich	Feb. 24, 1967	Switzerland	Ralph I. Berry, 256	Hickman	Nov. 5, 1965
German Barrera	Victoria	Aug. 27, 1970	Tamlaupias	Homor C. Davey, 317	Hastings	Aug. 3, 1960
S. V. Tilley	Hobart	Mar. 27, 1957	Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	Ashland	Sept. 8, 1960
J. Turner Williams	Nashville	Oct. 28, 1968	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 28, 1952	Texas	Donald A. Keys, 300	Lincoln	Dec. 20, 1961
Attila Atli	Istanbul	Dec. 29, 1971	Turkey	Melvin E. Johnson, 112	Oakdale	Aug. 27, 1963
John J. Greiner	Ogden	Sept. 10, 1959	Utah	Richard L. Wait, 19	Lincoln	Jan. 28, 1958
David A. Smith	Shelburne	May 16, 1962	Vermont	Carl E. Diers, 106	Loup City	July 6, 1972
Farrin Webb, Jr.	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Victoria	Mathias E. Mauel, 173	Stratton	Aug. 2, 1960
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	S. Arlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
Malcolm L. Wilkinson	Tacoma	April 14, 1971	Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183	Alliance	June 27, 1941
F. G. Hatcher		Dec. 17, 1960	West Australia	Ward McGlashan, 180	Benkelman	Dec. 10, 1968
J. K. Ferguson		Sept. 28, 1961	West Virginia	William L. Lewis, Jr. 9		Dec. 15, 1960

## THE ROLL OF DEPUTY CUSTODIANS AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT

The first reference providing for an "Assistant Custodian," was made in 1869.

In 1870 the "Committee on Work" recommended the establishment of five districts and the appointment of an equal number of brethren, these together with the Grand Lecturer to constitute a "Board of Custodians" to serve for five years. From that time until now, there have been appointed assistant custodians. It is the purpose here to list all that have at any time served the Grand Lodge. They are listed in terms of first appointment. The number following each name represents the lodge of which each was or is a member.

Daniel H. Wheeler, 6.....1870	L. S. Moe, 15.....1877
John Reed, 2.....1871	Roland H. Oakley, 19.....1877
Robert W. Furnas, 4.....1871	James R. Cain, 9.....1877
D. F. Powell, 3.....1871	Albert K. Marsh, 49.....1877
A. Atkinson, 3.....1871	Jess T. Davis, 21.....1877
H. O. Hanna, 9.....1872	Charles H. Willard, 21....1878
Milton E. Pinney, 2.....1873	Samuel W. Hayes, 55.....1879
William B. Wharton, 12...1875	Marshall Smith, 2.....1878
Edward K. Valentine, 27...1875	James McNaughton, 4....1879
Newton R. Persinger, 36...1876	Joseph H. McConnel, 32....1879
David K. Hume, 3.....1876	Edward F. Thorp, 2.....1879
Hiram C. Ryder, 37.....1876	George W. Mowrey, 50....1880
Frederick N. Dick, 32....1876	Charles A. Holmes, 17....1880
George W. Lininger, 3....1877	

Note: From 1880 until 1910, there were no recorded appointments of brethren to serve as assistants to the Grand Custodian. In 1910 Brother Robert E. French did hold special meetings to examine and instruct brethren who were willing to become "assistants" in the work. Thirteen brethren were nominated and approved for appointment as assistants. After 1917 these brethren were generally referred to as "assistant custodians". In 1925 the designation was "Deputy Custodians". The following brethren appeared in the records as "assistant custodians" or at times as "Deputy Custodians."

*Samuel S. Whiting, 54....1910	*Ira C. Freet, 56.....1913
*Walter W. Wells, 192....1910	*Benjamin Wood, 210.....1913
*Ensign J. Rix, 55.....1910	*Edward M. Wellman, 1....1913
*James D. Phillips, 93....1910	*Charles A. Eyre, 268.....1913
*Frederick L. Wolff, 135...1910	*Earl M. Bolen, 130.....1914
*Fred A. Howe, 119.....1910	*Frank L. Haycock, 207...1914
*Robert B. Walker, 170...1912	*George A. Stevens, 158...1914
*Frank W. Farrand, 36....1913	*Levi D. Phipps, 31.....1916

\*Alfred G. Hunt, 33 . . . . . 1916  
 \*Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50 . . . . . 1916  
 \*Walter W. Wells, 192 . . . . . 1917  
 \*Orville A. Andrews, 19 . . . . . 1917  
 \*Barclay M. Hickman, 38 . . . . . 1916  
 \*Andrew H. Viele, 55 . . . . . 1917  
 \*Walter W. Wells . . . . . 1917  
 \*Maro C. Shipherd, 15 . . . . . 1920  
 \*Vinsent S. Ramsey, 205 . . . . . 1920  
 \*Jesse Lowther, 219 . . . . . 1920  
 \*Franklin C. Tym, 25 . . . . . 1920  
 \*Lute M. Savage, 3 . . . . . 1920  
     Frank M. Johnson, 188 . . . . . 1920  
 \*Lamont L. Stephens, 106 . . . . . 1922  
 \*Frances S. Robey, 19 . . . . . 1922  
 \*John B. Lichtenwallner,  
     275 . . . . . 1923  
 \*Harry R. Belville, 146 . . . . . 1923  
 \*George R. Patterson, 136 . . . . . 1923  
 \*William J. Birkoffer, 249 . . . . . 1923  
 \*D. Horace Schall, 307 . . . . . 1923  
 \*Stanley P. Bostwick, 3 . . . . . 1924  
 \*William D. Edson, 53 . . . . . 1926  
 \*Francis B. Rodwell, 224 . . . . . 1926  
 \*Edwin H. Gerhart, 305 . . . . . 1926  
 \*William McCormack, 268 . . . . . 1926  
 \*Harry L. Mantor, 306 . . . . . 1927  
 \*John R. Easley, 49 . . . . . 1927  
 \*I. Donald Huston, 65 . . . . . 1928  
 \*Elmer Surber, 95 . . . . . 1928  
 \*John M. Bennett, 19 . . . . . 1928  
 \*Earl Barnett, 146 . . . . . 1929  
 \*Jonathan Frye, 1 . . . . . 1929  
 \*Ernest R. Reynolds, 124 . . . . . 1930  
 \*Osborne P. Simon, 174 . . . . . 1930  
 \*Doc L. Redfern, 300 . . . . . 1930  
     Austin F. Whitmire, 306 . . . . . 1931  
 \*Henning C. Johnson, 171 . . . . . 1932  
     Carroll C. Raymer, 164 . . . . . 1932  
 \*Ward B. Schrack, 46 . . . . . 1933  
 \*Byron S. Peterson, 25 . . . . . 1933  
 \*Raymond C. Cook, 6 . . . . . 1933  
 \*Ray B. Bottorf, 33 . . . . . 1933  
 \*Wallace E. Linn, 1 . . . . . 1934  
 \*Jesse P. Entriken, 295 . . . . . 1934  
     Harold D. Weddel, 208 . . . . . 1937  
     Cecil C. Gates, 227 . . . . . 1938  
 \*Fred G. Christensen, 33 . . . . . 1938  
 \*Ross Van Sickle, 184 . . . . . 1938  
     S. William Beck, 43 . . . . . 1940

\*Stanley B. Fryar, 139 . . . . . 1940  
 \*Roy S. Planck, 15 . . . . . 1940  
 \*Buren P. Wells, 315 . . . . . 1940  
     Clarence G. McNamee, 55 . . . . . 1941  
 \*F. Ray Dilts, 83 . . . . . 1942  
 \*Ernest C. Purdy, 195 . . . . . 1942  
     Lewis E. Baker, 135 . . . . . 1943  
 \*Howard E. Bradstreet, 261 . . . . . 1943  
     George S. Schwab, 49 . . . . . 1946  
     Louis V. Sylvester, 281 . . . . . 1945  
 \*Irving S. Johnson, 148 . . . . . 1946  
 \*LaVerne A. Walker, 55 . . . . . 1946  
     Ernest E. James, 1 . . . . . 1948  
 \*Frank A. Anderson, 17 . . . . . 1949  
 \*Robert W. Cook, 33 . . . . . 1949  
     Paul D. Fleming, 93 . . . . . 1949  
     Charles M. Frederick, 136 . . . . . 1949  
 \*Sylvester Shumard, 227 . . . . . 1949  
 \*Ralph M. Carhart, 120 . . . . . 1950  
 \*Morris V. Balcom, 46 . . . . . 1950  
 \*William F. Flicklinger, 56 . . . . . 1951  
 \*Forest A. Lape, 183 . . . . . 1951  
     Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314 . . . . . 1954  
     Harold M. Wilkerson, 54 . . . . . 1954  
     Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9 . . . . . 1955  
     Clifford D. Webster, 321 . . . . . 1956  
     Mathias E. Mauel, 173 . . . . . 1956  
     Frank H. Smith, 301 . . . . . 1957  
 \*Ward V. Whitaker, 310 . . . . . 1957  
     Richard L. Ely, 128 . . . . . 1957  
     Asa J. Farnham, 106 . . . . . 1958  
     Robert B. Conrad, 125 . . . . . 1958  
     Winston C. Swanson . . . . . 1958  
 \*Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210 . . . . . 1959  
 \*Edmund D. Shaw, 254 . . . . . 1959  
     Harry N. Ahl, 112 . . . . . 1959  
     Alfred R. Kenoyer, 148 . . . . . 1960  
     Lloyd I. Edwards, 110 . . . . . 1960  
     T. Leo Stines, 36 . . . . . 1960  
     Erwin J. Imig, 38 . . . . . 1960  
     Sebert A. Stover, 281 . . . . . 1960  
     Stanley E. Brunton, 222 . . . . . 1961  
     Glenn W. Binder, 23 . . . . . 1961  
     Richard L. Wait, 19 . . . . . 1962  
     Gordon Chard, 240 . . . . . 1962  
     Harold A. Tilton, 71 . . . . . 1962  
     Stuart A. Johnson, 169 . . . . . 1964  
     Arthur S. Dye, 317 . . . . . 1964  
     W. Upton Dawson, 135 . . . . . 1964  
     Donald R. Davis, 164 . . . . . 1964

Ralph I. Berry, 256 . . . . .	1965
Carl A. Johnson, 183 . . . . .	1965
Robert W. Boon, 33 . . . . .	1965
Augustus W. Clark, 318 . . . . .	1965
Alton S. Mote, 183 . . . . .	1965
Ralph W. Gerry, 281 . . . . .	1965
Arnold F. Mains, 15 . . . . .	1965
Nelson W. Rittenberg, 210 . . . . .	1965
Harold J. Oehlerking, 159 . . . . .	1966
Gwynne L. Neubaur, 258 . . . . .	1966
Ward L. McGlashan, 180 . . . . .	1966
Curtis J. Griess, 49 . . . . .	1966
Walter Brown, 1 . . . . .	1967
John C. Nelson, 250 . . . . .	1967
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr, 65 . . . . .	1967
Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210 . . . . .	1967
Howard G. Whitmore, 161 . . . . .	1967
Frank R. Harris, 77 . . . . .	1967
Gerald V. Inslee, 158 . . . . .	1968
John C. Sierks, 4 . . . . .	1969
Paul D. Jacobsen, 171 . . . . .	1969
David O. Kipling, 281 . . . . .	1970
Herman O. Hansen, 3 . . . . .	1970
E. Wayne Erickson, 146 . . . . .	1970
Walter S. Cork, 75 . . . . .	1970
Richard L. Mauch, 254 . . . . .	1971
O. Wayne Thompson, 201 . . . . .	1971
John A. Brandt, 26 . . . . .	1971
Dale E. Kube, 55 . . . . .	1971
Robert E. Kyes, 36 . . . . .	1972

## MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A. L.) "In the year of light."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "In the year of the Discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "In the year of the deposit."

Knight Templar commence their era with the organization of the order, Anno Ordinis, (A. O.) "In the year of the Order."

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, Anno Beneficio, (A. Beo.) "In the year of the blessing."

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, Anno Mundi, (A. M.) "In the year of the world."

## RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons — Add 4,000 years to the current year, thus: 1972 and 4,000 — 5972.

Royal Arch Masons — Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1972 and 530 — 2499.

Royal and Select Masters — Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1971 and 1,000 — 2972.

Knights Templar — From the Christian era take 1,118; thus 1,118 from 1972 — 851.

Order of High Priesthood — To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1972 — 3880.

Scottish Rite — Add 3,760 to the current year; thus 1972 and 3,760 — 5729.

## A HISTORY OF MONITOR LODGE, U. S. D. .

George W. Rosenlof, Grand Historian

This document represents a second attempt to record and make available the story of the granting of a dispensation to a lodge of Masons of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. This lodge was unique in the sense that it had no permanent home of its own and that it never was chartered. As Francis E. White, the Grand Secretary of the Nebraska Grand Lodge, had said, it was a "traveling lodge," holding its meetings wherever its members were stationed. In some instances they found it convenient to hold their meetings in an already regularly chartered lodge-room of Free Masons.

Not only was it a "traveling lodge" but its officers and members were military personnel within the First Regiment Nebraska Infantry, later designated as the First Nebraska Cavalry, United States Volunteers of the Civil War.

It should be pointed out that the Military History of the Nebraska Territory prior to The Civil War period was representative of what may be termed purely local and almost altogether defensive units. The problems of the pioneers were related chiefly to providing for the safety of the early settlers against the attacks of the several tribes of Indians living in the Territory. This was only natural. The "white man," they feared, had come to take from their "happy hunting grounds" which were their sole source of needed subsistence and even survival. Unfortunately there were instances when some of these new settlers became provocative and resorted to a degree of violence that could not help but arouse hatred between the tribes and the newcomers.

On December 23, 1854, the Acting Governor of the Territory, T.B. Cummings, recommended that the citizens organize in their two respective communities - one north of the Platte River and the other south. There were voluntary companies or regiments intended for defense purposes. They would serve as night sentinels in the frontier districts. It was also proposed that "block-houses" be erected as suitable places of refuge in case of attack by the Indians, mainly the savage Sioux, the Pawnees and the Otoes.

In 1855 commissioners were appointed to serve as officers in the "First Regiment." Some twelve or thirteen of the citizens were designated. It is of interest to note that Peter A. Sarpy was appointed as Quartermaster General of the First Brigade. This person was the first initiate in Bellevue Lodge in 1855. He was truly a hardy pioneer and an Indian Trader for thirty-six years in Bellevue.

It is a matter of record that the citizens of Nebraska Territory were unquestionably loyal patriots devoted to the cause of the Union during the Civil War. Nebraska Territory was never "remiss in doing its duty to its country in the hours of its peril." It gave not only "reasonably but generously" and manifested an "intense spirit of loyalty."

While a bill for the "abolition of slavery" was introduced in December, 1860, and passed by the Territorial Legislature, it was vetoed by Governor S. W. Black, on the ground of its constitutionality. He was an advocate of the slave traffic but not one to endorse secession. Two years later he died, gallantly leading a brigade of troops to battle, demonstrating his loyalty to the Union Cause. With the declaring of War in April of 1861, two companies of the Nebraska Infantry were formed and began their training, drilling nightly. With these beginnings there came into the First Nebraska Infantry, later designated as First Nebraska Cavalry.

We now return to our original intent to rewrite the story of Monitor Lodge, U. D. I. We will now confine our endeavor wholly to the subject of Masonry and its development from July, 1863 to June of 1866. Thus far we have sought to establish the relationship between Monitor Lodge, U. D. I. and the Military Activities of The First Nebraska Infantry.

In this regiment there were sure to be devoted and faithful Masons who would, at their earliest opportunity, seek the proper procedures for organizing a lodge of Masons, thus affording the means of sojourning together, Masonically speaking, and extending the privileges to any worthy and well qualified person to become a Master Mason in due and ancient form.

An earlier history of Monitor Lodge U. D. I. was written by Frances E. White, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge from June 1899 to June 11, 1925. This history was published in August, 1917. It was, unfortunately, a very limited edition. An original copy of this history was found in the Nebraska State Historical Society Library. At that time we took occasion to read it rather carefully, having resolved that at some early date we would make an intensive study of the document. A member of the library staff of the State Historical Society provided us with a zerox copy. With this, coupled with the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge from 1857 to 1868, it was possible to put together sufficient documentary evidences to adequately provide us with ample source material.

It was fortunate that Brother White was, by virtue of his office as Grand Secretary, enabled to find many original documents in his possession relating to the granting of a dispensation to form Monitor Lodge U. D. I. These materials together with the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska enabled him to bring together some information of the services of the Regiment as well as biographical material of the members of Monitor Lodge, U. D. I. who were also members of The First Nebraska Regiment, Infantry and later the First Nebraska Cavalry, United States Volunteers of the Civil War.

The primary purpose of preparing this particular document, is that of making available to the Nebraska Masonic Fraternity at this time an historical account of a most unique incident in the early history of Masonry in the Nebraska Territory. If not now undertaken, it may be lost entirely or only dimly remembered - and that by a very limited number

of the members of the Masonic Fraternity. It is a most interesting and unusual story, very indicative of Masonic faith and devotion manifest by our early pioneer settlers in the Territory of Nebraska, more than a century ago.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the Territory of Nebraska held its sixth annual communication at Omaha in June, 1863. A number of the Grand Lodge Officers were notably absent including the Most Worshipful Grand Master George Armstrong, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Lee P. Gillette, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden and Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden G. W. Wilkinson. Three others, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer were also absent. It is probably that some if not all may have had commitments as volunteers in the First Nebraska Infantry. On this matter it was recorded that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, George Armstrong, addressed a communication to Past Grand Master Robert S. Jordan saying that "duties connected with my position as an officer in the Second Nebraska Cavalry compel me to leave for the West this evening (June 16, 1863) and it will be impossible for me to return before the Grand Lodge has closed its labors."

Daniel H. Wheeler was elected Grand Master, having served as Grand Secretary P. T. during the sixth Annual Communication. In his Annual Address on June 23, 1864 it was recorded that on July 30, 1863 he had "granted dispensation to Bros. R. R. Livingston, Lee P. Gillette, G. W. Wilkinson, S. M. Curran and five others, all Master Masons, authorizing them to open "Monitor Lodge" in the First Regiment, Nebraska Infantry, located in the field, and recommended by Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

Prior to taking this action, a covering letter, dated July 13, 1863, addressed from Knob Mill in Missouri, and signed by Brother Lee P. Gillette, the Grand Lecturer of the Nebraska Grand Lodge and C. W. Wilkinson, the Grand Senior Deacon setting forth one specific reason for the request. These two brethren noted that in the Missouri Jurisdiction they had "come down" on Rob Morris and the "work" as taught by him and that they, the petitioners, had refused to sit in Missouri lodges. The brethren from Iowa were of like mind and had also refused to sit in these lodges.

In the petition itself there were three reasons in support of their request:

1. "We are placed in a situation where we cannot meet with a regular organized lodge for months together."
2. "The Grand Lodge of Missouri has passed resolutions requiring all who visit their lodges to take an extra oath, which in our opinion does not in the least appertain to Masonry."
3. "We have many in our Regiment who are anxious to become mem-

bers of our Ancient and Honorable order whom we consider to be good and true men and who will do good work in our order with pleasure to themselves and honor to our Fraternity."

The petition bore the signatures of Brothers Gillette and Wilkinson as Worshipful Master and Senior Warden together with S. M. Curran as Junior Warden. The others were: G. W. Wilkinson, Omadi Lodge No. 5, Nebraska; R. R. Livingston, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Nebraska; F. L. Cramer, Nodaway Lodge No. 140, Iowa; J. P. Murphy, Nodaway Lodge No. 140, Iowa; William L. Jaycox, Taylor Lodge No. 156, Iowa; and R. C. Jordan, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Nebraska. The petition, it is noted, was received July 21st and the dispensation was issued July 30th, 1863 authorizing the opening of Monitor Lodge U. D. .

Barring some possible errors as to dates, it would appear that the meeting to organize the lodge was held July 29th, 1863, and unless the brethren had the dispensation in their possession they could not have organized the lodge.

It could well be that the Grand Master, anticipating favorable action by the Standing Committee on Charters and Dispensations, had written in advance on July 22, 1863 stating that the dispensation was to be favorably acted upon by the recommendation of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Strange as it may seem, the name of our First Grand Master, Robert C. Jordan did not appear in the dispensation. It may have been added afterward as a mark of courtesy.

Another item of interest should be recorded here. In his Annual Address to the Grand Lodge held in Plattsmouth on June 23, 1864 and referring to his action as of June 23, 1863, granting the dispensation to Monitor Lodge U. D. . he made this observation:

I was at somewhat of a loss when petitioned for a dispensation for a lodge in the First Nebraska Infantry, whether to grant the petition or refuse it. Our constitution is entirely silent on the subject. After deliberation and consultation, knowing well that the interests of the Fraternity would never be allowed to suffer, nor the Fraternity brought into disrepute, when confronted to the care of as bright and trusty Brother Gillette, Wilkinson, and Livingston. Brother Gillette informs me that the Brothers of Monitor Lodge, U. D. . desire their dispensation to be continued for another year. The Brothers intended to be present with their report and dues, but are unable to be here, military duties interfering I would therefore recommend that they be granted a dispensation for another year.

This recommendation was approved by the Committee on Charters and Dispensations and by the Grand Lodge. ((Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, vol. 1 (1857-1868) page 316 and 364).

At the time of the eighth annual communication held at Brownville, Nebraska, on June 22-24, 1865, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Daniel H. Wheeler, in his annual address made reference to the horrors of the

Civil War and the part being played by our brethren as members of the First Nebraska Infantry Regiment as it was later designated. These were his words:

While in many of the states our brethren have suffered the dread horrors of war, we have enjoyed comparative peace, and from the throne of the Grand Master of all, we have reason to believe blessed answers have been sent to petitions offered from our altar one year ago; the darkness of war's night is fast passing away, and the angels of mercy and peace are descending upon our nation.

The dispensation of Monitor Lodge, U. .D. . was extended for a second year in June, 1864, provided that this lodge forward the usual fees and dues as required. The Proceedings are silent in 1865 as to any responses from the officers of Monitor Lodge U. .D. . or any information concerning the activities in which this lodge had been engaged during the year just closing. The Grand Secretary did notify the Officers of Monitor Lodge U. .D. . of the action taken but had received no reply.

We now must recite some of the concluding actions relating to Monitor Lodge U. .D. . as recorded in the Proceedings for the year of 1866. In his annual address to the members of the Grand Lodge on the occasion of its ninth annual communication, June 21, 1866, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Robert W. Furnas made the following observations:

It is important that the Grand Lodge take into consideration the matter of Monitor Lodge U. .D. . a dispensation was granted by my predecessor to brethren in the First Nebraska Volunteers. If I am not mistaken no report has been received from that lodge. With in the past year, many who claim to have been members of that lodge have applied to me for special dispensation to allow their petitions to be received and acted upon. While the simple non-existence of that lodge, from whatever cause, would restore members formerly belonging to other lodges to their original status in their old lodges, some provision should be made for those who were made Masons in Monitor Lodge. Notwithstanding my opinion of the law, as above expressed, as to the effect of a non-existence lodge under dispensation upon members who formerly belonged to other lodges, I granted a special dispensation to Brother R. R. Livingston, that any lodge within our jurisdiction, might receive and act upon his petition.

Accordingly a special committee was authorized to consider the problem of granting demits to those brethren who had received their degrees in Monitor Lodge U. .D. .

After due consideration a special committee recommended that when the Treasurer of Monitor Lodge U. .D. . shall have paid to the Grand Lodge Treasurer the amount due from that lodge, and return the assets to the Grand Treasurer, together with their dispensation, all brethren of said lodge affiliated elsewhere "shall at once be considered subject to and in membership with the lodge with which they were connected at

the time they entered the Nebraska Regiment. Furthermore all who were made Masons by the said lodge while it was in existence, shall receive such certificates as may be necessary from this Grand Lodge, that they may affiliate with the lodge in whose jurisdiction they may hereafter reside. This recommendation was thereafter approved by the Grand Lodge.

For the first time there was published in the 1866 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge the official return of Monitor Lodge, U. D. showing a membership of Master Masons, with a listing of the officers: Lee P. Gillette, Worshipful Master, R. R. Livingston, S. W., S. M. Curran, J. W., W. L. Jaycox, Treasurer, J. P. Murphy, Secretary, G. W. Wilkinson, Sr. Deacon, W. B. Folsom, Jr. Deacon, and G. A. Hess, Tyler.

On June 23, 1866, the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, in his report stated that Monitor Lodge U. D. had not remitted the required dues and fees in the amount of \$106.00 However on August 24th, 1866, the Grand Secretary received said dues in the amount of \$105.60. This fact was duly reported by the Grand Treasurer at the time of the Tenth Annual Communication, June 20, 1867. The dispensation as originally granted on July 30, 1863, was returned to Grand Master Robert W. Furnas who in turn, as ordered by the Grand Lodge issued certificates to the brethren of Monitor Lodge U. D. who had received their degrees therein.

Thus far this account of Monitor Lodge U. D. has been concerned altogether with the official actions of the Grand Lodge dating from 1863 to 1868. Some background information relative to the First Regiment Nebraska Territory Infantry has been included also.

We have not thus far included any source materials found in the original minutes recorded by the Secretary of Monitor Lodge U. D. What follows represents Francis E. White's interpretations and quotations he had included in his 1917 publication.

Out of necessity we must greatly abbreviate this material. Anyone interested in getting the whole picture, it is suggested, may want to consult Brother White's "History of Monitor Lodge U. D.", a Zerex copy of which has been placed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

The "minutes" of Monitor Lodge U. D. were received in a paper bound book, ruled for Journal or Cash Transactions and costing but 60 cents. Surprisingly, Secretary White found the ink as legible as the day it was written. The format was simple. Each day's meeting was written *as seriatim*. Sometimes the signature of the secretary appeared and sometimes it was not. Usually the place of the meeting was recorded. As one would expect the journeyings of the First Nebraska Regiment were the determining factor. The pressures of military regulations were such that minutes were not always written promptly, nor in the order of their occur *and*.

There was no apparent doubt in the mind of the Grand Master, Brother Wheeler, as to the proficiency of the three principal officers to open

and close their lodge on the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry or as to their knowledge of the laws and customs in the Grand Jurisdiction. After all both Brother Gillette and Brother Wilkinson had functioned as Grand Officers. Comparatively the preliminaries for organizing Masonic lodges and for holding meetings were simpler than they are today. Francis E. White observed in his History of Monitor Lodge U. D. that a careful examination of the law of Freemasonry in force at the time the lodge was formed as it is found in the written and printed records shows that a sufficient amount of safeguards was thrown around the formation of the lodge to preserve the ancient landmarks, rules, and regulations of the Fraternity. There was nothing to indicate that the lodge was not properly formed.

The minutes show that at the regular meeting after that of organization, there were three petitions received from persons desiring to become members. On August 12, 1863 a stated meeting of Monitor Lodge U. D. took place at Ironton, Missouri, all officers being present. No Tyler had apparently been chosen at the stated meeting on August 26th, 1863. It appears that Gustavus A. Hesse had been selected to be the Tyler. It is shown that a called meeting of Monitor Lodge U. D. was held on August 19th, 1863. This is evidence of the zeal of the Brethren to be about their business of receiving petitions, initiating new members and increasing the membership of this newly organized lodge. On September 23rd, 1863, William B. McClelland was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. This took place in St. Louis, Missouri.

One item of interest was an order drawn on the Treasurer to reimburse Brother Robert R. Livingston for the payment of \$2.00, this for the use of "Irving Lodge, St. Louis." There is a question as to the accuracy of the "title" noted here. The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri do not indicate that a lodge by that name ever did exist in that Grand Jurisdiction. It may well have been a lodge in St. Louis but not by that name. On September 30th the last meeting of Monitor Lodge U. D. was held in St. Louis at which time it was announced by the Worshipful Master Lee P. Gillette that no meetings would be scheduled for the months of October and November. It must have been that circumstances, militarily speaking, would prevent any meetings during this two month period. It was not until December 9th, 1863, that Monitor Lodge U. D. could resume its labors. A regular stated meeting was held on that date at Rolla, Missouri. Aside from customary degree work there were no other matters to be taken up.

From Rolla, Missouri, the First Nebraska Cavalry (Note the change in name) moved to Batesville, Arkansas. At this point Brother Francis E. White, in his account, relates a conversation he had with Brother Robert R. Livingston. He learned from him, for example, that Batesville had been besieged by the Confederates and taken over by the enemy forces. In course of time the Confederates had withdrawn.

Monitor Lodge U. D. fortunately found the Masonic Hall in that community in perfect condition as to necessary facilities and conveni-

ences for holding their communications. It held its first meeting there on January 13, 1864. At this meeting there was presented the petition of Brother Lewis Lowry as an Entered Apprentice Mason from Mirable Lodge No. 166 at Mirable, Missouri. It was approved unanimously. Eventually he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Another interesting item reported to Brother White by Brother Livingston that a large number of brethren visiting Monitor Lodge U. D. were members of various lodges, of whom a considerable number "were not fighting on the side of the Union."

It might be worth mentioning that at this same communication Monitor Lodge U. D. received three petitions for membership from Thomas J. Majors, Francis A. McDonald and William M. Alexander. Many who read this will recall some vivid memories of Mr. Majors who during his later years became well known as a fine citizen, a leader in civic affairs and a friend of education.

From this point on it does not seem essential to detail reception of new petitions, the initiation of new members in the Entered Apprentice degree, or their passing and final raising as Master Masons.

Two more meetings were convened in January, 1864, one on the 20th and the other on the 27th. We should mention that the second person raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason was Brother Henry H. Ribble.

In February Monitor Lodge U. D. was faced with an exceedingly heavy docket. Five communications, two of them regular and three special called meetings were held, all of them were held in the Masonic Lodge in Batesville. It was noted by Brother White that Monitor Lodge U. D. must have been in favor of "Masonic light" in that it had authorized an expenditure of \$18.25 for candles along to be used by the lodges that met in the Masonic lodge-hall. During the month of February, 1864, three other members were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

In the month of March, 1864, there were records showing that Monitor Lodge U. D. had been convened no less than seven times. Its docket continued to be very heavy: at the first of these communications, March 2nd, 1864, a resolution was introduced providing that Monitor Lodge U. D. would consider the cases of all brethren, initiated, passed or raised as "emergency cases." On motion of Brother Livingston the resolution was unanimously approved.

This means, in its effect, that all laws and regulations governing the procedure in the matter of time concerning reception of petitions, initiation, passing and raising of candidates be waived in the interest of expediting the making of masons. This was found to be legal in that the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska had in 1863 made provision for just such a procedure.

A called meeting of Monitor Lodge U. D. on March 19th, 1864 was

convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the application of a number of brethren of the Eleventh Regiment of Missouri Cavalry petitioning the Grand Lodge of Missouri for a dispensation authorizing them to hold a lodge in their regiment. Brother L. W. Brown had been recommended for Worshipful Master of the projected lodge. He had been duly examined for his proficiency in the several degrees of Masonry and was approved.

It was the feeling of the Worshipful Master of Monitor Lodge U. D. D. that no further action be taken until satisfactory proof was presented as to the Masonic standing of certain brethren whose names appeared on the petition. Without that assurance Monitor Lodge U. D. D. could not sponsor such a proposal.

On the next day March 20th, 1864, Monitor Lodge U. D. D. did resolve to recommend to the Grand Master of Masons of the State of Missouri that it found everything in order and that the petitioners be granted the dispensation requested.

The foregoing action is a further evidence of the fine Masonic influence being spread abroad by Monitor Lodge U. D. D. The disposition of this effort by the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri to grant the aforesaid petition is not essentially the business of this writer. It well may be the business of a Grand Historian of the Missouri Grand Lodge. Suffice it to say the Grand Lodge of Missouri took no action to grant the dispensation.

The minutes of the meeting of Monitor Lodge U. D. D. on March 23rd and April 13th, 1864 reveal the care with which the officers conducted their business. The books of both the Treasurer and secretary were examined and found in good order and correct. It was felt that in the case of called meetings brethren calling them for the benefit of any particular brother be defrayed by the brother for whom the meeting is called. It is evident that there was a need for curtailing lodge expenses wherever possible. Batesville was the site of all meetings held from January 13th, 1864 to April 13th 1864.

From here the regiment moved to Jacksonport, Arkansas. On May 21st Monitor Lodge U. D. D. met for what was its last meeting so far as the records show. On that occasion two petitioners were initiated in the Entered Apprentice degree. The lodge was closed, peace and harmony prevailing.

While it would be of much interest to know more about the personal lives of all those who were members of this "traveling lodge" and of their particular activities as citizens, soldiers, churchmen, business or professional leaders or as members of the Masonic Fraternity. In this latter case we would assert that they bore a record of true loyalty and devotion to all the precepts and principles upon which the Masonic fraternity was and ever has been founded. In particular they were brethren faithful and loyal to each other whether they were of the persuasion of the Gray or of the Blue. The welfare of one brother was as important as that

of another. Both were sworn to a belief in the brotherhood of man, the fatherhood of God and the immortality of the human soul.

We bring this historical account to a conclusion just as Francis White had done in 1917 by a reference to the First Nebraska Regiment. It rendered good service and was engaged in a number of important battles. Colonel Thayer, a brigade commander said: "Nobly did the First Nebraska sustain its reputation well earned on the field of Donelson. Its progress onward during the whole day, in the face of a galling fire of the enemy, moving on without flinching. . . They are deserving of the highest commendation for gallantry."

Brother R. R. Livingston, late in 1865, was promoted from Colonel of the First Nebraska Cavalry to Commander of the District, North East Arkansas.

The First Nebraska Regiment was furloughed from June 21st until August 13th, 1864. It returned to Ft. Kearney in Nebraska and was mustered out of the service on July 1st, 1866.

It can truly be said that Monitor Lodge U. .D. . had a history of its own worthy of being commemorated. The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska did well and nobly in granting the request from the Brethren to permit Monitor Lodge U. .D. . to be formed.

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