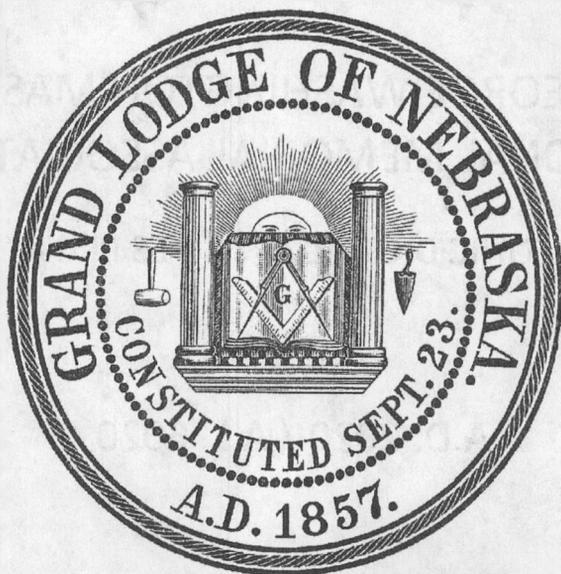


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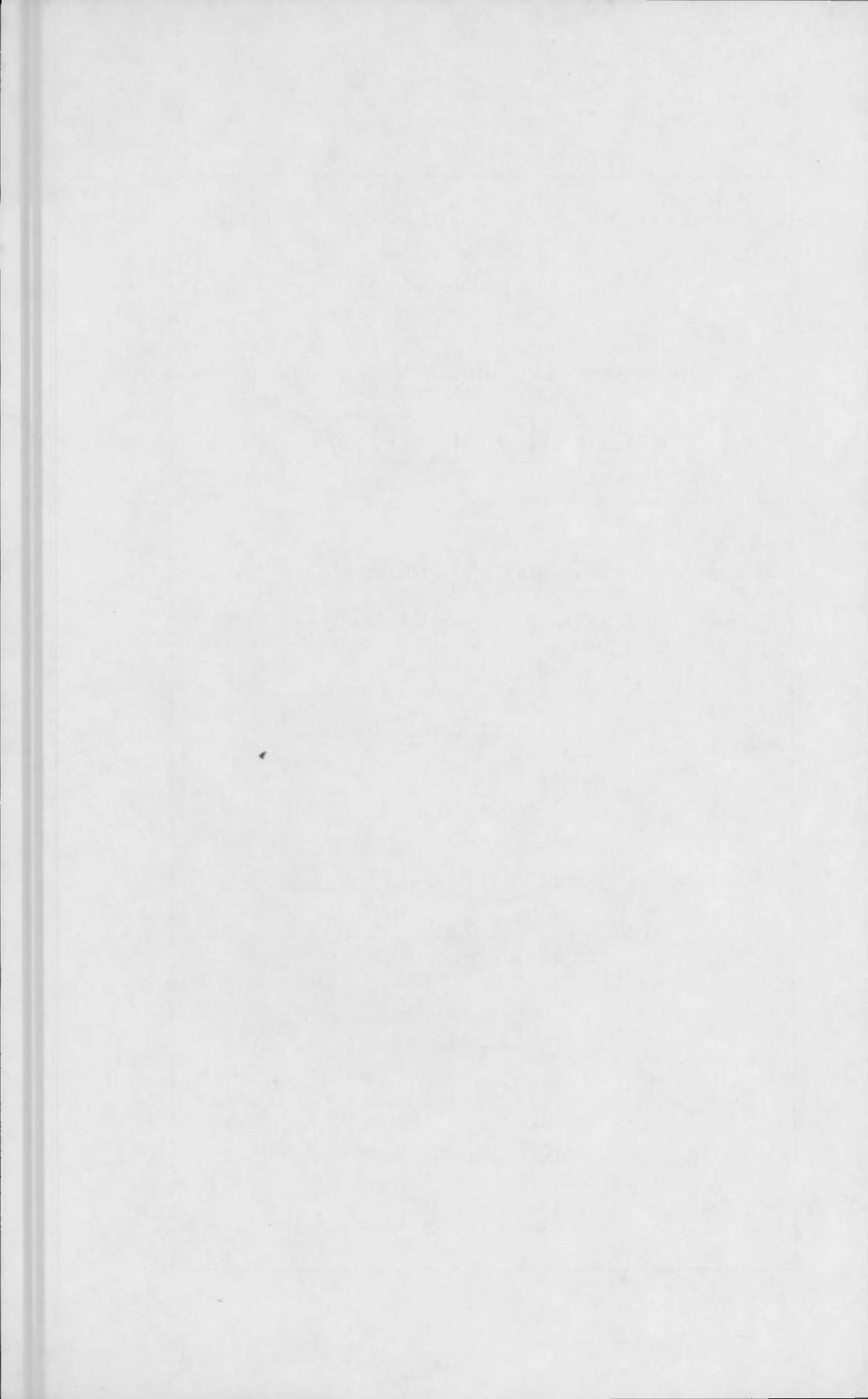
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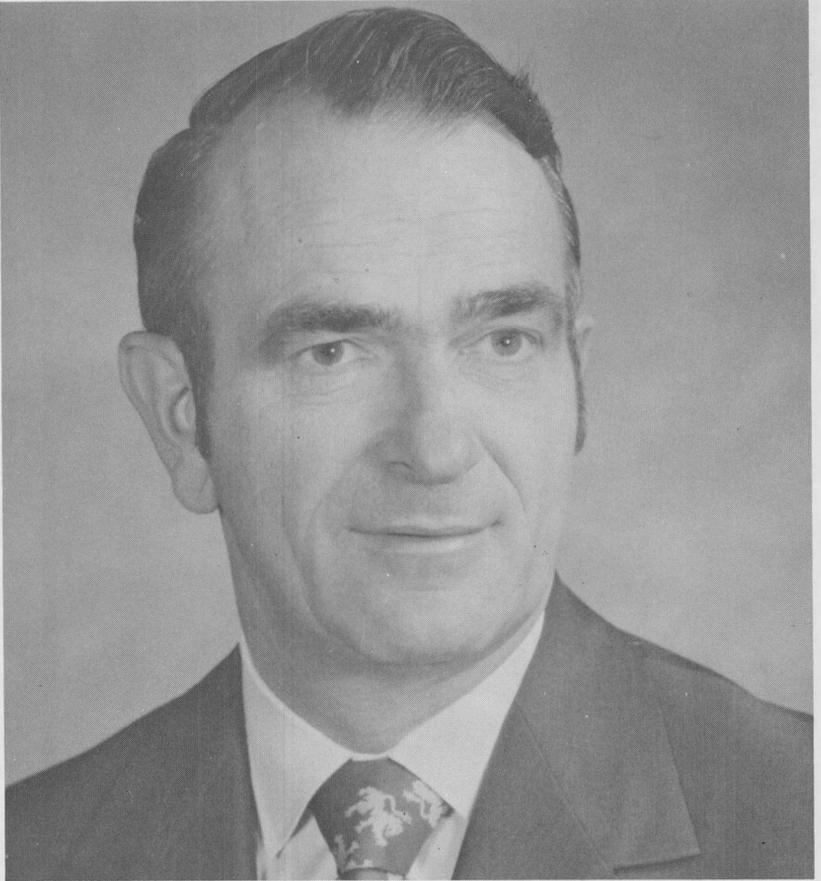
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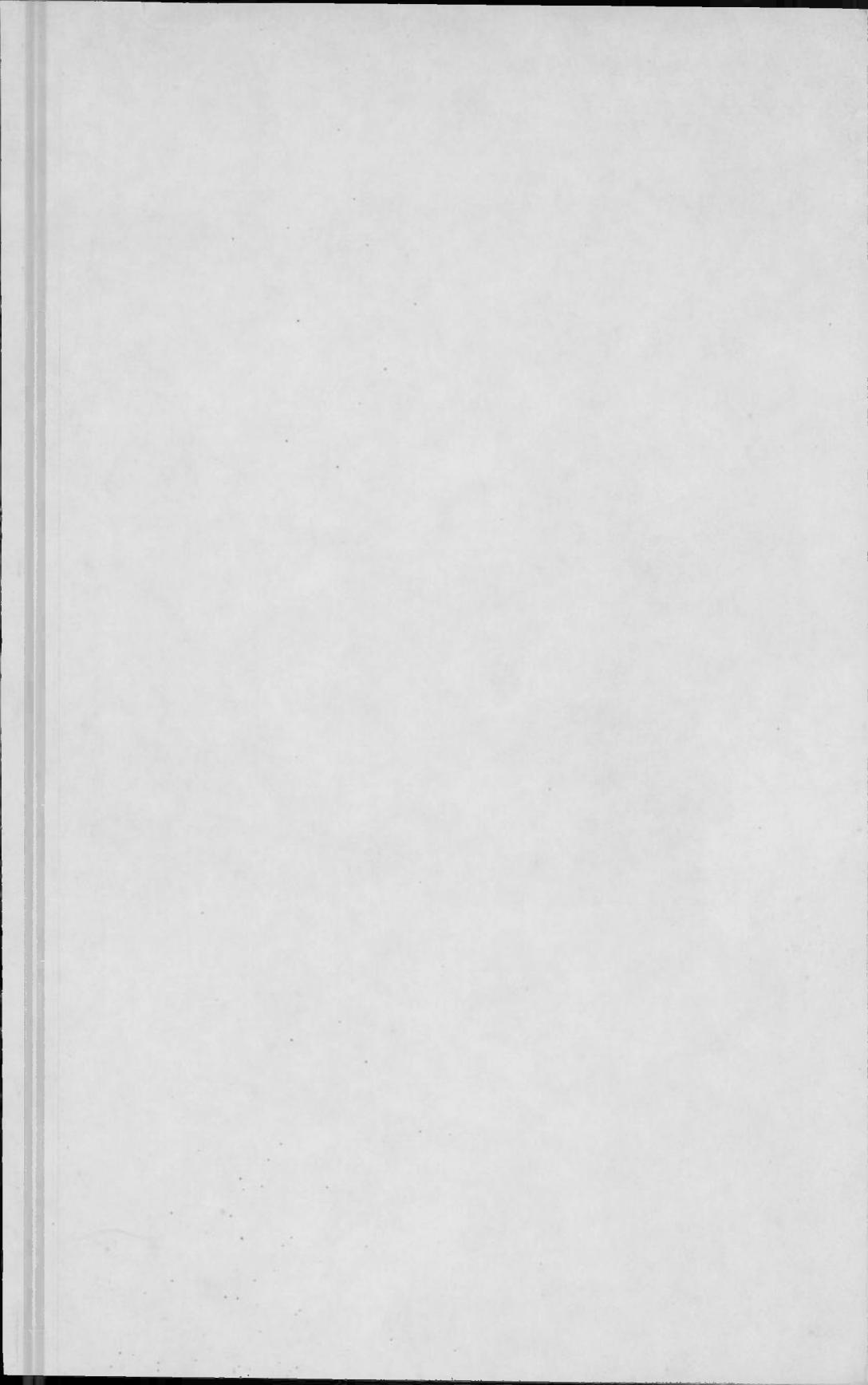




*Donald A. Moore*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1973-1974



# Biographical



## Frank J. Mattoon

Frank J. Mattoon was born July 21, 1922, at Beatrice, Nebraska, the son of Harold and Annette Mattoon. He was graduated from Beatrice High School in 1940, and from the University of Nebraska in 1947 with an A.B., and from the College of Law in 1949 with an LLB degree. He served as President of his social fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, and is a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

M.W. Brother Frank was married to Treva Mutchmore in August, 1944, and they have two children, Steve and Susan. Brother Mattoon served with the 70th Inf. Div., and the 16th U.S. Constabulary in the European Theater in W.W. II, and was discharged a Captain in the Infantry in 1946. He was decorated with the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Bronze Star with Cluster for outstanding service for his country.

After graduation from Law College, Brother Frank was a trial examiner with the State Railway Commission in 1949 and 1950, and since Sept. 1950, he has been engaged in the practice of law with the firm of Martin, Mattoon and Matzke in Sidney, Nebr., where he has won the reputation as an excellent attorney. He has been active in many professional efforts in the State and American Bar Associations, as well as in the American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Sidney Rotary Club; Elks; and an Elder in the Light Memorial Presbyterian Church in Sidney, Nebraska..

### MASONIC RECORD

Lodge — Initiated, passed and raised in Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in 1949; Transferred to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 at Sidney, Nebr., in 1950, and served as Worshipful Master in 1968.

York Rite — Member of Tyrian Chapter No. 29, Royal Arch Masons, and High Priest; member of Cana Council No. 31, Royal and Select Masters; and Temple Commandry No. 30 of Knights Templar at Sidney, Nebr.,

Scottish Rite — Member of Alliance — Consistory;

Member of Tehama Temple of the Shrine at Hastings, Nebr.; Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association, and is an Honorary Legion of Honor member of the Order of DeMolay.

We have been most fortunate to have had M.W. Brother Mattoon as our Grand Master this past year. He has shown spirit and energy in carrying out the duties of his office. He has given of himself in the application of wisdom and understanding to cement the bonds of fraternal friendship and brotherly love among our brethren throughout Nebraska.

M.W. Brother Frank served our Grand Lodge as Grand Orator in 1968 and 1969, and was appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M.W. Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart in June of 1969. He was elected Grand Junior Warden in 1970; Grand Senior Warden in 1971; Deputy Grand Master in 1972; and was elevated to the office of Grand Master by his brethren in 1973. He has served with great distinction and dedication.

Our Grand Lodge, and all brethren in Nebraska owe this fine brother a debt of gratitude for his splendid and devoted service in the cause of Freemasonry and we would hope that he will continue to labor in behalf of all of us in the fraternity, so that we may reap the benefits of his interest and efforts for many years.

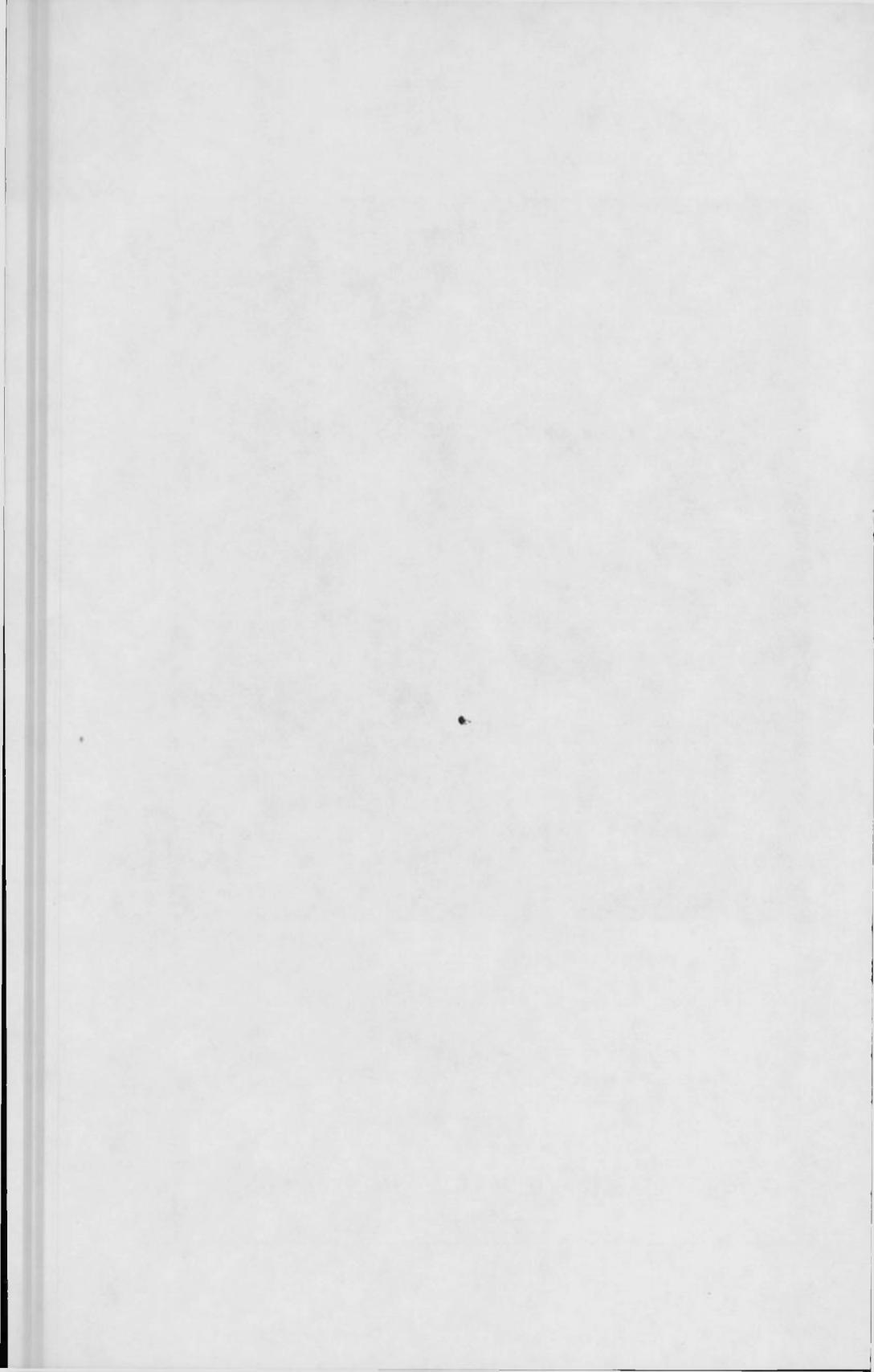
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*Donald R Swanson*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA

1974-1975



# PROCEEDINGS

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Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable  
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of Nebraska

## ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

*Held in Kearney, June 14 and 15, 1974*

### FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

*Friday, June 14, 1974*

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, Kearney at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 14, A.D. 1974, A. L. 5974.

#### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. W. Frank J. Mattoon, 75 .....	Grand Master
R. W. Donald R. Swanson, 54 .....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Harold Hultman, 39.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. T. Leo Stines, 36.....	Grand Junior Warden
M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72 .....	Grand Secretary
V. W. Harold B. Taylor, 6.....	Grand Chaplain
W. Bevin B. Bump, 158 .....	Grand Orator
W. George W. Rosenlof, 314 .....	Grand Historian
W. Ralph W. Gerry, 281 .....	Grand Custodian
W. Harold C. Wurdeman 323.....	Grand Marshal
W. Alfred B. Saum, 46 .....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Jack H. Hendrix, 174 .....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Kenneth G. Fleming, 75 .....	Grand Tyler

Promptly at 8:30 a.m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Frank J. Mattoon, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, 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 117th 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 V. W. Harold B. Taylor to the altar for the purpose of prayer.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

Presentation of the Flag of the United States was made by Sir Knights of Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11, K. T.

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

W. Alfred B. Saum, Grand Senior Deacon presented the following Past Grand Masters according to seniority.

William B. Wanner .....	(79th) .....	1943
Benjamin F. Eyre .....	(81st) .....	1946
Elmer E. Magee .....	(83rd).....	1948
Thomas J. Aron .....	(86th) .....	1951
Charles F. Adams .....	(89th) .....	1954
Joseph C. Tye .....	(94th) .....	1959
John F. Futcher .....	(95th) .....	1960
Herbert A. Ronin .....	(96th) .....	1961
Ernest O. Van Wey .....	(97th) .....	1962
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
Russell L. Fickes .....	(106th)....	1971
Howard J. Hunter.....	(107th)....	1972
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 other causes: Edward F. Carter; George A. Kurk; William C. Schaper; Edward Huwaldt; Edward M. Knight; Harry A. Spencer.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart gave the response for the Past Grand Masters.

## RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following:

MISSOURI: W. James A. Noland, Jr., Junior Grand Deacon, and Personal Representative of M. W. Walter L. Walker, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

MINNESOTA: W. Ross E. Frederickson, Senior Grand Deacon, and Personal Representative of M. W. Harry P. Larson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and R. W. Otis H. Godfrey, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

KANSAS: M. W. Forrest D. Haggard, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and R. W. Albert O. Arnold, Jr., Grand Secretary.

IOWA: R. W. Homer E. Stutters, Senior Grand Warden, and Personal Representative of M. W. Joseph Z. Marks, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and R. W. Charles T. Jackson, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO: M. W. Clarence C. Carlson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

WYOMING: M. W. Clark Perry, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Paul S. Woodward, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

SOUTH DAKOTA: M. W. Lawrence J. Larson, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and W. Ronald E. Lockwood, Grand Sword Bearer.

NEBRASKA: R. E. Ralph R. Carleton, Grand Secretary-Recorder, York Rite Bodies. M. W. Harry L. Scheffel, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M., M. I. Wayne W. Reese, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M., Dr. William Beckenhauer, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O.E.S.; Brother William F. Patterson, President, The Nebraska Masonic Home, 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, Robert G. Batt, Potentate, Tehama Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

M. W. Frank J. Mattoon welcomed the Distinguished Guests with words of thanks for honoring our Communication.

### GREETINGS AND MESSAGES

M. W. FORREST D. HAGGARD, GRAND MASTER, GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M. OF KANSAS:

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren all:

On behalf of the Distinguished Guests whom you just received, I respond with our appreciation and thanks for the opportunity to be here to share in this grand Communication and to communicate with each other. Communication is a word that we talk about and I hope that we literally engage in this activity of Fellowship as well as ritual. The other morning I sat in the Inten-

sive Care unit of a large medical center because I am a Clergyman, I had three young people who were dying because of accidents. Standing next to the bed of a person whom I had never met were a Father, Mother and about a fourteen year old girl, and I have a thirteen year old in my family, the Father was trying to get this girl to respond. He said, "if you hear my voice, squeeze my hand, and then he said, if you can hear me at all, because I love you, would you just move, just let me know". Later on in the hallway, met again, don't know his name, never met him before. He said to me and I am a perfect stranger, "I would give anything in the world if I could have my daughter say something. Last night at the supper table, she talked, talked, talked and I said to her, can't you ever shut-up, won't you keep quiet for just one minute. But this morning, I would give everything if she would say one word." As I turned away, he grabbed me by the shoulder and said, "I will tell you something else, I would give my own life if I could only know for sure that she knew that I loved her." While you have a chance to communicate, I hope you communicate with each other. M. W. Grand Master, I think that is the name of the game in which we are engaged, and we are glad to be a part of your communication on a real level of human beings.

Thank you.

#### WILLIAM BECKENHAUER, WORTHY GRAND PATRON:

M. W. Sir, Brother Frank and your Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests and brethren all:

I am delighted to have this opportunity to bring sincere and most cordial greetings from the Nebraska Grand Chapter, O.E.S. and its 38,000 members. The ties between our Orders could not be closer thus we share interests and allegiances. Encouragement and promotion of our Youth groups, DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters, is one of our objectives. We respect and appreciate deeply and sincerely that monument of Masonic Love you built, The Nebraska Masonic Home, and we share with you in support of the Fremont Home for Children, For our Grand Chapter project this year, the Worthy Grand Matron Sister Agnes Bowman and I plan to give a twelve passenger Club Van to the Fremont Home for Children. A seriously need of transportation that automobiles cannot provide. Brother Frank, as a token of our appreciation for your work in The Masonic Home, we have a token of our appreciation of the finest kind. This is negotiable. It is my pleasure to present you with this check. It is a thank you for providing a haven of peace and rest for those who need a place of security, care and dignity. Lastly, Brethren,

I would extend to all of you to attend our Centennial session of Grand Chapter next May. A memorable and happy occasion for all.

Brother Frank, we wish for you and for this Grand Lodge Communication, much success with God's guidance in you deliberations and His blessings on you decisions.

OLEN BRAKE, PAST MASTER, BEATRICE NO. 26

M. .W. . Sir, Distinguished Guests and Brethren :

It is my distinct honor and privilege to have been asked to represent the family of Frank Warner Smith, who was a member of the Beatrice Lodge No. 26, in making this presentation to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska during this 117th Annual Communication. Frank Warner Smith, a faithful Mason and a close friend of many of the brethren here, passed away on August 10, 1972. He was a dedicated member and willing worker in Beatrice Lodge and the York Rite Bodies in that community. I recall when he received his fifty year button from the Beatrice Lodge, as I was Master at that time, and how proud he was to wear this precious jewel. His wife, Mrs. Gladys M. Smith, an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star, having recently received her fifty year pin from that great Order. Brother F. Warner's pride in the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth was very evident, for he spoke of it often and enlisted the support of this fine institution whenever possible. While he lived, he truly exemplified the principles of Freemasonry. Through this generous gift he and his family have given tangible expression and support to one of the benevolent purposes of this Great Fraternity. May I now read the letter of transmittal on behalf of his beloved wife Gladys M. Smith.

"Dated June 1, 1974. Grand Lodge, Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, 201 Masonic Temple, Omaha, Nebr.. To Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary, Gentlemen: Frank Warner Smith of 810 No. 11th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, passed away August 10, 1972. In his will, he bequeathed a memorial gift to The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in the amount of \$50,000.00 as a memorial from F. Warner Smith and his wife Gladys M. Smith. Frank Warner Smith was a member of Beatrice Lodge No. 26, having received his fifty year pin on May 6, 1963. He was also a member of Livingstone Chapter No. 10 R. .A. .M. .; Raboni Council No. 9, R. .&S. .M. . and Mt. Herman Commandery No. 7 K. .T. . all of Beatrice, Nebraska. Enclosed herewith is a check payable to the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, a memorial gift in the amount of \$50,000.00." Yours truly,  
Gladys M. Smith.

### INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

M. W. Frank J. Mattoon, 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
Harry N. Ahl, 112.....	1959
Lloyd I. Edwards, 110.....	1960
Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191.....	1960
Stanley E. Brunton, 222.....	1961
Gordon Chard, 240 .....	1962
Harold A. Tilton, 71.....	1962
Arthur S. Dye, 317.....	1964
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. Greiss, 49 .....	1966
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
D. 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
Mannie O. Hansen, 1.....	1973

## DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

Austin F. Whitmire, 75  
 Carroll C. Raymer, 164  
 Cecil C. Gates, 227  
 Lewis E. Baker, 135  
 Louis V. Sylvester, 281  
 Geroge S. Schwab, 49  
 Harold M. Wilkerson, 54  
 Ernest E. James, 1  
 Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314  
 Mathias E. Mael, 173  
 Erwin J. Imig, 38  
 Richard L. Wait, 19  
 Sebert A. Stover, 281  
 Clifford D. Webster, 321  
 Frank H. Smith, 301  
 W. Upton Dawson, 135  
 T. Leo Stines, 36  
 Walter Brown, 1  
 Glenn W. Binder, 23

 REPRESENTATIVE OF OTHER GRAND LODGE  
 NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. .W. . Frank J. Mattoon, 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 Lodges that were in the fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, were present except Alabama, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brasilia, Brazil, Bahia, Matto Gerais, Rio Grande do Sul, Sao Paulo, Canada, Chile, China, Columbia Nat'l Grand Lodge, Denmark, Finland, France, Idaho, Illinois, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, State of, Japan, Luxembourg, Montana, New Brunswick, New South Wales, New York, North Carolina, Norway, Ohio, Panama, Queensland, Rhode Island, Scotland, South Carolina, Sweden, Switzerland, Tasmania, Tennessee, Texas, Turkey, Utah, Vermont, Victoria, Washington.

Response given by M. .W. . Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Master

M. .W. . CHARLES F. ADAMS, PAST GRAND MASTER:

M. .W. . Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and My Brethren all: We your Grand Representatives are deeply appreciative of the recognition which you have given to us here this morning. As you have mentioned in your previous remarks, this is a demonstration or a little ceremony to commemorate the universality of Masonry, not

in just Nebraska, not in just our border states, not in just the United States of America, but around the world. We are appreciative of the opportunity to be a part of that distinguished group, and as M. .W. . Brother Haggard said, "to contribute in a small way to communication between Grand Jurisdictions". If you will pardon a personal reference, I feel deeply honored to represent the Mother Grand Lodge of the entire world, The United Grand Lodge of England. I am indebted to M. .W. . Brother Norris Lallman for that appointment. During my term as Grand Master, I was privileged to recommend for appointment to M. .W. . Brother Fay Smith, who passed to his Eternal Reward, and upon his death M. .W. . Brother Lallman was kind enough to suggest my name and I was in due time appointed. Pardon, again a personal reference, but it illustrates the opportunities we have with our group and with our counterpart to represent our Grand Lodge in other parts of the Nation and of the World.

Last week end I was with the Grand Representative of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and he plans to come to our next Annual Communication. About three years ago, I was privileged to be in London, England. I presented my compliments to the Grand Secretary, he put me in touch with my counterpart over there. A very delightful gentleman former member of Parliament, a Brother Lawyer and we have had stimulating and interesting correspondence ever since that time. I do recommend to each of my compatriots in this Grand Representative group, that you do make some effort to get in touch with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge you represent and your counterpart there, and if possible, make a journey to that Grand Jurisdiction. You will be received warmly and it will be a very rewarding experience.

Again, M. .W. . Sir, I thank you for the recognition of our group and we pledge to you our continued efforts to communicate to the end that the universality of Masonry will become more and more real as the years go by.

M. .W. .FRANK J. MATTOON, GRAND MASTER:

Brethren, the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska recognizes deeply the part played by the Masters and Wardens of the Subordinate Lodges. We know that the success of Masonry and, in like manner, its short comings in our Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, is due through the efforts or non-efforts of the officers and brethren of local lodges, and also, of course, where Grand Lodge Officers fail and Past Grand Masters fail, this also lends its mark. I am not putting any emphasis on failure, but I do wish to speak of the importance of the Masters to Masonry in Nebraska. In recognition of that importance, we wanted a special place of presentation of the Masters of the lodges to this Grand Lodge Communication assembled. They have a place to sit together, we are hopeful that they will make

acquaintances with other Masters, that when problems are discussed that no problem will be discussed without a solution offered, we hope that they become fast friends. I think it is one method that we can use to recognize that there are others in the state of Nebraska and in our Grand Jurisdiction, who are in the same boat that each of us are during the administration of our respective years as Masters of our Lodges.

In short, I just like to say that the Grand Lodge appreciates the efforts of the Masters of the lodges. We know of your trials, troubles and tribulations, we know also of your satisfactions and we know of your dedication to Masonry. For this reason, we will now present the Master for recognition.

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

M. W. JOSEPH C. TYE, PAST GRAND MASTER; Member of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46

M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, delegates to this 117th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, I did not know that ordinarily on this program, there was a place for a welcome. Brother, Grand Master, right now with all these people here and everybody at work, it seems, in this wonderful delegation, I don't know what to say about a welcome. I look back a few years in the Annual Communications to see what others, who may have been called upon to welcome you, had said. I concluded that all of those records, I had seen where about the right thing. All they had printed was, Welcome by Brother Joe Dokes and response by Jim Doe. I thought that was a pretty good welcome. We, in Kearney and with my speaking on behalf of my lodge, Rob Morris No. 46, wish to extend to each of you, a most hearty welcome, we are indeed pleased because many of us have been concerned about having Grand Lodge meet this far in the state. This is as farther west, I believe, that Grand Lodge has ever convened. We are most happy, of course, this year, to have in the Grand Lodge line, one of our own lodge members A.B. Saum, who served this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Marshal for five years, and those of us at Kearney are most happy to see him in line. Perhaps that is the reason we had such a fine attendance. It may be that A.B. has been out stomping the state campaigning for something in order to protect his rank. But I think you will have no difficulty in observing how rank he is before the day is over.

During this year the Grand Master has stressed our youth organizations. We are also grateful to him because of his pressing the visitation program and the guest night programs, which are bringing people who know nothing about Masonry and who wonder just who we are and why we are. Since

they are making some bids for something, M. W. Brother Frank, I would like to call your attention to the banquet tonight, the general banquet. The reason that I do so, is, that your Grand Orator will deliver the message and I have had the very pleasant privilege of hearing him deliver the Oration at the laying of cornerstones at the 4H Club Building about a month ago. W. Brother Bump, whom I am happy to say, is a lawyer, and that also helps a little particularly in these times of waterfall, or whatever it is, but there are a lot of fellows like this Grand Orator, who are still unashamed to stand up and tell you who they are and why they are. I know you will get a real message from him, I think the old saying is probably right, if there is any troubles at hand, if you have any complaints, tell us. If you are happy and satisfied, tell the world so this Grand Lodge will come back to Kearney. We welcome you, heartily, enjoy yourselves, have a good meeting, carry home a message to your lodges, because this is still the greatest Fraternal Organization in the World.

FRANK J. MATTOON, GRAND MASTER:

Thank you, M. W. Brother Joe. I will now recognize W. Brother Larry D. McKee, Beatrice Lodge No. 26.

LARRY D. MCKEE, MASTER, BEATRICE LODGE NO. 26

Thank you, M. W. Sir, Distinguished Guests, Masters of Subordinate Lodges, brethren all:

I would like to read you a little letter that I got first. It says, "Worshipful Master and Dear Brother McKee: Worshipful Frank J. Mattoon, Grand Master, request that you give the Response to the Address of Welcome at 10:15 a.m. Friday, June 14." He made the letter short and I am sure I will try to make the response short. M. W. Sir, I don't think I have ever seen this many Masters at one Grand Lodge meeting. I am sure that it is because of your work in the Grand Lodge, going out to see the different lodges, that they are here. But to talk to the rest of the members of this meeting, I think most here are Masters. I would like to direct most of the remarks to the Masters. I know when I was installed as Master of Beatrice Lodge, to me, it was probably the greatest day of my life. And I think if you look back, you can remember when Harry S. Truman was installed as Grand Master of Missouri, he said at that time, "that no greater honor could be bestowed on any man." If you remember, he caused quite an uproar in the Senate and the House. But I think that is the way we all feel. I think Masters of these lodges are the backbone of Masonry and I am glad to see you all here. I have one little personal appeal, I don't know how to go about it, but the All Faith Chapel in Beatrice is about ready to be built. If anybody has any information as to how we go about getting the corner-stone laid, we would like to have a corner-

stone laying in Beatrice, and when we do, we would like to invite everybody down to it. Thank you M. W. Sir.

### GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT: W. Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman; Kenneth P. Lott, 325, Donald R. White, 327.

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

CHARTERS & DISPENSATIONS: W. Charles W. Jacobs, 325, Chairman; Harry M. Green, 25; John W. Laughlin, 327.

CODIFICATION OF THE LAW: W. Bernard J. Pipher, 31, Chairman; Joseph N. Lindquist, 1.

CREDENTIALS: W. Clyde H. Jones, 173, Chairman; Glenn F. Sperry, 139; William W. Steen, 280; Albert B. Osborn, 318; Gary L. Powell, 19; Walter E. Kinne, 75; Eugene Monasmith, 46.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS: W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325. Chairman; Duane F. Mau, 49, Kenneth D. Beebe, 119.

ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281; M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49, M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.

FINANCE: W. LeRoy C. Sutton, 1, (1977) Chairman; Howard L. Patterson, 303 (1976); J. Ansel Toft, 232 (1975); Harold E. Day, Jr., 150 (1974); Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290 (1978).

FRATERNAL DEAD: W. Gail Axen, 235, Chairman; Robert D. Spearow, 75; Willard L. Soper, 159.

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; Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33; Phillip A. Lorenzen, 10.

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 (1978); Thomas H. Blanchard, 21 (1974).

GRAND TRUSTEES: M. W. John F. Futcher, 302 (1976) Chairman; Robert A. Wekesser, 54, (1974); Frank V. Lawson, Jr. 1, (1977); Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1978); George T. Harris, 302 (1975).

GRIEVANCES: W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; Albert O. Bangert, 11; Larry D. Ludvigsen, 15.

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND: M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman; Perley F. Bates, Jr., 26.

MASONIC EDUCATION: M. W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1975) Chairman; E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1975); Alfred B. Saum, 46 (1974); Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1974); Alfred G. Wurst, 19 (1976); Paul R. Pierce, 50 (1976).

MASONIC RELIEF: W. Paul L. Toombs, 290, (1977) Chairman; James A. Bradley, 1, (1976); Richard L. Newlun, 55 (1975); Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1975); Melvin E. Hatfield, 54 (1978).

NEBRASKA WORK: M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1975) Chairman; M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49 (1974); M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19 (1976).

PUBLIC RELATIONS: W. Lester Way, 54 (1977) Chairman; John S. Savage, 11 (1976) John H. Brown, 1 (1978); Jack Payne, 1, (1975).

RETURNS: W. Sebert A. Stover, 281, Chairman; John L.W. Nelson, 1; James R. Kimmel, 3.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP: W. Alfred B. Saum, 46, Chairman; M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49; M. W. Russell L. Fickes, 33.

TEMPLE BUILDING: M. W. Russell L. Fickes, 33 (1978), Chairman; Robert E. Wolfe, 1, 1975, Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1974).

YOUTH: M. W. John H. Brown, 1, Chairman; Kyle Lantz, 68; Walter Miller, 281; T. Leo Stines, 36, M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227; Doran G. Post, 61; James DeMoss, 326.

BI-CENTENNIAL: W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; Olen A. Brake, 26, Melvin E. Johnson, 112.

LODGE ADVISORY: M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46, (1978) Chairman; M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1975); M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 (1974).

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

I extend to all of you a most hearty welcome to this the 117th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

The Annual Communication plays a vital role in the progress of Masonry in our great State. It is gratifying to note that there are in attendance a large number of the Masters and Wardens of the constituent lodges, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished guests representing other bodies and other jurisdictions and other interested Masons, who by their presence, exhibit their interest in our great Fraternity.

It does not seem possible that only a few short months ago, I stood here on this podium and outlined the program for the coming year. How rapidly it has drawn to a close, but how gratifying was the experience! I shall cherish it for the rest of my life, fully recognizing that there is much yet to be accomplished in the future for the enhancement of this Society dedicated to the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

At the outset of this Masonic year, your Grand Lodge Officers initiated various programs designed to stimulate and revitalize Masonry in Nebraska. I hasten to express my sincere appreciation to the Grand Lodge Officers who have cooperated wholeheartedly in the development of the program. I have had the occasion of serving many organizations in various capacities, but I can truthfully say that this group of dedicated Masons are among the finest with whom it has been my pleasure to serve. I am certain that the future of Masonry in Nebraska is in excellent hands. In like manner, your Grand Lodge Officers have received the support, assistance and guidance of the Past Grand Masters who have actively participated in the activities of the Grand Lodge when called upon to do so. We recognize these Past Grand Masters as the "backbone" of Masonry. I would be amiss if I did not also recognize the Grand Custodian and his fine group of Deputy Grand Custodians who are charged with the continued degree of proficiency of Masonic work. It is my pleasure to report to you from my contacts with the Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions that Nebraska is truly the envy of many of the other Jurisdictions with regard to our system of maintaining our proficiency in degree work. Further, the committees of the Grand Lodge responded wholeheartedly to their respective duties.

While serving in Grand Lodge over the past few years, I noted that a negative attitude was developing in some areas with regard to the effectiveness and relevancy of Masonry. A number of Masons were becoming discouraged by the problems which confronted the Grand Lodge and our constituent lodges. To this end, a program was developed designed to assist the constituent lodges and to strengthen leadership in all areas, with its central theme to promote and encourage Masonry in Nebraska, using as a vehicle specific programs designed to stimulate and encourage and strengthen constituent lodge activity and to offer guidance to the Masters, Wardens, other officers and committees. The success or failure of Masonry is directly dependent

upon the initiative and leadership of our constituent lodges. To emphasize this point, we have attempted to recognize the importance of the function of the Masters of the lodges by a special seating arrangement and their personal presentation to this Grand Lodge Communication. It is our way of expressing gratitude for the leadership exemplified by these dedicated Masons.

Prior to the commencement of this Masonic year, a detailed program was disseminated to all Grand Lodge Officers in order to present a coordinated effort to accomplish the objectives to which I have previously referred.

We recognized that total development and overwhelming accomplishments in one year was not possible, but I submit that the application of the basic principles hereinafter discussed will bear fruit in the years to come.

The program was later disseminated to all lodges through communications initiated through the Grand Lodge Office. It was generally well received and I am happy to report that there were definite results and enthusiasm generated.

Specifically, the areas to which I have referred are: Coordination with Youth Groups, establishment of plans for a 1976 Bi-Centennial activities, sustaining membership, Master Wardens' conferences and leadership training, improvement of local lodge facilities and stimulation of public relations programs.

We attempted to initiate and expedite the program by special communiques to the lodges and also through our Official Representative Visitation program, (newly initiated this year), as well as through the efforts of your dedicated Deputy Grand Custodians.

I fully recognize that to elaborate upon each area is somewhat time consuming. However, this must be considered from the point of view that a complete record is necessary for the future development, modification and execution of a program which will be beneficial to our Fraternity.

(a) **Official Visitation Program:** The idea for this program was borrowed from the Grand Lodge of South Dakota with which it had experienced a high degree of success. There are approximately 250 lodges in Nebraska making it virtually impossible for your Grand Master to visit each lodge. Further, as evidence of this point, there are many of our lodges which have never had the opportunity to receive the Grand Master or other Grand Lodge officers or representatives in their respective communities. Approximately 60 lodges were selected this year to receive a personal representative of the Grand Master. The officers of the Grand Lodge and a number of Past Grand Masters participated in the program and were received in the capacity of a personal representative. Fifty visitations were completed. The program had many unexpected affirmative results, among which were the stimulation of a specific program for the planning of Centennial Celebrations for the next year, consideration of establishment of two DeMolay Chapters, plans for improvement of local lodge facilities and plans for

publication of local lodge bulletins. Further, the lodges were given the opportunity to exhibit proficiency in receiving the Grand Lodge Officer and appreciated the opportunity to discuss specific problem areas. On the other hand, the representatives themselves reported enthusiastically their pleasure in establishing a new relationship with their Brother Masons, (other visitations I shall discuss in some detail later in this report). One of the functions of the representative was to discuss fully the annual program to which I now direct my remarks.

**(b) Youth Activities:**

For many years, we have recognized that the future of Masonry lies in our youth groups --DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls. At various times and in many instances, specific programs have been encouraged to assist in any way possible these fine organizations. Your Grand Lodge officers initiated a program wherein a special Grand Lodge Youth Committee was appointed to study the entire situation and to devise ways and means of coordinating with and encouraging these organizations, and thereafter to disseminate specific plans and goals to the constituent lodge committees on youth. In like manner, the constituent lodges were encouraged to establish a Youth Committee with the Junior Warden designated as the Chairman. This plan has worked well in California. I have received reports that many of these committees have been established as well as personal knowledge that the Grand Lodge Committee has been appointed. Specifically, the areas which can be developed are assistance with membership, physical presence at meetings and degree work, invitations to youth groups to put on displays of a portion of their degrees or ceremonies as guests of the local lodge, sponsorship of DeMolay Chapters where none exist, sponsoring DeMolay clubs in small communities, attendance at installation ceremonies and physical presence at meetings upon invitation.

We also established a more prominent place on the Grand Lodge program for the presentation of representatives from the Youth groups at the Annual Communication and initiated a proclamation of DeMolay Month which is a continuance of a prior Grand Lodge program.

I have had many comments from responsible DeMolays showing a deep appreciation for the fact that we reduced our age of admission to 19 years. This year we have initiated a number of DeMolays and other young men of this age group.

There have been reports of stimulation in the above areas, specifically, two lodges are considering the sponsorship of new DeMolay chapters.

**(c) Bi-Centennial Committee:**

In 1976, our country will observe its 200th birthday. As we all know, Masons played an active role in the establishment of this great Democracy and have participated in the history of our country in vital areas. We recognize that the 1976 celebration will afford Masonry a great opportunity to point with pride to this record and to enhance the awareness of our citizenry of the important role which Masonry has played in the history of our country and in which it is now engaged in our every day community life. This presents a unique opportunity. To this end, a Grand Lodge Bi-Centennial Committee has been

appointed which will report its findings to you later in the program. Our constituent lodges have been encouraged to establish Bi-Centennial committees and to make plans for a 1976 celebration. Materials are in the process of being disseminated to local lodges and we have received reports that many of the constituent lodges are progressing well with plans for 1976.

(d) Sustaining Membership:

For years, we have recognized that many of our members have lost interest in Masonry and have been suspended for nonpayment of dues. It is extremely important that we now direct a concerted effort to prevent these suspensions. Most Worshipful Brother John A. Bottorf initiated a very ambitious program to accomplish this result and many other Grand Masters have considered this situation in prior years. Our committee on sustaining membership has been actively working on programs designed to assist the constituent lodges in establishment of their respective committees with the primary mission to prevent suspensions and to encourage reinstatement. No member should be suspended for nonpayment of dues until he has been contacted by two of the brethren of the involved lodge. This approach should rectify many unfortunate situations. Further, where a Brother has been suspended previously, the Committee on Sustaining Membership should contact him to encourage reinstatement!

As a part of our problem of membership, we should take cognizance of the programs initiated by our Scottish Rite bodies where guest nights are encouraged and used as a media for information about Masonry. In this connection, our Scottish Rite brethren pay for the dinner and conduct a program to explain the principles of our great institution. This year I have encouraged these programs but have cautioned that where such a program is initiated, there should be no reference to a "higher degree" of Masonry, nor should there be any suggestion of solicitation or invitation. Incidentally, these same activities could be utilized to advantage to communicate with sojourning Masons in their respective communities.

(e) Master and Wardens Conferences:

Your committee on Masonic Education initiated programs designed to assist with leadership training through the media of Masters and Wardens conferences. The areas which received specific treatment were as follows:

- (1) Blue Lodge Operations, leadership and training
- (2) Indoctrination and orientation of officers to include duties, responsibilities, prior planning, activities of lodges, etc.
- (3) Stimulation of membership and prevention of suspensions.
- (4) Specific Problems of local lodges:
  - (a) Lack of new blood in rural areas.
  - (b) Downtown lodge problems in urban areas

The concept of a conference was designed to stimulate attendance and to give our brethren an opportunity to discuss Masonry while traveling to and from the conference. A concentrated type of program was introduced. We recognized that the problem of attendance reared its ugly head, but I have personally observed that those in attendance

received great benefit from the presentation of the program. Six areas were selected in key locations. The program under M. W. W. Brother Howard J. Hunter was well received, and the dedicated members of his committee presented programs which were stimulating, inspirational and educational.

(f) Improvement Of Lodge Facilities

We have long recognized that the condition of the lodge is extremely important in a total lodge program. Our temples are truly the "Shrine" of Masonry which houses its Great Lights. We have encouraged all lodges to make immediate plans for improvement of lodge facilities commencing with minor items and then to project a five-year program. Many lodges have responded with affirmative action in these areas including outdoor carpeting and hand rails, new signs and lights on the outside of temples, road signs, painting and general cleanup. In one instance a lodge considered a new building and in another, the installation of an escalating chair for elderly members.

Adequate signs with appropriate insignia are necessary for the immediate identity of the location of the lodge which many times is extremely difficult to ascertain. Further, an announcement of the time of regular meeting by road signs has been a project in a number of states and enjoyed a measure of success. The results this year have been gratifying, but there are many areas of improvement which should be considered by the local lodges.

(g) Public Relations

One of the critical areas in the administration of Masonry is the lack of communication between Grand Lodge, on the one hand, and constituent lodges and individual Masons, on the other. To this end, the Public Relations Committee, under the chairmanship of Lester Way and the supervision of R. W. W. Brother Donald R. Swanson, is in the process of studying the feasibility of a statewide publication which will ultimately reach all members. The frequency and extent of the publication are directly dependent upon available funds. Constituent lodges have been requested to make certain that its Public Relations Committee is active in publicizing local events involving the lodges and also in preparing a news letter or some other type of direct communication with the brethren. There have been four examples of such communications commenced during this year, and plans are under way in a number of other lodges.

Many lodges have had publications of this nature for a number of years. These have been well received by the brethren and have resulted in greater activity in dissemination of Masonic news and education. We have urged all lodges to give immediate consideration to publications of this nature.

The Grand Lodge in like manner should place priority and emphasis upon a Statewide publication to the extent of making funds available from our present appropriations and income.

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I am hopeful that the above program will be continued by the Grand Lodge and that we will be in a position to continue revitalization and renewed dedication to the end that Masonry in Nebraska will continue to be one of the significant cornerstones of our society.

#### CENTENNIALS

Grand Lodge Officers joined with their brethren for celebration of the following Centennials: Oliver Lodge No. 38 (Seward); Papillion Lodge No. 39; Humboldt Lodge No. 40; Northern Light Lodge No. 41 (Stanton); Hebron Lodge No. 43 and Harvard Lodge No. 44.

#### CORNERSTONES AND DEDICATIONS

Your Grand Lodge had the privilege of laying cornerstones for public or educational buildings on six occasions which were truly highlights of this Masonic year. The officers and brethren of the participant lodges are to be congratulated for sponsoring this opportunity of exhibiting the true worth of our fraternity as an integral part of community life. Moreover the occasion of laying cornerstones affords a unique opportunity to the fraternity to bring to the public the principles and ideals upon which it is founded. Wherever possible, our constituent lodges should utilize every endeavor to encourage and promote the laying of cornerstones for public, religious, charitable and educational buildings.

The particular occasions were the North Platte Valley Historical Association at Gering, (Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201), Buffalo County Courthouse and Buffalo County 4-H Building at Kearney (Rob Morris No. 46), the Senior-Junior High School at Callaway (Parian No. 207), Masonic Temple at Stanton (Northern Light No. 41) and Emerson Junior High School at Grand Island (Ashlar No. 33 and Grand Island No. 318). Again, congratulations to the brethren of the participant lodges. (Acknowledgements to Grand Senior Deacon A.B. Saum and Grand Marshall Harold C. Wurdeman).

In a similar vein, progress of the Masonic fraternity was placed on display at Dedications at Humboldt (Humboldt No. 40), Harvard (Harvard No. 44), Neligh (Trowel No. 71) and Stanton (Northern Light No. 41). The officers and brethren of these lodges in like manner are to be congratulated for recognizing that the improvement of the physical facilities reflects a true respect for the shrine of the Great Lights of Masonry. In connection with the above, formal approval for construction and remodeling of temple buildings was granted to Northern Light No. 41 at Stanton (above) and Oakland Lodge No. 91 which I understand plans a cornerstone ceremony and dedication next fall.

#### VISITATIONS AND CEREMONIALS

Visitations and participation in Ceremonials and related activities were screened to reflect relevancy to the promotion of the specific administrative programs heretofore discussed. In general, your Grand Master traveled over 28,000 miles, due in part to the length and breadth of our great State. The visitations were of great benefit, and I am certain that close coordination with constituent lodges, appendant bodies, youth organizations and other associated orders will be instrumental in strengthening Masonry in Nebraska.

1. The Official Visitation program was a great success due to the efforts of the participating Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Masters. It will be possible to cover all of the lodges in Nebraska in four or five years. In addition to this program, the Grand Lodge officers visited or were received by approximately 25 additional lodges and participated in installations, regular meetings, emergent communications, youth group activities, presentation of 50 year pins, etc.
2. Youth Organizations — Your Grand Master attended the Job's Daughters Grand Bethel in Lincoln and DeMolay Conclave in Chadron, and was represented by M. W. Brother Elmer E. Magee at the Grand Assembly — Rainbow for Girls at Crete. I also had the pleasure of twice installing the officers of the Sidney DeMolay Chapter and attending the installations of the DeMolay Chapter at Alliance and of Sidney Bethel No. 25, International Order of Job's Daughters. It was a personal pleasure to Mrs. Mattoon and me to have had the pleasure of observing the installation of our daughter Susan as Honored Queen.
3. Personal Visitations and Ceremonials — I was officially received or was a guest at Humboldt No. 40 — Harvard No. 44; Scotts Bluff No. 201, Gering; Oasis No. 271, Morrill\*; Mitchell No. 263\*; Bayard No. 301\*; Nebraska No. 1, Omaha; Plattsmouth No. 6; Fremont No. 15 (installed officers); Lincoln No. 19 (Mother Lodge); Beatrice No. 26; Lancaster No. 54, Lincoln (Gold Jordan Medal presentation); Ashlar No. 33, Grand Island; Northern Light No. 41, Stanton; Harvard No. 44; Mosaic No. 55, Norfolk; York No. 56; Trowel No. 71, Neligh; Frank Welch No. 75, Sidney, (Table Lodge reception); Ogallala No. 159; Culbertson No. 174; Alliance No. 183; Golden Fleece No. 205, Chappell; Parian No. 207, Callaway; Gothenburg No. 249; Robert W. Furnas No. 265, Scottsbluff\*; Camp Clarke No. 285, Bridgeport; Oshkosh No. 286; Kimball No. 294, (installed officers); Minatare No. 295\*; Grand Island No. 318; and Harmony Lodge No. 321, Dalton.  
\*Denotes combined outdoor reception.

I had the pleasure of presenting W. Brother George H. Murphy with the Gold Jordan Medal in Lincoln on February 8, 1974, a truly memorable occasion. During the year I also presented eight 50-year pins and one 25-year button.

In addition, on January 8, 1974, I had the pleasure of raising my son, Steven Frank Mattoon, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. This was a challenging and rewarding experience.

4. Our appendant bodies are of great assistance in promoting Masonry in Nebraska. I was cordially received and entertained by the Scottish Rite Brethren in Lincoln, Omaha and Alliance and was prevented by inclement weather from attending the Grand York Rite Ceremonial in Hastings. The Shrine Ceremonial and Game in Lincoln on August 17 and 18, 1973 and Grand Chapter O.E.S. in Lincoln on May 14, 1974 were among the highlights of the year, as well as the Plattsmouth Home and Board visitation on October 8, 1973.

5. The Grand Masters Conference in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the George Washington Memorial and Masonic Service Associations, and a visitation of the Scottish Rite Temple, were inspirational.
6. Although the emphasis on visitations was directed toward the State of Nebraska, I had the pleasure of attending Grand Lodge Communications in Wyoming and Colorado. R. W. Brother Donald R. Swanson served as my Personal Representative at Communications in Missouri, Kansas and Kentucky; R. W. Brother Harold Hultman - the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and M. W. Brother Louis V. Sylvester - the Grand Lodge of South Dakota. I am grateful to these Brethren in releasing me for intra-state administration.

#### 1. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The following amendments to By-Laws of subordinate lodges were approved: Increase in dues - 14; increase in degree fees - 1; increase in secretary's salary - 2; change relating to regular meeting date - 7; increased Tyler's fees - 1; relating to trustees and relief funds - 1; general revision of By-Laws.

#### CONSOLIDATIONS

The following consolidations were approved:

Ramah Lodge No. 275 with Elwood Lodge No. 167;  
Fairfield Lodge No. 84 with Clay Centre Lodge No. 139;  
Sterling Lodge No. 70 and Mount Hermon Lodge No. 231  
with Tecumseh Lodge No. 17.

It is unfortunate that some of our lodges find it necessary to effect a consolidation with a lodge in a neighboring community. The obvious result is the complete elimination of Masonry in a given community. Further, consolidations should be approved only after the Grand Lodge officers have exhausted every effort to revitalize the interest of the Brother Masons of the lodge for which the application for consolidation has been submitted for approval.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

During the year, I appointed the following Grand representatives of other jurisdictions near Nebraska: S.E. Torgeson, Norway; Donald R. Swanson, New Zealand; and Harold Hultman, Wisconsin.

It is worthy to note that Brother Torgeson plans to attend the Grand Lodge Communication of Norway in response to his appointment.

#### NECROLOGY

During this year, four distinguished Masons directly associated with the Grand Lodge have been called to eternal rest: Worshipful Brother Clarence Gene McNamee, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus - December 25, 1973; Worshipful Brother Ralph I. Berry, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus - April 5, 1974; Worshipful Brother George B. Pribyl - April 12, 1974; and Worshipful Brother J. Frank Heywood, Holder of the Gold Jordan Medal, who had just celebrated his 100th birthday - November 10, 1973.

Many of our brethren throughout the State have also passed beyond. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will offer tribute to the memory of all of our deceased brethren during this Communication.

#### TRIAL COMMISSIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

I appointed three trial commissions for alleged violations of the Masonic Code.

A member of Midwest Lodge No. 317, Hastings, Nebraska, was found guilty as charged for violation of Section 3-102 (a). The Trial Commission held "that Masonry would be best served by healing the charges and that no further penalty be assessed." This decision was founded upon character references and the fact that the Brother had completed rehabilitation—approved.

Charges were preferred by Bellevue Lodge No. 325 against a Brother for violation of Section 3-102 (d) for engaging in the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. The charges are pending.

Twelve Master Masons in good standing filed a complaint against the Master of a lodge for engaging in the business of the sale and dispensing of liquor as an alcoholic beverage and requested that the Jewel of Office of the Master be suspended. I ordered an immediate investigation of the charges and thereafter issued an order to the Brother to show cause why his jewel should not be suspended for violation of section 3-102(d) of the Masonic Code. In response, the Brother presented evidence that he had divested himself of all interest in the business of selling alcoholic beverages and had ceased any activity relating thereto. Accordingly, I issued an order that his Jewel of Office should not be suspended but that he be reprimanded for violation of Section 3-102 (d).

Twenty-nine Applications for reinstatement were approved by me during the year. In one instance, the constituent lodge had approved an application for reinstatement which was subsequently disapproved by the Grand Lodge Committee. However, the Committee did not present its specific reason for disapproval of the application. I therefore approved the application.

I have observed that the area of reinstatements offers a fertile field in which we can direct a concentrated effort to inspire Brethren who have been suspended for nonpayment of dues to renew their Masonic association and become active members of the various lodges. I therefore recommend to the Committee on Sustaining Membership that the encouragement of reinstatement in such cases be included in its program.

#### DISPENSATIONS

1. Dispensations to permit conferring of degrees without regard to time were granted to: Melrose Lodge No. 60 (2); Mizpah No. 302; Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 and Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

2. Upon good cause shown, dispensation was granted to North Star Lodge No. 227 to examine for proficiency in the Master Mason, a brother who was raised on January 25, 1967.
3. Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 and Solomon Lodge No. 10 were authorized to move their respective Charters to an outside location for conferral of the Master Mason Degree upon assurance that the location would be duly tiled.
4. Oakland Lodge No. 91 was authorized to move its Charter from a temporary location to the remodeled Temple.
5. Special dispensation was granted to Northern Light Lodge No. 41 to move its Charter from the Congregational Church in Stanton, Nebraska, to its new lodge facilities.
6. Wisner Lodge No. 114 and Creighton Lodge No. 100 requested dispensation to change their regular stated meeting because of a conflict with Christmas and New Year's Days, respectively. No provision of the By-laws of these Lodges permitting such action was submitted. I therefore denied the requests for dispensation in both cases.
7. Special dispensations were granted to Nebraska Lodge No. 1 and Barneston Lodge No. 165 to hold elections on dates other than those specified in their respective By-Laws. Dispensation was granted in each case with the stipulation that no less than seven days notice of change in date of election was to be mailed to every member of the lodge.
8. Omaha Lodge No. 288 advanced its election from December 4, 1973, without receiving special dispensation, although the same had been requested upon brief notice. I declared the election null and void and directed the Lodge to call a special meeting for the purpose of election of officers and required that notice be mailed to all members no less than ten days prior to the date selected. The Lodge complied with this requirement and proceeded to hold its election on a newly scheduled date.
9. Mt. Zion Lodge No. 161 and Corinthian Lodge No. 83 were granted special dispensation to elect and install their respective Junior Wardens out of time.
10. Cement Lodge No. 211 was granted special dispensation to install its Treasurer at the regular meeting in February. Oasis Lodge No. 271 was granted special dispensation to install four of its officers out of time due to various conflicts.
11. The following lodges were granted special dispensation to install officers out of time:
  - a. Kimball Lodge No. 294 to install officers on December 27, 1973 instead of during the month of January, 1974.

- b. Liberty Lodge No. 300 to install its Senior Deacon on February 7, 1974, or at any other regular meeting within a two month period thereafter.
- c. Mt. Zion Lodge No. 161 to install its Junior Warden immediately after the election for which special dispensation was granted above.
- d. Corinthian Lodge No. 83 to install its Junior Warden immediately after the election for which special dispensation was granted, above.
- e. Cement Lodge No. 211 to install its Treasurer at the regular meeting in February, 1974.
- f. Oasis Lodge No. 271 to install four of its officers at the regular meeting to be held during the month of February, 1974, or on any other date selected by the Worshipful Masters not by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.
- g. Potter Lodge No. 313 to install its officers at its regular meeting in February, 1974.
- h. Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to install its Senior Steward after the regular installation.
- i. Hartington Lodge No. 155 to elect officers upon ten days notice and to install immediately thereafter, during the month of March, 1974.
- j. Acacia Lodge No. 34 to install its Secretary at its regular meeting in March, 1974.
- k. Falls City Lodge No. 9 to install its Junior Deacon at its regular communication on March 14, 1974.

#### DECISIONS

1. Lancaster Lodge No. 54 received a Petition from a candidate who formerly resided in the state of Florida. While in that jurisdiction, he filed a Petition for initiation with a Florida lodge. Before any action was taken on the Petition, he was transferred to overseas duty with the United States Navy. The Grand Secretary made several inquiries of the Grand Lodge of Florida with regard to the Masonic record of the candidate in that State. No reply was received, and there was no affirmative evidence that the Petition of the candidate had ever been acted upon by the Grand Lodge of Florida or any subordinate lodge. I therefore held that there was insufficient evidence to conclude that the Grand Lodge of Florida obtained jurisdiction over the candidate by the mere filing of the application. As such, the candidate was not precluded from filing an appropriate Petition for the degrees of Masonry with Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and to receive the degrees, if otherwise qualified.

2. Fremont Lodge No 15 submitted the question of whether or not initiation fees for the degrees of Masonry should be returned where a Brother received the Entered Apprentice Degree and was not inclined to advance. Five years has elapsed since the Brother received the degree. I held that under the provisions of Section 2-606, the unearned portion of the fees should be returned to the candidate or, upon his acquiescence, to his Father who had paid the same. (See Decision 1951-6; approved).
3. The following factual situation was presented by Lincoln Lodge No. 19. A petition was received by a candidate who had been rejected in 1948 by Lancaster Lodge No. 54. A request for Waiver of Jurisdiction was submitted to Lancaster Lodge No. 54 which was rejected in due course. The questions presented were:
  - (a) "Since it was our request for a Waiver of Jurisdiction that was denied, and not the candidate's petition; how soon can we request another Waiver of Jurisdiction?" and
  - (b) "Can we request another Waiver of Jurisdiction from the same Petition; or do we have a new Petition each time our request is turned down by Lancaster Lodge No. 54?"

I submitted to Lincoln Lodge No. 19 the following opinion:

- (a) Under the provisions of Section 2-910 and 2-801, the rejected petitioner was entitled to petition Lincoln Lodge No. 19 for the degrees of Masonry.
  - (b) Under the provisions of Section 2-909 and 2-906, it was essential that a waiver be obtained by Lincoln Lodge No. 19 from Lancaster Lodge No. 54 before said Petition could be officially received in the manner set forth in Section 2-809.
  - (c) The By-Laws of the Grand Lodges of Nebraska do not provide that any particular length of time to expire before an additional request for waiver might be filed with Lancaster Lodge No. 54. However, I recommended that a reasonable time elapse between such requests for waiver of jurisdiction.
  - (d) There is no provision in said By-Laws with regard to a requirement that each request for waiver must be founded upon a new petition. Therefore, I concluded that requests for waiver might be submitted upon the basis of the original Petition filed with Lincoln Lodge No. 19.
4. Adequate evidence having been submitted by the Grand Custodian with regard to errors which occurred in the history of the certification of two Brothers, I held in both cases that the records be healed to conform to the evidence submitted although there was some contrary evidence in the records of prior Grand Lodge Proceedings.
  5. Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, voted not to require annual dues for members who have been Master Masons over 50 years unless they wished to continue paying the same. The record was not clear whether or not a resolution had been formally introduced to amend the By-Laws of the Lodge specifying the waiver of payment of dues under the circumstances above recited. I ruled as follows:

- (a) That the request was premature inasmuch as the record was not clear as to whether or not the proposed amendment had been adopted by the Lodge; and
- (b) That the waiver of dues would be tantamount to the issuance of a life membership, contrary to Section 2-405.
- (c) Further, I commented that the relief now provided in Section 2-603 should be sufficient to accomodate hardship cases which was urged as the basis for the proposed amendment. I further commented that in other jurisdictions which had adopted such measures, the financial status of subordinate lodges had been adversely affected.

6. In a case where charges were pending against a Brother for violation of Section 3-102 (d), the lodge requested a ruling as to whether or not the factual situation presented constituted a violation of Section 3-102 (d). The inquiry was submitted in order to prevent undesirable circumstances in the future. Further, the Lodge requested a ruling as to whether or not the Grand Master could dismiss the charges after the same had been filed by the Junior Warden of the lodge.

I held that the Grand Master has no authority vested in him under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge to dismiss charges properly filed for the reason that charges "may not be withdrawn except for cause and with the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Lodge present." Therefore, the authority to dismiss charges is vested exclusively in the constituent Lodge.

I further held that the Grand Master should not submit a formal opinion with regard to whether or not a given statement of facts constituted a violation of the Masonic Code in future cases, particularly where charges based upon the same currently were pending. This would involve an adjudication prior to trial and could be tantamount to amendment of the By-Laws or Constitution, as the case may be.

7. A proposed amendment to the By-Laws of North Star Lodge No. 227 was submitted for approval which provided as follows:

"To qualify for election to Junior Warden or Senior Warden a brother must have demonstrated proficiency in the work of the Senior Deacon. Such proficiency attested to by a personally proficient member of this lodge."

In disapproving the proposed amendment, I held that Section 2-301 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge stated unequivocally the qualifications for officers of constituent lodges and that any additional requirements established by the By-Laws of a constituent lodge were invalid and beyond the authority of said Lodge.

Further, such a requirement contravened the right of any Master Mason in good standing, who has complied with Section 2-402, to hold an elective office in his lodge and further limited the power and authority of the members of the constituent lodges to elect officers inasmuch as under the proposed By-Laws, must have been examined and declared proficient by a member of the lodge before becoming entitled to the elective position.

#### THE STATE OF THE CRAFT

From my personal observations and reports received from various sources, it is apparent that Masonry in Nebraska "is not dead, is not dying and is not even sick!" The statement I made at the beginning of the year. I am more firmly convinced than ever of its truth. This does not mean that we should merely stand still in reflected glory. There are areas of concern which dictate the exertion of leadership and renewed dedication. We should always remember to "accentuate the positive" and "eliminate the negative". Alluding to our problems without consideration of solutions will avail nothing. On the other hand, if all of us show that degree of leadership and concern, required in a given situation, solutions will be found to alleviate the troublesome areas, and Masonry will continue to be a vital force in our society.

I conclude therefore, that the condition of Masonry in Nebraska is good notwithstanding some evidence of inactivity and declining membership in some of our lodges. Where such problems exist, the reasons can be found in the truism that "Masonry is not lazy, but there are lazy Masons." Recognition of this principle is the key to further progress.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Youth Committee should be designated and established as a Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge; and accordingly, the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. A. F. & A. M. be amended in the following manner:
  - (a) That portion of Section 1-301 shall be amended to provide as follows:
 

"The Standing Committee shall be following: Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Fraternal Dead, Masonic Relief, Temple Building Advisory, Masonic Education, Board of Grand Trustees, Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, Applications for Reinstatements, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, Lodge Advisory, Public Relations and Youth Committee.\*\*\*"
  - (b) Section 1-329 Shall be enacted to provide as follows: "1-320. The Youth Committee shall initiate specific plans and programs for the support, encouragement and stimulation of DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls Organizations."

2. Due to the substantial increase in the cost of operation of motor vehicles, the By-Laws of Grand Lodge should be amended to provide for an increase in mileage allowance from 10¢ to 12¢ per mile.
3. Our Grand Lodge is far behind many of the other jurisdictions insofar as published communications to Lodges and members is concerned. This failure of communication makes it extremely difficult to conduct the administrative functions of the Grand Lodge and to stimulate Masonic Programs throughout the State.

Therefore, I recommend that an initial appropriation in the amount of \$2,500.00 be adopted as a priority item for the ensuing year.

4. The Grand Lodge should actively support the campaign for additional funds for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, through our companion committee. The Memorial is truly a proper and effective "show case" of Masonic principle, standards and history.
5. I recommend a greater degree of participation in the Hospital Visitation Program of the Masonic Services Association, by the appointment of a representative in the Omaha area, and an appropriation be designated sufficient to achieve the same.
6. I specifically endorse and submit for approval the following proposed recommendation of the Deputy Grand Master:

"I recommend that the Stockholders and the Board of Trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children amend the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of said corporation to admit to the Home only children whose parent or grandparent is, or was if deceased, a member in good standing in either a subordinate Masonic Lodge in Nebraska or a subordinate chapter of The Order of Eastern Star in Nebraska."

7. I recommend the continuance of the Official Visitation Program and the other administrative programs, heretofore submitted in detail in this address.

#### CONCLUSION

I can think of no more fitting way than to close my remarks with an expression of appreciation:

1. To M. W. Brother Norris W. Lallman who presented me the opportunity to serve as Grand Orator, and to M. W. Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart who appointed me as Grand Junior Deacon of this Grand Lodge.
2. To the Grand Lodge for electing me to the position of its Grand Master.
3. To the Officers, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Custodians, Committees and all of the Brethren who have given of their time, talents and efforts in furthering the principles of this great fraternity and who have served so masterfully this year.
4. To my wife, Treva and my family for their support, inspiration and understanding during this busy and sometimes frustrating year.

5. To my office assistants and associates who worked with me and assumed many of my professional responsibilities.
6. To the Officers and Brethren of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 for the reception, photograph, hat, carrying case and their general support; and for assuming the responsibility of opening and closing a special communication at this Grand Lodge Communication.
7. To all Nebraska Masons with whom I have had the privilege and pleasure to serve — for your friendship and cooperation; and most certainly to our gracious hosts at this Communication, the officers and Brethren of Rob Morris No. 46, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island No. 318, Mid-West No. 317, Hastings No. 50 and Granite No. 189; and to Chairmen W. . Brother A. B. Saum and W. . Brother Rollie Dunn, the committee and those who participated in the opening ceremonies.

This has been a rewarding year which I shall treasure for the rest of my life. Thank You, Brethren.

Fraternally

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Earl J. Matthews". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

Grand Master

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

Returns have been received from 250 Lodges and dues and fees for the year of 1973 have been paid.

## CONSOLIDATIONS

Fairfield No. 84, voted to consolidate with Clay Centre No. 139. Clay Centre voted to accept Fairfield, No. 84 in consolidation. The date of the consolidation is January 24, 1974.

Ramah No. 275, Bertrand, voted to consolidate with Elwood No. 167. Elwood No. 167 voted to accept Ramah, No. 275 in consolidation. The date of the consolidation is Febr. 14, 1974.

Sterling No. 70 voted to consolidate with Tecumseh No. 17. Tecumseh No. 17 voted to accept Sterling No. 70 in consolidation. The date of the consolidation is March 30, 1974.

Mt. Hermon No. 231, Cook, voted to consolidate with Tecumseh No. 17. Tecumseh No. 17 voted to accept Mr. Herman No. 231 in consolidation. The date of the consolidation is April 15, 1974.

## GRIEVANCES

There were three trial commissions appointed during the year. We have not had any petitions for restoration.

## FIFTY YEAR BUTTONS

There were 314 Fifty Year buttons presented this year. In many cases special meetings were held for the ceremony.

## JORDAN MEDALS

Many special meetings were held this year for the presentation of the Robert Carrel Jordan Medal to the senior member of a Lodge, based on years of membership and who is a resident of Nebraska.

## GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

W. Brother John Franklin Heywood of Peru Lodge No. 14, passed away during the past year. He celebrated his 100th birthday on October 21, 1973. Many of the Grand Lodge officers attended this important occasion.

M. W. Brother Frank J. Mattoon presented the Gold Jordan Medal to W. Brother George H. Murphy of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 on February 8, 1974. W. Brother George has been a Mason since April 2, 1902 and has been active in Masonry during his entire time he has been a Mason. He holds a current proficiency card.

## LOCAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

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.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE (KEARNEY,  
MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U. D. .

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

CHARTERED LODGES

Mt. Moriah No. 57, Syracuse; Faith Lodge No. 181, Crawford; Crystal Lodge No. 191, Scotia; Beemer Lodge No. 253, Beemer; Ornan Lodge No. 261, Spencer; Oasis Lodge No. 271, Morrill; and Newman Grove Lodge No. 303, Newman Grove were not represented at the last two annual Communications and have been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

GRAND LODGE OFFICES

I am most fortunate to have the utmost cooperation from the entire office staff.

We were saddened by the death of W. . Brother George Pribyl who had been the bookkeeper in the Grand Lodge office for a number of years. He was an excellent bookkeeper. George was a Past Master of Mizpah Lodge No. 302. He is missed by everyone who knew him.

All Masons are invited to visit the Grand Lodge offices, they are most welcome.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

The Grand Secretary's office works very closely with the Grand Custodian W. . Brother Ralph W. Gerry and his fine group of Deputy Grand Custodians. These men are of great assistance to our office, our sincere thanks to all of them.

FRATERNAL REVIEW

M. W. . Brother William B. Wanner has prepared an outstanding fraternal review, it should be read by every Master Mason in Nebraska.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

## General Fund Receipts

Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1973.....	\$ 7,319.21
Per Capita Tax \$4.00 Per Member.....	155,442.00
Initiations \$10.00 per member.....	6,000.00
Surety Bond Premiums.....	643.90
Liability Insurance Premiums.....	2,717.19
Supplies.....	2,988.97
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Assn....	433.00
Custodial Fees.....	830.00
Interest & Dividends on Investments.....	53,918.63
Affiliations.....	70.00
Re-Instatements.....	844.00
Dispensation Fees.....	40.00
Misc. Income.....	1,185.00
Short Term Investments Matured.....	<u>155,010.00</u>
	\$ 387,441.90

## DISBURSEMENTS

Liability Insurance Premium.....	\$ 3,379.00
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Assn....	371.00
Supply Account.....	2,444.24
The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	24,030.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home—General Fund.....	77,721.00
Short Term Investments.....	160,010.00
1973-1974 General Budget.....	105,531.83
Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1974.....	<u>13,954.83</u>
	\$ 387,441.90

## RETIREMENT FUND

Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1973.....	\$ 10,797.45
Interest and Dividends on Investments.....	18,003.01
Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. & The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	<u>26,048.00</u>
	\$ 54,848.46

## DISBURSEMENTS

Securities Purchased.....	\$ 34,376.27
Payments to retired Employees.....	5,511.84
Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1974.....	<u>14,960.35</u>
	\$ 54,848.46

## RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges last year .....		250
Number of Lodges Chartered this year.....		0
Charters Consolidated .....		4
Number of Chartered Lodges .....		246
Number Initiated.....	600	
Number Passed.....	458	
Number Raised.....	422	
Number Affiliated.....	123	
Number Dual Members.....	37	
Number re-instated.....	208	
Number Consolidated.....	108	
Number Gained-		
other causes.....	<u>9</u>	
Total gross Increase .....		<u>907</u>
Number Demitted .....	147	
Number Deceased.....	959	
Number Suspended N.P.D.....	570	
Number Expelled.....	0	
Lost by other causes		
Consolidations.....	<u>84</u>	
Total Gross Loss.....		<u>1,697</u>
Net Loss for year ending		
December 31, 1973 .....		790
Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1972		38,878
Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1973		38,088

I wish to express my appreciation to those who have been so cooperative during the past year, especially do I wish to thank the many fine Secretaries in our Constituent Lodge throughout the State.

Fraternally submitted,

*Noah W. Lallman*

Grand Secretary

NAME OF LODGE	NO.	E. A. F. C. C.										No. of Lodge									
		MASTER MASONS			GAIN						LOSS										
		Initiated	Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1973	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1973	Membership Dec. 31, 1972	Raisings	Affiliations	Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated		Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes	Total Loss	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1973
Nebraska Western Star Capital Nemaha Valley Omaha	1 2 3 4 5	7 3 4 1 4	4 0 8 3 0	5 0 2 0 2	0 0 0 0 0	912 251 560 63 97	5 1 6 0 2	1 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	3 3 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 1 0 0 0	921 256 566 63 99	2 0 1 0 0	31 3 23 4 0	31 3 7 0 1	6 2 7 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 31 4 0	0 5 251 535 39	1 2 3 4 5
Plattsmouth Falls City Solomon Covett Orient	6 9 10 11 13	4 3 0 1 0	7 3 1 3 1	3 1 0 3 0	1 0 0 1 0	309 194 103 1453 48	4 3 0 27 0	4 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 6 0	0 1 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 486 0	317 198 103 486 2	1 0 2 44 2	9 2 0 26 0	1 2 0 26 0	0 2 0 0 0	0 10 0 1 0	0 10 2 173 2	0 10 188 1413 46	6 9 9 11 13
Peru Pretmont Tecumseh Lincoln Washington	14 15 17 19 21	1 1 0 6 0	1 14 7 6 0	0 8 5 3 2	0 5 1 745 154	89 619 123 745 154	0 8 0 3 2	0 1 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 2	0 4 0 4 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 5 637 752 158	0 120 516 427 1	3 12 0 4 2	0 0 12 4 4	0 0 0 5 4	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 3 4 0 36	3 14 603 119 716	3 15 17 19 21
Pawnee St. Johns Beatrice Jordan Blue River	23 25 26 27 30	2 7 1 1 3	2 5 10 3 0	2 0 8 2 0	0 10 8 2 0	104 740 345 68 74	2 13 9 1 4	0 0 1 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	4 4 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 355 0 78	106 757 120 111 0	4 6 0 0 2	4 1 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 27 0 11 2	5 730 344 69 76	5 23 25 27 30
Tekamah Platte Valley Ashlar Acacia Fairbury	31 32 33 34 35	8 4 5 1 0	4 22 5 3 0	6 5 0 1 0	0 8 5 1 0	181 504 447 156 223	6 6 5 0 0	2 1 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 2 519 457 156	2 22 216 4 0	2 2 16 4 0	0 0 1 4 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 19 500 435 150	4 31 32 33 34	
Lone Tree Crete Papillon Humbolt	36 37 38 39 40	2 4 7 2 0	2 4 15 5 0	2 2 1 5 2	1 182 134 312 87	180 182 134 312 87	3 4 8 0 2	1 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 3 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 184 136 321 89	0 1 0 0 4	1 3 7 4 0	2 2 3 2 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 10 6 4	0 5 184 126 315	4 5 37 38 39	
Northern Light Helvon Harvard Rob Morris Fairmont	41 43 44 46 48	2 7 2 1 4	1 5 2 3 4	0 2 0 3 0	0 113 74 320 67	64 113 74 320 67	0 0 2 4 0	0 0 0 1 0	0 0 0 2 0	0 0 0 4 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 115 0 331 67	0 2 0 6 0	3 1 0 6 0	1 0 0 6 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 12 2	0 2 2 0 2	0 2 2 19 65	4 4 4 46 48	
Evening Star Hastings Fidelity Hiram Charity	49 50 51 52 53	2 5 3 4 0	2 15 3 1 0	1 6 1 0 1	0 95 134 125 79	95 134 125 79	1 8 0 0 0	3 2 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 99 464 126 79	0 4 4 3 0	3 15 4 6 0	0 0 0 3 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 9 3	0 23 4 4 3	3 441 122 70 122	3 50 35 52 53	
Lancaster Mosaic York Mt. Moriah Waboo	54 55 56 57 59	8 6 2 7 3	13 8 3 4 0	17 4 0 2 0	825 256 229 86 252	825 256 229 86 252	14 1 2 0 3	0 1 3 0 0	1 3 0 0 0	6 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	846 261 235 86 258	1 8 10 5 1	1 20 0 4 3	9 0 0 4 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 0 0	0 30 18 10 2	0 30 18 57 59	816 213 225 84 218	

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							Raisings	Affiliations	Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Dormitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions			Other Causes	Total Loss
Melrose	60	1	0	2	0	62	3	1	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65	60
Thistle	61	6	6	2	0	225	2	3	0	2	0	0	232	1	8	4	0	0	13	219	61
Keystone	62	0	1	0	0	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	62
Blue Valley	64	0	1	0	1	96	0	1	0	0	0	0	97	0	3	0	0	0	3	94	64
Osceola	65	4	3	4	4	79	1	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	1	0	0	0	1	79	65
Edgar	67	0	0	1	1	65	1	1	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	3	0	0	3	64	67
Aurora	68	0	3	0	1	129	0	0	0	1	0	0	130	2	7	0	0	0	9	121	68
Sterling	70	0	1	0	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	1	0	0	0	1	32	70
Trowel	71	1	1	1	0	110	1	3	1	5	0	0	120	2	3	2	0	0	7	113	71
Hooper	72	4	1	5	3	89	4	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	3	0	0	0	3	90	72
Friend	73	2	6	0	2	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	73
Frank Welch	75	7	3	4	1	227	3	1	0	1	0	0	232	2	5	4	0	0	11	221	75
Nelson	77	0	1	1	0	138	1	0	1	2	0	0	142	3	6	3	0	0	12	130	77
Albion	78	0	0	0	0	125	0	0	0	1	0	0	126	1	2	0	0	0	3	123	78
Geneva	79	0	0	0	0	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	1	5	0	0	0	6	129	79
Composite	81	2	0	2	1	78	1	1	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	81
St. Paul	82	2	5	1	4	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	1	9	8	0	2	20	165	82
Corinthian	83	2	2	2	2	62	2	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	1	0	0	0	1	63	83
Fairfield	84	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	2	0	0	0	2	34	84
Ionic	87	1	3	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	87
Star	88	2	2	0	0	91	1	0	0	0	0	0	92	0	2	0	0	0	2	90	88
Cedar River	89	2	4	0	1	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	2	1	0	0	3	82	89
Oakland	91	0	3	1	1	115	1	0	0	0	0	0	116	0	1	1	0	0	2	114	91
Beaver City	93	1	1	1	0	90	1	0	0	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	93
Bennett	94	2	4	3	0	73	4	1	2	0	0	0	80	0	3	2	0	0	5	75	94
Garfield	95	2	2	1	1	96	0	0	0	2	0	0	98	1	1	0	0	0	2	96	95
Utica	96	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	36	0	101	1	2	0	0	0	3	98	96
Euclid	97	3	5	1	0	99	2	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	2	2	0	0	4	97	97
Republican	98	1	3	0	0	36	0	0	1	1	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	98
Shelton	99	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	99
Creighton	100	0	1	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	1	0	0	0	1	72	100
Ponca	101	1	2	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	0	0	0	1	77	101
Waterloo	102	3	6	4	4	162	0	0	0	1	0	0	163	0	4	0	0	0	4	159	102
Ord	103	1	0	1	0	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	0	5	0	0	0	5	126	103
Wymore	104	3	2	2	1	159	1	0	0	0	0	0	160	2	5	0	0	0	7	153	104
Stella	105	3	1	0	1	50	0	1	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	105
Porter	106	1	1	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	2	0	0	0	2	64	106
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	108
Pomegranate	110	6	7	2	6	180	0	1	0	1	0	0	182	0	5	2	0	0	7	175	110
Dewitt	111	0	0	0	1	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	1	3	0	0	0	4	38	111
Springfield	112	1	0	1	0	102	2	0	0	2	0	0	106	0	4	0	0	0	4	102	112
Globe	113	1	3	0	1	72	0	0	0	1	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	2	71	113
Wisner	114	1	1	1	0	82	0	0	0	1	0	0	83	1	3	2	0	0	6	77	114
Harlan	116	1	2	1	1	90	1	2	0	0	0	0	93	0	3	0	0	0	3	90	116
Hardy	117	1	1	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	117
North Bend	119	6	2	4	0	94	4	0	0	0	0	0	98	0	2	2	0	0	4	94	119

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																					Total Loss	
Wayne	120	2	0	2	0	182	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	190	0	4	2	0	0	6	184	120
Superior	121	2	4	1	2	162	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	163	0	6	3	0	0	9	154	121
Auburn	124	3	1	2	1	115	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	118	1	1	2	0	0	4	114	124
Mt. Nebo	125	3	2	3	1	71	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	3	0	0	0	3	71	125
Stromsburg	126	3	5	4	3	148	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	152	1	5	1	0	0	7	145	126
Minden	127	0	1	0	4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	3	1	0	0	4	82	127
Guide Rock	128	0	0	3	0	76	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	2	0	0	0	2	77	128
Scribner	132	0	2	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	1	40	132
Solar	134	2	3	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	134
McCook	135	4	9	2	1	305	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	310	2	9	0	0	0	11	299	135
Long Pine	136	0	1	0	0	40	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	136
Upright	137	1	0	1	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	1	49	137
Rawl	138	0	3	0	0	76	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	1	0	0	2	76	138
Clay Centre	139	1	2	1	2	61	1	0	0	0	34	0	0	96	1	2	0	0	0	3	93	139
Western	140	0	0	0	1	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	140
Crescent	143	2	5	2	1	29	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	1	0	0	1	30	143
Bancroft	145	0	0	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	1	2	0	0	0	3	90	145
Jachin	146	1	5	0	0	181	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	183	3	5	7	0	0	15	168	146
Siloam	147	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	147
Custer	148	1	5	0	0	178	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	179	1	2	1	0	0	4	175	148
Cambridge	150	0	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	2	0	0	0	2	87	150
Evergreen	153	0	0	0	0	48	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	153
Lily	154	2	2	0	0	54	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	1	1	0	0	2	53	154
Hartington	155	1	1	1	1	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	155
Samaritan	158	2	3	3	1	212	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	216	2	6	2	0	0	10	206	158
Ogalalla	159	1	3	1	0	148	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	152	0	1	0	0	0	1	151	159
Zeredatha	160	0	2	0	1	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	160
Mt. Zion	161	0	1	1	0	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	2	5	0	0	7	42	161
Trestle Board	162	0	1	0	0	67	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	68	0	1	3	0	0	4	64	162
Unity	163	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	1	0	0	1	67	163
Atkinson	164	2	2	2	0	51	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	55	1	0	1	0	0	2	53	164
Barneston	165	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	1	0	0	0	0	1	43	165
Elwood	167	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	2	4	0	4	10	38	167
Curtis	168	0	2	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	4	0	0	0	4	61	168
Amity	169	2	2	0	0	74	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	76	0	0	1	0	0	1	75	169
Mason City	170	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	170
Merna	171	0	1	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	1	0	0	1	48	171
Robert Burns	173	1	2	3	1	77	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	173
Culbertson	174	1	2	1	2	60	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	62	1	2	1	0	0	4	58	174
Temple	175	0	0	1	1	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	1	35	175
Gladstone	176	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	176
Hay Springs	177	1	1	1	2	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	3	1	0	0	4	101	177
Prudence	179	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1	0	3	0	36	40	0	179
Justice	180	1	4	0	0	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	129	1	1	0	0	0	2	127	180
Faith	181	0	3	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	6	0	0	0	6	73	181

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		Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1973		Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1973	Membership Dec. 31, 1972	GAIN					TOTAL	LOSS					On Rolls Dec. 31, 1973	
			Raisings	Affiliations				Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	Dermitted		Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes	Total Loss		
Alliance	183	10	6	8	0	319	9	0	0	2	0	0	330	2	13	12	0	0	27	303
Bee Hive	184	13	16	12	2	888	11	4	0	22	0	0	925	2	21	29	0	0	52	873
Boaz	185	0	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	1	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	1	45
Meridian	188	4	5	2	0	127	2	1	0	1	0	0	131	0	4	2	0	0	6	125
Granite	189	2	2	2	0	67	2	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	1	0	0	1	68
Amethyst	190	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	2	0	0	38	41	0
Crystal	191	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65
Minnekadusa	192	4	8	3	3	145	4	1	0	2	0	0	152	0	4	0	0	0	4	148
Signet	193	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	2	0	0	0	2	41
Highland	194	1	0	1	0	39	1	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	2	0	0	0	2	38
Arcana	195	5	6	3	4	125	0	0	0	2	0	0	127	4	7	0	0	0	11	116
Purity	198	0	5	0	1	120	0	1	0	1	0	0	122	0	2	1	0	0	3	119
Gavel	199	0	2	0	1	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	1	34
Blazing Star	200	0	0	0	1	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	5	3	0	0	8	65
Scotts Bluff	201	2	6	0	0	176	0	0	0	0	0	0	176	1	5	1	0	0	7	169
Golden Sheaf	202	3	4	0	0	54	0	0	1	1	0	0	56	0	2	0	0	0	2	54
Plainview	204	3	6	1	0	95	1	0	0	0	0	0	96	0	1	0	0	0	1	95
Golden Fleece	205	1	3	1	0	149	1	0	0	0	0	0	150	2	2	2	0	0	6	144
Parian	207	0	3	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	2	0	0	2	40
Canopy	209	1	3	0	0	83	0	1	0	0	0	0	84	0	1	2	0	0	3	81
East Lincoln	210	22	13	21	10	1051	13	2	0	6	0	0	1072	1	30	17	0	0	48	1024
Cement	211	1	0	0	0	62	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62
Plumblin	214	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	1	0	0	1	29
Occidental	215	1	2	1	1	62	0	0	1	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62
Palisade	216	0	0	0	0	102	1	1	0	0	0	0	104	1	3	0	0	0	4	100
Wauneta	217	0	1	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	2	0	0	0	2	49
Bloomfield	218	1	0	1	0	76	1	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	2	0	0	2	75
Relief	219	2	5	1	3	47	0	1	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Magnolia	220	0	4	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	1	41
Wood Lake	221	3	1	3	0	74	4	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	2	0	0	0	2	76
Landmark	222	2	3	2	1	93	1	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	1	2	0	0	3	91
Eminence	223	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	0	0	0	1	53
Silver Cord	224	7	5	4	5	127	1	0	1	0	0	0	129	1	1	1	0	0	3	126
Cable	225	0	1	0	0	75	0	0	1	0	38	0	114	2	3	0	0	0	5	109
North Star	227	5	8	3	1	418	4	0	0	4	0	0	426	3	11	11	0	0	25	401
Bartley	228	1	0	1	0	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	44
Comet	229	3	5	2	0	112	2	0	0	0	0	0	114	0	2	0	0	0	2	112
Mt. Herman	231	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	1	0	0	0	1	25
John S. Bowen	232	0	2	0	2	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	1	0	0	0	1	72
Gilead	233	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	1	40
Zion	234	1	2	1	1	98	1	0	0	0	0	0	99	0	2	0	0	0	2	97
Fraternity	235	0	1	0	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	1	0	0	0	1	51
Golden Rule	236	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	1	0	0	54	0	1	1	0	0	2	52
Cubit	237	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	1	2	0	0	0	3	32
Friendship	239	0	2	0	2	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	1	4	0	0	5	47



NAME OF LODGE	E. A. F. C. C.											MASTER MASONS							
	NO.	1973			1972							1973							
		Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1973	Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1973	Membership Dec. 31, 1972	GAIN					TOTAL	LOSS						
							Raisings	Affiliations	Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated		Other Causes	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes	
Total Loss	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1973																		
Sutherland	299	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	1	1	0	0	0	2	7
Liberty	300	33	2	3	403	4	4	0	2	0	0	413	3	9	10	0	0	22	39
Bayard	301	1	1	0	73	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	0	3	5	0	0	8	6
Mizpah	302	17	8	1	994	8	2	0	3	0	0	1007	3	19	21	0	0	43	96
Right Angle	303	7	4	6	445	4	0	0	5	0	0	454	1	9	1	0	0	11	44
Newman Grove	305	1	1	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	1	0	0	1	5
Golden Rod	306	0	0	1	70	1	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	3	0	0	0	3	6
Perkins	308	1	1	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	3	0	0	0	3	9
Winnebago	309	1	4	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	1	1	0	0	2	5
Victory	310	1	0	1	174	0	0	0	3	0	0	177	0	2	6	0	0	8	16
Polk	311	1	2	1	66	1	0	0	0	0	0	67	1	3	1	0	0	5	6
Oak Leaf	312	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	2	0	0	2	3
Potter	313	0	0	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	3	1	0	0	4	8
Craftsmen	314	3	3	2	531	0	3	0	2	0	0	536	4	9	15	0	0	28	50
Alpha	316	3	3	1	170	3	3	0	0	0	0	176	1	0	0	0	0	1	17
Mid-west	317	5	7	3	626	3	5	1	2	0	0	637	2	19	8	0	0	29	60
Grand Island	318	9	11	9	323	6	0	0	0	0	0	329	0	5	4	0	0	9	32
Bladen	319	0	1	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
College View	320	2	5	0	145	0	1	0	0	0	0	146	0	5	5	0	0	10	13
Harmony	321	0	1	1	49	0	0	0	2	0	0	51	0	2	1	0	0	3	4
Lebanon	323	1	4	1	199	2	3	0	8	0	0	212	1	1	1	0	0	3	20
Cairo	324	3	7	1	71	2	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	2	7
Bellevue	325	13	5	14	431	14	2	1	18	0	0	466	5	3	2	0	0	10	45
Centennial	326	10	6	8	461	8	0	1	6	0	0	476	5	2	11	0	0	18	45
Shiloh	327	5	3	3	88	2	2	0	0	0	0	92	2	2	4	0	0	8	8
Miloma	328	20	17	18	29	10	0	3	1	0	0	43	0	0	3	0	0	3	4

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## VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

Roy T. Stiehl .....	Hay Springs No. 177 .....	39 years
Harve I. Lang.....	Litchfield No. 278.....	36 years
Floyd Christy.....	Trestle Board No. 162.....	32 years
Warren C. Hall .....	Nelson No. 77 .....	32 years
F. Otto Nelson .....	Signet No. 193 .....	31 years
Wayne Warden Loftis ....	Landmark No. 222 .....	31 years
Bernard Besse Harris.....	Robert W. Furnas No. 265	31 years
Donald S. Hinman .....	Antelope No. 276.....	31 years
Clyde H. Jones .....	Robert Burns No. 173 .....	31 years
Albert B. Osborn.....	Grand Island No. 318.....	30 years
Harley I. Simons .....	Cambridge No. 150.....	28 years
Merle P. Hayes .....	Superior No. 121 .....	28 years
John J. Carter .....	Cement No. 211 .....	27 years
Alvin C. Groesser.....	Euclid No. 97.....	27 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:

Your Grand Custodian has been extremely busy this past year with Central Schools at Neligh, Hastings, Stromsburg, Seward, Aurora, Wilber, Fairbury, Wymore, Beatrice, Nelson, Superior, Plattsmouth, Nebraska City, Springfield, Weeping Water, Cozad, Ogallala Benkelman, Cambridge, Arapahoe, Tekamah, Schuyler, Ainsworth, Loup City, Ord, Valley, Randolph, Tecumseh, Humboldt, Auburn, Falls City, Walthill, Mullen, Gordon, Minatare, Sidney Lincoln and Omaha. The ritual in Nebraska remains at an all time high.

## LODGE CERTIFICATION

Sorry to report a loss of eight lodges over last year making a total of 130 certified lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. Bancroft Lodge No. 145 is back after an absence of four years. Following is a compiled list of all Lodges with number of years each has been consecutively certified. A record such as this has never before been researched therefore, I would request all lodges to check their own listing and report any errors to the Grand Custodian.

- (a) That the request was premature inasmuch as the record was not clear as to whether or not the proposed amendment had been adopted by the Lodge; and
- (b) That the waiver of dues would be tantamount to the issuance of a life membership, contrary to Section 2-405.
- (c) Further, I commented that the relief now provided in Section 2-603 should be sufficient to accomodate hardship cases which was urged as the basis for the proposed amendment. I further commented that in other jurisdictions which had adopted such measures, the financial status of subordinate lodges had been adversely affected.

6. In a case where charges were pending against a Brother for violation of Section 3-102 (d), the lodge requested a ruling as to whether or not the factual situation presented constituted a violation of Section 3-102 (d). The inquiry was submitted in order to prevent undesirable circumstances in the future. Further, the Lodge requested a ruling as to whether or not the Grand Master could dismiss the charges after the same had been filed by the Junior Warden of the lodge.

I held that the Grand Master has no authority vested in him under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge to dismiss charges properly filed for the reason that charges "may not be withdrawn except for cause and with the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Lodge present." Therefore, the authority to dismiss charges is vested exclusively in the constituent Lodge.

I further held that the Grand Master should not submit a formal opinion with regard to whether or not a given statement of facts constituted a violation of the Masonic Code in future cases, particularly where charges based upon the same currently were pending. This would involve an adjudication prior to trial and could be tantamount to amendment of the By-Laws or Constitution, as the case may be.

7. A proposed amendment to the By-Laws of North Star Lodge No. 227 was submitted for approval which provided as follows:

"To qualify for election to Junior Warden or Senior Warden a brother must have demonstrated proficiency in the work of the Senior Deacon. Such proficiency attested to by a personally proficient member of this lodge."

In disapproving the proposed amendment, I held that Section 2-301 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge stated unequivocally the qualifications for officers of constituent lodges and that any additional requirements established by the By-Laws of a constituent lodge were invalid and beyond the authority of said Lodge.

Further, such a requirement contravened the right of any Master Mason in good standing, who has complied with Section 2-402, to hold an elective office in his lodge and further limited the power and authority of the members of the constituent lodges to elect officers inasmuch as under the proposed By-Laws, must have been examined and declared proficient by a member of the lodge before becoming entitled to the elective position.

#### THE STATE OF THE CRAFT

From my personal observations and reports received from various sources, it is apparent that Masonry in Nebraska "is not dead, is not dying and is not even sick!" The statement I made at the beginning of the year. I am more firmly convinced than ever of its truth. This does not mean that we should merely stand still in reflected glory. There are areas of concern which dictate the exertion of leadership and renewed dedication. We should always remember to "accentuate the positive" and "eliminate the negative". Alluding to our problems without consideration of solutions will avail nothing. On the other hand, if all of us show that degree of leadership and concern, required in a given situation, solutions will be found to alleviate the troublesome areas, and Masonry will continue to be a vital force in our society.

I conclude therefore, that the condition of Masonry in Nebraska is good notwithstanding some evidence of inactivity and declining membership in some of our lodges. Where such problems exist, the reasons can be found in the truism that "Masonry is not lazy, but there are lazy Masons." Recognition of this principle is the key to further progress.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Youth Committee should be designated and established as a Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge; and accordingly, the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. A. F. & A. M. be amended in the following manner:
  - (a) That portion of Section 1-301 shall be amended to provide as follows:
 

"The Standing Committee shall be following: Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Fraternal Dead, Masonic Relief, Temple Building Advisory, Masonic Education, Board of Grand Trustees, Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, Applications for Reinstatements, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, Lodge Advisory, Public Relations and Youth Committee.\*\*\*"
  - (b) Section 1-329 Shall be enacted to provide as follows: "1-320. The Youth Committee shall initiate specific plans and programs for the support, encouragement and stimulation of DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls Organizations."

2. Due to the substantial increase in the cost of operation of motor vehicles, the By-Laws of Grand Lodge should be amended to provide for an increase in mileage allowance from 10¢ to 12¢ per mile.
3. Our Grand Lodge is far behind many of the other jurisdictions insofar as published communications to Lodges and members is concerned. This failure of communication makes it extremely difficult to conduct the administrative functions of the Grand Lodge and to stimulate Masonic Programs throughout the State.

Therefore, I recommend that an initial appropriation in the amount of \$2,500.00 be adopted as a priority item for the ensuing year.

4. The Grand Lodge should actively support the campaign for additional funds for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, through our companion committee. The Memorial is truly a proper and effective "show case" of Masonic principle, standards and history.
5. I recommend a greater degree of participation in the Hospital Visitation Program of the Masonic Services Association, by the appointment of a representative in the Omaha area, and an appropriation be designated sufficient to achieve the same.
6. I specifically endorse and submit for approval the following proposed recommendation of the Deputy Grand Master:

"I recommend that the Stockholders and the Board of Trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children amend the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of said corporation to admit to the Home only children whose parent or grandparent is, or was if deceased, a member in good standing in either a subordinate Masonic Lodge in Nebraska or a subordinate chapter of The Order of Eastern Star in Nebraska."

7. I recommend the continuance of the Official Visitation Program and the other administrative programs, heretofore submitted in detail in this address.

#### CONCLUSION

I can think of no more fitting way than to close my remarks with an expression of appreciation:

1. To M. W. Brother Norris W. Lallman who presented me the opportunity to serve as Grand Orator, and to M. W. Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart who appointed me as Grand Junior Deacon of this Grand Lodge.
2. To the Grand Lodge for electing me to the position of its Grand Master.
3. To the Officers, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Custodians, Committees and all of the Brethren who have given of their time, talents and efforts in furthering the principles of this great fraternity and who have served so masterfully this year.
4. To my wife, Treva and my family for their support, inspiration and understanding during this busy and sometimes frustrating year.

5. To my office assistants and associates who worked with me and assumed many of my professional responsibilities.
6. To the Officers and Brethren of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 for the reception, photograph, hat, carrying case and their general support; and for assuming the responsibility of opening and closing a special communication at this Grand Lodge Communication.
7. To all Nebraska Masons with whom I have had the privilege and pleasure to serve — for your friendship and cooperation; and most certainly to our gracious hosts at this Communication, the officers and Brethren of Rob Morris No. 46, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island No. 318, Mid-West No. 317, Hastings No. 50 and Granite No. 189; and to Chairmen W. . Brother A. B. Saum and W. . Brother Rollie Dunn, the committee and those who participated in the opening ceremonies.

This has been a rewarding year which I shall treasure for the rest of my life. Thank You, Brethren.

Fraternally

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl J. Mallico". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Grand Master

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

Returns have been received from 250 Lodges and dues and fees for the year of 1973 have been paid.

## CONSOLIDATIONS

Fairfield No. 84, voted to consolidate with Clay Centre No. 139. Clay Centre voted to accept Fairfield, No. 84 in consolidation. The date of the consolidation is January 24, 1974.

Ramah No. 275, Bertrand, voted to consolidate with Elwood No. 167. Elwood No. 167 voted to accept Ramah, No. 275 in consolidation. The date of the consolidation is Febr. 14, 1974.

Sterling No. 70 voted to consolidate with Tecumseh No. 17. Tecumseh No. 17 voted to accept Sterling No. 70 in consolidation. The date of the consolidation is March 30, 1974.

Mt. Hermon No. 231, Cook, voted to consolidate with Tecumseh No. 17. Tecumseh No. 17 voted to accept Mr. Herman No. 231 in consolidation. The date of the consolidation is April 15, 1974.

## GRIEVANCES

There were three trial commissions appointed during the year. We have not had any petitions for restoration.

## FIFTY YEAR BUTTONS

There were 314 Fifty Year buttons presented this year. In many cases special meetings were held for the ceremony.

## JORDAN MEDALS

Many special meetings were held this year for the presentation of the Robert Carrel Jordan Medal to the senior member of a Lodge, based on years of membership and who is a resident of Nebraska.

## GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

W. . Brother John Franklin Heywood of Peru Lodge No. 14, passed away during the past year. He celebrated his 100th birthday on October 21, 1973. Many of the Grand Lodge officers attended this important occasion.

M. . W. . Brother Frank J. Mattoon presented the Gold Jordan Medal to W. . Brother George H. Murphy of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 on February 8, 1974. W. . Brother George has been a Mason since April 2, 1902 and has been active in Masonry during his entire time he has been a Mason. He holds a current proficiency card.

## LOCAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

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.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE (KEARNEY,  
MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U. D. .

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

CHARTERED LODGES

Mt. Moriah No. 57, Syracuse; Faith Lodge No. 181, Crawford; Crystal Lodge No. 191, Scotia; Beemer Lodge No. 253, Beemer; Ornan Lodge No. 261, Spencer; Oasis Lodge No. 271, Morrill; and Newman Grove Lodge No. 303, Newman Grove were not represented at the last two annual Communications and have been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

GRAND LODGE OFFICES

I am most fortunate to have the utmost cooperation from the entire office staff.

We were saddened by the death of W. . Brother George Pribyl who had been the bookkeeper in the Grand Lodge office for a number of years. He was an excellent bookkeeper. George was a Past Master of Mizpah Lodge No. 302. He is missed by everyone who knew him.

All Masons are invited to visit the Grand Lodge offices, they are most welcome.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

The Grand Secretary's office works very closely with the Grand Custodian W. . Brother Ralph W. Gerry and his fine group of Deputy Grand Custodians. These men are of great assistance to our office, our sincere thanks to all of them.

FRATERNAL REVIEW

M. W. . Brother William B. Wanner has prepared an outstanding fraternal review, it should be read by every Master Mason in Nebraska.

FINANCIAL REPORT  
General Fund Receipts

Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1973 .....	\$ 7,319.21
Per Capita Tax \$4.00 Per Member.....	155,442.00
Initiations \$10.00 per member.....	6,000.00
Surety Bond Premiums.....	643.90
Liability Insurance Premiums.....	2,717.19
Supplies.....	2,988.97
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Assn....	433.00
Custodial Fees .....	830.00
Interest & Dividends on Investments.....	53,918.63
Affiliations.....	70.00
Re-Instatements.....	844.00
Dispensation Fees.....	40.00
Misc. Income .....	1,185.00
Short Term Investments Matured.....	<u>155,010.00</u>
	\$ 387,441.90

DISBURSEMENTS

Liability Insurance Premium.....	\$ 3,379.00
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Assn....	371.00
Supply Account.....	2,444.24
The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	24,030.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home—General Fund.....	77,721.00
Short Term Investments.....	160,010.00
1973-1974 General Budget .....	105,531.83
Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1974.....	<u>13,954.83</u>
	\$ 387,441.90

RETIREMENT FUND

Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1973.....	\$ 10,797.45
Interest and Dividends on Investments.....	18,003.01
Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. & The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	<u>26,048.00</u>
	\$ 54,848.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Securities Purchased.....	\$ 34,376.27
Payments to retired Employees.....	5,511.84
Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1974.....	<u>14,960.35</u>
	\$ 54,848.46

## RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges last year .....		250
Number of Lodges Chartered this year.....		0
Charters Consolidated .....		4
Number of Chartered Lodges .....		246
Number Initiated.....	600	
Number Passed.....	458	
Number Raised.....	422	
Number Affiliated.....	123	
Number Dual Members....	37	
Number re-instated.....	208	
Number Consolidated.....	108	
Number Gained—		
other causes.....	<u>9</u>	
Total gross Increase .....		<u>907</u>
Number Demitted .....	147	
Number Deceased.....	959	
Number Suspended N.P.D.....	570	
Number Expelled.....	0	
Lost by other causes		
Consolidations.....	<u>84</u>	
Total Gross Loss.....		<u>1,697</u>
Net Loss for year ending		
December 31, 1973 .....		790
Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1972		38,878
Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1973		38,088

I wish to express my appreciation to those who have been so cooperative during the past year, especially do I wish to thank the many fine Secretaries in our Constituent Lodge throughout the State.

Fraternally submitted,

*Norman W. Lallman*

Grand Secretary

NAME OF LODGE	NO.	E. A. F. C. C.					MASTER MASONS											On Rolls Dec. 31, 1973	No. of Lodge		
		Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1973	Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1973	Membership Dec. 31, 1972	GAIN						LOSS								
							Raisings	Affiliations	Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions			Other Causes	Total Loss
Nebraska	1	7	4	5	0	912	5	1	0	3	0	0	921	2	31	6	0	0	39	882	1
Western Star	2	3	0	0	0	251	1	0	0	3	0	1	256	0	3	2	0	0	5	251	2
Capitol	3	4	8	2	0	560	6	0	0	0	0	0	566	1	23	7	0	0	31	535	3
Nemaha Valley	4	1	3	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	4	0	0	0	4	59	4
Omaha	5	4	3	2	0	97	2	0	0	0	0	0	99	0	0	1	0	0	1	98	5
Plattsmouth	6	4	7	3	1	309	4	4	0	0	0	0	317	0	9	1	0	0	10	307	6
Falls City	9	3	4	3	1	194	3	0	0	1	0	0	198	1	7	2	0	0	10	188	9
Solomon	10	0	1	0	0	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	0	2	0	0	0	2	101	10
Covert	11	37	13	31	7	1453	27	0	0	6	0	0	1486	2	44	26	0	1	73	1413	11
Orient	13	0	1	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	2	0	0	0	2	46	13
Peru	14	1	1	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	3	0	0	0	3	86	14
Fremont	15	10	14	8	5	619	8	1	0	4	0	5	637	5	16	12	0	1	34	603	15
Tecumseh	17	0	7	0	1	123	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	0	4	0	0	0	4	119	17
Lincoln	19	6	6	3	1	745	3	0	0	4	0	0	752	4	27	5	0	0	36	716	19
Washington	21	0	0	2	0	154	2	0	0	2	0	0	158	1	2	4	0	0	7	151	21
Pawnee	23	2	0	2	0	104	2	0	0	0	0	0	106	0	4	1	0	0	5	101	23
St. Johns	25	7	5	10	0	740	13	0	0	4	0	0	757	1	20	6	0	0	27	730	25
Beatrice	26	11	10	8	2	345	9	1	0	0	0	0	355	0	11	0	0	0	11	344	26
Jordan	27	1	3	0	0	68	1	1	1	0	0	0	71	0	2	0	0	0	2	69	27
Blue River	30	1	0	2	0	74	4	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	2	0	0	0	2	76	30
Tekamah	31	8	4	6	0	181	6	2	0	1	0	0	190	2	2	0	0	0	4	186	31
Platte Valley	32	14	22	8	5	504	6	6	1	0	0	2	519	2	12	5	0	0	19	500	32
Ashlar	33	5	3	5	0	447	5	3	1	1	0	0	457	2	16	4	0	0	22	435	33
Acacia	34	1	3	0	1	156	0	0	0	0	0	0	156	1	4	1	0	0	6	150	34
Fairbury	35	0	1	0	0	223	0	0	0	0	0	0	223	1	7	0	0	0	8	215	35
Lone Tree	36	2	2	2	1	180	3	1	0	0	0	0	184	0	7	2	0	0	9	175	36
Crete	37	4	4	2	0	182	4	0	0	3	0	0	189	1	3	1	0	0	5	184	37
Oliver	38	2	2	1	2	134	2	0	0	0	0	0	136	0	7	3	0	0	10	126	38
Papillion	39	7	15	5	2	312	8	0	1	0	0	0	321	0	4	2	0	0	6	315	39
Humbolt	40	0	0	0	0	87	0	2	0	0	0	0	89	0	4	0	0	0	4	85	40
Northern Light	41	2	1	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	3	1	0	0	4	60	41
Hebron	43	2	1	0	0	113	1	1	0	0	0	0	115	0	2	0	0	0	2	113	43
Harvard	44	7	5	2	0	74	2	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	1	1	0	0	2	74	44
Rob Morris	46	2	4	3	0	320	4	1	2	4	0	0	331	0	6	6	0	0	12	319	46
Fairmont	48	1	4	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	2	0	0	0	2	65	48
Evening Star	49	2	2	1	0	95	1	3	0	0	0	0	99	0	3	0	0	0	3	96	49
Hastings	50	5	15	6	3	454	8	0	2	0	0	0	464	4	15	4	0	0	23	441	50
Fidelity	51	3	4	1	1	125	0	1	0	0	0	0	126	0	4	0	0	0	4	122	51
Hiram	52	0	1	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	3	6	0	0	9	70	52
Charity	53	0	0	0	1	123	0	0	0	2	0	0	125	0	2	1	0	0	3	122	53
Lancaster	54	18	13	17	4	825	14	0	1	6	0	0	846	1	20	9	0	0	30	816	54
Mosaic	55	2	8	0	0	256	1	1	3	0	0	0	261	8	10	0	0	0	18	243	55
York	56	6	3	4	4	229	2	3	1	0	0	0	235	0	5	4	0	1	10	225	56
Mt. Moriah	57	0	7	0	2	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	1	1	0	0	2	84	57
Wahoo	59	3	4	2	0	252	3	1	0	2	0	0	258	1	3	6	0	0	10	248	59

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							Raisings	Affiliations	Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated		Other Causes	Demitied	Deaths	Suspended			Expulsions	Other Causes	
																					Total Loss
Melrose	60	1	0	2	0	62	3	1	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65	60
Thistle	61	6	6	2	0	225	2	3	0	2	0	0	232	1	8	4	0	0	13	219	61
Keystone	62	0	1	0	0	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	62
Blue Valley	64	0	1	0	1	96	0	1	0	0	0	0	97	0	3	0	0	0	3	94	64
Osceola	65	4	3	4	4	79	1	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	1	0	0	0	1	79	65
Edgar	67	0	0	1	1	65	1	1	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	3	0	0	3	64	67
Aurora	68	0	3	0	1	129	0	0	0	1	0	0	130	2	7	0	0	0	9	121	68
Sterling	70	0	1	0	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	1	0	0	0	1	32	70
Trowel	71	1	1	1	0	110	1	3	1	5	0	0	120	2	3	2	0	0	7	113	71
Hooper	72	4	1	5	3	89	4	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	3	0	0	0	3	90	72
Friend	73	2	6	0	2	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	73
Frank Welch	75	7	3	4	1	227	3	1	0	1	0	0	232	2	5	4	0	0	11	221	75
Nelson	77	0	1	1	0	138	1	0	1	2	0	0	142	3	6	3	0	0	12	130	77
Albion	78	0	0	0	0	125	0	0	0	1	0	0	126	1	2	0	0	0	3	123	78
Geneva	79	0	0	0	0	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	1	5	0	0	0	6	129	79
Composite	81	2	0	2	1	78	1	1	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	81
St. Paul	82	2	5	1	4	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	1	9	8	0	2	20	165	82
Corinthian	83	2	2	2	2	62	2	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	1	0	0	0	1	63	83
Fairfield	84	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	2	0	0	0	2	34	84
Ionic	87	1	3	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	87
Star	88	2	2	0	0	91	1	0	0	0	0	0	92	0	2	0	0	0	2	90	88
Cedar River	89	2	4	0	1	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	2	1	0	0	3	82	89
Oakland	91	0	3	1	1	115	1	0	0	0	0	0	116	0	1	1	0	0	2	114	91
Beaver City	93	1	1	1	0	90	1	0	0	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	93
Bennett	94	2	4	3	0	73	4	1	2	0	0	0	80	0	3	2	0	0	5	75	94
Garfield	95	2	2	1	1	96	0	0	0	2	0	0	98	1	1	0	0	0	2	96	95
Utica	96	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	36	0	101	1	2	0	0	0	3	98	96
Euclid	97	3	5	1	0	99	2	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	2	2	0	0	4	97	97
Republican	98	1	3	0	0	36	0	0	1	1	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	98
Shelton	99	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	99
Creighton	100	0	1	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	1	0	0	0	1	72	100
Ponca	101	1	2	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	0	0	0	1	77	101
Waterloo	102	3	6	4	4	162	0	0	0	1	0	0	163	0	4	0	0	0	4	159	102
Ord	103	1	0	1	0	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	0	5	0	0	0	5	126	103
Wymore	104	3	2	2	1	159	1	0	0	0	0	0	160	2	5	0	0	0	7	153	104
Stella	105	3	1	0	1	50	0	1	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	105
Porter	106	1	1	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	2	0	0	0	2	64	106
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	108
Pomegranate	110	6	7	2	6	180	0	1	0	1	0	0	182	0	5	2	0	0	7	175	110
Dewitt	111	0	0	0	1	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	1	3	0	0	0	4	38	111
Springfield	112	1	0	1	0	102	2	0	0	2	0	0	106	0	4	0	0	0	4	102	112
Globe	113	1	3	0	1	72	0	0	0	1	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	2	71	113
Wisner	114	1	1	1	0	82	0	0	0	1	0	0	83	1	3	2	0	0	6	77	114
Harlan	116	1	2	1	1	90	1	2	0	0	0	0	93	0	3	0	0	0	3	90	116
Hardy	117	1	1	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	117
North Bend	119	6	2	4	0	94	4	0	0	0	0	0	98	0	2	2	0	0	4	94	119

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Wayne	120	2	0	2	0	182	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	0	4	2	0	0	6	184	120		
Superior	121	2	4	1	2	162	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	0	6	3	0	0	9	154	121		
Auburn	124	3	1	2	1	115	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	1	1	2	0	0	4	114	124		
Mt. Nebo	125	3	2	3	1	71	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	3	0	0	0	3	71	125		
Stromsburg	126	3	5	4	3	148	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	1	5	1	0	0	7	145	126		
Minden	127	0	1	0	4	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	3	1	0	0	4	82	127		
Guide Rock	128	0	0	3	0	76	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	2	0	0	0	2	77	128		
Scribner	132	0	2	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	1	40	132		
Solar	134	2	3	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	134		
McCook	135	4	9	2	1	305	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	310	2	9	0	0	0	11	299	135		
Long Pine	136	0	1	0	0	40	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	136		
Upright	137	1	0	1	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	1	49	137		
Rawalt	138	0	3	0	0	76	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	1	0	0	2	76	138		
Clay Centre	139	1	2	1	2	61	1	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	96	1	2	0	0	0	3	93	139		
Western	140	0	0	0	1	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	140		
Crescent	143	2	5	2	1	29	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	1	0	0	1	30	143		
Bancroft	145	0	0	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	1	2	0	0	0	3	90	145		
Jachin	146	1	5	0	0	181	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	183	3	5	7	0	0	15	168	146		
Siloam	147	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	147		
Custer	148	1	5	0	0	178	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	1	2	1	0	0	4	175	148		
Cambridge	150	0	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	2	0	0	0	2	87	150		
Evergreen	153	0	0	0	0	48	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	153		
Lily	154	2	2	0	0	54	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	1	1	0	0	2	53	154		
Hartington	155	1	1	1	1	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	155		
Samaritan	158	2	3	3	1	212	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	216	2	6	2	0	0	10	206	158		
Ogalalla	159	1	3	1	0	148	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	0	1	0	0	0	1	151	159		
Zeredatha	160	0	2	0	1	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	160		
Mt. Zion	161	0	1	1	0	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	2	5	0	0	7	42	161		
Trestle Board	162	0	1	0	0	67	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	1	3	0	0	4	64	162		
Unity	163	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	1	0	0	1	67	163		
Atkinson	164	2	2	2	0	51	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	1	0	1	0	0	2	53	164		
Barneston	165	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	1	0	0	0	0	1	43	165		
Elwood	167	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	2	4	0	4	10	38	167		
Curtis	168	0	2	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	4	0	0	0	4	61	168		
Amity	169	2	2	0	0	74	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	0	1	0	0	1	75	169		
Mason City	170	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	170		
Merna	171	0	1	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	1	0	0	1	48	171		
Robert Burns	173	1	2	3	1	77	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	173	
Culbertson	174	1	2	1	2	60	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	1	2	1	0	0	4	58	174		
Temple	175	0	0	1	1	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	1	35	175		
Gladstone	176	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	176		
Hay Springs	177	1	1	1	2	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	3	1	0	0	4	101	177		
Prudence	179	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1	0	3	0	36	40	0	179		
Justice	180	1	4	0	0	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	129	1	1	0	0	0	2	127	180		
Faith	181	0	3	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	6	0	0	0	6	73	181		

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Alliance	183	10	6	8	0	319	9	0	0	2	0	0	330	2	13	12	0	0	27	303		
Bee Hive	184	13	16	12	2	888	11	4	0	22	0	0	925	2	21	29	0	0	52	873		
Boaz	185	0	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	1	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	1	45		
Meridian	188	4	5	2	0	127	2	1	0	1	0	0	131	0	4	2	0	0	6	125		
Granite	189	2	2	2	0	67	2	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	1	0	0	1	68		
Amethyst	190	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	2	0	0	38	41	0		
Crystal	191	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65		
Minnekadusa	192	4	8	3	3	145	4	1	0	2	0	0	152	0	4	0	0	0	4	148		
Signet	193	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	2	0	0	0	2	41		
Highland	194	1	0	1	0	39	1	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	2	0	0	0	2	38		
Arcana	195	5	6	3	4	125	0	0	0	2	0	0	127	4	7	0	0	0	11	116		
Purity	198	0	5	0	1	120	0	1	0	1	0	0	122	0	2	1	0	0	3	119		
Gavel	199	0	2	0	1	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	1	34		
Blazing Star	200	0	0	0	1	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	5	3	0	0	8	65		
Scotts Bluff	201	2	6	0	0	176	0	0	0	0	0	0	176	1	5	1	0	0	7	169		
Golden Sheaf	202	3	4	0	0	54	0	0	1	1	0	0	56	0	2	0	0	0	2	54		
Plainview	204	3	6	1	0	95	1	0	0	0	0	0	96	0	1	0	0	0	1	95		
Golden Fleece	205	1	3	1	0	149	1	0	0	0	0	0	150	2	2	2	0	0	6	144		
Parian	207	0	3	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	2	0	0	2	40		
Canopy	209	1	3	0	0	83	0	1	0	0	0	0	84	0	1	2	0	0	3	81		
East Lincoln	210	22	13	21	10	1051	13	2	0	6	0	0	1072	1	30	17	0	0	48	1024		
Cement	211	1	0	0	0	62	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62		
Plumblin	214	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	1	0	0	1	29		
Occidental	215	1	2	1	1	62	0	0	1	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62		
Palisade	216	0	0	0	0	102	1	1	0	0	0	0	104	1	3	0	0	0	4	100		
Wauneta	217	0	1	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	2	0	0	0	2	49		
Bloomfield	218	1	0	1	0	76	1	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	2	0	0	2	75		
Relief	219	2	5	1	3	47	0	1	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48		
Magnolia	220	0	4	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	1	41		
Wood Lake	221	3	1	3	0	74	4	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	2	0	0	0	2	76		
Landmark	222	2	3	2	1	93	1	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	1	2	0	0	3	91		
Eminence	223	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	0	0	0	1	53		
Silver Cord	224	7	5	4	5	127	1	0	1	0	0	0	129	1	1	1	0	0	3	126		
Cable	225	0	1	0	0	75	0	0	1	0	38	0	114	2	3	0	0	0	5	109		
North Star	227	5	8	3	1	418	4	0	0	4	0	0	426	3	11	11	0	0	25	401		
Bartley	228	1	0	1	0	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	44		
Comet	229	3	5	2	0	112	2	0	0	0	0	0	114	0	2	0	0	0	2	112		
Mt. Herman	231	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	1	0	0	0	1	25		
John S. Bowen	232	0	2	0	2	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	1	0	0	0	1	72		
Gilead	233	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	1	40		
Zion	234	1	2	1	1	98	1	0	0	0	0	0	99	0	2	0	0	0	2	97		
Fraternity	235	0	1	0	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	1	0	0	0	1	51		
Golden Rule	236	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	1	0	0	54	0	1	1	0	0	2	52		
Cubit	237	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	1	2	0	0	0	3	32		
Friendship	239	0	2	0	2	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	1	4	0	0	5	47		

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George Armstrong	240	0	0	0	1	109	1	1	0	0	0	110	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	106	240	
Ampton	241	0	0	0	1	57	1	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	58	241	
Lawrence Hawka	245	1	2	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	1	0	0	2	36	245		
Harrel	246	0	2	0	1	101	1	0	0	0	0	102	0	2	2	0	0	4	98	246		
thenburg	248	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	248		
George Washington	249	2	2	1	0	148	1	0	0	0	0	149	0	3	3	0	0	6	143	249		
USA	250	2	5	2	2	297	2	0	0	0	0	300	0	8	2	0	0	10	290	250		
Merrett	251	7	1	6	3	37	3	2	0	0	0	42	1	2	0	0	0	3	39	251		
Merrett	253	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	1	77	253		
Merrett	254	2	2	1	1	67	2	0	0	0	0	69	0	2	0	0	0	2	67	254		
Merrett	256	3	10	5	1	82	5	0	2	0	0	89	1	1	1	0	0	3	86	256		
Merrett	258	0	3	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	2	0	0	0	2	76	258		
Merrett	261	0	1	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	261		
Merrett	262	1	1	0	0	78	1	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	0	0	0	1	77	262		
Merrett	263	3	1	2	1	146	1	1	0	2	0	150	0	4	0	0	0	4	146	263		
Merrett	264	0	0	1	1	75	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	2	1	0	0	3	73	264		
Merrett	265	0	6	1	1	397	1	1	0	1	0	400	0	11	2	0	0	13	387	265		
Merrett	266	1	0	1	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	56	0	1	2	0	0	3	53	266		
Merrett	267	0	3	0	0	91	1	0	0	0	0	91	1	2	0	0	0	3	88	267		
Merrett	268	9	2	9	0	233	9	1	0	1	0	244	0	4	1	0	0	5	239	268		
Merrett	271	0	1	0	0	182	0	0	0	1	0	183	1	6	7	0	0	14	169	271		
Merrett	272	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	2	0	0	0	2	53	272		
Merrett	273	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	1	29	0	1	0	0	0	1	28	273		
Merrett	274	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	44	274		
Merrett	275	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	3	1	0	0	4	31	275		
Merrett	276	0	5	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	3	2	0	0	5	46	276		
Merrett	277	0	1	1	1	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	1	38	277		
Merrett	278	0	5	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	278		
Merrett	279	0	0	0	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	279		
Merrett	280	2	3	1	1	74	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	2	2	0	0	4	70	280		
Merrett	281	9	6	3	0	755	3	3	1	0	0	763	4	20	12	0	0	36	727	281		
Merrett	282	0	2	2	0	58	1	0	0	0	0	59	0	2	0	0	0	2	57	282		
Merrett	284	0	2	0	1	54	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	3	1	0	1	5	49	284		
Merrett	285	0	3	0	0	124	0	0	2	0	0	126	0	5	5	0	0	10	116	285		
Merrett	286	0	5	0	1	90	0	0	1	0	0	91	0	2	0	0	0	2	89	286		
Merrett	287	1	0	1	1	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	2	1	0	0	3	50	287		
Merrett	288	3	3	4	2	394	2	1	8	0	0	405	1	7	9	0	0	17	388	288		
Merrett	289	1	3	0	2	134	0	0	0	0	0	134	0	4	0	0	0	4	130	289		
Merrett	290	31	6	29	5	1508	25	6	0	0	0	1546	9	36	9	0	0	54	1492	290		
Merrett	291	3	2	1	2	85	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	1	0	0	0	1	84	291		
Merrett	293	0	2	1	2	55	1	0	0	0	0	56	0	2	1	0	0	3	53	293		
Merrett	294	0	8	0	2	170	1	0	2	0	0	174	0	2	14	0	0	16	158	294		
Merrett	295	4	1	1	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	2	71	295		
Merrett	297	3	8	3	3	277	1	0	0	0	0	286	1	2	17	0	0	20	266	297		
Merrett	298	4	3	1	3	51	1	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	1	0	0	2	51	298		

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												Raisings	Affiliations	Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes		TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes
Sutherland	299	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Liberty	300	3	2	3	0	403	4	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	413	3	9	10	0	0	39		
Bayard	301	2	1	1	0	73	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	3	5	0	0	8		
Mizpah	302	11	17	8	1	994	8	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1007	3	19	21	0	0	43		
Right Angle	303	7	4	6	2	445	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	454	1	9	1	0	0	11		
Newman Grove	305	1	1	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	1	0	0	1		
Golden Rod	306	0	0	1	0	70	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	3	0	0	0	3		
Perkins	308	1	1	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	3	0	0	0	6		
Winnebago	309	1	4	0	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	1	1	0	0	2		
Victory	310	1	0	1	2	174	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	177	0	2	6	0	0	8		
Polk	311	1	2	1	1	66	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	1	3	1	0	0	5		
Oak Leaf	312	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	2	0	0	2		
Potter	313	0	0	0	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	3	1	0	0	4		
Craftsmen	314	3	3	2	3	531	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	536	4	9	15	0	0	28		
Alpha	316	3	3	1	0	170	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	176	1	0	0	0	0	1		
Mid-west	317	5	7	3	2	626	3	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	637	2	19	8	0	0	29		
Grand Island	318	9	11	9	4	323	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	329	0	5	4	0	0	9		
Bladen	319	0	1	0	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0		
College View	320	2	5	0	0	145	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146	0	5	5	0	0	10		
Harmony	321	0	1	1	2	49	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	2	1	0	0	3		
Lebanon	323	1	4	1	0	199	2	3	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	212	1	1	1	0	0	3		
Cairo	324	3	7	1	0	71	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	2		
Bellevue	325	13	5	14	1	431	14	2	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	466	5	3	2	0	0	10		
Centennial	326	10	6	8	3	461	8	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	476	5	2	11	0	0	18		
Shiloh	327	5	3	3	2	88	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	2	2	4	0	0	8		
Miloma	328	20	17	18	9	29	10	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	3	0	0	3		

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## VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

Roy T. Stiehl .....	Hay Springs No. 177 .....	39 years
Harve I. Lang.....	Litchfield No. 278.....	36 years
Floyd Christy .....	Trestle Board No. 162.....	32 years
Warren C. Hall .....	Nelson No. 77 .....	32 years
F. Otto Nelson .....	Signet No. 193 .....	31 years
Wayne Warden Loftis ....	Landmark No. 222 .....	31 years
Bernard Besse Harris.....	Robert W. Furnas No. 265	31 years
Donald S. Hinman .....	Antelope No. 276.....	31 years
Clyde H. Jones .....	Robert Burns No. 173 ....	31 years
Albert B. Osborn.....	Grand Island No. 318.....	30 years
Harley I. Simons .....	Cambridge No. 150.....	28 years
Merle P. Hayes .....	Superior No. 121 .....	28 years
John J. Carter .....	Cement No. 211 .....	27 years
Alvin C. Groesser.....	Euclid No. 97.....	27 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:

Your Grand Custodian has been extremely busy this past year with Central Schools at Neligh, Hastings, Stromsburg, Seward, Aurora, Wilber, Fairbury, Wymore, Beatrice, Nelson, Superior, Plattsmouth, Nebraska City, Springfield, Weeping Water, Cozad, Ogallala Benkelman, Cambridge, Arapahoe, Tekamah, Schuyler, Ainsworth, Loup City, Ord, Valley, Randolph, Tecumseh, Humboldt, Auburn, Falls City, Walthill, Mullen, Gordon, Minatare, Sidney Lincoln and Omaha. The ritual in Nebraska remains at an all time high.

## LODGE CERTIFICATION

Sorry to report a loss of eight lodges over last year making a total of 130 certified lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. Bancroft Lodge No. 145 is back after an absence of four years. Following is a compiled list of all Lodges with number of years each has been consecutively certified. A record such as this has never before been researched therefore, I would request all lodges to check their own listing and report any errors to the Grand Custodian.

WALTER MILLER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF DEMOLAY.

M. .W. . Brother Frank, before making the presentation, I would like to make one or two short announcements. We have on the table as your registered, some things you probably looked at and said "DeMolay" they are bumper stickers. We would appreciate your taking them along, I don't want to take them back home.

Brethren, the important thing I am here for is to represent the International Supreme Council. I am going to ask Past Grand Master, M. .W. . Brother Herbert A. Ronin if he will not join me. The Supreme Council of DeMolay held its 55th Annual Session, the city of Memphis, Tenn. elected during its executive session at that time, our M. .W. . Past Grand Master Herbert A. Ronin, to become an active member of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay. Because the pressure of things prevented Brother Ronin from being there and to receive this collar, I have been asked by the Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay, to present the collar and jewel to Brother Ronin at a time when it might be possible back here in the State of Nebraska.

Brother Herb, on behalf of the International Supreme Council of Order of DeMolay, our Grand Master, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to place about your neck, the collar and the jewel attached, and as an active member of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay, present to you my hearty congratulations and wish for you many years to wear this collar for the continuance of your tremendous support for the young men of DeMolay.

M. .W. . HERBERT A. RONIN, PAST GRAND MASTER:

M. .W. . Grand Master, my brethren and guests and my dear friend Brother Walter Miller: First I want to say that I deeply appreciate and treasure this award of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay, and I want to pledge to you, Brother Walt, my very best in being worthy of this award, May I also say, that it is particularly gratifying and pleasing to me to have Walt Miller present this collar jewel of this new office to me. I know most of you here are quite well aware that Walt Miller has been a dynamic executive officer of DeMolay here in Nebraska. And I am also certain that many of you do not realize that he has been an active member of the International Council Order of DeMolay for a goodly number of years. As a matter of fact, his leadership in DeMolay goes back to the time when he was still living in Chicago, in the days of Dad Land, the founder of DeMolay was actively the head of DeMolay and the Grand Master.

Nebraska owes a great deal to our Executive Officer Walt Miller and so for these reasons, Walt, plus the fact of my high esteem that I personally hold you, I treasure this presentation and I thank you again for doing it.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 14 — AFTERNOON SESSION

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

#### REPORT OF THE BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted:

On behalf of the Bi-Centennial Committee I have the honor to present the following report. During the Committee's meeting our discussions have covered a wide range of subjects. This report however does not include all topics and possibilities, but is an outline of the specific recommendations that we consider to be urgent at this time.

First of all we should recognize that we are not necessarily celebrating a given date, or even a given year in planning 1976 celebrations, even though some may choose to do so. We are celebrating 200 years of development in a part of the North American continent, and the part Masons played in this development during the entire 200 years. The date 1776 has been selected as a starting point as the Declaration of Independence was signed in that year.

It is, of course, impossible for this committee or any other to come up with a complete plan of celebration to be strictly followed by all Lodges and to fit the needs and abilities of all Lodges. It is the purpose of your local Lodge committee to adapt the outline to fit the needs of your Lodge. To assist you with this planning we expect, in the coming year to prepare materials for distribution to all Lodges and at next year's Grand Lodge session there will be a Bi-Centennial kit for the use of all Senior Wardens in preparing for the year of 1976 when by the Grace of God they will be serving as Master of their respective Lodges. For the purpose of carrying out the preparation and distribution of these materials we have requested that the Committee on Appropriations include \$1,000.00 in the Budget for our use.

The committee has requested the incoming Grand Master to appoint two more members to the committee for the purpose of organizing a speakers bureau. If your Lodge has no one in its ranks or no contacts to find a speaker for a public meeting of celebration, the bureau will attempt to fill your void.

Your committee further recommends that:

1. An announcement be made at public installation of Lodge Officers in January 1976 to the effect that the year of 1976 will be celebrated as the Bi-Centennial year by the Lodge.
2. The clean up fix up campaign be pushed especially in the year 1975, so that all Temples are presentable for the Bi-Centennial year.

3. A special dues card be made available to commemorate the Bi-Centennial year.
4. Flag poles be erected where space is available, or some method of attaching a support for a flag be made to the outside of all Temples.
5. The Flag be flown every day especially during the Bi-Centennial year.
6. The Grand Lodge purchase six, 13 star flags to be used at all Grand Lodge functions during the Bi-Centennial year.
7. Books on Masonry be bought by the individual Lodges for donation to public libraries and to public school libraries.
8. Your Lodge form and conduct trips to places of Masonic interest in the State.
9. A search be made of your storage rooms to ascertain if any items of Masonic historic interest can be found to put on display in your Lodge.
10. Table Lodges be extensively used for celebration in 1976.
11. All Lodges meet at one time and date on call of the Grand Master for a special program with all Masons in the State carrying on the same program at the same time.
12. All Lodges have at least one open public meeting in celebration in the year 1976.
13. A special time be set aside during Grand Lodge June 1976 for a celebration.
14. All appendant bodies be invited to join with us in the year 1976 in celebration of the Bi-Centennial.

I would like to close this report with the words of John Adams speaking of the Declaration of Independence in July 1776 and I quote, "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows and games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other this day forward forevermore."

#### REPORT OF THE SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

W. Alfred B. Saum, 46, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

Early this Grand Lodge year the Sustaining Membership Committee mailed a letter to the secretary of each subordinate lodge stating that the purpose of this committee is to assist the subordinate lodges in preventing suspensions, encouraging reinstatements, encouraging good men to become associated with our Fraternity, without solicitation, and contacting graduating members of the Order of DeMolay and acquainting them with the purposes and goals of our institution and made the following suggestions:

Each lodge should have a Sustaining Membership Committee to assist the Secretary in contacting Brethren with reference to paying their dues and preventing suspensions.

All sojourning Masons should be invited to attend all lodge meetings and social functions and also invited to affiliate with the local lodge. In case a Brother, for sentimental reasons, desires to retain his membership in his home lodge, it should be suggested that he become a dual member of the local lodge, thereby giving him a voice in the affairs of the lodge. Guest nights have also proven very successful, as non-masons and their ladies are invited to a dinner, after which a talk on Masonry is given or a film shown.

The secretary or a member of the Sustaining Membership Committee, should get in touch with each suspended member and inform him how he can reinstate and that he can reinstate at any time within three years by paying the unpaid dues.

Reports from lodge secretaries and members of the Lodge Visitation Committee indicate increased lodge activity with reference to new petitions, increased degree work and attendance and more interest and activity in a number of lodges.

This committee recommends that the committee be continued in future years.

#### REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

M. .W. . Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

M. .W. . Grand Master, and brethren: I think I should say, the Masonic-Eastern Student Fund is a Student Committee, it is one which jointly with the Eastern Star, supervises those who have graduated from High School from the Masonic Home, and have gone to some type of higher learning. Now after saying that, I want to tell you that there are none, either girls or boys, who are under the supervision of this Committee. All that have been under their supervision have either graduated or passed through their training. There is no person, girl or boy, who is eligible for going on to college or technical school this year.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

M. .W. . John H. Brown, 1, Chairman, presented the report which was accepted.

Thank you, M. .W. . Grand Master. The intent and purpose of this Committee, as on several occasions today, has been rather thoroughly explained. I think you are all aware of the fact that our Grand Lodge is back of these Youth Organizations with the Committee which was originated less than a year ago and which is formerly planned to work with the Youth Groups in conjunction with Grand Lodge. Allen Robertson, said to you this noon, that it was very important to have

strong advisors. I want to just take a moment to say something about the Advisors. There are in many areas of the State, Advisors working, putting many hours with DeMolay. Sometimes these good brethren, these good Masons are criticized for not attending lodge more than they do, or maybe they are so tied up with work with DeMolay and trying to look after their family matters, that they don't get to lodge. Masonic people, or any one else for that matter, make donations to the DeMolay Foundation. Any contribution that you make to the DeMolay Foundation, is tax deductible and we have had evidence thus far that there are a number of brethren very willing to help DeMolay on this basis. I close this with just a note of appreciation to M. .W. . Brother Joe Tye and congratulations on his receiving the Fifty year pin. Brother Joe has been a stalwart in DeMolay in Nebraska, and I hope he will continue. Thank you, M. .W. . Sir. I move the adoption of the report. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. .W. . Frank J. Mattoon, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers and appointed the Teller Committee.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

- Brother Donald R. Swanson, 54 ..... Grand Master
- Brother Harold Hultman, 39..... Deputy Grand Master
- Brother T. Leo Stines, 36..... Grand Senior Warden
- Brother Alfred B. Saum, 46 ..... Grand Junior Warden
- Brother Norris W. Lallman, 72 ..... Grand Secretary

M. .W. . Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master:

M. .W. . Grand Master, I accept election to the Most Distinguished and Important job and office of Grand Master. I pledge to you, I shall do all that is within my capabilities to serve you during this Masonic year. We, the Grand Lodge Officers, will serve you to the best of our ability, try to assist you in your problems and aid you in your worthy undertaking.

Our predecessors have skillfully drawn their designs upon the Trestle Board, laid a good foundation and turned over to us a very fine program upon which we shall build. We shall not attempt any innovations this year, but shall place a strong emphasis upon Masonic Education, increase communication with the brethren by use of the Grand Lodge publication which shall come to each Mason quarterly. Practice the three great tenets of Masonry, brotherly love, relief and truth. In general, promote Masonry both within the hearts and minds of the men and members as well as the public at large. Thank you.

M. .W. . GRAND MASTER, at this time, I would like to announce some appointments. To the Office of Grand Chaplain, V. .W. . J. Dallas Gibson; Grand Orator, W. . Bevin B. Bump; Grand Historian, W. . George W. Rosenlof; Grand Custodian, W. . Ralph W. Gerry; Grand Marshal, W. . Harold C. Wurdeman; Grand Senior Deacon, W. . Jack H. Hendrix; Grand Junior Deacon, W. . Warren D. Lichty, Jr.; Grand Tyler, W. . Wayne W. Reese.

REPORT OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman, presented the report, 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 Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A.F.&A.M., Lincoln, Nebraska, 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 February 5, 1958; that he petitioned for restoration in Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A.F.&A.M., Lincoln, Nebraska, on July 6, 1973; 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 Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A.F.&A.M., Lincoln, Nebraska, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”

Your Committee on Grievances reports that it has examined the report of the Trial Commission of Mid-West Lodge No. 317, A.F.&A.M., Hastings, Nebraska, relating to a complaint filed against one of its members and the finding of the Trial Commission relating to the penalty and recommends that the finding of the Trial Commission be affirmed and offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the Trial Commission of Mid-West Lodge No. 317, A.F.&A.M., Hastings, Nebraska, be and it is hereby affirmed.”

Dated this 14th day of June, 1974.

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

M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, presented the report of the Committee which was adopted and the recommendation approved:

I come before you not only as Chairman of this Committee but also as the First Vice President of the Association. I am pleased to report that the 64th Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Memorial Building at Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, February 18, 1974. In attendance from Nebraska, in addition to your Chairman, were M. W. Frank J. Mattoon, Grand Master, R. W. Donald R. Swanson, Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary, M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master, and M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, Past Grand Master.

In our report to you last year we were able to tell you of the final completion of the Memorial Building and of the tentative plans to increase the Endowment Fund to a total of \$5 million. This would require an additional \$1.5 million to be added to the \$3.5 million now in the fund. With a \$5 million Fund, the Memorial should be self-sustaining and would thus eliminate the necessity of having annual contributions from the several Grand Lodges in the United States. For example, most Grand Lodges, including Nebraska, are charging each Entered Apprentice Mason the sum of \$1.00 and this, in turn, is forwarded to the Association for inclusion in the Maintenance Fund. This year we have six hundred new Masons in Nebraska and hence we will contribute \$600.00 to the Maintenance Fund.

The Endowment Fund is another matter. Our President, M. W. Raymond C. Ellis, Past Grand Master of New York, has worked out the details of a plan by which the \$1.5 million needed can be added to the Endowment Fund by the support and co-operation of the several Grand Lodges. This will be done by securing Life Memberships from individual Masons and Masonic organizations of \$100.00 each and by securing Sustaining Memberships from individual Masons and Masonic organizations of \$1,000.00 each.

Nebraska has 1.08% of the Masonic population in the United States. Our quota, so to speak, is 108 Life Memberships of \$100.00 each and eleven Sustaining Memberships of \$1,000.00 each. It has been many years since our Grand Lodge, out of Grand Lodge Funds, has contributed anything to the Memorial. In order to properly discharge our obligation, as Nebraska Masons, to this great Memorial, erected and maintained to commemorate our Nation's greatest Mason of all times, Brother George Washinton, your Committee recommends an appropriation, for this year only, of \$1,000.00 with which to purchase one Sustaining Membership in the Memorial Association. The name of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska will be permanently inscribed on a bronze plaque which will be installed in the Memorial Building which will show the names of all Sustaining Members.

In closing this report, may I say that the Jurisprudence Committee has indicated its approval of the recommendation set forth herein and that I have personally conferred with the members of the Appropriations Committee and have been assured by them that this item will be included in next year's budget if this report and this recommendation is adopted and approved by this Grand Lodge.

If any Brother, for himself or for his Lodge or other Masonic body, wishes to become a Life Member or a Sustaining Member, please communicate with Grand Secretary Lallman or with me.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. . Gail Axen, 235, Chairman, presented the report.

"In the name of God, we pause to pay tribute and honor to our Brethren who have passed into their eternal rest. Their contributions should remind and help us to fit ourselves as living stones, for that House not make with hands eternal in the Heavens."

Our Grand Secretary has received memorial cards recording the death of Brethren from other Grand Jurisdictions during the past year, and we find that during that time, forty-one Past Grand Masters, one Grand Junior Warden, one Grand Secretary, one Grand Orator, and one Grand Assistant Lecturer.

The Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia reports the death of one Past Grand Master.

Reports from the Jurisdiction of Canada show that three Past Grand Masters passed away.

The Grand Lodge of Cuba has notified our Grand Secretary of the death of one Past Grand Master.

The National Grand Lodge of Iceland reports the death of one Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica reports the passing of one Grand Master.

Reports received, tell of the death of Henry Wilson Coil, Sr., author of Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia.

In our own Jurisdiction of Nebraska, we find recorded the names of 959 Brethren, who have passed from our Lodges to their eternal abode, over which the Supreme Master of the universe presides. To these Brethren, we owe the highest degree of gratitude for their service to their Lodges and their Masonic brothers.

Our Grand Secretary received notice of the death of John Franklin Heywood, the oldest living Mason in Nebraska, 100 years and twenty-one days, and holder of the Jordan Gold Medal of Masonry.

It is with profound sorrow that our own Grand Lodge records the deaths of Ralph I. Berry, Deputy Grand Custodian, Emeritus; and Clarence G. McNamee, Deputy Grand Custodian, Emeritus.

The Masonic records of these W. . Brothers are as follows:

W.: Ralph I. Berry was born June 3, 1903 and passed away April 5, 1974 at Lincoln.

W.: Clarence G. McNamee was born in Norfolk, Nebraska October 24, 1897 and passed away December 25, 1973 at Norfolk, Nebraska.

To all these Brethren we owe the highest degree of gratitude for their service to their Lodges and to their Masonic brothers. May we thank God for the privilege to have known and worked with these beloved Brethren. Our prayerful sympathy is extended to families and friends.

We, the members of your Committee, close this report with the request to the M. W. Grand Master, that he ask the Grand Lodge to stand in honor to our departed Brothers.

We ask as we continue with our Report that we be mindful of all of our brothers who are not able to be present this day, who are residing in Rest Homes, in the Plattsmouth Home and throughout the Masonic World, that we forget them not in our prayers and that we consider ourselves very fortunate and give thanks to God each day. Thus, to all of these brethren our brothers, we owe the highest degree of gratitude for their services to their lodges and to ourselves. We thank God for the privilege of having known and worked with these beloved brethren. Our prayful sympathy is extended to their family and to their friends. Now, we the members of your Committee, M. W. Grand Master, close this report with the request you would again ask the Grand Lodge to stand in honor of our departed brethren, and in the absence of our music this afternoon, which we had planned, on behalf of your Committee, thanking our Grand Chaplain and our Grand Musician Ed. Lockwood, may we all stand by your privilege and join in the first verse of a hymn "Blest Be The Tie That Binds". May we be mindful, Brethren, of the words we are saying as we in memorial of those who have gone before us.

#### M. W. FRANK J. MATTOON, GRAND MASTER:

At this time we will discuss the proposed amendments to the By-Laws and the Constitution that we will vote on. M. W. Grand Secretary will you read the amendments?

RESOLUTION NO. 1--BE IT RESOLVED: that section 1-407-- Allocation of Funds, be amended to read as follows: The per capita tax of \$5.00 shall be divided as follows:

The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$2.00
To the General Fund.....	3.00

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

This resolution would increase the per capita to the General Fund by \$1.00. Resolution No. 1 did not receive the necessary two-thirds vote and was defeated.

RESOLUTION NO. 2--BE IT RESOLVED: That Article II Members be amended to read: The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior War-

den, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Tyler, Deputy Grand Custodians with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Master and Wardens or their proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of a subordinate Lodge. (This change would include the Deputy Grand Custodians as members of Grand Lodge).

Resolution No. 2 (Constitutional amendment) did not receive a majority vote and was defeated.

REPORT OF  
BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES  
FOR  
THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1974

M. W. John F. Futcher, 302, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted:

The Board of Grand Trustees submits this report of its activities.

For the first time in two years your Board of Grand Trustees is at full strength. In September of last year our Most Worshipful Grand Master completed our membership by adding Brother George T. Harris, a Professor of Economics at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, to our group.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE

In analyzing the operations of the Grand Lodge it is interesting to note how consistent the total revenues and total expenses were this last year when compared with the year ended April 30, 1973, notwithstanding the increase in costs of all goods and services. Income for the use of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge amounted to \$148,218.00 with expenses of operation of \$135,964.00. Last year the income was \$142,008.00 and the expense \$135,397.00. The only material increase in income arose from investment income and initiation fees. Investment income was \$54,683.00 compared to \$48,379.00 in 1973. Initiation fees were \$1200.00 larger at \$6,000.00. Due to the increase in investment income and initiation fees and the holding of the line in expenses there was a surplus of income over expenses, of \$12,000.00.

The Assets of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge in 1974 remained about the same as in 1973 at \$1,035,310.00. There were no purchases of long term investments (as there was no cash accumulation or maturities.)

The Retirement Fund of the Grand Lodge had revenue as follows: (Total 44,000.00) Contributions \$26,048.00 (Grand Lodge \$4,057.00 Home \$21,991.00) and Investment Income of \$18,050.00. Benefits paid amounted to \$5,512.00. This left an Asset Value in the Fund of \$287,427.00 all of which is invested in long term securities. Last year's Retirement Fund Balance was \$248,904.00. An increase of \$38,523 for 1974 over 1973. (This Fund is accumulated to pay future liabilities arising out of payment of retirement benefits).

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF THE  
NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Turning now to the revenues, expenditures, transfers and changes in Fund Equity of the Home for the year ended April 30, 1974. We have two Funds in the Home accounts. The operating fund which we call the General Fund out of which all expenses of operation are paid and the Endowment and Bequest Fund into which all gifts, bequests of securities and property are put.

Revenues to the General Fund totaled \$331,869.00 comprising per capita tax (\$77,721), Cash from members (\$194,532), donations to this fund (\$16,904) and receipts from Seal Program (\$42,712).

Total expenditures of the General Fund amounted to \$448,014.00 consisting of operating expenses (\$432,266), Seal program expense (\$14,848) and a special item of furniture expense (\$900). The expenses exceeding the revenues by \$116,145.00 monies were transferred from the Endowment and Bequest Fund from time to time in the amount of \$149,500.00 to defray expenses and to have some capital on hand.

Revenues to the Endowment and Bequest Fund amounted to \$318,594.00, Comprising investment income (\$236,194), gain from the sale of investments (\$3,597) and Endowments and Bequests received (\$78,803). Expenses of this Fund were \$326.00. Bequests received in 1974 were the smallest received since 1969.

There is more Investment activity in the Endowment Fund because there is greater income and a larger number of items of investment. This last year the Board of Grand Trustees have confined all its purchases to fixed income securities. Except for some short term purchases, all investments were in the range of 8¼ to 9½% return. All purchases were of the highest rated securities.

The Assets of the Endowment and Bequest Fund consist of cash, bonds, stocks and a few mortgages. We had hoped that the book value of the assets would reach the four million mark this year. It did close at \$3,987,897.00.

Probably more important, we can report that there are no bonds in default as to payment of principal or interest, and all stocks are regularly paying dividends. Our mortgage loans which are all made to lodges are current as to principal and interest payments.

During the year your Board of Grand Trustees conformed to the requirement set out in the law for it to perform. It met for the required number of meetings and reviewed the investment portfolio in all funds. During these meetings it directed the purchase of some \$550,000.00 principal amount of long term investments and the sale of \$250,000.00 of securities held in various funds. It administered the retirement fund and provided service to employees of the Home concerning their right and privileges under the plan. All members of the Board are hopeful that their service has been satisfactory to the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge Officers.

In view of certain suggestions we have received concerning the Retirement Plan, we would suggest to the in-coming Grand Master that a committee be appointed to review the operation of the plan, and to consider the possibility of the benefits becoming vested after a specified number of years employment.

This report being prepared from the penciled report of the CPA we request authority to attach to this report the usual figures from the final audit when it is received.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
April 30, 1974 and 1973

ASSETS GENERAL FUND

	1974	1973
CASH ON DEPOSIT .....	\$ 98,030.00	\$ 96,262.00
DUE FROM ENDOWMENT & BEQUEST FUND .....	<u>516.00</u>	
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Savings accounts .....	9,081.00	
Certificates of Deposit .....	6,000.00	
Mortgage .....	5,490.00	
Real Estate .....	<u>10,500.00</u>	
Total Investments .....	<u><b>31,071.00</b></u>	
<b>PROPERTY:</b>		
Buildings & Grounds--Masonic Home .....	1.00	1.00
Furnishings--The Nebraska Masonic Home ...	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
Total Property .....	2.00	2.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND .....</b>	<b>\$ <u>129,619.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>96,264.00</u></b>
<b>GENERAL FUND EQUITY:</b>		
Capital Stock--authorized 10,000 shares, par value \$100.00 per share issued and outstanding 2,229 shares	1.00	1.00
Fund Surplus.....	\$ 129,618.00	96,263.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND .....</b>	<b>\$ <u>129,619.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>96,264.00</u></b>

ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND

CASH ON DEPOSIT .....	\$ 21,042.00	<u>70,017.00</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS:</b>		
Commercial paper.....		50,010.00
Bonds (quoted market value) \$2,769,026.00 .....	3,352,485.00	3,073,516.00
Stocks (quoted market value) \$358,351.00.....	570,156.00	576,017.00
Mortgages .....	<u>44,730.00</u>	<u>49,569.00</u>
Total Investments .....	<u>3,967,371.00</u>	<u>3,749,112.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ENDOWMENT &amp; BEQUEST FUND .....</b>	<b>\$ <u>3,988,413.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>3,819,129.00</u></b>

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
April 30, 1974 and 1973

ASSETS  
GENERAL FUND

	1974	1973
Cash on hand and on deposit .....	\$ 13,980.00	\$ 7,344.00
Due from retirement fund.....	<u>68.00</u>	<u>73.00</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS:</b>		
Commercial paper.....	160,010.00	155,010.00
Bonds (quoted market value) \$546,737.00.....	710,630.00	709,793.00
Stocks (quoted market value) \$ 76,071.00 .....	148,598.00	148,597.00
Total Investments	<u>1,019,238.00</u>	<u>1,013,400.00</u>
<b>SUPPLY INVENTORY.....</b>	<u>2,021.00</u>	<u>2,249.00</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS:</b>		
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home-1518 shares capital stock .....	1.00	1.00
Stock in Masonic-Eastern Star Home.....	1.00	1.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
Total other assets .....	3.00	3.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND .....</b>	<u>\$ 1,035,310.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,023,069.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY  
GENERAL FUND

LIABILITIES--Withheld payroll taxes .....	50.00	63.00
<b>GENERAL FUND EQUITY.....</b>	<u>\$ 1,035,260.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,023,006.00</u>
Total General Fund.....	<u>\$ 1,035,310.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,023,069.00</u>

RETIREMENT FUND

<b>CASH .....</b>	<u>14,960.00</u>	<u>10,797.00</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS:</b>		
Bonds (quoted market value) \$210,623.00.....	245,792.00	211,364.00
Stocks (quoted market value) \$16,706.00.....	26,743.00	26,743.00
Total investments .....	<u>\$ 272,535.00</u>	<u>\$ 238,107.00</u>
<b>TOTAL RETIREMENT FUND .....</b>	<u>\$ 287,495.00</u>	<u>\$ 248,904.00</u>

## REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

W. George W. Rosenlof, Grand Historian, gave the report, which was adopted:

At this, the one hundred and seventeenth Annual Communication, we are met once again not only to recount the past achievements of this Grand Body but to be reminded of the still unfinished business remaining on our trestleboard and to concern ourselves with those new circumstances and challenges that must be met in justification of the terms and ideals for which our Fraternity was founded and established.

It was just seventeen years ago that we celebrated our Centennial, and what a glorious event that was. Who can ever forget those days of reassurance—those days of renewed strength and determination to carry on when lagging spirits, if there were any, were rejuvenated and once more made strong.

At the time of our founding, there were just three charter lodges: Nebraska Lodge No. 184, Illinois; Gidding Lodge No. 156, Missouri; and Capitol Lodge No. 101, Iowa. These were located respectively in Bellevue, Nebraska City, and Omaha. We should remind ourselves that Nebraska was but a Territory and not to become a sovereign state until 12 years later. It was only a few months later that the number of chartered lodges had increased to six, with two in Omaha together with four lodges in Nebraska City, Brownville, Dakota City, and Plattsmouth.

It is not our purpose to once more write a complete history of Masonry in Nebraska. That was done in 1962. We have since then completed a number of independent historical accounts and several annual reports of a more or less historical nature. The Grand Historian's report for this communication is largely confined to the Proceedings of This Nebraska Grand Lodge in 1874, just one hundred years ago. The Grand Lodge held in that year met in Omaha on June 24th to 26th. Sitting in the East was the Most Worshipful Grand Master Martin Dunham, the eighth in succession and the third Grand Master of Capitol Lodge No. 3. It is recorded that he was best remembered for his wisdom, his faithfulness, and his dedication to the duties and responsibilities of his high office.

In his Annual Address as the Grand Master, he noted that peace and harmony had prevailed throughout the jurisdiction of Nebraska. He called upon the brethren assembled that they should, first of all, offer heartfelt thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the blessings bestowed upon the Fraternity, permitting it to assemble under such "auspicious circumstances" and further praying that the "light of His countenance" might continue to shine upon them all, and that all that was to be accomplished would merit His approbation.

Present at the Communication were the official representatives of all but two of the almost 50 existing lodges. The Grand Secretary stated in his official reports that the total membership of Master Masons had increased to 2,268, and that the total number of new initiates was then 286. The number passed was 258 and that, all told, the number raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons during the year was 542. On the other hand, 17 had passed into chapter of the eternal, and some 217 members had been lost for other reasons.

The nine newly chartered lodges were:

1. Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney
2. Salem Lodge No. 47, Salem
3. Fairmont Lodge No. 48, Fairmont
4. Evening Star Lodge No. 49, Sutton
5. Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings
6. Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
7. Hiram Lodge No. 52, Arlington
8. Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud
9. Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln

It should be noted that Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 was originally located at Gibbon, as Gibbon Lodge No. 46, some 12 miles from Kearney. Because of the extension of railway facilities, Gibbon was not able to make the hoped-for growth and progress. By a unanimous vote, Gibbon Lodge requested permission to remove its furniture and place of meeting to Kearney in 1875. Two years later the members made a further request that the name of the lodge be changed to its present name of "Rob Morris Lodge No. 46".

A second item of interest relating to the formation of new lodges was the approval of a request to create a lodge under dispensation at Salem. This was approved on February 21, 1873. The dispensation was extended in 1874, and finally approved to receive its charter on June 26, 1874 as Salem Lodge No. 47. Your Grand Historian, feeling it inappropriate to make any comment on Salem Lodge No. 47, will simply say that seventeen years later, in June, 1891, a special commission was appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Bradner Slaughter to proceed in accordance with the constitution and by-laws to examine all charges filed and determine guilt or innocence of the accused. This commission did, in September, 1891, make known its decision that the accused was guilty of unmasonic conduct. In 1892 the charter of that lodge, No. 47, was cancelled and the accused sitting master was expelled.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master also announced that he had granted dispensations to open lodges at Norfolk, York, Syracuse, and Arlington.

During this year of 1974, eight of the nine chartered lodges named above will be having their centennial celebrations. This is the largest number of centennial anniversaries held in any one year prior to 1974. Congratulations and best wishes for continued growth and prosperity are extended.

Nearing the conclusion of the Annual Communication in 1873, a resolution was presented by the Grand Junior Warden, Alfred G. Hastings, the portent of which called for the appointment of a special committee consisting of the Grand Master-elect, together with Past-Grand Masters Wheeler, Furnas, Deuel, and Hill, to "take into consideration the propriety of organizing a Masonic Life Association for this Grand Jurisdiction, and that the said special committee be required to report a constitution, by-laws, and such other forms and blanks as are necessary for the operation of such an association, and to report its findings and recommendations at the next Annual Communication in 1874".

Past Grand Master Wheeler, speaking for this special committee, did on June 25, 1874, make a report stating that this committee had, after due consideration, made a careful study of the proposal and respectfully recommended the organization of such a "Life Association". Furthermore, the committee had examined a number of existing plans, each of which had some features worthy of note. Action taken by the Grand Lodge was that final recommendations be considered at the Annual Communication in June 1875. Brother George H. Thummel, Grand Junior Warden at that time, reported for the special committee that it had adopted a "code of laws" and had duly and legally incorporated the proposed "Life Association" as required by Nebraska law and had elected a "board of directors", and had prepared a "form of application" to be submitted by any brother wishing to apply for insurance. This report was concurred in and approved by the Grand Lodge. Beyond this, there has not appeared any evidence that the organization was actually completed and made operative.

At the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Historian has prepared a somewhat abbreviated historical account of the Grand Lodge, bearing upon the relations it bore to the founding and continuing participation and support of the Grand Lodge to the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star. That appendent body is this year celebrating its One Hundredth Anniversary and will, among other things, publish the materials we prepared.

Recently there appeared in the Nebraska State Journal an interesting account of the early activities of the Order of Eastern Star, more especially the organization of Electa Chapter in Lincoln, and also of Vesta Chapter in Omaha, both established in 1874. It is known that our Past Grand Master Robert W. Furnas was the first Worthy Patron of Electa Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. As is well known to all Master Masons, Robert W. Furnas was not only the fourth Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nebraska Masons, but also from 1873 to 1875 was the Governor of the State of Nebraska. He has affectionately been known as the "Father of Nebraska" and also as "Father of the Orphans Educational Fund". For more than a quarter of a century, he safeguarded this sacred fund entrusted to him and which every Master Mason knows was the forerunner of the Nebraska Orphans Home at Fremont, sponsored by both the Order of Eastern Star and the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We should take just pride in having had a part in founding the Order of Eastern Star in Nebraska and giving it continuing financial assistance, and also in supporting in so many ways its accomplishments for the orphan children and youth of our Jurisdiction.

We rejoice with the Order of Eastern Star in the celebration of their Centennial in this Year of our Lord, 1974. No one can fully appreciate, nor even know, how much good has been accomplished in these one hundred years of its existence.

It is not possible to conclude this Annual Report of the Grand Historian without making some reference to the contributions that were made by the Masonic Fraternity in Nebraska in the one hundred and seventeen years of its existence. It has ever been concerned with one of its basic responsibilities of preserving our free and democratic form of government.

In 1919 our Most Worshipful Grand Master, speaking of the future of Nebraska Masonry, spoke these words:

“Masonry is a progressive institution and should keep pace with the progress of the world, meeting conditions as they arise, adequately adapting ourselves to the changed and ever changing conditions of the world.”

One year later, in 1920, Grand Master John J. Tooley concluded his annual address in these words:

“The outlook for Masonry as a force in civic and social affairs was perhaps never more inviting than at the present time. Indeed, the application of Masonic principle is sorely needed in the everyday walks of life. This demand must be recognized. The day has gone by when men of affairs in any society will be satisfied to rest upon the laurels of past achievements.”

If these words were spoken today, they would have been no less pertinent. We are still confronting these same basic and primary challenges. Brotherly love, relief, and truth are as demanding upon us as they have been in the ages that have passed. Faith, hope and charity are as transcendent to us in 1974 as they were in the days of Christ. Masonry today has its lessons yet to be taught and yet to be learned. We are its votaries and we dare not evade the issues nor avoid the tasks that are before us. Very recently we were reminded that we dare not forget that in the long history of mankind, “every great nation which has risen to power has eventually declined.” This has been true from the time of the Stone Age till now—from the civilizations of the Egyptians, the Phoenicians, the Babylonians, Assyrians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, and Turks, to the more recent days; Spain and Portugal in the Western Hemisphere; the Netherlands in the Far East; France in Indo-China. Threateningly in our own generation, we are witnessing what some may call the decline in power of the British Empire—a nation on which, as someone has said, “the sun never set”.

In our own beloved land we are witnessing the loss of moral and spiritual power—the very assets for which masonry has valiantly stood and fought for two hundred years. As was recently said by the noted economist, Herbert Prochnow, and quoted from “The Freeman”

“Confronted today with the challenge of major world problems, we must remain strong, we must hold fast in our minds and hearts to those great ideals and eternal values upon which our freedom and even survival may ultimately rest.”

Yield then to the clarion call of Masonic Brotherhood. Stand fast to its ideals.

I conclude this report with sincere gratitude to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master Mattoon, for permitting me to serve you and all the Brethren as Grand Historian. I am grateful for all the kindnesses shown me in so many ways by so many of my Brethren during recent months. Thank you so very much. I regret not having been able to do all that I had hoped to achieve during this past year of service.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary, presented the report of the Committee on Reinstatements which was adopted.

The Committee on Reinstatements has been busy indeed this year.

We acted on a total of 29 applications. We are very grateful for this activity.

In filling out your applications be particular to include all information as this is very necessary and also saves the returning of the application for more information.

Thanks for your wonderful support and cooperation.

It is hoped by the Committee that no Brother in the State of Nebraska will remain unnecessarily suspended.

At 5:00 p.m. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

## GRAND ORATION

Friday Evening, June 14, 1974—Grand Lodge Banquet

By W. Bevin B. Bump, Grand Orator

M. W. Grand Master, M. W. Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, wherever you are, Distinguished Guests, my brethren, beautiful ladies and to the few brethren who will listen to my remarks until the end, which I will always remember as really grand brethren.

Thank you, M. W. Sir, for those kind remarks that you made in your introduction. I was just sure you were going to say, that our next speaker of the evening is a man who needs all the introduction he can get. Really, that is a tough act to follow. You will have to remember there were two of them and there is only one of me. My, this is really a big crowd. They may not look that big to you down there, but from up here, it looks mighty big.

I was very appreciative of the remarks of my colleague and the learned counsel of M. W. Joe Tye this afternoon, that he made on the floor of the lodge when he said so many nice things about me and urged you all to attend this dinner this evening. I understand we have a little over 750 people here this evening. and also that we would have had quite a few more, but after Joe made his announcement as to who was going to speak this evening, there was a rush at the registration desk, as I understand it, some 150 tickets were turned in and money refunded before the Grand Tyler could stop it.

I would like to make a couple of announcements. If I mention anyone by name, if I say anything about them, I want you all to know that anything I say is said with brotherly love and affection, believe me. First announcement. I was real pleased to hear this afternoon that one of my life time friends was just appointed to the office of Grand Junior Deacon. He was announced as Warren D. Lichty, Jr. I have known him all my life as "Duke". The announcement is, "Duke", the light up there is pretty poorly, you are sitting under that spot light, would you move over just a little bit."

I really can't help remember that when I was first contacted by M. W. Frank, who is a long time friend since law college, when he inquired if I would be interested in the obligation and responsibility to the office of Grand Orator. I asked him what the job entailed. His reply, was that it would be a wonderful experience, that I would meet some really fine people, would probably have one oration or two to give and, of course, the oration at the Grand Lodge. Well, I am here at Grand Lodge and I think probably the reason you have all stayed, you are just here to see whether or not your Grand Orator falls off this stage up here. There is no question that this has been a memorable experience this past year from the time that M. W. Brother Harry Spencer introduced me at the installation as "Bevin B. Bevin", until this banquet this evening.

You fine people that I have met, and you have opened your hearts to me, have been most kind beyond my expectations, from the Grand Lodge Officers to the wonderful Masons and wives all over the state. As we not only had a dedication and a couple of corner stones that Frank spoke of, but as it turned out we traveled the state of Nebraska from corner to corner, for two lodge dedications and six corner stones, and the experiences we have had I will always remember, Frank.

I recall as I arrived in Neligh, Nebraska for my first time as Orator, I can tell you I was highly nervous and I truly felt that I was standing in the northeast corner of the lodge. As I approached R. W. Brother Leo Stines, I asked him what time it was, and he looked at his watch and he answered, "it was 12:00." My, I thought it was much more than that. He said, "no". He says if you will look at my watch right here, it always gets up to twelve and starts all over again. Needless, to say this gave me the confidence that I needed to proceed and I gave my first oration that evening. I would like to explain that I generally have three speeches, the first one is the one I have read now, the second one is the one you actually hear and the third is what I wished I had said after it was all over with.

I can tell you that that evening I had written my speech out because it was the first one and I was real pleased that Past Grand Orator, W. Brother Jack H. Hendrix was not present that evening, since I remembered the time when I had written my speech out instead of using notes, and I asked the good Judge, "what did you think of it?" He pondered for a moment and said, "I only have three criticisms to make. First you read it, second you read it poorly, third it wasn't worth reading."

Yes, as a freshmen member of the Grand Lodge team, I have really enjoyed my experiences this year. Like the time in Stanton, Nebraska, and I was riding with W. Brother Ralph Gerry, Grand Custodian, chief of the work and I happen to notice the wall of a building that contained a considerable amount of graffiti. You know what graffiti is, that is the printing and scribbling of words and sayings on fences, walls and buildings, and I really thought everyone knew what graffiti was, so I turned to Ralph and said, "I hate graffiti." He said, "me too, but then of course I hate all Italian food."

I promise tonight not to make the same mistake that I made some time back after a short dinner speech when I said, "Now if I have talked too long, it is because I don't have my watch with me tonight and there is no clock in this hall." Where upon Grand Marshal, W. Brother Harold

Wurdeman arose in a stately manner, as he always does, and said quite loud enough for everyone to hear, "if you will turn around, you will notice there is a calendar up on the back of the wall."

Now, I suppose speeches are an occupational hazard with lawyers, preachers, graduation orators, Past Grand Masters, and there have been a few occasions where I have been accused of giving long speeches and I had considerable trouble trying to figure out what to say tonight. For the past six months, I have been going around and I went to R. W. Brother Donald R. Swanson for sage, counsel and advice, and I kept saying to him, "what shall I speak about?" Yesterday, he met me at noon, I don't know why we always made it noon at 12:00, and he said, "my mind is now clear, why don't you speak about 12 minutes." Well, I have just shared some of the moments that I have had during the past year. Now I would like to share with you some of the thoughts that I have had during this, particularly during the six corner stone laying ceremonies that we participated in this past year.

Some of you have already heard some of the things that I will say tonight, and if it sounds to you that I am repeating myself, I ask that you bear with me for if it is a repetition of my thoughts already expressed, it is only because of my sincere belief in what I said before.

I really have become particularly fond of the corner stone laying ceremony, as a Mason, a student of history and a lawyer. The language of this ceremony has a deep meaning to me even after the ceremony has been completed.

In the beginning, the Grand Master says, from time immemorial, it has been the custom of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons to lay, when requested, to do so with their Ancient form, the corner stone of buildings erected for the Worship of God, for Educational or Charitable objects or for the purposes of the administration of justice and free government and no other buildings. This corner stone, therefore, we may lay in accordance with our law and gladly do so, testifying thereby our obedience to the law and our desire to show publicly our respect for the Government under which we live.

Like a bell, the words "time immemorial, building erected for the Worship of God, Educational, Charitable objects and for the purposes of the administration of Justice and Free Government, as well as testifying thereby our obedience to the law and our desire to show publicly our respect for the Government under which we live", keep ringing in my head and mind throughout the entire ceremony. The words, "time immemorial" immediately trigger my thought to the Masonic Fraternity. The Masonic Fraternity stands before the world today, not merely as the marvel monument of antiquity, older and larger and wider spread than any other human institution, but having maintained for so many centuries, the essentials of its primary organization. It has, indeed outlived the circumstances which gave it birth. The necessities which called it into being has long ago ceased to exist. Originally, a company of builders whose monuments of rare skill now adorn almost every part of the old world, the hand of time has brought its operative labors to a close. But the everlasting principles upon which it was founded, are as intact today as when the corner stone was brought forth from the rubbish and raised to its Masonic position.

Since it was founded, dynasties have come and gone, nations have been born and buried, and countless orders and societies have been organized and gone the way of all the earth. Our Order has maintained its ancient organization. Teaching its lessons of love, peace on earth, good will to men, and today is greater and stronger than it ever was before. Then the words "worship of God" educational and charitable objects come into my thoughts, and reminds me that it is true, our Fraternity has no more Cathedrals or monuments to build, but is has a noble work to do, the administration of justice and free government and the bell rings again. I am wondering what, and remembering that we are laying a corner stone, gladly testifying our obedience to the law and our desires to the public to show our respect for the government under which we live, and I have a deep feeling that ever since the days of Hiram, King of Tyre, did the Masonic Fraternity have a nobler mission to perform than it has in this day and age. For today, there seems to be a cloud of distrust which is spreading across our country and it has been said that because of the many tragic things that have occurred in our country today; that it would appear that the American people have lost confidence in most of our established traditions and institutions; that there is at this time in the history of our country, a lack of confidence in the church, our fellowman, the business community and our government. If this is true and this situation does exist, then there is an extreme and urgent need for all of us to do everything that we possibly can to help restore this confidence. What better way can we, as Masons, help to restore this confidence, then by re-dedicating ourselves to the principles of Masonry. To recall the obligations that we bound ourselves while kneeling at the Altar, and remembering the responsibilities that we all owe to God, to our country, to our neighbor and to ourselves which are never to be forgotten. And what better way can we as Masons, help to better restore this confidence than by being living examples each day. For what is a Mason and a member of this great Fraternity, and what does he believe.

Briefly, I recall, that no man has to be a Mason because he believes in God and to eternal life, but no one can be a Mason unless he does.

Every man who lives by principle is not necessarily a Mason, but no man can become one unless he exhibits some evidence of living by standards. He must be accepted by the quality of his life and it is something for which he strives. Masons measure life by the symbolic application of the Square and Compass and the Holy Bible. Masons employ the plum, trowel and the level in their appraisals, for they do not guess, they try to measure and measure up. They, of course, are human and subject to failure, but they hold the standards and strive for excellence. There is no question that the Brotherhood and the quality for which Masons strive, are based on order and personal character. Masons do not count in disloyalty or rebellion, and are charged with the duty of being quiet and peaceful citizens, true to their government and justice to the country. All Masons believe that our duty to our neighbor, is to act upon the square and do it unto him as we would wish he would do unto us. Yes, I am proud that I am a Mason, and as I listen to the corner stone ceremony, I said to myself, as I say to all now, be proud that you are a Mason, and for the short period of time that you have the opportunity to be a Mason, work as best you can and in the service to God, your country, your neighbor and your community, so that they may be proud of you.

If there is this lack of confidence in the church, our fellowman, the business community and our government, perhaps we, as active Masons can do something to help restore it.

So this evening, let's all re-dedicate ourselves to the principles of Masonry and on this very evening, make a new covenant in our hearts, that we will truthfully and fearlessly discharge them. And with our renewed dedication, I am confident that Masonry will continue to be one of the significant cornerstones of our Society.

I thank you for your kindness, you have been a lovely audience and may I say to all of you, have a good day.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 15

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

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

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICES

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Past Grand Master, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted:

The Grand Lodge Offices Committee is pleased to report that the responsibilities of the Grand Lodge offices have been capably discharged during the past year by our Grand Secretary and his efficient staff. We were deeply saddened in April by the sudden passing of our Bookkeeper, W. Brother George B. Pribyl. He was devoted to his work and very efficient. His place will be difficult to fill.

Our Committee recommends that the mileage rate authorized for automobile travel of Grand Lodge Officers and Committee members on Grand Lodge business be increased from 10¢ to 12¢ per mile. This will not include Committee meetings held in conjunction with the Grand Lodge sessions.

We have recommended to the Appropriations Committee that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased from \$11,340.00 to \$12,000.00 per year. This is less than \$100.00 per year more than a 5% increase. We have also asked that the sum of \$20,000.00 be allowed for Grand Lodge Office Staff salaries. This is approximately \$200.00 more than a 5% increase and will permit us to make a merit increase for one employee which we believe is warranted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Work is pleased to advise that all matters pertaining to the Grand Custodian's office have been expeditiously handled during the year and the Work goes forward in its usual high degree of proficiency, both esoterically and ritualistically. For this we continue to be indebted to the Grand Custodian and the Deputies for their intense devotion and faithfulness.

The report of your Grand Custodian has been submitted to Committee and reflects the large increase of Central Schools of instruction, over the record of a year ago. This has been accomplished by the continued good health of our Grand Custodian following his severe period of illness more than two years ago. Of the 38 districts assigned to the Deputies, difficulty is experienced in only two where the Grand Custodian has been unable to secure the services of a Deputy. Several qualified brethren are under consideration for these districts at present, and it is hoped that these areas will soon be covered. In the meantime, the Grand Custodian has been personally conducting the work in these districts, successfully keeping the work by the lodges at a high level of proficiency.

All vouchers and expense items of the Grand Custodian were submitted to and approved by the Committee on Work. Again we are pleased to advise that in spite of the increase in mileage granted by Grand Lodge a year ago, the Custodian's office operated well within its budgeted appropriation, and, in fact, ended the year with a modest unexpended balance. The Committee has examined the proposed budget of the Grand Custodian and we approve his request in the amount of \$8,600.00, exclusive of the Grand Custodian's salary. This is the same amount requested and appropriated last year. In view of the continued inflationary spiral, the Grand Custodian is to be complimented for his efforts to maintain the regular schedule of his office, and that of the Deputies, without increased cost.

At the request of the Grand Custodian, the Committee was pleased to recommend to the Grand Master the appointment of Worshipful Brother, Mannie O. Hansen, as Deputy for District 35 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Worshipful Brother, Walter Brown, occasioned by his health. Subsequently, the Committee approved the recommendation of Brother Brown and Worshipful Brother Glen Binder to be commissioned Deputy Custodians Emeritus. Brother Binder was forced to resign after twelve years of faithful service, because of the pressure of personal business.

A few matters relating to the Floor work in the degrees were brought to the attention of the Committee by the Grand Custodian. These were of such a minor nature, so isolated, and insignificant, that the Committee ruled the Grand Custodian should use his own best judgement when the questions might be raised in a school.

The Grand Custodian was again examined as to his proficiency, both in the esoteric and floor work, and your committee is happy to advise that he retains an extremely high degree of proficiency in these

matters. In addition, as is required, all Deputy Custodians were examined during the annual Custodians School in September, held in Grand Island. Two members of your Committee were present at this school and personally witnessed the proficient manner in which all work was done by these dedicated individuals.

Another rewarding year is passed and the Committee again calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to the hard work contributed by our Grand Custodian and his Deputies, and humbly acknowledges our gratitude for their dedication and devotion.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. James R. Kimmel, 3, presented the report which was adopted:

Your Committee has examined the Annual Returns of subordinate Lodges for the year 1973 and find that in general, these reports are, with but few exceptions, satisfactorily prepared by Lodge Secretaries.

These Annual Reports are due to reach the Grand Secretary's Office on or before February 10th. The Committee finds that several Lodges were late in filing their Annual Returns and two Lodges to date had not yet filed their 1973 reports and are subject to penalty.

Annual Returns requires imprint of Lodge Seal of which 32 Lodges were not in compliance.

These Reports should be personally signed by the Master and Secretary for the year provided on the returns and contain names of all Lodge Officers for that year.

Name and date of presentation of Bronze Jordan Medal Member should be shown on each year's report. 16 Lodges omitted the name of their distinguished Member.

Returns should be complete in every detail with both copies mailed to avoid unnecessary correspondence. The Committee suggests that Lodge Secretaries make continued use of the monthly progress report, keeping it up to date to avoid errors in Membership Accounting.

We wish to highly commend the Grand Secretary and his efficient staff for the excellent manner in which these records are maintained and the courteous co-operation extended the committee while checking these annual returns.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

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

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Relief Committee has had a year with some new features as compared to former years with just financial expenditures.

Our total expenditures for our regular annuitants and special assistance was \$1,600.00 and at a membership figure at end of the year of 38,088 this apportions out to \$.042 per member. We have lost one of our regular annuitants due to her entrance into the Plattsmouth home. This year we have rendered advice and counsel to a friend of an Arizona lodge and two of our own Nebraska lodges. We helped with financial assistance in one of the above cases. This gives us a feeling that we are really doing something else besides spending money when we can help out in cases of need.

If any of the constituent lodges are desirous of communicating with the committee on any case, we are most happy to be of assistance. No doubt each lodge is already handling their own problems very ably. We would like to make the suggestion that when Relief problems arise in the case of a brother who is also a Veteran of the Armed Forces, our Nebraska Veteran's Aid Committee helps in immediate case of need. This should be explored in each case.

## REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

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 our residents, the number fluctuates. As this is being written, there are just under eighty. This is about average.

With an average age above eighty, nursing care is still a first requirement. Our staff is skilled in this sort of care and distinguish themselves in its application.

Good food, plenty of it in a balanced diet, round out the loving care our residents have always received.

We have always stressed the fact that these two ingredients, mixed with understanding love not only will aid in extending life but most importantly, add zest to it.

Here are some figures you might find interesting:

AVERAGE PERIOD OF RESIDENCE

1971 — 5 years  
 1972 — 4½ years  
 1973 — 4½ years  
 1974 — 8 years

DEATHS

1971 — 16  
 1972 — 18  
 1973 — 18  
 1974 — 4

AVERAGE AGE AT DEATH

1971 — 84+  
 1972 — 85+  
 1973 — 83½  
 1974 — 86

I don't know how much credit we can take for these figures but we think we are on the right road.

As the years have gone by, better medical care has been indicated. This includes dental care as well. Much more is being done in the dental department since we have equipped our own dental room given us by thoughtful friends. I have reported to you before on this. We are just ready to receive some additional equipment as a further gift. Good dental hygiene is not restricted to the young and we are proving it.

We lost this year Brother George B. Pribyl. Perhaps many of you didn't know George. He was a quiet man. He handled our accounting in the Grand Lodge office. He was faithful and valuable. He is missed very much.

There is always a new challenge to your Trustees. Building maintenance, applications of admission, budget matters and a great number of other items are disposed of as they appear.

In our annual report we touched on the "Energy Crisis." There were daily contradictions at first. It leveled off and as you know, fuel during the winter was one problem. We came through it and now have a reserve fuel tank which our gas supplier urged we get. It is there, ready for next winter.

Our contract for electricity has been increased as we expected. The cost is greater and it is an interruptible contract so the new larger oil tank may get good use next winter.

This year we have been remembered in wills and bequests. It is a little bit unnerving to be notified your Home has been remembered in the Will of someone who has passed away and find, as we often do, that this was not a person of great wealth or importance but rather just a loving Brother like you and me who quietly, without notice, had his Will so drawn.

You wish so very much that you could say "thank you" for a gift that helps insure this Home continuing to eventual total endowment. We can only show our appreciation by forever conserving these gifts. It is never spent. The income can be used in operating the Home but not the principal. This Endowment Fund continues to grow.

I can give you no encouragement as to the cost of operating your Home. Everything we use or consume is escalating in cost. I see no end to it. When we send you Seals or tell you in the Home News that we always need funds, you had better believe it. It is a condition not of our doing nor can we control it. You know this. It is happening in your own life as well.

If you want to keep your Home fulfilling the purpose it has been doing all these years, you must realize it needs your support. This is not requested, it is expected.

The Seal Fund is doing well. This year it will average just about what it did last year.

Last year, in Grand Lodge, you will recall the Home was presented the keys to a new "Sunshine Buggy" by the Mobile Nobles of Tangier Shrine Temple. The Buggy was yet to be delivered.

Your Home News carried an item of the actual delivery of this beautiful wagon on September 30, 1973. This buggy has been in use ever since and daily. Some residents of the Home who had never left the building since they came there, have been out in it. It is specially equipped for wheel chairs with a special lift so they need never leave their chair. We again express our appreciation for this very functional piece of equipment.

For many people, Thanksgiving brings thoughts of pumpkins and turkey. It is different with your Home. It means that W: Bob Boon of Grand Island and his group as well as W: J.C. Peterson of Scottsbluff and his group ride again. Ride again they all did this Thanksgiving with those big semis loaded to the roof with food.

Every resident in the Home knows days ahead and when they arrive, everybody has a big visit and a good time. This means that Brother Masons

all over those areas have helped make this annual trip possible. With food costs as they are, this becomes a wonderful contribution indeed. We thank them all. They really fix up Thanksgiving.

We've finished Christmas. As always, the Masters and Wardens all over the state have seen to it that each resident had presents. There was candy and a real big fat Santa Claus.

We express our appreciation to the Omaha Masters and Wardens for putting this together and through them, all their Brother Masters and Wardens for making such a wonderful Christmas for our residents.

Many other gifts came at this time from other kind friends to round out the happiness of our residents. It was a great Christmas and the warm glow of it still remains.

We owe so much to so many. Space will not permit but a brief mention of friends to whom we owe so much. The Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Masters and Wardens, Order of the Eastern Star Chapters, The Youth Groups, to name a few. Thank you all.

We are indebted to Sister Irene Berry, Worth Grand Matron and Brother Charles A. Kurtz, Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star for their generous support this year.

Our Grand Master, M.W.: Brother Frank J. Mattoon has had a steady helping hand all year. We are most grateful for his valuable help.

Our Superintendent Raymond F. Evers, is known to all of you. Sometimes I wonder if he ever stops working. Cheerful, helpful, ready for any job that needs doing.

Our Secretary, M.W.: Brother Norris W. Lallman, spends hours every day for the Home. Unpaid by us, he works because of his love for our Home. Furthermore, he knows his job.

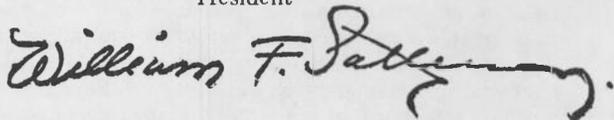
Then, my Brother Trustees on whose behalf this report is made. You, my dear Brethren of this Grand Lodge, are indeed fortunate that such men as these faithfully serve you and our Home. I cherish their friendship and the opportunity to sit with them.

Finally, to those of you in the afternoon of life. If you seek peace and happiness and the preservation of your dignity in this troubled world, there are no absolutes.

There is however, your Home, dedicated over all these years to the very things you seek. Look it over. It may be better than you think.

Thank you my Brethren.

President



William F. Patterson

ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT  
MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W. Ralph R. Carleton, 306-1, presented the report in the absence of the President. The report was adopted.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished guests and most of all, to all of you brethren who make it all possible, I bring you the greetings of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent and his staff, and greetings from those wonderful children, who, through no fault of their own, make it possible for all of us to do something worthwhile in life.

If this report were to contain nothing more than the message that all is well with the children at the Home, it would be sufficient and complete within itself, and, such is the case. All of our children are healthy, happy and active and those of us who directly participate in the operation of the Home are very proud. Let's take a brief look at what has been going on at the Home during the past year.

Many of the boys continue to show an interest in DeMolay and several are presently serving as officers. 4-H work plays a very prominent part in the Home life, and some of the children participated at the Dodge County and Fremont County Fairs. Some of the boys are active in Little League Ball, and athletic activities at the high school. One young lad has compiled an outstanding athletic record. Scott Swift has a wrestling record of 13 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie. Scott is also a starting offensive lineman on the Jr. High football team. Seven boys are presently engaged in various part-time activities and Lennie Nelson has earned enough money to pay for a trip to Europe this summer so that he can go along with the other members of his German Club.

Scholastic awards for the boys went to Bryan Holstrom, Tom Nolan and Scott Swift. The Scholastic awards for girls went to Karla Neils, Carol Minard and Viki Buci. Viki Buci, in addition to being scholastically inclined, is quite an athlete. On May 9, she won a gold medal in the quarter mile at the District Girls' Track Meet held at Burke High School in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Citizenship awards went to George Buci, Carol Minard, Ronald Nelson and Lee Ann Kilpatrick.

I could go on and on about the activities of the children and their accomplishments, but I think the foregoing should very clearly point up the fact that the operation of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children is a success. The emphasis at the Home is on family life, and those who are charged with the day-to-day operation of the Home are to be commended for their efforts. The Superintendent, Fred Mulford, the Assistant Superintendent, Ford Delp, and all of the housemothers and assistant housemothers are responsible for the success. While it's true, these people are salaried employees, they render services far out of proportion to the remuneration they receive. I extend my personal appreciation and congratulations to Fred, Ford and all of the housemothers and assistant housemothers for their superlative efforts.

The matter of maintaining the property at the home is a never-ending quest. During the last year, the trim on all of the buildings was painted, repairs to the plumbing and some of the roof areas became

necessary and major repairs and renovations were made in the Assistant Superintendent's home. As it is in your own home, it becomes necessary to occasionally replace items like vacuum cleaner, refrigerators, dishwashers, rugs and other items of household furnishings. Much remains to be done. The driveways and parking areas need to be hard surfaced, the drainage sewers are presenting serious problems and the tennis courts are in need of resurfacing and painting. Many other items require attention; however, they are far too numerous to mention. Not all is bad, however. The beautiful sign, which was the project of Past Grand Matron, Mary Ann Watchorn and Past Grand Patron, Olen A. Brake, has been completed with the exception of lighting and landscaping. At the recent Grand Chapter Session of the Order of the Eastern Star, Past Grand Matron, Irene Berry and Past Grand Patron, Charles Kurtz, presented the Home with the sum of \$4,557.96 for the purpose of hard-surfacing the driveways and parking areas, other concrete repair work as needed and for repairs and decorations in the Administration Building.

The financial situation at the Home continues to show progress. The responsibility of handling the investment portfolio is entrusted to a Finance Committee, and believe me, that committee, along with all of the other committees, has done an outstanding job. Speaking of finances, it comes to my mind that there is a considerable amount of misunderstanding about the financial situation of the Home. Any member of either Grand Body who has questions about the Home's finances, should not hesitate to ask questions. There are no secrets, nor is there any mystery about the financial operation of the Home. In this regard, let's take quick glance at the over-all financial picture for the next fiscal year. The estimated cost of operating the Home will be approximately \$131,170.00. The income to defray the cost of operations is derived from payments by parents and guardians, memorials, contributions and donations, bequests, interest and dividends from the endowment fund, and an annual contribution in an equal amount from the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. During the last fiscal year, the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter each contributed the sum of \$24,030.00; thus, the per capita expense to each member of each Grand Body was approximately 65¢. Remember that figure....65¢ per member.

There are many people and many organizations who contribute in one form or another to the Home. There are all sorts of contributions in the form of time, money and effort and each contribution, in whatever form or in whatever amount is appreciated. The lack of time and the risk of overlooking someone or some group prevents me from extending the Home's appreciation on an individual basis; however, I am compelled to extend special thanks to the members of the Order of the Eastern Star and to the many Masons who have made contributions and to the members of the Shrine who have provided the children with a Christmas Party, permitted them to attend the annual picnic at Peony Park in Omaha, and made it possible for them to attend the annual Shrine Football game in Lincoln. The public school officials in Fremont have extended many courtesies and many of the students at Midland College have volunteered tutoring services. The list of thank you's is endless, so I'll end by once again thanking Past Grand Matron, Irene Berry, and Past Grand Patron, Charles Kurtz, for the monies from their project and for their regular appearances at the meetings of the Board of Trustees. Also, I commend Brother Harold Hultman and particularly Brother Donald R. Swanson for their assistance and cooperation.

During the last year, there were changes in personnel on the Board of Trustees. The services of Robert Metcalf, Lillie Smith and Frances Bullis will deeply be missed. The three new members are Dorothy Shaw, Corinne Nevins and Elmer Sells. It seems only fitting that I should mention that Lil Smith served on the Board for many years, and that Frances Bullis furnished the Board with dedicated service and was an inspiration for all for over 20 years. There must be something genuinely worthwhile involved to inspire people to serve for such a long period of time.

I personally thank the Board of Trustees for allowing me to serve as President during the past year and I am grateful to each and every member of the Board for the help and support they've given me. Each Board meeting has been an experience within itself, and I assure you, no one can question the dedication and sincerity of the Trustees.

During the time I've served on the Board of Trustees and as the Home's President, one fact has been clearly brought home to me. There are far too many members within both of our Grand Bodies, but particularly within the Grand Lodge, who are unaware of the existence of the Home, and who have little or no knowledge of how the Home operates. Also, it's been brought to my attention recently that there are some members who take exception to the Home's continued existence. It would be improper for me to use this Report to advocate my personal beliefs in this regard; however, I cannot in good conscience, fail to comment that all Eastern Star members and all Masons should be proud of the great humanitarian success that has been achieved through the operation of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. The 65¢ contribution made by each Mason and each member of the Order of the Eastern Star entitles them to look with pride to the Home in Fremont, and to share in the experience that the beautiful lessons of morality and charity that we are taught are exemplified through this joint endeavor of the two Grand Bodies. It's quite a bargain for a 65¢ investment, and as I write this report, I can't help but think of something that happened at the Home during the last year. In the early part of 1973, the Board of Trustees received advice that it would receive title to a farm in Wayne County, consisting of approximately 100 acres. The gift to the Home came through a Testamentary Trust made by a resident in West Point, Nebraska, Harry Grunke. The value of the farm is in excess of \$50,000.00, and to date, the Home has received income from the operation of the farm in excess of \$16,000.00. The unique, but extremely gratifying part of the foregoing story is that Mr. Grunke was not a Mason nor a member of the Eastern Star. He must, however, have had faith in the operation of the Home, and in the future of our children.

## REPORT OF THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted:

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

The Masonic Service Association once again serviced the Grand Masters' Conference held in Washington, D.C. during the week of February 22, 1973. The Annual Meeting of the M.S.A. was also held at this time which was attended by the Grand Masters of the 44 Grand Lodges who are members. Our Grand Master, M. W. Frank J. Mattoon, our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Donald R. Swanson, M. W. Norris W. Lallman, and M. W. Louis Sylvester and myself were also in attendance.

Digests, Short Talk Bulletins and reports were distributed by the M.S.A. to those designated by our member Grand Lodge Jurisdictions. Plans are being perfected for observance of the Bi-Centennial of the birth of our nation. The meeting of the Conference will be held in Philadelphia in the year 1976 with special programs appropriate to the occasion.

The Masonic Service Hospital Visitation Program continues to expand and to be one of the finest demonstrations of Masonry in action! We now have trained Masonic Field Agents in the two-thirds of the Veteran's Administration Hospitals in 33 of our states. The number of hospitalized veterans since the Vietnam War continues to grow each year. Nebraska joined the Masonic Service Association for educational purposes but has not participated in the Hospital Visitation Service which requires additional expense. Our Field Agents are usually Masons who are retired from their usual vocations and enjoy this benevolent work even though their compensation is limited.

Our Grand Master served on the Hospital Visitation Committee of the M.S.A. and received first-hand information of this activity and expressed his hope that it might be implemented in Nebraska at the Veterans' Hospital in Omaha as a pilot project. I am gratified that he has made this a recommendation in his Report to this Grand Lodge. Our neighboring jurisdiction of Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas enthusiastically maintain Hospital Visitation programs.

Our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Donald R. Swanson, is familiar with and is in favor of this recommendation of our Grand Master. The Masonic Service Association will train the Field Agent at no expense to us, except transportation and lodging expenses incurred during his training at a hospital which would probably be at Des Moines. I have also assured our Grand Master that the Scottish Rite would pay for half the entire expense of this activity for the next year. This would be a Grand Lodge activity, the selection and control of the Field Agent would be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge and the M.S.A.

I recommend appropriation of \$1,000.00 for Veterans' Hospital service in Nebraska, which sum can only be expended under the express approval of our Grand Master. In the event of the adoption of this report, I would be delighted to hear from any Master Mason who would be interested in becoming a Field Agent for the Veterans' Hospital at Omaha.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS & DISPENSATIONS

W. Charles W. Jacobs, 325, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted:

Your committee on Charters & Dispensations respectfully submits the following report for the consideration and approval of the 117th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

The following lodges were consolidated:

Ramah No. 275 of Bertrand with Elwood No. 167 of Elwood on February 14, 1974.

Fairfield No. 84 of Fairfield with Clay Centre No. 139 on January 24, 1974.

Sterling No. 70 with Tecumseh No. 17 on March 20, 1974.

Mt. Hermon No. 231 of Cook with Tecumseh No. 17 on April 15, 1974.

The following lodges failed to be represented at the 115th and 116th Annual Grand Lodge Communications:

Mt. Moriah	No. 57	Syracuse
Faith	No. 181	Crawford
Crystal	No. 191	Scotia
Beemer	No. 253	Beemer
Ornan	No. 261	Spencer
Oasis	No. 271	Morrill
Newman Grove	No. 305	Newman Grove

Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 was represented by P.M. M.E. Wilkins who give a satisfactory explanation.

Faith Lodge No. 181 was represented by W.M. Jack Ellis who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Crystal Lodge No. 191 was represented by W.M. Alfred Kenoyer who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Ornan Lodge No. 261 was represented by W.M. Robert Hamilton who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Oasis Lodge No. 271 was represented by W.M. Bob Brown who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Newman Grove Lodge No. 305 was represented by P.M. Merlyn Flood who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Beemer Lodge No. 253 did not appear before this committee but did communicate with the committee by letter stating their circumstances. Therefore this committee recommends that Beemer Lodge No. 253 consolidate with another Lodge in that vicinity prior to the 118th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge or otherwise forfeit its charter.

The following named lodges failed to be represented at the 116th and 117th Annual Grand Lodge Communications and should be cited to appear before the Grand Lodge Committee on Charters and Dispensations at the 118th Annual Communication to show cause why their charter should not be forfeited in accordance with Section 2-514.

Hiram	No. 52	Arlington
Boaz	No. 185	Danbury
Signet	No. 193	Leigh
Beemer	No. 253	Beemer**
Olive Branch	No. 274	Walthill

\*\*Cited and committee recommendation submitted

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

M. W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman, presented the report which was accepted:

We held seven Masters and Wardens Conferences this Masonic year with emphasis on attendance of the Wardens throughout the state for the purpose of leadership training. The Grand Master was received at each meeting and gave a very comprehensive message to the Masters and Wardens assembled as to their relationship to the Grand Lodge and how we could all best work together for the advancement of the interests of the Craft. Western meetings were held at Kearney and Alliance, then at Norfolk, Fremont and York, and at the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth hosted by Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 and wound up the Conference at Lincoln hosted by Lincoln Lodge No. 19. These lodges, as well as No. 46 at Kearney, No. 183 at Alliance, No. 15 at Fremont, No. 55 at Norfolk and No. 56 at York cooperated in every way to make the Conferences enjoyable and smooth running. Ray Evers, Superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home and his assistants made us very appreciative of the Home.

This next year your Committee plans to continue the Leadership Training theme but with emphasis on many small evening meetings, preferably Table Lodge Mini Area Meetings which have been so popular in the past.

The Grand Master has asked W. B. Al Wurst and W. B. E. Forrest Estes to give excerpts from their leadership papers to you now as part of this report. Their contributions to this program along with that of M. W. Louis V. Sylvester have been well received all over this state.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all lodges were represented except the following: 5, 14, 21, 23, 30, 34, 35, 52, 88, 101, 108, 110, 116, 153, 154, 160, 162, 164, 169, 175, 185, 193, 209, 214, 217, 218, 245, 253, 268, 274, 277, 286, 294, 309, 312. Total number of lodges 246, number not represented 35. Lodges not represented for the last two annual communications: 52, 185, 193, 274. Not represented for three years, 253.

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

## REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDE
Nebraska	1	Howard C. Speck	Ward D. Goodell	Richard D. Wiese
Western Star	2	Eric C. Larson	Eric C. Larson*	Henry E. Schemm
Capitol	3	Saul Libowski	John H. Gardner	James R. Kimmel
Nemaha Valley	4	Bruce E. Larson*	.....	Earl Stivers
Omadi	5	.....	.....	.....
Plattsmouth	6	Theodore J. Yelick	Roy L. Smith	Robert M. Painter
Falls City	9	John Hinz*	J. Chris Horn*	Harvey D. Hinz
Solomon	10	Carl A. Lorenzen	Rodney B. Mayo	Philip A. Lorenze
Covert	11	Albert O. Bangert	Herbert T. White*	Albert O. Bangert
Orient	13	Willard I. Lewis, Jr.*	Willard I. Lewis, Jr.*	Willard I. Lewis, J
Peru	14	.....	.....	.....
Fremont	15	Larry D. Ludvigsen	George Iverson	Gerald A. Moller*
Tecumseh	17	Willis H. Sellhorn	.....	.....
Lincoln	19	Floyd A. Sterns	Robert W. Gettman	Virgil A. Meints
Washington	21	.....	.....	.....
Pawnee	23	.....	.....	.....
St. Johns	25	Max E. Obrecht	Vern S. Dirgo*	Harold W. Langdo
Beatrice	26	Larry D. McKee	Ronald L. Miller	David E. Wagner*
Jordan	27	Bill Schroedter	Lawrence Marvin	.....
Blue River	30	.....	.....	.....
Tekamah	31	Richard W. Miller	Richard W. Miller*	A. Dale French
Platte Valley	32	Harold W. Westphal	Loren J. Stevens	Veon Earl Seaton
Ashlar	33	Norman D. Brockelsby	Richard H. Reed	Allen N. Miller
Acacia	34	.....	.....	.....
Fairbury	35	.....	.....	.....
Lone Tree	36	Richard Svitak	Wayne C. Hedges	.....
Crete	37	James A. Clark	G. Everett Darrington	Leonard Stewart*
Oliver	38	Max Farney*	Ervin J. Imig*	Max K. Farney
Papillion	39	Richard E. Doll	Paul F. Opocensky	Richard E. Doll*
Humboldt	40	Robert Berggren	.....	.....
Northern Light	41	Walter Lammler*	George Benson, Sr.	George Benson, S
Hebron	43	D.B. Shearer*	Milton Johnson*	D.B. Shearer*
Harvard	44	Clyde Frank, Jr	Clyde Frank, Jr.*	Bryan R. Boddye
Rob Morris	46	Eugene Monasmith	Alford Schadt	C. Ed. Warford*
Fairmont	48	Lloyd Dawson*	.....	.....
Evening Star	49	Duane Mau	Duane Mau*	Lyman Novy
Hastings	50	Robert A. Bennett*	Melvin Carlson	J. Edward Fisher
Fidelity	51	Herman F. Hansen	.....	Charles E. Baker*
Hiram	52	.....	.....	.....
Charity	53	Marlin K. Hoffman	Chester Hodge	.....
Lancaster	54	Ernest M. Barney	Eugene C. Sibley	Darrell D. Christe

Mosaic	55	.....	G. W. McCracken	Walter E. Truex*
York	56	Morgan A. Hartman	Owen L. Donohoe	Morgan A. Hartman*
Mt. Moriah	57	M. E. Wilkins*	M. E. Wilkins*	M. E. Wilkins*
Wahoo	59	Willis A. Salkeld	Willis A. Salkeld*	Stanley G. Lundgren
Melrose	60	Allan L. Gray	Ernest A. Humes*	Elva L. Simpson
Thistle	61	Dwight W.	Dwight W.	Dwight W.
		Trautman	Trautman*	Trautman*
Keystone	62	William H. Schuster	Robert C. Mabon*	Robert F. Peard*
Blue Valley	64	Richard Rains	Richard Rains*	Richard Rains*
Osceola	65	Marvin Dawes	.....	.....
Edgar	67	E. A. Good*	.....	.....
Aurora	68	Kenneth G. Killion	Steven C. Larson	James L. Hurza
Trowel	71	Kendal F. Oerter	Harold A. Tilton*	.....
Hooper	72	Irwin Osterloh*	Herman Lallman*	Donald E. Morrow*
Friend	73	Mel Cornell	M. R. Cornell*	M. R. Cornell*
Frank Welch	75	Walter E. Kinne*	Elwood L. Lostroh	Harold K. Bond*
Nelson	77	Earl Adamson	Joe G. Ferebee	Allan Sole
Albion	78	Roger I. Blatter*	John S. Williams*	Robert I. Blatter*
Geneva	79	.....	.....	David A. Portwood*
Composite	81	R.H. Suddarth	Leonard Davis*	M. Dean Ruth*
St. Paul	82	Albert Horky	Edward G. Paulsen*	.....
Corinthian	83	Raymond Paulson*	.....	.....
ionic	87	Theodore A.	Carl V. Crosley*	.....
		Branstiter	.....	.....
Star	88	.....	.....	.....
Cedar River	89	Wayne Nicholls*	Kenneth E.	.....
			Cunningham	.....
Dakland	91	Ellert A. Sandquist	Harry L. Scheffel*	.....
Beaver City	93	Victor A. Graham	Glenn W. Cornell	.....
Bennett	94	Larry G. TeSelle	Richard D. Miller	.....
Garfield	95	George E. Lang*	George E. Lang*	George E. Lang*
Jtica	96	Harold A. Busch	Arvon A. Engel	Robert O. Rhodes
Euclid	97	Harold J. Domingo	Alvin C. Groesser*	Lloyd L. Barkhurst
Republican	98	Rodney J. Richter	Robert C. Foley*	.....
Shelton	99	Robert Thurston*	George W. Prouty	George W. Prouty*
Creighton	100	Chester O.	Chester O.	Chester O.
		Anderson*	Anderson*	Anderson*
Conca	101	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo	102	Dean O. Bull	John D. Salmons	Dean O. Bull*
Ord	103	Keith Pelton	Gerald H. Woodgate	.....
Wymore	104	B. Dean Marples	.....	B. Dean Marples*
Stella	105	Earl Hicks	Keith Wheeler	Earl Hicks*
Porter	106	J. Kent Yardley	.....	.....
Table Rock	108	.....	.....	.....
omegranate	110	.....	.....	.....
DeWitt	111	Max L. Waldo	.....	.....
Springfield	112	.....	Glen McCamley*	Glen McCamley*
Globe	113	Harold E. Seiler*	.....	.....
Wisner	114	Milo G. Cheney	Gifford Burris*	.....
Marlan	116	.....	.....	.....
Hardy	117	Keith Lance	Dorman Clark	Jack McCorkle
North Bend	119	Kenneth Beebe	R. Willard Scott	Charles Nelson

Wayne	120	John V. Addison	G. O. Macklin*	G. O. Macklin*
Superior	121	Dale Gourley	.....	.....
Auburn	124	Harold E. Moody	.....	Marvin Palmer
Mt. Nebo	125	David Olson	Keith Olson	.....
Stromsburg	126	M. A. Hartman*	M. A. Hartman*	M. A. Hartman*
Minden	127	John M. Fitzsimmons	John M. Fitzsimmons	J. M. Fitzsimmons
Guide Rock	128	Rodney P. Ely*	.....	Wendell Ord
Scribner	132	Richard L. Porter	.....	.....
Solar	134	Marland Beckstrom*	Marland Beckstrom	Marland Beckstrom
McCook	135	Dwight L. McKee*	Dwight L. McKee	U. Upton Dawson
Long Pine	136	Norman D. Johnson*	.....	Norman D. Johnson
Upright	137	William Yarpe	.....	.....
Rawl	138	Keith McMann	.....	.....
Clay Centre	139	Wesley Keiser	Raymond Stratman	Eugene Peterson
Western	140	Rolland Winter	Arlington Krajnik	.....
Crescent	143	Herbert D. Wise	.....	Kenneth Smiley
Bancroft	145	Harold D. Lewin	Harold D. Lewin*	Harold D. Lewin*
Jachin	146	Lavaile Gleason	Wm. H. Greathouse	Curtis Lindstrom
Siloam	147	George Keidel	Charles Mulford*	George Keidel*
Custer	148	Harvey Kleeb*	.....	.....
Cambridge	150	Raleigh J. Clegg*	Raleigh J. Clegg*	Raleigh J. Clegg*
Evergreen	153	.....	.....	.....
Lily	154	.....	.....	.....
Hartington	155	Wm. D. Chaloupka*	Wm. D. Chaloupka*	Wm. D. Chaloupka*
Samaritan	158	Alfred D. Barker	Alfred D. Barker*	Alfred D. Barker*
Ogallala	159	Karl Baumann	Donald Bassett	Paul Pascoe
Zeredatha	160	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	161	Don I. Lenton*	Don I. Lenton	Don I. Lenton*
Trestle Board	162	.....	.....	.....
Unity	163	Louis D. Jeffrey*	Wm. Lloyd Jeffrey	Harold Jewett*
Atkinson	164	.....	.....	.....
Barneston	165	Harold E. Monfelt	.....	.....
Elwood	167	Wayne Marshall*	Geoffrey K. Bogle	Carlton E. Clark
Curtis	168	Donald Stearly	.....	.....
Amity	169	.....	.....	.....
Mason City	170	Clarence Lamb	John Amsberry*	.....
Merna	171	John H. Jacobsen*	.....	.....
Robert Burns	173	Clyde H. Jones*	Clyde H. Jones*	Clyde H. Jones*
Culbertson	174	Rolland Miller	Lanny Carlson	Marvin Goodenbe
Temple	175	.....	.....	.....
Gladstone	176	.....	Anton J. Bubak	.....
Hay Springs	177	Lester A. Lundy	Phillip Warren	Lester A. Lundy*
Justice	180	Tom Jones	.....	Joe Haley
Faith	181	Jack Ellis	Gordon Pinney	Jack Ellis*
Alliance	183	John C. Wright	Ehm. J. Sorensen*	Byron J. Mott
Bee Hive	184	Joseph Horky	Allan Beavers	Raymond Modlin
Boaz	185	.....	.....	.....
Meridian	188	.....	Duane Neuenburg	.....
Granite	189	William Kroll	Edgar King	.....
Crystal	191	Alfred Kenoyer	Charles Beebe*	Charles Beebe*
Minnekadusa	192	U. Wesley Fox*	U. Wesley Fox*	U. Wesley Fox*

Signet	193	.....	.....	.....
Highland	194	Gary P. Reed	.....	.....
Arcana	195	Eugene Harris	Willard Keller	.....
Purity	198	James Bragg	Charles Adams	Willard Rouze
Gavel	199	Benjamin Headrick*	Benjamin Headrick*	Benjamin Headrick
Blazing Star	200	E. F. Johnson*	E. F. Johnson*	E. F. Johnson*
Scotts Bluff	201	Bernhart G. Delaurant	E. A. Good	Harlan Cooper*
Golden Sheaf	202	James O. Black	Robert Sellon	Pete Milander*
Plainview	204	Wilfred Francis	Wilfred Francis*	Wilfred Francis*
Golden Fleece	205	Lendyl Duffield*	Donald Pearce	.....
Parian	207	Kenneth Eggleston	Allston Asmus*	Kenneth Eggleston*
Canopy	209	.....	.....	.....
East Lincoln	210	Nelson W. Rittenburg*	Gladwyn A. Youngs*	Donald A. Kyckelhahn*
Cement	211	John Williams	John Carter*	Otto Meyer
Plumblin	214	.....	.....	.....
Occidental	215	Richard N. Nielsen	.....	.....
Palisade	216	Steven R. Fries	Leonard Nelson	Richard Baxter*
Wauneta	217	.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield	218	.....	.....	.....
Relief	219	Arnold Anderson	Richard Lentz*	.....
Magnolia	220	Leonard Gutzman	Ivan Mackling	Glen T. Giegar
Wood Lake	221	Kenneth Wheeler	Ralph L. Soles	.....
Landmark	222	Cameron Jackson	Stanley E. Brunton*	Opal B. Golden
Eminence	223	Doyle D. Bish	Keith Hunnicutt	Daryl Hunnicutt
Silver Cord	224	Clyde Pike	Richard Jones	.....
Cable	225	Albert Fuller*	Albert Fuller	.....
North Star	227	Dennis R. Smith	George C. Sawyer	Ray C. Sperry
Bartley	228	Kenneth L. Downer	L. May Ingram*	Marvin Colson
Comet	229	Jerry K. Mullins	E. Ervin Rolofson	Jerry K. Mullins*
John S. Bowen	232	Lowell Neumeyer	Walter C. Wrich*	Fred H. Gregerson
Gilead	233	Walter A. Sire	.....	.....
Zion	234	Albert J. Wyant	Albert J. Wyant*	Albert J. Wyant*
Fraternity	235	Gail Axen	.....	.....
Golden Rule	236	Howard Wharton*	Howard Wharton*	Howard Wharton*
Cubit	237	Lloyd Ferguson	.....	.....
Friendship	239	Robert E. Comer	.....	.....
Pilot	240	Donald A. Swanson	Garland O. Ramsey	Gordon Chard*
George	241	Robert E. Wolfe	.....	Gerald B. Ericksen
Armstrong				
Hampton	245	.....	.....	.....
Nehawka	246	Wilbur J. Whited	Ed Morris*	.....
Laurel	248	Robert E. Mason	Walter B. Vogel*	.....
Gothenburg	249	Stephen Hecox	Keith Swanson	Dennis J. Kirkpatrick
George	250	Ardeane M. Davis	Harold H. Weeks*	Joe Kreiner*
Washington				
Vausa	251	Lynn Doty	James Ottoman	.....
Peemer	253	.....	.....	.....
Assett	254	Keith R. Sandall	Lyle C. Kops	.....
Lickman	256	Carroll Mitchell	Duane Grove	.....
Inselmo	258	Wendell M. Winchester	Leonard V. Lindly, Jr.	.....

Ornan 261  
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 Franklin 264  
 Robert W. Furnas 265  
 Silver 266  
 James A. Tulleys 267  
 George W. Lininger 268  
 Oasis 271  
 Lee P. Gillette 272  
 Crofton 273  
 Olive Branch 274  
 Antelope 276  
 Sioux 277  
 Litchfield 278  
 Wallace 279  
 Swastika 280  
 Florence 281  
 Mullen 282  
 Seneca 284  
 Camp Clarke 285  
 Oshkosh 286  
 Union 287  
 Omaha 288  
 Lotus 289  
 John J. Mercer 290  
 Diamond 291  
 Monument 293  
 Kimball 294  
 Minatare 295  
 Cotner 297  
 Chester 298  
 Sutherland 299  
 Liberty 300  
 Bayard 301  
 Mizpah 302  
 Right Angle 303  
 Newman Grove 305  
 Golden Rod 306  
 Perkins 308  
 Winnebago 309  
 Victory 310  
 Polk 311  
 Oak Leaf 312  
 Potter 313  
 Craftsmen 314  
 Alpha 316  
 Mid-West 317  
 Grand Island 318  
 Bladen 319

Robert E. Hamilton .....  
 Vern F. Waddell .....  
 Quentin C. Morse Steve Jones\* .....  
 Clarence A. Paulson J. Roy Moore .....  
 Richard A. Jolliffe Willard J. Moore .....  
 Roy W. Coffin William Bryan .....  
 Lyle E. Veal .....  
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 Robert C. Brown Samuel A. Moore .....  
 Raymond W. Roos\* Raymond W. Roos\* .....  
 Richard R. Richard R. .....  
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 Gene R. Norton A. Hawley Merchant .....  
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 B. M. Lang .....  
 Loren J. Stevenson\* .....  
 William W. Steen\* .....  
 Carleton J. Crawford Robert L. Tollander .....  
 Cary D. Tuton John M. Jones .....  
 Ezra W. Marsh George W. Merz\* .....  
 Tommy L. Decora Ted G. Chikos .....  
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 Leonard G. Vaughn Leonard G. Vaughn\* .....  
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 Richard T. Asher Richard O. Cary .....  
 Richard L Savicky Paul L. Toombs\* .....  
 Garland D. Gibbs .....  
 Allen H. Chambers Cecil D. Lackore\* .....  
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 Frank G. Weiss Frand G. Weiss\* .....  
 Russell L. Qwinn Frank S. Daugherty .....  
 Wilbert E. Crouse .....  
 Lawrence Holm\* James Holm .....  
 Raymond S. Prieb Dale L. Strasburg\* .....  
 Elden R. Trump Eldon R. Trump\* .....  
 William T. Fuller George S. Holman .....  
 Robert L. Silford Richard Albright\* .....  
 Merlyn C. Flood\* Merlyn C. Flood\* .....  
 Morris L. Leonard Bond\* .....  
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 Martin N. Olson Keith Olson .....  
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 Glenn W. Cleveland Jack M. Williams .....  
 Carroll H. Shenk .....  
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 Virgil A. Nelson Virgil A. Nelson\* .....  
 Kenneth C. Kling Kenneth C. Kling .....  
 Keith Rector\* .....  
 Homer C. Davey\* Harry E. Potter .....  
 Gary F. Albright Zane A. Hipke .....  
 Ralph E. Lidgard .....  
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 Harve I. Lang\* .....  
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 Gary F. Ossenkop .....  
 Donald E. Colliso .....  
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 Eldon R. Trump\* .....  
 Roland E. McKin .....  
 Robert L. Silford .....  
 Merlyn C. Flood\* .....  
 Ralph R. Carleton .....  
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 Erland D. Widga .....  
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 Virgil A. Nelson\* .....  
 Warren D. Lichty .....  
 Charles K. Brodtk .....  
 Harold B. Hemph .....  
 Albert B. Osborn .....

College View	320	R. Geo. Meininger*	Jim Brown*	A. Douglas Anderson
Harmony	321	Irvin Campbell	.....	Clarence Mellberg*
Lebanon	323	Robert E. Lund*	.....	Charles E. Farnham
Cairo	324	Robert C. Larson	Raymond E. Johnson	Richard W. Moffett
Bellevue	325	James L. Hoover	Stanley Burmeister	Byron C. Jenkins*
Centennial	326	Robert L. Schellhase	Venneth N. Fleek	Jack L. Noah*
Shiloh	327	John W. Laughlin	Eugene J. Clifton	Stanley L. Hale
Miloma	328	Gene Moberg	Howard Muckey	Doyle Wineland

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman, presented the report which was accepted.

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence have carefully reviewed the sections of the Grand Master's Report, which were referred to it and herewith offer this report.

DISPENSATIONS

The several Dispensations requested and granted were reviewed by your Committee and none of the Dispensations were of a controversial nature, mainly for holding Election of Officers and Installing Officers at another time other than that set forth in the Lodge By-Laws -- Permit conferring of degrees without regard to time and to examine Master Masons who had not been examined for Proficiency in the prescribed time.

We, therefore recommend the approval of Section on Dispensations.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

We recommend approval of this Section of The Grand Masters report.

DECISIONS

1. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 1
2. We recommend approval of Decision No. 2 and that it be not annotated.
3. We recommend approval of Decision No. 3
4. We recommend approval of Decision No. 4
5. We recommend approval of Decision No. 5, and that it not be annotated.
6. We recommend approval of Decision No. 6, and that it not be annotated.
7. We recommend approval of Decision No. 7
8. We recommend approval of Decision No. 8

We recommend approval of the Section on Decisions of the Grand Master's Report be adopted as a whole.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend approval of Recommendation No. 1. However, we suggest that each one of the Youth Organizations be given with their correct names.
2. Withdrawn by Grand Master.
3. We recommend the approval of this recommendation. However, the amount to be appropriated should be a part of the appropriation Committee report.
4. We recommend the approval of this recommendation.
5. We recommend the approval of this recommendation, with the addition of "not to be limited to the Omaha area".
6. We recommend the approval of this recommendation.
7. We recommend the approval of this recommendation.

We, now recommend the adoption of the entire report of the Jurisprudence Committee as a whole. Carried.

W. WILLIAM T. FULLER, MASTER OF MIZPAH NO. 302, OMAHA, presented the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED --That section 1-407 --ALLOCATION OF FUNDS -- be amended to read as follows:

The per capita tax of \$5.00 shall be divided as follows:  
 The Nebraska Masonic Home ..... \$2.00  
 The General Fund ..... 3.00

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

That the original of said section and subsequent amendments be repealed.

May I request the indulgence that this be given unanimous consideration.

M. W. FRANK J. MATTOON, GRAND MASTER

There having been an objection raised to unanimous consent, the resolution will be acted upon at the 118th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, so ordered.

The following Resolution was presented:

RESOLVED that Section 3-102 (d) Engaging in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, or the sale of such liquors as a beverage, be deleted from the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

This resolution was signed by eight Master Masons in good standing.

This resolution will be carried over to the 118th Annual Communication for consideration.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman presented the report.

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

That paragraph two of Sec. 1-301 of the By-Laws be amended to

read as follows and that otherwise said section not be changed:

Sec. 1-301 -- ENUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION. -- (paragraph two amended only)

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Fraternal Dead, Masonic Relief, Temple Building Advisory, Masonic Education, Board of Grand Trustees, Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, Applications for Reinstatement, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, Lodge Advisory, Public Relations and Youth. Except as otherwise provided by these By-laws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

That the original paragraph two of said Sec. 1-301 and all subsequent amendments thereto be repealed.

Moved and seconded that this section of the report be adopted. Carried by unanimous vote.

That Section 1-327 of the By-laws be enacted to provide as follows: Sec. 1-327 --YOUTH -- The Committee on Youth shall initiate specific plans and programs for the support, encouragement and stimulation of the Order of De Molay, International Order of Job's Daughters and Order of Rainbow for Girls. I therefore, move the adoption of this portion of the report.

M. W. . FRANK J. MATTOON, GRAND MASTER

You have heard the motion, is there a second? All in favor, signify by the usual sign of a Mason when voting, down hands, opposed same sign. Carried.

W. . BERNARD T. PIPHER

Your Committee also recommends that the approved decision of the Grand Master, which are not repetitive of existing annotations, should be placed in the code as annotations to the pertinent sections.

We move the adoption of this report as a whole. Motion carried.

M. W. . CHARLES F. ADAMS, PAST GRAND MASTER

M. W. . Grand Master, acting as your Parliamentarian, may I suggest that the adoption of the report of the Codification of the Law does not, in itself, affect an amendment to the By-laws. I would respectfully suggest that we now vote on the adoption of the amendment to the By-laws which requires a two-thirds vote. All we have done so far is to adopt a Committee report.

M. W. . FRANK J. MATTOON, GRAND MASTER

You have heard the motion, it has been placed and seconded, is there any discussion? All those in favor of the proposal will signify by the usual sign of a Mason when voting, down hands, opposed same sign. Carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON APPROPRIATIONS

This budget covers the period of the Appropriations Committee and the report which covers the period May 1, 1974 to April 30, 1975.

Under Grand Lodge Committee add:

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association  
\$1,000.00, changing the total expense of the Grand Committee Expense  
from \$131,014.38 to \$132,014.38.

We, the Committee, wish to thank the Grand Masters and Grand Officers and the Grand Lodge Committees for their promptness and their fine cooperation in arriving at this report.

ANTICIPATED INCOME:	\$145,489.00
Appropriated:	\$132,014.38

I move for the adoption of this report. Motion carried.

R. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

May I present the following motion that the Published Proceedings of the of the 116th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, held June 8 and 9, 1973 and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and distributed by the Grand Secretary, be ratified and approved.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES  
APPOINTED

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENTS: W. Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman; Donald R. White; 327, Kenneth P. Lott, 184.

APPROPRIATIONS: W. Walter E. Truex, 55 (1978) Chairman; W. Paul Eveland, 119 (1977); W. Harry A. Tollander, 281 (1975); W. Robert A. Carhart, 120 (1976); W. E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1979).

FINANCE: W. Howard L. Patterson, 303 (1976) Chairman; W. LeRoy C. Sutton, 1 (1977); W. J. Ansel Toft, 232 (1975); W. Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290 (1978); W. Floyd A. Sterns, 19 (1979).

FRATERNAL DEAD: W. Gail Axen, 235, Chairman; Dr. Cecil N. House, 19; W. Dean L. Robertson, 227.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; M. W. John H. Brown, 1.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr. 33; W. Philip A. Lorenzen, 10.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS: M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54 (1975) Chairman; W. Douglas D. Duey, 59 (1976); W. Harold C. Wurdeman, 323 (1977); W. William L. Hopson, 327 (1978); W. Thomas H. Blanchard, 21 (1979).

GRAND TURSTEEES: M. .W. . John F. Futcher, 302 (1976), Chairman; W. . Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1979); W. . Frank V. Lawson, Jr. 1, (1977); W. . Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1978); W. . George T. Harris, 302 (1975).

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND:

M. .W. . Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman; W. . Perley F. Bates, Jr. 26; W. . Robert A. Metcalf, 210.

MASONIC EDUCATION: M. .W. . Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1975) Chairman; M. .W. . Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1977); W. . E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1975); W. . Alfred G. Wurst, 59 (1976); W. . Paul R. Pierce, 50 (1976); W. . James L. Brown, 320 (1977).

MASONIC RELIEF: W. . Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1977), Chairman; W. . James A. Bradley, 1 (1976); W. . Richard L. Newlun, 55 (1975); W. . Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1979); W. . Melvin E. Hatfield, 54 (1978).

NEBRASKA WORK: W. .W. . Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1975) Chairman; M. .W. . Lewis R. Ricketts, 19 (1976); M. .W. . Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 (1977).

PUBLIC RELATIONS: W. . Lester Way, 54 (1977) Chairman; W. . John S. Savage, 11 (1976); W. . Gary L. Powell, 19 (1979); M. .W. . John H. Brown, 1 (1978) Brother Jack Payne, 1 (1975).

TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY: M. .W. . Russell L. Fickes, 33 (1976), Chairman; W. . Robert E. Wolf, 1 (1975); W. . Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1977).

LODGE ADVISORY: M. .W. . Joseph C. Tye, 46 (1978), Chairman; M. .W. . Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1975); M. .W. . Frank J. Mattoon, 75 (1979).

BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: W. . Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; Charles W. Amidon, 281, Olen A. Brake, 26, Melvin E. Johnson, 112.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: W. . Olen A. Brake, 26, Chairman; William G. Hurst, 54, Robert W. Bell, 184.

OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. .W. . JOHN H. BROWN, PAST GRAND MASTER AND INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER:

The Grand Lodge has long advocated that Installations of Constituent lodges be open installation. Then it dawned upon the Grand Lodge one time, after advocating it for several years, that it would be nice if the Grand Lodge could also have an open installation and this is exactly what we have now and we welcome all of you here and it is real fine to have all of you lovely ladies here and you brethren, a nice turn out to indicate to the incoming Grand Officers, and your support of them.

We will now proceed with the installation brethren of the Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing year. Brother Grand Secretary you will call the names of the Brethren who have been elected and appointed officers of this Grand Lodge.

It is my pleasure to present the other installing officers:

Installing Grand Marshal ..... M. W. Louis V. Sylvester  
 Installing Grand Chaplain ..... M. W. John F. Fitcher  
 Installing Grand Secretary ..... M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre

M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, NEW GRAND MASTER:

I would like to finish up the installation ceremony, so Brother M. W. Grand Marshal, will you present to the East M. W. Brother Frank J. Mattoon and M. W. Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart.

M. W. HUGH W. EISENHART, PAST GRAND MASTER

M. W. Brother, M. W. Grand Master, one of the most important and enjoyable duties of an incoming Grand Master is to make some appointments. It becomes his duty to appoint men in the Grand Lodge line, in whom he has confidence and who by their previous activities, have shown that they are dedicated to our Fraternity. One of those duties is to appoint the Grand Junior Deacon. Some five years ago it was my privilege and pleasure to appoint M. W. Brother Frank in line. I had to discuss the thing at a little length with M. W. Brother Frank, I am sure he exhibited the same attitude that most of us did when we were approached, of a bit of shyness and possible complete confidence that we would be able to do the job. It was a year ago now that it was my pleasure again to install M. W. Brother Frank as your Grand Master, with a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure, I have watched your performance this year and to any one who asks, "are you satisfied with your appointment?", I say "amen". You have presided at our Grand Lodge Communication with grace and skill and I am sure all of the brethren appreciate the labor and talent that you have devoted to our Fraternity this year.

Now I have the additional pleasure of presenting to you your Past Grand Masters Jewel, and I am sure as has been so aptly said before, this is really one of the highlights of your service of receiving this token of friendship and appreciation from your Grand Lodge brethren. And it certainly is my pleasure to pin it on you at this time, and express to you our appreciation for your services, your contribution to our Grand Lodge History. And again we say "thank you, Frank."

Another token of our appreciation of our Grand Lodge is the Past Grand Masters Apron, It is a beautiful apron and I am sure you can readily appreciate it, that we are very proud of them and prize them highly. And it is my pleasure to again to present your Past Grand Masters Apron to you. May you wear it with pride and with the remembrance that it was given to you as a token of remembrance and appreciation from the Grand Lodge.

M. W. FRANK J. MATTOON, PAST GRAND MASTER:

M. W. Grand Master, and M. W. Brother Hugh, I am about talked out and my voice probably shows it. I thank you very much for the presentation of the Past Masters Jewel and the Apron. I have enjoyed this year very much in serving the Grand Lodge and Masonry in Nebraska, and I am deeply honored by the presentation which you have just made. I have said too much already during the Communication, so I want to give you my expression of deep humility and appreciation.

## M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER

I also would like to say that it has been indeed a pleasure for me as a Grand Lodge officer to have followed Frank J. Mattoon through the line and served with him during these four years. Thank you very much, Frank, for the pleasant experience.

I also, at this time, would like to thank the installing officers who did such an admirable job although at one moment, although short, it looked like I might have the shortest rank as Grand Master on record. I know that our Chairman in Nebraska Work is probably not going to change the word to fit what was said here today. But with that, M. W. Brother John H. Brown, would you please stand and again I wish to thank you, and remain standing, would Ruth Brown stand as well, wife of our Past Grand Master. To them I owe a vote of thanks as you may or may not know, M. W. Brother John Brown appointed me in line and M. W. Brother Lou. Sylvester and his wife Dorothy, M. W. John F. Futcher and his wife Leona, M. W. Brother Benjamin F. Eyre and his wife Hazel and our musician W. Brother Edward H. Lockwood and Olive. Thank you very much for your fine installation, I appreciate it very much.

I would at this time like to introduce the wives of the Officers of your Grand Lodge, so we might get correlation between them if their husband would stand after their wife has been introduced, why I would appreciate it.

Standing myself, I guess I better introduce my wife first --Mary Lee; Virginia, wife of our Deputy Grand Master; wife of our Grand Senior Warden, Elfie Stines; wife of our Grand Junior Warden was unable to be here. Wife of our Grand Secretary, Alice Lallman; wife of our Grand Chaplain, Ann Gibson; Wife of our Grand Orator, Maxine Bump; wife of our Grand Custodian, Mary Gerry, doesn't that have a musical ring? Wife of our Grand Marshal, Irene Wurdeman; wife of our Grand Senior Deacon, Betty Hendrix; wife of our Grand Junior Deacon, Margaret Lichty; wife of our Grand Tyler, Fern Reese. These are the wives of our Officers.

It is always a pleasure to see so many friends and acquaintances in any meeting. I am particularly pleased that such a large group would come to attend our installation. I do have some of the members of my family here and I would like to introduce them to you. My Mother who lives in Auburn, Nebraska is here, her name is Abby Swanson, would she please stand? One of my very close sister-in-laws is here today and her name is Irma Johnson from Lincoln. Two of the favorite Masons that I know, both of them have a fifty year pin as Masons, both of them Masters of their respective lodges, two of my Uncles are here, Arthur Swanson from Edgar and his wife Alda and Guy E. Swanson from Sutton and his wife Mae. I certainly appreciate your coming and I know that it has been a difficult situation for some of you to make it today and I certainly do appreciate your coming. Now there are many friends here that I would like to introduce them, but I know we are working on the dinner hour and as you can see, from my ample form, I don't often miss lunch. So I am not going to keep you much longer.

I would like to have the members and their wives of No. 54 who have traveled out here, to stand please. While you are standing, will the rest of the members of the Lincoln Lodges please stand. I am just de-

lighted to see such a fine turn out. I hope that we will see all of you next year if the Grand Lodge will meet in Lincoln where we will try to convene.

I have been using, during the installation ceremony, a gavel which was presented to me by a very special person in our Lodge ten years ago. This gavel was given to me as I was installed Worshipful Master of our own lodge, by W. . Brother George H. Murphy, who presently holds the Gold Jordan Medal. Although he wanted to come today, he was unable to do so. I feel that we will use this gavel all year long on our visitations. He is a grand gentleman and I know a lot of you know him. Unfortunately, it is such a nice gavel, you would like to keep it for a long time. There is a little bit of business we have to do yet, so regrettably I must ask those who are not members of the Grand Lodge to retire so we can finish with the business of the day.

I also have a motion which I would like to present to the Grand Lodge, and I move that the 118th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska meet in Lincoln, Nebraska on June 13 and 14, 1975.

R. . W. . HAROLD HULTMAN, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

You have heard the motion and second, is there any discussion? All those in favor signify with the usual sign of a Mason when voting, down hands, opposed same sign, carried.

M. . W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

Thank you, brethren, the arrangements will be made to hold the entire meeting in the Cornhusker Hotel with the dinners and all at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska on June 13 and 14, 1975.

Is there any other business to come before this 117th Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska? M. . W. . Grand Marshal, you will conduct the V. . W. . Grand Chaplain to the Altar for the purpose of prayer.

At 12:45 no further business appearing after prayer by the V. V. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

*Donald R. Swanson*

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 Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, June 14 and 15, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 8th day of August, 1974

*Norris W. Lallman*

Grand Secretary

WE HAVE SET APART THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE  
MEMORY OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE  
PASSED BEYOND 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
Zungle 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
2607 No. 93rd, Apt. 3, 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
1218 1st Nat'l. 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
1811 1st National Bank Bldg., Lincoln 68502		

- 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
- HOWARD J. HUNTER. . . . . (107th) . . 1972  
First National Bank Bldg. 68048
- FRANK J. MATTOON, 75. . . . . (108th) . . 1973  
2613 El Rancho Rd. Sidney 69162
- 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	Penson R. Graham	Box 6195, Montgomery 36106
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Argentina	Alcibiades Lapas	Cangallo 1242 (R28), Buenos Aires
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Arkansas	Jack B. Donham	700 Scott St., Little Rock 72201
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Belgium	Clement Ceuppens	265 Rue Royale, Brussels
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Brazil, Pernambuco	Pedro Soares de Queiroz	Caixa Postal 1415 Recife
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Brazil, Brasilia		P.O. Box 1128 Federal Dist.
Brazil, Ceara	Antonio Zelalon Filho	Box 76, Fortaleza
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Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Kurt Max Hauser	Box 683, Paraco Garibaldi 21. Porto Allegro
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Brazil, Santa Catarina	Sergio Boppre	Caixa Posta D-33 Florianapolis Catarina, Brazil
Brazil, San Paulo	Joas Zimmerman Filho	Caixa Postal, 8343
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Napoleon Grispem	Box 3, Paraiba
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Iceland	Karl Gudmundsson	Frimurarareglan a Islandi 4. Reykjavik
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Illinois	Paul R. Stephens	Box 110, Rushville 62681
India	P.M. Sundaram	Freemasons Hall, Janpath. P.O. Box 681, New Delhi
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Iowa	Charles T. Jackson	Box 279, Cedar Rapids, 52406
Iran	Ahmad Aliabadi	Teheran P.O. Box 11-1777
Ireland	J.O. Harte	Freemasons' Hall, Dublin
Israel	J. Bar Nar	P.O. Box 2080, Tel Aviv
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Japan	Floyd J. Robertson	Minatoku Tokyo 66601
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Manitoba	Reg L. Guy	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, 13
Maryland	Gerald M. Pine	Masonic Temple, Baltimore 21201
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Missouri	Frank A. Arnold	3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis 63108
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New Hampshire	Carl A. Buswell	Box 299, Concord, 03301
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Nova Scotia	Harold F. Sipprell	Freemasons Hall, Halifax
Nuevo Leon, Mexico	Hario G. Zavalo	Apt. Num.309, Monterrey
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Oregon	W. Dexter Elliott	P.O. Box 96 Forrest Grove, 97116
Panama	Juan E. Urriola	P.O. Box 84, Panama-IRP
Pennsylvania	Wm. A. Carpenter	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 19107
Peru	Jamie Dorich	Box 587, Lima
Philippines	Esteban Munarriz	1440 San Marcelino, Manila
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Puerto Rico	Alejandro Reyno Fernandez	Box 8385, Ponce de Leon 1707 Santuree 00810
Quebec	W.G. Parker	2295 St. Mark St., Montreal 25
Queensland	W.P. Walker	Box 675, Brisbane
Rhode Island	Albert W. Abramson	388 Hillard Ave. Warwick 02886
Saskatchewan	E. A. Snell	P.O. Box 246, Regina
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Southern Africa	R.J.G. Griesbach	608-613 Nataid House, 14 Plyein St., Johannesburg
South America	Victor M. Osorio	Apartado Aeres 6672 or de Bogota, Columbia
South America	Alfredo de La Cuesta	Apartado No. 209, Santa Domingo Republic Dominicana
South Australia	J.H.R. Garde	Freemasons Hall, North Terrace, Adelaide
South Carolina	H. Dwight McAlister	1401 Senate St. Columbia 29209
South Dakota	John S. Rowe	Box 468, Sioux Falls, 57101
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Tasmania	A.J. Barren	44 Huntington St. Hobart
Tennessee	Wallace P. Douglas	Box 216, Nashville 37202
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Virginia	Archer B. Gay	Masonic Temple, Richmond 23220
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West Virginia	Julian B. Hollingsworth	P.O. Box 2346, Charleston 25328
Wisconsin	Carl L. Payne	1123 No. Astor St., Milwaukee 53202
Wyoming	Marcus R. Nichols	Box 459, Casper 82602

## VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

Who Have Attended Grand Lodge

21 Years Or More

Benjamin F. Eyre 52 years	1923-24 25-26-27-28-30-31-32-34-35-36-37-38- 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- 66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73 -74
Carl R. Greisen 51 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- 65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73 -74
William B. Wanner 48 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- 68-69-70-71-72-73 -74
Herbert T. White 43 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- 72-74
Pearl C. Hillegass 41 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 57-58-59-60-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-73
Elmer E. Magee 40 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 -73-74
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 37 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- 65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-74
Thomas J. Aron 35 years	1930- 31-32-3339-40-42-44-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-65-66-67- 68-69-70-71-72 -73-74
Robert E. Lund 35 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 -73-74
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
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

Louis V. Sylvester 33 years	1942-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56- 57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68- 69-70-71-72-73-74
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
Edward M. Knight 32 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- 70-71-72-73
Norris W. Lallman 32 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- 71-72-73-74
Albert B. Osborn 31 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- 72-73-74
Clyde H. Jones 31 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- 72-73-74
Charles F. Adams 29 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- 73-74
Arthur Anderson 28 years	1942-43-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-55-57-58-59- 61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73
E. Forrest Estes 28 years	1943-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57- 58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-69-71-73- 74
Richard L. Wait 27 years	1947-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60- 61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73
Ralph R. Carleton 27 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- 73-74

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, WITH LOCATIONS, DATES CREATED AND CHARTERED.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska	No. 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
Omadi	" 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, 68
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.....	Merriek.....	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
Papillion	" 39	Papillion.....	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	Syraeuse.....	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
Osecola	" 65	Osecola.....	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
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
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	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Wisner	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	Brook.....	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
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
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
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
Plumblin	" 214	Adams	Gage	November 17.91	June 15.93
Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunder	July 16.92	June 15.93
Palisade	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	July 18.92	June 15.93
Wauneta	" 217	Wauneta	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
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.....	Cuming.....	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. Tulleys	" 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
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	Thedford.....	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 13, 14...	June 8, 15

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Kimball	No. 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June 10, 15	June 7, 16
Minatare	" 295	Minatare.....	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
Bayard	" 301	Bayard.....	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	Lyneh.....	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.
- Incense 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.  
Roman Eagle No. 203 with Bancroft No. 145, Jan. 8, 1973  
Amethyst No. 190 with Cable No. 225, Apr. 20, 1973  
Prudence No. 179 with Utica No. 96, Apr. 20, 1973  
Fairfield No. 84 With Clay Centre No. 139, Jan. 24, 1974.  
Ramah No. 275 with Elwood No. 167, Febr. 14, 1974.  
Sterling No. 70 with Tecumseh No. 17, Febr. 23, 1974.  
Mt. Hermon No. 231 with Tecumseh No. 17, April 15, 1974.

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
Macoy 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
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	Maryland	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. Reinerer	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Montana	C. Harold Edwards, 105	Lincoln	Oct. 21, 1965
J.F.A. Gravenberch	Eureka	Dec. 14, 1960	Netherlands	W. Upton Dawson, 135	McCook	May 6, 1965
Lee Griswold	St. John	Aug. 5, 1968	New Brunswick	Alfred B. Saum, 46	Kearney	Jan. 30, 1958
Kenneth R. Nelson	Littleton	Oct. 21, 1955	New Hampshire	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 31, 1958
Ellis W. Howard	Old Bridge	June 14, 1962	New Jersey	Clyde H. Jones, 173	Stratton	Sept. 27, 1956
Robert W. Emery	Santa Fe	Sept. 15, 1972	New Mexico	John F. Futcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Howard M. Sleeper	Mallam	Apr. 9, 1953	New South Wales	Harold D. Weddel, 61	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Gordon Ross	Lido Beach	June 26, 1974	New York	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Apr. 8, 1957
Wm. Cahn	Mangaweka	Dec. 30, 1971	New Zealand	Warren D. Lichty, Jr. 314	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
T. W. Pairman		Dec. 4, 1956	Nicaragua	Donald R. Swanson, 54	Lincoln	1973
Nathaniel C. Dean	Grand Forks	July 26, 1965	North Carolina	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Calvin E. Rusted	Oslo	Sept. 7, 1955	North Dakota	Levi B. Williams, 1	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Han Oluf Lorentzen	Stellarton	March 2, 1971	Norway	Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150	Cambridge	Apr. 28, 1965
C. Fraser Lorimer	Monterray	July 28, 1952	Nova Scotia	S.F. Torgeson, 294	Kimball	1973
Juan L. Arocha	Guymon	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuovo Leon	Curtis J. Griess, 49	Grand Island	Dec. 2, 1968
E. L. Galbraith	Burns	Apr. 23, 1969	Ohio	Robert W. Boon, 33	Grand Island	Mar. 6, 1967
Aubrey R. Erhart	Panama	July 23, 1963	Oklahoma	Otto Nelsen, 300	Lincoln	Feb. 17, 1958
Norman W. Oliver	Lima	May 5, 1964	Oregon	Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Omaha	Feb. 6, 1958
Elias S. Mizrachi	Manila	Jan. 13, 1953	Panama	Frank J. Mattoon, 75	Sidney	Dec. 4, 1968
Carlos Pena	Summerside	Sept. 1, 1972	Peru	Arthur S. Dye, 317	Hastings	July 28, 1965
Aurelio B. Aquino	Fajards	Jan. 23, 1946	Philippines	Richard L. Mauch, 254	Bassett	June 4, 1971
Allan C. Jenkins	Cranston	April 8, 1971	Prince Edward Island	Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	Lincoln	Aug. 7, 1969
A. D. Lighbourn	Regina	Aug. 3, 1966	Puerto Rico	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
T. H. Whitman	Edinburgh	Aug. 3, 1966	Quebec	Herman O. Hansen, 3	Omaha	June 4, 1971
W. R. Gailey	Edinburgh	Feb. 29, 1960	Queensland	E. Forrest Estes, 19	Lincoln	July 6, 1972
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Edinburgh	Jan. 24, 1947	Rhode Island	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Gaylord C. Wright	Edinburgh	Apr. 13, 1965	Saskatchewan	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
William Sloss	Bogota	Aug. 30, 1963	Scotland	Robert E. Lund, 323	Columbus	Sept. 17, 1962
George C. Hobson		Dec. 3, 1968	Southern Africa	Elmer E. Magee, 227	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
Pafael F. Moreno			South America	Gerald V. Inslie, 148	Chadron	Dec. 2, 1968
			Colombia	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	Trenton	Aug. 7, 1969
M. D. J. C. Navarro		Aug. 25, 1969	South America	Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191	Scotia	Aug. 7, 1969
Cyril W. C. Peaks	Greenville	Sept. 9, 1959	Dominicana	Walter Brown, 1	Omaha	May 12, 1970
Rhoden D. Batson	Sioux Falls	July 6, 1971	South Australia	Mark Mitchell, 138	Oxford	Jan. 1, 1962
Lawrence J. Larson	Linkoping	June 17, 1971	South Carolina	U. Wesley Fox, 192	Kilgore	July 6, 1972
Hj. August Lind	Zurich	Apr. 4, 1958	South Dakota	Lillard S. Jensen, 232	Omaha	Nov. 17, 1965
Eric C. Monk	Victoria	Feb. 24, 1967	Sweden	Wayne W. Reese, 54	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
German Barrera	Hobart	Aug. 27, 1970	Switzerland	Homer C. Davey, 317	Hastings	Aug. 3, 1960
S. V. Tilley	Nashville	Mar. 27, 1957	Tamlaupias	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	Ashland	Sept. 8, 1960
J. Turner Williams	Dallas	Oct. 28, 1968	Tasmania	William C. Schapey, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
Harold A. Bateman	Istanbul	July 28, 1952	Tennessee	Donald A. Keys, 300	Lincoln	Dec. 20, 1961
Attila Atli	Ozden	Dec. 29, 1971	Texas	Melvin E. Johnson, 112	Lincoln	Aug. 27, 1963
J. Greiner	Shelburne	Sept. 10, 1959	Turkey	Richard L. Wait, 119	Oakdale	Jan. 27, 1958
David A. Smith	Melbourne	May 16, 1962	Utah	Carl E. Diers, 106	Lincoln	Aug. 6, 1972
Farrin Webb	S. Arlington	Mar. 23, 1946	Vermont	Mathias E. Maul, 173	Loup City	July 6, 1960
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	Tacoma	Jan. 2, 1952	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Stratton	Aug. 2, 1960
Malcolm L. Wilkinson		April 14, 1971	Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
					Alliance	June 27, 1941

THE ROLL OF ASSISTANT 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	*Stanley B. Fryar, 139 . . . . .	1940
*Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50 . . . . .	1916	*Roy S. Planck, 15 . . . . .	1940
*Walter W. Wells, 192 . . . . .	1917	*Buren P. Wells, 315 . . . . .	1940
*Orville A. Andrews, 19 . . . . .	1917	*Clarence G. McNamee, 55 . . . . .	1941
*Barclay M. Hickman, 38 . . . . .	1916	*F. Ray Dilts, 83 . . . . .	1942
*Andrew H. Viele, 55 . . . . .	1917	*Ernest C. Purdy, 195 . . . . .	1942
*Walter W. Wells . . . . .	1917	Lewis E. Baker, 135 . . . . .	1943
*Maro C. Shipherd, 15 . . . . .	1920	*Howard E. Bradstreet, 261 . . . . .	1943
*Vinsent S. Ramsey, 205 . . . . .	1920	George S. Schwab, 49 . . . . .	1946
*Jesse Lowther, 219 . . . . .	1920	Louis V. Sylvester, 281 . . . . .	1945
*Franklin C. Tym, 25 . . . . .	1920	*Irving S. Johnson, 148 . . . . .	1946
*Lute M. Savage, 3 . . . . .	1920	*LaVerne A. Walker, 55 . . . . .	1946
Frank M. Johnson, 188 . . . . .	1920	Ernest E. James, 1 . . . . .	1948
*Lamont L. Stephens, 106 . . . . .	1922	*Frank A. Anderson, 17 . . . . .	1949
*Frances S. Robey, 19 . . . . .	1922	*Robert W. Cook, 33 . . . . .	1949
*John B. Lichtenwallner, 275 . . . . .	1923	Paul D. Fleming, 93 . . . . .	1949
*Harry R. Belville, 146 . . . . .	1923	*Charles M. Frederick, 136 . . . . .	1949
*George R. Patterson, 136 . . . . .	1923	*Sylvester Shumard, 227 . . . . .	1949
*William J. Birkoffer, 249 . . . . .	1923	*Ralph M. Carhart, 120 . . . . .	1950
*D. Horace Schall, 307 . . . . .	1923	*Morris V. Balcom, 46 . . . . .	1950
*Stanley P. Bostwick, 3 . . . . .	1924	*William F. Flicklinger, 56 . . . . .	1951
*William D. Edson, 53 . . . . .	1926	*Forest A. Lape, 183 . . . . .	1951
*Francis B. Rodwell, 224 . . . . .	1926	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314 . . . . .	1954
*Edwin H. Gerhart, 305 . . . . .	1926	Harold M. Wilkerson, 54 . . . . .	1954
*William McCormack, 268 . . . . .	1926	Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9 . . . . .	1955
*Harry L. Mantor, 306 . . . . .	1927	Clifford D. Webster, 321 . . . . .	1956
*John R. Easley, 49 . . . . .	1927	Mathias E. Mael, 173 . . . . .	1956
*I. Donald Huston, 65 . . . . .	1928	Frank H. Smith, 301 . . . . .	1957
*Elmer Surber, 95 . . . . .	1928	*Ward V. Whitaker, 310 . . . . .	1957
*John M. Bennett, 19 . . . . .	1928	Richard L. Ely, 128 . . . . .	1957
*Earl Barnett, 146 . . . . .	1929	Asa J. Farnham, 106 . . . . .	1958
*Jonathan Frye, 1 . . . . .	1929	Robert B. Conrad, 125 . . . . .	1958
*Ernest R. Reynolds, 124 . . . . .	1930	Winston C. Swanson . . . . .	1958
*Osborne P. Simon, 174 . . . . .	1930	*Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210 . . . . .	1959
*Doc L. Redfern, 300 . . . . .	1930	*Edmund D. Shaw, 254 . . . . .	1959
Austin F. Whitmire, 306 . . . . .	1931	Harry N. Ahl, 112 . . . . .	1959
*Henning C. Johnson, 171 . . . . .	1932	Alfred R. Kenoyer, 148 . . . . .	1960
Carroll C. Raymer, 164 . . . . .	1932	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110 . . . . .	1960
*Ward B. Schrack, 46 . . . . .	1933	T. Leo Stines, 36 . . . . .	1960
*Byron S. Peterson, 25 . . . . .	1933	Erwin J. Imig, 38 . . . . .	1960
*Raymond C. Cook, 6 . . . . .	1933	Sebert A. Stover, 281 . . . . .	1960
*Ray B. Bottorf, 33 . . . . .	1933	Stanley E. Brunton, 222 . . . . .	1961
*Wallace E. Linn, 1 . . . . .	1934	Glenn W. Binder, 23 . . . . .	1961
*Jesse P. Entriken, 295 . . . . .	1934	Richard L. Wait, 19 . . . . .	1962
Harold D. Weddel, 208 . . . . .	1937	Gordon Chard, 240 . . . . .	1962
Cecil C. Gates, 227 . . . . .	1938	Harold A. Tilton, 71 . . . . .	1962
*Fred G. Christensen, 33 . . . . .	1938	Stuart A. Johnson, 169 . . . . .	1964
*Ross Van Sickle, 184 . . . . .	1938	Arthur S. Dye, 317 . . . . .	1964
S. William Beck, 43 . . . . .	1940	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
Mannie O. Hansen, 1 . . . . .	1973

## MASONIC CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

## RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons — Add 4,000 years to the current year, thus: 1974 and 4,000 — 5974.

Royal Arch Masons — Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1974 and 530 — 2499.

Royal and Select Masters — Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1973 and 1,000 — 2974.

Knights Templar — From the Christian era take 1,118; thus 1,118 from 1974 — 851.

Order of High Priesthood — To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1974 — 3880.

Scottish Rite — Add 3,760 to the current year; thus 1974 and 3,760 — 5729.

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