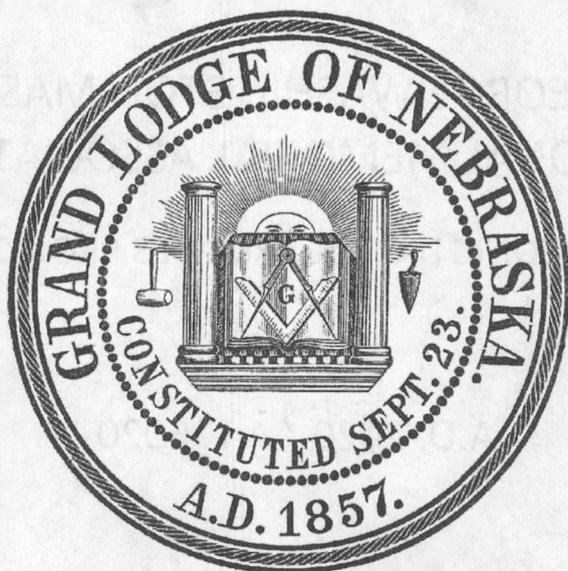


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One Hundred Twentieth Annual Communication of the

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
FIRST EMERGENT COMMUNICATION
HELD AT

BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA — February 14, 1977

An emergent communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple of Custer Lodge No. 148, of Broken Bow, for the purpose of conducting funeral services for M. .W. . Brother William C. Schaper, Past Grand Master of The Grand Lodge A. .F. . & A. .M. . of Nebraska.

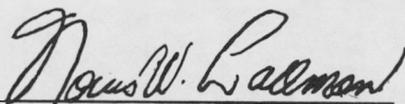
The Grand Master, T. Leo Stines opened an emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge in ample form.

Present were M. .W. . T. Leo Stines, Grand Master; Past Grand Masters, Ernest O. Van Wey and Norris W. Lallman. Also present were many members of Custer Lodge No. 148.

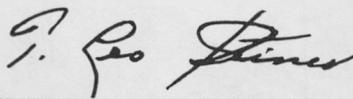
Funeral services were held in the Mortuary in Broken Bow, after which the Masonic Services were conducted by M. .W. . Brother T. Leo Stines, Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Attest:



Grand Secretary



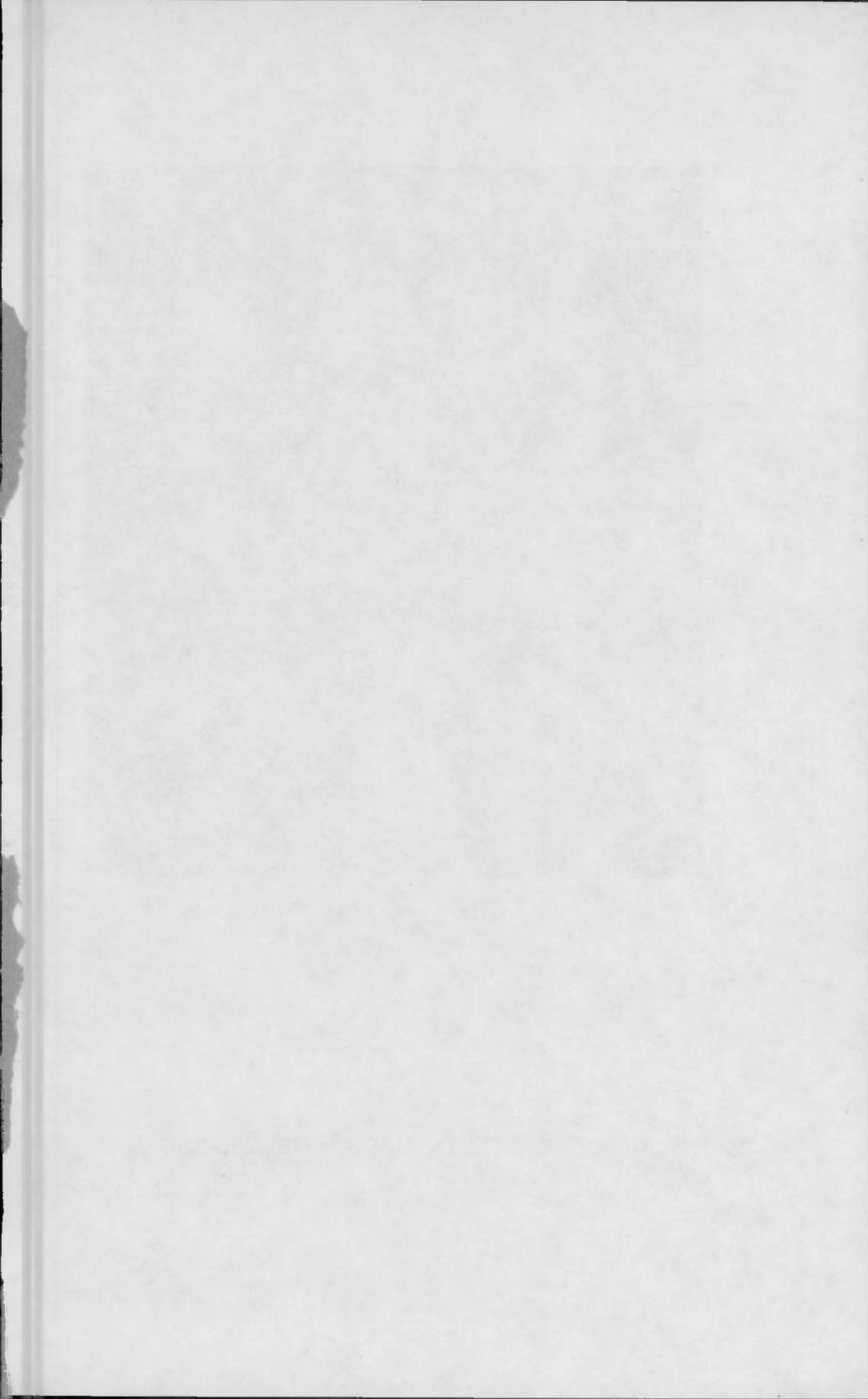
Grand Master



G. Leo Stines

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1976-1977



Biographical



T. Leo Stines

T. Leo Stines, 111th Grand Master, was born February 24, 1913, near Ash Grove, in Green County, Missouri, the son of Roy and Vesta Stines.

He was employed in the laundry and dry cleaning business in Kansas City, Missouri until September 1947, when he moved to Central City, Nebraska. He pursued the same profession, working for a Central City laundry and dry cleaning plant, which he purchased in November of 1956. He continued to operate the plant until April of 1965. Since April 1965, he has been serving as the Administrator of Merrick Manor, a senior citizen's retirement facility in Central City.

He and Elfie Ann Reeves were united in marriage July 14, 1956. They have one daughter, Marietta, Mrs. Phillip Kehler, who resides in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Stines are members of the United Prebytsarian Church in Central City where he has served as Trustee, Elder and Sunday School Superintendent.

He has served two terms on the City Council of Central City and is a 32 year member of the American Legion Post No. 6 in Central City.

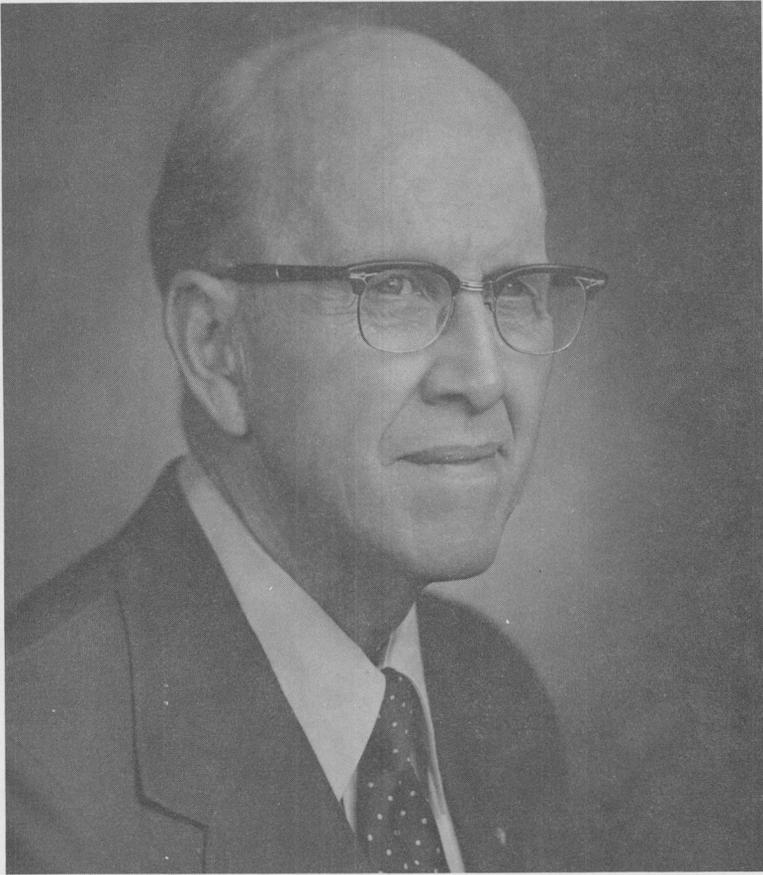
MASONIC RECORD

LODGE: Lone Tree No. 36, Central City, Nebraska, initiated December 26, 1951, passed February 13, 1952 and raised March 21, 1952. He served as Worshipful Master in 1958. His original Certificate of Proficiency was received April 22, 1954 and is continued to date.

MERRICK CHAPTER NO. 26: Royal Arch Masons of Central City, Nebraska.

LEBANON COUNCIL NO. 24: Royal and Select Masters of Central City, Nebraska.

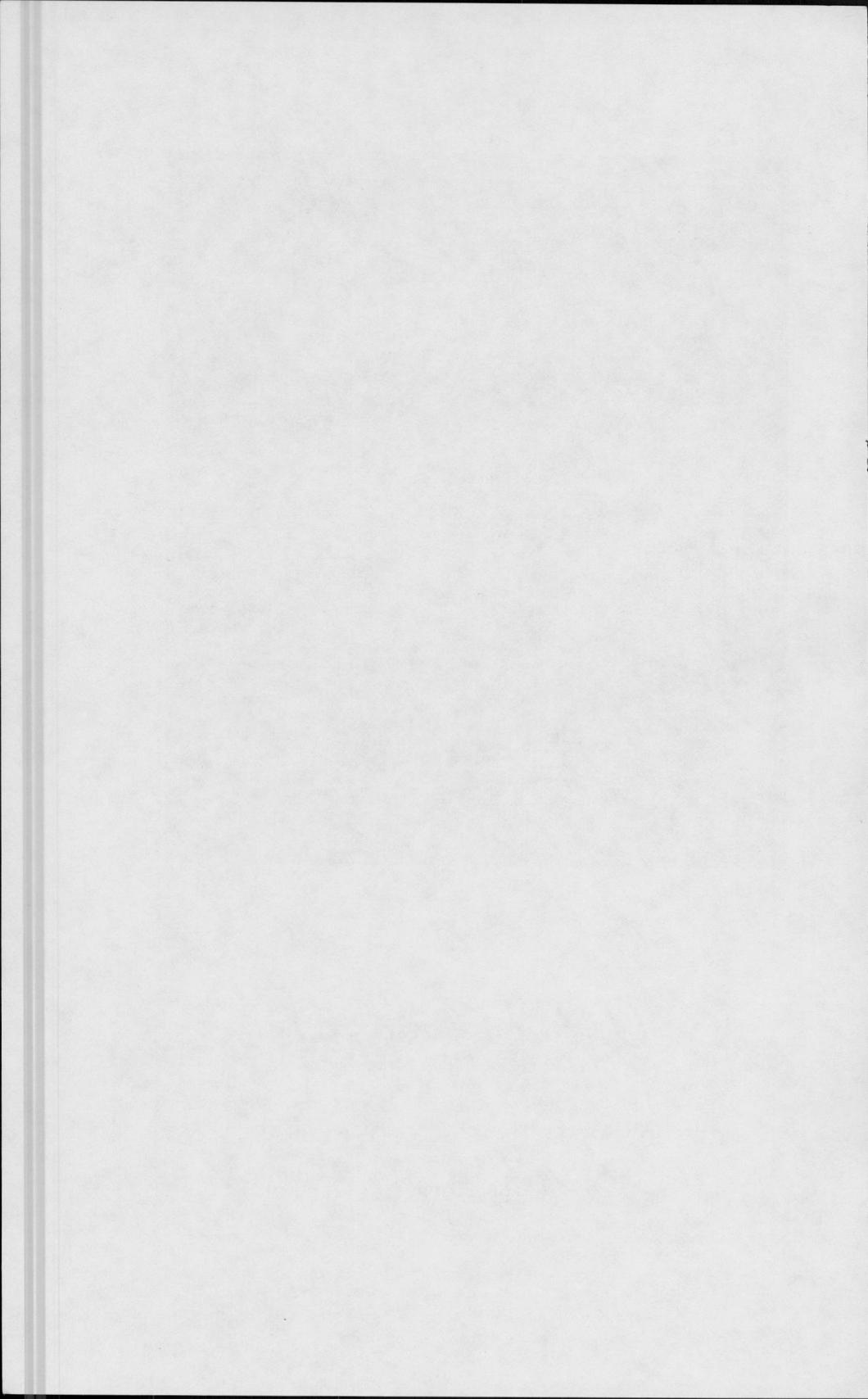
MT. ARARAT COMMANDARY NO. 23: St. Paul, Nebraska.



Alfred B. Saurin

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1977-1978



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SECOND EMERGENT COMMUNICATION
HELD AT

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA — February 17, 1977

An emergent Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. was held at Grand Island for the purpose of conducting funeral services for M. W. Brother Edward Hwaldt, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

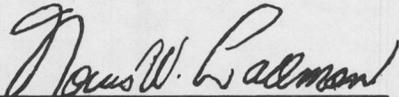
The Grand Master, T. Leo Stines opened an emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge in ample form.

Present were M. W. T. Leo Stines, Grand Master; Past Grand Masters, Russell L. Fickes and Norris W. Lallman. A number of Brethren from Grand Island Lodge No. 318 were also present.

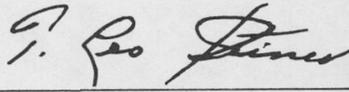
Funeral services were conducted for our Brother by the Brethren of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 and by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. & A. M., with the time honored ceremonies of the Fraternity. M. W. Brother T. Leo Stines, Grand Master, delivered the oration.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Attest:



Grand Secretary



Grand Master

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

An Emergent Communication of Charity Lodge No. 362, F. & A. M. of Campbell, California, was held on Friday, May 6, 1977, for the purpose of conducting funeral services for M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

M. W. Brother Kurk was a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, of Lincoln, Nebraska. He was born on November 14, 1886, at Quincy, Illinois and departed this life on May 4, 1977.

Funeral Services were conducted by the Brethren of Charity Lodge No. 362, of Campbell, California, with the time honored ceremonies of the Fraternity. Twenty Master Masons were in attendance.

W. Brother Marshall Goodmanson, Past Master of Los Altos Lodge No. 712, delivered the Oration.

Interment at Los Gatos Memorial Park, Los Gatos, California.

PROCEEDINGS
of the

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

*ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH ANNUAL
COMMUNICATION*

Held in Lincoln, June 10 and 11, 1977.

FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

Friday, June 10, 1977

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication at the Radisson-Cornhusker, Lincoln at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 10, A.D. 1977, A.L. 5977.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. .W. .	T. Leo Stines, 36	Grand Master
R. .W. .	Alfred B. Saum, 46.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. .W. .	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	Grand Senior Warden
R. .W. .	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	Grand Junior Warden
M. .W. .	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Grand Secretary
V. .W. .	Burton A. Knudsen, 59	Grand Chaplain
W. .	Bevin B. Bump, 158	Grand Orator
W. .	J. Dallas Gibson, 54	Grand Historian
W. .	Ralph W. Gerry, 281.....	Grand Custodian
W. .	Robert A. Metcalf, 210	Grand Marshal
W. .	Byron C. Jenkins, 325	Grand Senior Deacon
W. .	Harold C. Wurdeman, 323	Grand Junior Deacon
W. .	Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39	Grand Tyler

Promptly at 8:30 a.m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A. .F. .&A. .M. .

M. .W. . T. Leo Stines, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. .W. . Russell L. Fickes, 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 120th 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. V. W. Burton A. Knudsen to the altar for the purpose of prayer.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

Presentation of the Flag of the United States was made by Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, K.T.

Following the seating of the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance was given. W. V. Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters according to seniority.

Benjamin F. Eyre	(81st)	1946
Thomas J. Aron	(86th)	1951
Edward M. Knight	(87th)	1952
Charles F. Adams	(89th)	1954
Merle M. Hale	(91st)	1956
Joseph C. Tye	(94th)	1959
John F. Futcher	(95th)	1960
Herbert A. Ronin	(96th)	1961
Ernest O. Van Wey	(97th)	1962
Harry A. Spencer	(99th)	1964
Louis V. Sylvester	(100th)	1965
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
Frank J. Mattoon	(107th)	1973
Donald R. Swanson	(108th)	1974
Harold Hultman	(109th)	1975
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; Lewis R. Ricketts.

M. V. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, gave the response for the Past Grand Masters: *M. V. W. Sir, on behalf of the Past Grand Masters*

present, it is my privilege and pleasure to respond to your most gracious welcome. We, who are Past Grand Masters always look forward to the Annual Communication as the high point of our Masonic year. I would be remiss if I did not wish our Grand Master well in his Annual Communication and most of all, thank you, Sir, for your efforts and work in behalf of our Fraternity. We know that you have had some health problems this year, which made it difficult for you but I know that you had a great year and I want to express the gratitude of our Brethren for your services. We wish for you a most successful communication and we will shortly welcome you into our ranks as a Past Grand Master. As it has been so succinctly said before, PGM doesn't mean "Past Grand Master" once you retire from the podium. It means "privileges gone Mr."

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

- MISSOURI: R. .W. . Frank A. Arnold, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. .F. .&A. .M. . of Missouri
- IOWA: M. .W. . W. Ross McCulla, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. .F. .&A. .M. . of Iowa, R. .W. . Charles T. Jackson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. .F. .&A. .M. . of Iowa
- MINNESOTA: R. .W. . John Peterson, Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge, A. .F. .&A. .M. . of Minnesota, M. .W. . Russell E. Torfin, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. .W. . Ross E. Frederickson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. .F. .&A. .M. . of Minnesota.
- KANSAS: R. .W. . Albert O. Arnold, Jr., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. .F. .&A. .M. . of Kansas.
- COLORADO: R. .W. . Roscoe Roberts, Junior Grand Warden and personal representative of M. .W. . Wilbur N. Ladd, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. .F. .&A. .M. . of Colorado.
- SOUTH DAKOTA: M. .W. . Arthur W. Galligher, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. .F. .&A. .M. . of South Dakota.
- SOUTH CAROLINA: M. .W. . James D. Penley, Jr., Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. .F. .M. . of South Carolina and General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters International.
- NEBRASKA: R. .W. . Ralph R. Carleton, Grand Secretary - Recorder, York Rite Bodies, M.E.: P. Maurice Scriven, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R.A.M.; M.I. Doane O. Trail, Grand Master, Grand Council, R.S.&M.; Sir Knight Donald W. Larkins, R.E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K.T.; James DeMoss, 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; W. Walter Miller, Executive Officer, International Order of DeMolay, W. Morris Siegel, Executive Secretary, Scottish Rite of Lincoln; W. Edward H. Lockwood, Organist; Brother Herbert A. Hjortsvang, Superintendent The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children M. Herbert A. Ronin, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Nebraska and Most Eminent Louis V. Sylvester, Grand Master General of the Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

GREETINGS

JAMES DEMOSS, WORTHY GRAND PATRON, O.E.S.

M. W. Grand Master, I sincerely appreciate that flowery introduction and at this point in time, I would like to pledge to you and bring to you the fraternal greetings of the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Woods, of Valentine, and the entire Grand Chapter of Eastern Star of Nebraska. It is also my pleasant duty at this time to present to you this token to be used in the maintenance of the Home at Plattsmouth. It is presented on behalf of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska.

M. W. T. LEO STINES, GRAND MASTER:

Brother Jim, we are certainly grateful for this fine contribution and it is substantial, believe me, \$2,500.00.

At this time, I would like to thank you and your Worthy Grand Matron for the beautiful floral tribute that you contributed to this Grand Lodge session. If it wasn't for the Eastern Star, we just wouldn't have flowers. We certainly do appreciate them. Thank you very much.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

- APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENTS: W. Donald R. White, 327, Chairman; Kenneth P. Lott, 184, Amos H. Campbell, 184.
- APPROPRIATIONS: W. Walter E. Truex, 55 (1978) Chairman; E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1979); Harry A. Tollander, 281, (1980); Robert A. Carhart, 120 (1981); Paul Eveland, 119 (1977).
- CHARTERS & DISPENSATIONS: W. Charles W. Jacobs, 325, Chairman; James A. Gathmann, 327; W. Ross Nalls, 210.
- CODIFICATION OF THE LAW: W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210; Joseph N. Lindquist, 1.
- CREDENTIALS: W. Glenn F. Sperry, 139, Chairman; William W. Steen, 280; Gary L. Powell, 19; Gerald Overturf, 323; Doyle E. Berg, 281.
- DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS: W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; Kenneth D. Beebe, 119, Omar L. Gottula, 15.
- ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49, Chairman; M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281; M. W. Donald R. Swanson, 54.
- FINANCE: W. Howard L. Patterson, 303 (1981); Chairman; LeRoy C. Sutton, 1 (1977); J. Ansel Toft, 232 (1980); Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290 (1978); Floyd A. Sterns, 19 (1979).
- FRATERNAL DEAD: W. Gail Axen, 235, Chairman; P.W. Elliott, 323, Frank Jefferson, 36.
- FRATERNAL RELATIONS: M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49; M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.
- GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33; James Hruza, 68.
- GRAND LODGE OFFICES: M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54, (1980), Chairman; M. W. Thomas J. Aron, 37, (1981); M. W. John H. Brown, 1, (1978); Harold C. Wurdeman, 323 (1977); Thomas H. Blanchard, 21 (1979).
- GRAND TRUSTEES: M. W. John F. Fatcher, 302 (1981), Chairman; Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1979); Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1978); Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1 (1977); George T. Harris, 302 (1980).
- GRIEVANCES: W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman, W. Ray E. Brown, 250, W. Eugene C. Sibley, 54.

- MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND: Robert A. Metcalf, 210, Chairman; Dale Page, 15, Perley F. Bates, Jr., 26.
- MASONIC EDUCATION: M. .W. . Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1977), Chairman; Alfred G. Wurst, 59 (1979); Wayne W. Reese, 54 (1978); George A. Iverson, 15 (1978).
- MASONIC RELIEF: Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1977) Chairman; James A. Bradley, 1 (1981); Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1979); Melvin E. Hatfield, 54 (1978); Robert L. Little, 240 (1980).
- NEBRASKA WORK: M. .W. . Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1978) Chairman; Lewis R. Ricketts, 19 (1979); Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 (1977).
- PUBLIC RELATIONS: Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210 (1981), Chairman; Lester Way, 54 (1977); John H. Brown, 1 (1978); Gary L. Powell, 19 (1979); Jack Payne, 1 (1980).
- RETURNS: W. . Sebert A. Stover, 281, Chairman; W. . Stanley P. Street, 11; W. . Sidney W. Irwin, 302.
- TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY: M. .W. . Russell L. Fickes, 33 (1979) Chairman; W. . Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1977); W. . Herman O. Hansen, 3 (1978).
- LODGE ADVISORY: M. .W. . Harold Hultman, 39 (1979), Chairman; M. .W. . Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1978), M. .W. . Frank J. Mattoon, 75 (1977).
- YOUTH: W. . Wayne J. Pauley, 19, Chairman; William G. Hurst, 54; Kyle Lantz, 68.

INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY
GRAND CUSTODIANS

M. W. T. Leo Stines, 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

Paul D. Fleming, 93	1949
Willard I. Lewis, Jr. 9	1955
Harry N. Ahl, 112.....	1959
Lloyd I. Edwards, 110.....	1960
Stanley E. Brunton, 222.....	1961
Arthur S. Dye, 317.....	1964
Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210.....	1965
Robert W. Boon, 33.....	1965
Alton S. Mote, 183.....	1965
Harold J. Oehlerking, 159.....	1966
Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258.....	1966
John C. Nelson, 250.....	1967
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65.....	1967
Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210.....	1967
Frank R. Harris, 77.....	1967
Gerald V. Inslee, 158	1968
John C. Sierks, 4	1969
Herman O. Hansen, 3	1970
D. Wayne Erickson, 146	1970
Walter S. Cork, 75.....	1970
Richard L. Mauch, 254	1971
John A. Brandt, 26.....	1971
Dale E. Kube, 55	1971
Robert E. Kyes, 36.....	1972
Mannie O. Hansen, 1.....	1973
Richard O. Cowles, 217	1975
Jens P. Nielsen, 121.....	1975
Ralph E. McNulty, 188.....	1975
Don L. McCoy, 11.....	1975
Everett K. Dappen, 265	1975
Alfred V. Peltzer, 148	1975
Ben D. Fussell, 79	1976
Victor D. Hunt, 62	1976
Roger Shillington, 180.....	1976
James E. Cornish, 31	1976
Lynn Doty, 251	1977
Marvin R. Weber, 202	1977

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

Austin F. Whitmire, 75
 Carroll C. Raymer, 164
 Cecil C. Gates, 227
 Louis V. Sylvester, 281
 Geroge S. Schwab, 49
 Harold M. Wilkerson, 54
 Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314
 Mathias E. Mauel, 173
 Erwin J. Imig, 38
 Sebert A. Stover, 281
 Clifford D. Webster, 321
 Frank H. Smith, 301
 W. Upton Dawson, 135
 T. Leo Stines, 36
 Glenn W. Binder, 23
 Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191
 Harold D. Weddel, 61
 Gordon Chard, 240
 Arnold F. Mains, 15
 Curtis J. Griess, 49

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

M. .W. . T. Leo Stines, Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges. The Grand Master attended them a hearty welcome and suggested that they convey his greetings to the Grand Lodge they represent. There were 61 Grand Representatives present.

Response was given by M. .W. . John A. Bottorf, Past Grand Master.

M. .W. . Grand Master, your Portuguese may not be quite fluent, but you haven't appointed anyone to Angola, so on behalf of those who have been appointed and in reference to your remarks, some of us have been remiss in corresponding with our Representatives. Through the splendid work of your Grand Secretary, many of us contacted The Grand Lodge office for information. I assure you, M. .W. . Sir, that the rest of us will try to do better in the coming year and we so pledge ourselves and thank you for this courtesy.

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

When our Grand Secretary was Grand Master, he recommended my appointment as the Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England and I am very grateful to him for that. I have

had the privilege of having lunch with my former counterpart in London and recent correspondence with the man who succeeded him, Lord Mais. I thought it might be interesting to him since he had never been over in our part of the world, although I have been in London a time or two, to learn something about Nebraska; in general, and Aurora, in particular, so I sent him a folder prepared by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. His reply was, that he was particularly interested in that folder since he was the President of the London Chamber of Commerce.

M. .W. . T. LEO STINES, GRAND MASTER:

I would like at this time to recognize Worshipful Masters of Nebraska Lodges who are in attendance and if they will file by that mike and give their name and lodge and then come down this way, I would like to greet them.

M. .W. . T. LEO STINES, GRAND MASTER:

At this time, we are to have a welcome from the Lincoln Lodges by W. . Brother Eugene C. Sibley, Past Master, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

EUGENE C. SIBLEY, PAST MASTER, LANCASTER NO. 54:

M. .W. . Sir, I appreciate the opportunity of doing this. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to welcome these brethren to the 120th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. It is an honor for me to be before this group. Two years ago, when I was Master of my lodge, I had the opportunity of giving the welcome. When the Grand Master asked me to give a welcome, I accepted and am very happy to do so. I didn't know what to say besides just "welcome", but I know that some of you brethren are here for the first time and I know many of you brethren have been here many times. We certainly want to welcome those of you who are here for the first time. There are a lot of interesting things which take place here. We encourage you to pay attention, particularly the Officers and Junior Wardens or the proxies.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge asking me to give this welcome and certainly on behalf of the eleven lodges that make up the Lincoln Masters and Wardens Club, we do welcome you to Lincoln. We are happy to have you here, and we want you to enjoy yourselves, your Grand Lodge Communication and Lincoln. Enjoy the fellowship that you are going to have these two days. If any of the brethren who need any help at all, or have questions to be answered, please feel free to ask any of the Masons you will see around. Thank you.

M. W. T. LEO STINES, Grand Master

Responding to that warm welcome will be W. Brother Marvin E. Kyes, Master, Lone Tree Lodge No. 36.

M. MARVIN E. KYES, MASTER OF LONE TREE NO. 36

M. W. Grand Master, Stines, Grand Lodge officers and W. Brother Sibley. On behalf of the Masonic Lodges of Nebraska, it is my honor and pleasure to receive your welcome to the Grand Lodge and to thank you and the Masonic Lodges of Lincoln for inviting us down here and showing us the cordial hospitality you have shown us thus far. Also, as Master of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, I would like to thank Lancaster Lodge No. 54 for conducting the opening and closing ceremonies.

Of course, you know Central City is located in the Platte Valley, the corn is growing fast and a lot of our officers are farmers. It was almost impossible for us to get all our officers here to conduct the opening and closing ceremonies, so we appreciate Lancaster Lodge No. 54 performing this service for us. Thank you.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

My Brethren:

I would first like to express my appreciation for the privilege and honor of serving as your Grand Master this past year. The year has gone by so quickly, it is difficult for me to realize it is over.

I extend to each and every one of you a most cordial and fraternal welcome to this 120th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

I am especially delighted with the presence of our distinguished visitors and guests. I sincerely hope that your stay will be a most pleasant and profitable one. We are most happy that you are here.

I was installed as your Grand Master June 12, 1976 and was honored by a reception in my own lodge the following afternoon. All of the Grand Lodge Officers and quite a few Past Grand Masters were present, as well as many friends and brethren from other lodges. The brethren of my lodge, Lone Tree No. 36 at Central City, presented me a beautiful and timely digital watch. W. L. Harold Parker, a very dear friend of long standing, presented me the gift with the admonition that perhaps I could get to lodge on time in the future. I again thank my brethren for the reception and the lovely gift.

As my first official function as Grand Master I was privileged to attend the Annual Grand Council of Job's Daughters June 17th in Lincoln, Nebraska. On June 18th I attended a Bi-Centennial celebration of the two Hastings Lodges and witnessed the opening of a casket sealed in the cornerstone when Midwest Lodge No. 317 was built. The following day, June 19th, I was privileged to speak at the 50th anniversary of Grand Island Lodge No. 318. The following afternoon in Genoa, I attended a reception for Dr. Robert Bass, the Worthy Grand Patron of O.E.S. The following night I attended a dinner at the Supreme Session of Daughters of the Nile held at the City Auditorium in Omaha. The following night I was welcomed and honored by my Eastern Star Chapter in Central City. I was beginning to think I had a seven day per week job and I was truly thankful that my employers had granted my request for a 14 month leave of absence.

The Grand Lodge participated in the Centennial Celebrations of two lodges during 1976. Keystone Lodge No. 62 at Phillips, June 26th and Thistle Lodge No. 61 July 14th. The celebration at Phillips was well attended and was held in the local high school gym. Our Grand Historian, Rev. J. Dallas Gibson, brought the message. I spoke briefly at the Lexington celebration and our Grand Senior Deacon, Byron C. Jenkins, who served as chairman of our Grand Lodge Bi-Centennial Committee, furnished a delightful flag program.

I was privileged to speak at a joint Masonic-O.E.S. Bi-Centennial meeting at Carroll, Nebraska June 29th. While there, I presented the Bronze Jordan Medal to Brother E.T. Warnemunde of Fraternity Lodge No. 235 of Winside. I was honored to present a 60 year pin to W. Carroll C. Raymer of Atkinson. Brother Raymer is one of our dedicated Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti.

I was also privileged to present six 50 year pins this year. The Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Warren D. Lichty, Jr., presented another one for me to a brother of Blue River Lodge No. 30 at Milford.

I was invited and attended several Installation ceremonies for our Youth Organizations. On Friday, August 6th, I attended a reception in Lincoln for Peter Val Preda, the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America. The following day, I participated in the Shrine Parade and that same evening I attended the DeMolay Annual Conclave Banquet held at Wesleyan University. I was honored by being invited to speak on this occasion.

I attended a flag pole dedication ceremony at East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 and No. 210 hosted a reception and dinner for the Grand Lodge Officers that evening.

I have been formally received and welcomed into 32 of our subordinate lodges this year. In each case it has been a heart-warming experience.

On August 28th, I was even received in a pasture on the farm of Brother Francis Beeman four miles west of Ceresco, Nebraska. Worshipful Brother Darrell Christensen and his officers of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 conferred the Master Masons's Degree on Brother John Neal at that time. This was a new experience for me. It was very impressive and I hope they continue the practice each year. It was a lovely summer night and the degree was conferred under a star-filled sky with the participants in full colonial costume.

The Grand Lodge participated in eleven area educational meetings throughout the state. These meetings were all held under the able direction of M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, our capable chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education. At each of the banquets held in the evening, representatives of our three youth groups were invited to attend. In most cases a fine representation was present. Brother Wayne Pauley, the chairman of our Grand Lodge Youth Committee arranged for these representatives to be present. I commend him for his fine work.

I was privileged to attend the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Washington, D.C. in February. This conference is very educational and impressive. It is attended by most of the Masonic leaders of the world. I had the distinct honor of nominating M. W. Herbert A. Ronin as chairman of the Masonic Service Association. He was unanimously elected to this very important office. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is also held at the same time, as well as the Annual Meeting of the Grand Secretaries of North America. Most Worshipful Charles F. Adams is Vice President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. This is truly Masonic week in our nation's Capitol. It was a wonderful demonstration of Masonry in action. Not only were the Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of North America present, but their counterparts from many of the jurisdictions in Europe and in Central and South America. I was sorry that our Deputy Grand Master was unable to attend. I was fortunate in that I was able to attend the same meeting as Deputy Grand Master last year which was held in Philadelphia.

I was received and extended all possible courtesies at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters in Nebraska, and the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska. These meetings were held in April in Omaha.

On September 24th, I attended the Custodian's Annual Meeting in Grand Island held under the capable leadership of W. Ralph W. Gerry, our Grand Custodian. I believe the Grand Lodge is very fortunate to have the services of such a dedicated Mason. He is doing an outstanding job all over the state. He is known and loved by the brethren throughout the Jurisdiction of Nebraska.

Six new Deputy Custodians were commissioned during the past year. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I was only present to commission one of the fine brethren. I commissioned W. Vic Hunt of Phillips, August 11th at a ceremony held in the lodge room after which we enjoyed a lovely covered-dish dinner in the basement. M. W. John A. Bottorf commissioned W. Ben Fussell of Geneva and R. W. A. B. Saum commissioned W. Roger Shillington of Benkelman. W. Ralph Gerry had the honor of commissioning the remaining three brothers. They were James E. Cornish, of Tekamah, Marvin R. Weber of Randolph and Lynn Doty of Wausa. I only wish I could have been present for all the ceremonies. I will always have a warm spot in my heart for the Deputy Custodians. I served in that capacity twelve years myself.

Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus Commissions were presented to W. Curtis J. Griess of Evening Star Lodge No. 49 at Sutton, W. Gordon Chard of Lyons No. 240 and W. Arnold F. Mains of Fremont No. 15. I wish to express my personal gratitude to these fine brethren for the many years spent laboring in the quarries of Masonry. Their dedication is unexcelled.

I attended the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education, which was held in Springfield, Illinois May 5th, 6th and 7th. Several members of our Educational Committee were present, headed by M. W. Lou Sylvester, the chairman. This was the second conference of this group I was privileged to attend. I was present for the meeting held in Madison, Wisconsin, last year. I cannot stress the importance enough of these Grand Lodge Educational Meetings. I am fully convinced that the future strength and growth of our wonderful fraternity will come from the area Masonic Educational meetings held throughout the jurisdiction. By the end of the year every lodge in the state had been invited and had the opportunity to attend one or more of these meetings.

On October 9th, I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Master's Class of the Order of DeMolay and also the meeting of the DeMolay Foundation, which was held at the Masonic Temple in Hastings. This was one of the highlights of my year as Grand Master. I was presented a beautiful plaque by the Nebraska State Chapter, Order of DeMolay and it is prominently displayed in my home. It is obvious that DeMolay in Nebraska under the leadership of Brother Walter Miller is in excellent hands. It cannot help but go forward. I strongly urge the brethren of Nebraska to sponsor and participate actively in our affiliated youth organizations, not only DeMolay, but also the Order of Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters.

After attending the Grand Master's Class of DeMolay on Oct. 9th at Hastings, I drove to Lincoln and accompanied by most of the officers of the Grand Lodge and our wives, we participated in the 75th Anniversary ceremony of George Washington Lodge No. 250. I was honored by being invited to speak following the banquet held that evening.

I was privileged to speak at several open or guest night types of meetings throughout the state this year. I thoroughly enjoy bringing the message of Masonry to men who are not members of our Craft. This always seems to be a rewarding experience.

Accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. A. B. Saum and our wives, I attended a Tri-State Bi-Centennial meeting held at Burlington, Colorado on October 11th. We first attended a lodge of Master Masons at Goodland, Kansas opened by M. W. Ralph D. Walker, Grand Master of Kansas. We then closed lodge and traveled in a caravan of more than thirty automobiles to a rest stop on Interstate 70, just east of the Colorado line. M. W. Ralph Walker dedicated a Masonic plaque at the rest areas on each side of the Interstate highway. We then drove to Burlington, Colorado where M. W. Jess W. Gern, Grand Master of Masons in Colorado opened three Master Masons Lodges, the Lodges of Goodland, Kansas, Burlington, Colorado, and Justice Lodge No. 180 of Benkelman, Nebraska. We had a fine fellowship after which lodge was closed and we adjourned to the Burlington Country Club for a delicious meal. R. W. Saum and I realized we had enjoyed the privilege of sitting in lodge in three different jurisdictions during a period of less than four hours. This seemed to be a unique experience. It was decided at this meeting that a similar Tri-State meeting would be held each year in one of the three states. R. W. Saum volunteered to host the next meeting. This was another highlight of my year as Grand Master. If any of you brethren find yourselves traveling west on Interstate 70 and feel the urge to pause for the cause, stop at the last rest area in Kansas, near Kanorado and take a look at the Masonic plaque, imbedded in the concrete atop a thirty inch pedestal. M. W. Ralph Walker, Grand Master of Kansas, obtained permission from the Governor of Kansas and placed several of these plaques throughout the state of Kansas during his year as Grand Master.

I had the honor of serving as the Installing Master at Fremont No. 15 at Fremont, Evening Star No. 49 at Sutton, Lebanon No. 323, at Columbus, Crescent No. 143 at Primrose and Lone Tree No. 36 at Central City for each of these lodges installation ceremonies during January. I was sorry to have to turn down the invitations of several other lodges to participate in their installation of officers as I was convalescing from my open-heart surgery, which was performed December Third at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

I attended the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Kentucky and Arkansas. I had planned to attend the Communications of Tennessee and Iowa but for reasons over which I had no control, I had to cancel out at the last moment. Several officers of the Grand Lodge represented your Grand Master at the Annual Communications of our sister Jurisdictions. R. W. Warren D. Lichty, Jr., our Grand Junior Warden, attended the Grand Lodges of both Minnesota and Illinois. R. W. A. B. Saum, the Deputy Grand Master attended the Grand Lodge of Idaho, W. Bevin B. Bump, our Grand Orator visited the Grand Lodge of Wyoming and W. Byron C. Jenkins, our Grand Senior Deacon, represented your Grand Master at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

I was honored to be invited to attend the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. Annual Session held recently at the Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln. I was privileged to bring our greetings and to extend our best wishes to the members of that Order.

NECROLOGY

We are saddened by the fact that since our last Communication, the scythe of Time has overtaken three of our dedicated Past Grand Masters. On February 14th, I delivered the Masonic Funeral Oration for M. W. William Schaper of Broken Bow and three days later, on February 17th, I delivered the Masonic Funeral Oration for M. W. Edward Huwaldt at Grand Island. I was assisted at both of these ceremonies by our Grand Secretary, M. W. Norris W. Lallman. We are humbly grateful for the fact that the remaining Past Grand Masters and the members of the Grand Lodge family have been spared. However, during the year just passed, 931 of our brethren have laid down their working tools and entered into the Celestial Lodge above. Later in our Communication, appropriate tribute will be paid to them by the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

CORNERSTONES

On October 30th, the Grand Lodge Officers laid the Cornerstone for a low-income Housing facility in Central City. The oration was delivered by the Grand Master as the Grand Orator was unable to be present. Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, at Central City, sponsored the ceremony and it was well attended by Masons and non-Masons alike.

At the writing of this summary two additional cornerstone ceremonies are planned for this year. On Friday, May 13th, the Grand Lodge will lay the cornerstone for a Public Library in Hooper, Nebraska. This is the building which formerly housed the Lallman Grocery. The building was given to the city of Hooper by Norris and Alice Lallman. It has been renovated and the end result is a beautiful building which will house a much needed facility in Hooper. The Grand Orator, W. Bevin B. Bump, is scheduled to give the oration.

On Saturday, May 21st, the Grand Lodge will conduct the time-honored cornerstone ceremony for a Medical Building, owned by the community of Ashland, Nebraska. The ceremony will be under the sponsorship of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 of Ashland,

REINSTATEMENTS

During the past year I approved thirty-one applications for reinstatement. In each case, my action was taken after a full investigation and report from the Grand Lodge Committee on Applications for Reinstatement.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

During the past year I approved amendments to the By-Laws of thirty-one (31) subordinate lodges.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

I appointed two trial commissions this past year. The two members involved were each charged under Sec. 3-101.

A member of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 was found guilty as charged and expelled.

A member of Oasis Lodge No. 271, was found guilty as charged and expelled.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

Maine — R. W. Royce G. Wheeler, August 25, 1976

Maryland — John M. Baker, November 20, 1976

Canada, Province of Ontario — R. W. Kenneth N. Nesbitt, December, 10, 1976.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

Ireland — Robert Comer of Friendship No. 239

Luxembourg — Thomas McBride of Crescent No. 143

Bolivia — Irwin Osterloh of Hooper No. 72

Belgium — L.L. Haddix of Lone Tree No. 36

Saskatchewan — P.W. Elliott of Lebanon No. 323

Columbia National Grand Lodge — Herman Lallman of Hooper No. 72

India — William Hurst of Lancaster No. 54

Ohio — Darrell Christensen of No. 54

Illinois — Gladwyn Youngs of East Lincoln No. 210

Alabama — Victor Hunt of Keystone No. 62

Brazil-Sao-Paulo — Chas. W. Amidon of Florence No. 281

Queensland — Wayne J. Pauley of Lincoln No. 19

Tennessee — George A. Iversen of Fremont No. 15

Brazil - Maranhao — Kenneth D. Beebe of North Bend No. 119

Chile — Ben D. Fussell of Geneva No. 79

Guatemala — Roger Shillington of Justice No. 180

Brazil-Minas Gerais — L. Harold Parker of Lone Tree No. 36

DECISIONS

I. Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 combined a request for dispensation with a request for a ruling: The regularly elected Secretary was not installed and declined to be installed.

A dispensation was requested, and granted, for the election and installation of a Secretary.

The master reported that a capable brother was available and agreeable to being so elected and installed. The problem arose by virtue of the fact that such brother had been installed as Chaplain.

I ruled that as the installed officer could not resign, (S 2-304) that he would not be eligible to be installed in a second office (S2-303).

II. Gothenburg Lodge No. 249 requested an opinion as to whether a Past Master of a foreign jurisdiction could be invited to confer the M.M. degree on his nephew in the Gothenburg Lodge.

I ruled that any work to be conferred on a Nebraska candidate, in a Nebraska Lodge, must be that approved by this Grand Lodge.

III. Orient Lodge No. 13 requested a Decision —

The Bronze Jordan Medal had been properly presented to the brother entitled thereto on May 12, 1970. Recently another brother, with continuous membership longer than the present holder, moved back to the State of Nebraska.

I ruled that the medal was presented properly in 1970 and the brother should continue wearing it.

IV. I received a request for the "stand" of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on the question of allowing blacks to petition and be initiated into an Assembly

of International Order of Rainbow for girls. This request was submitted by the Supreme Inspector in Nebraska.

It would appear that the only jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge over that Order, or other Youth Organizations, is the use of Masonic Temples for meeting place and financial support.

I advised that the denial of membership to anyone because of race, creed, color or national origin is contrary to the principles and precepts of Masonry.

V. A letter purporting to be an appeal to the Grand Master from the actions and ruling of the Worshipful Master of Centennial Lodge No. 326 was submitted for my decision.

It appears that Centennial No. 326 had a building committee consisting of five members, each with a five year term. That the Master being unsatisfied with the activities and actions of the building committee removed one or more members and appointed successor members of his choosing.

I ruled that Sec. 2-307 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws established that the powers of a Worshipful Master are absolute in the government of his lodge and that the action of the members would be limited to an appeal to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. I also ruled that if the Master, in his judgment, thought that one or more members of the committee were not fulfilling their duties that he would be justified in asking for their resignation and replacing them with members of his own choosing, however, that no Master should make such a decision in a capricious manner, merely to assert his authority.

I further requested and appointed M. W. Brother Harold Hultman, P.G.M. as my representative to attend that lodge's meeting February 4th.

He did so and after "on the spot" investigation recommended that the committee, as appointed by the Master, proceed with the duties they were then engaged upon.

VI. On June 12, 1976, this Grand Lodge amended Section 2-904 of the Code, formerly Section 2-1101, to place a time limit of three (3) years during which an objection against a petitioner should remain in effect.

East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 reported: a petition was received by that lodge on April 30, 1962. An objection was lodged August 16, 1962 and no degrees were conferred. On July 8, 1975, the petitioner petitioned Highland Lodge No. 194, stating that he "had never been voted on". He was elected and received the Entered Apprentice Degree on October 29, 1975. This came to the attention of East Lincoln No. 210, who immediately informed Highland Lodge, and myself, of the earlier petition and objection.

The action of Highland Lodge in July, 1975, was improper under the Code as it then existed and the two lodges were so informed.

East Lincoln Lodge informed me that the petitioner desired to petition that lodge for advancement and requested a ruling on —

1. Under the new law, could they receive his petition, if no new objection was lodged? I ruled they may now receive the petition for advancement.
2. If the petitioner is so elected, do they commence with the Fellowcraft degree and collect the fees from Highland Lodge? I ruled that under such facts, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 could continue the conferring of degrees commencing with the Fellowcraft degree and

should collect all fees except the \$10.00 remitted to the Grand Lodge by Highland Lodge No. 194.

VII. Cotner Lodge No. 297 requested a ruling on the use of a wireless system rather than a wired sound system in their lodge.

After discussion with experts on the subject, of technical matters involved in a wireless system, it was determined by me that interference from short wave radios outside the lodge room could very easily take place, disrupting the effectiveness of the sound system.

It also raised the problem that the work being conducted and carried over a wireless system could be received by persons outside of the lodge building.

I therefore advised Cotner Lodge No. 297 that in my opinion, they shall not install a wireless system.

BY-LAWS

During the year I approved thirty-one (31) requests for amendments to by-laws of subordinate lodges. Of these, nineteen (19) were to increase annual dues and fees, seven (7) were for the purpose of changing the date of regular communications, two (2) were for the appointments of standing committees and one was to increase compensation to the secretary. Two were for major revisions of their by-laws and contained nothing inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. After due consideration, all of the above were approved.

I refused approval of one request which was to provide that in the event of inclement weather or hazardous driving conditions, the Master of the Lodge would have discretion to change the meeting date to the following week.

DISPENSATIONS

I granted two (2) dispensations for temporary movement of lodge charters for purpose of special work and proceedings and two (2) permanent movement of charters to new locations.

I also granted six (6) dispensations for election and installation of officers at times other than as specified by the code.

I granted three (3) dispensations for the conferral of degrees without regard to time as the candidates were members of the military.

I also granted one (1) dispensation to examine a brother more than 90 days following the conferral of the M.M. degree.

I refused two (2) requests for removal of the waiting period between reception of the petition and balloting thereon.

I refused to consider a special dispensation to allow installation of officers of a lodge by a proficient brother who had not been installed to preside over a chartered lodge. I based my refusal on Sec. 2-312 of the Code.

The Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Omaha requested permission to solicit the Omaha area lodges for Masonic artifacts which could be displayed in the Cathedral Museum.

I was happy, in this small way, to give assistance to a worthwhile Masonic project and permission was granted.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

I express my sincere appreciation to the chairman of this important committee. Worshipful Gladwyn A. Youngs did an outstanding job for the fraternity as a whole and for me personally. I've never had by picture taken so many times before. Thank you Brother Jack.

CONSOLIDATIONS

On October 1, 1976, I approved the consolidation of Plumblin Lodge No. 214 with Beatrice Lodge No. 26.

RECOMMENDATION

Having completed celebration of the BiCentennial, we need to give special consideration to the future. While Masonry is exhibited by Masons and not Masonic Temples, it is my thought that tomorrow's Masons should commence serious consideration of a new home for our Grand Lodge Office.

I acknowledge that the Temple Craft of Omaha have housed our Grand Lodge for many, many years and often at a financial loss to themselves. This recommendation, in no way is a reflection on the Omaha Lodges who own stock in the Association. I am certain they realize the many problems such as deterioration of a neighborhood, parking, and other factors over which they have no control.

We should be looking for a location, away from a down-town area, and with adequate parking and other conveniences.

I therefore, recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee for the purpose of making a report to the next annual communication as to their recommendation of a location and the estimated cost of such a project.

APPRECIATION

It is absolutely impossible for me to adequately express my appreciation and gratitude for all the support and assistance I have had during the past year. There are so many things I would liked to have done and so many visitations I wish I could have made but it just wasn't possible. I especially wish I could have accepted more of the invitations to visit functions conducted by so many of our appendant bodies. I attended as many as time and my health would permit.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the members of my own lodge, Lone Tree No. 36 in Central City. It was there that I received my first instruction in the wonderful principles and precepts of Masonry. All of the brethren have been so helpful in my journey through the chairs in my mother lodge and during my progression through the Grand Lodge line. The officers and members of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 may rest assured that I will always be available to assist in any way within my capability.

I owe a deep debt of gratitude to the members of the Grand Lodge Family and that is certainly not a misnomer. They are truly a Grand Lodge Family. When something needed to be done, I didn't even need to ask. Someone was always there volunteering to do the job for me. I just can't single out any one person because without exception when something needed to be done, and I was unable to do it, someone was eager to attend to it with

dispatch. I can never repay them. And I wish to include the Past Grand Masters in this expression of gratitude. Their help was invaluable.

I owe a special "thank you" to M. W. Norris W. Lallman, our Grand Secretary. I just couldn't have performed my many and varied duties without his able assistance. And I will never forget the many pleasant hours spent with Norris and Alice in their lovely home. I always used it as my Omaha base of operations!

I especially want to thank the Grand Custodian, Worshipful Ralph Gerry and all the employees of the Grand Lodge office. They were most helpful.

By virtue of the fact that I served as Grand Marshal for four years previous to my installation as Grand Junior Deacon, I have spent the past ten years as a Grand Lodge Officer. During these ten years I have visited most of the lodges in Nebraska and have made a host of friends. It has been by far the most rewarding and enjoyable decade of my life.

I wish to convey my heartfelt appreciation to the Co-chairmen of the Committee on Arrangements for this Grand Lodge Communication, Worshipful Darrell Christensen and Worshipful William Hurst and to the officers of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, which so graciously served as the host lodge for this Communication.

To M. W. Russell Fickes, who appointed me in line six years ago, I am deeply grateful and I hope that my actions have earned your approbation.

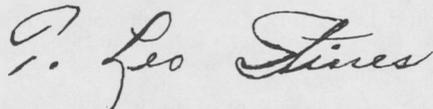
And I thank M. W. John A. Bottorf for appointing me to my first Grand Lodge office, that of the Grand Marshal in 1967.

When I hand over the gavel to my successor tomorrow, I will do so with profound mixed emotions. The Grand Lodge has been such an important part of my life for the past ten years that I am sure I will be lost for awhile. Then, on the other hand, I have so much admiration and respect for the fine brother who is to succeed me and his outstanding line of officers, that I have no doubt that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska will be in good hands for many years to come and I pledge my wholehearted support to each and every one of them.

Finally, my brethren, to all of you throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska and especially the delegates who gave me the opportunity to serve as your Grand Master, I thank you for this most rewarding experience.

And, most important of all, I offer my humble thanks to the Grand Master of heaven and earth for endowing me with the strength to fulfill the assignment given me one year ago.

Fraternally submitted,



T. Leo Stines
Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary presented his report, which was accepted.

Returns have been received from 241 Lodges and dues and fees for 240 Lodges for the year of 1976 have been paid.

CONSOLIDATIONS

Plumblin No. 214, Adams, voted to consolidate with Beatrice No. 26. Beatrice No. 26 voted to accept Plumblin No. 214 in consolidation. The date of consolidation was October 1, 1976.

GRIEVANCES

There were two trial commissions appointed this year. We have one petition for restoration.

FIFTY YEAR BUTTONS

There were 315 Fifty Year Buttons presented this year. A Special Certificate was sent with each Button.

MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U. D. I.

Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U. D. I. is called upon many times during the year to conduct funeral services for a sojourning Brother. W. I. Brother Stanley Burmeister, Worshipful Master of Memorial Lodge and the officers and members of the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha are to be commended for their efforts.

LOCAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS

We wish to thank the Brethren of the Omaha and Lincoln Relief Associations. They assist out-state Lodges in hospital calls, as well as sojourning Masons, their widows and orphans.

CHARTERED LODGES

Shelton No. 99, DeWitt No. 111, Cement No. 211, Antelope No. 276, and Bayard No. 301, have not been represented at the last two Annual Communications and have been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Harlan Lodge No. 116 has been ordered by the Grand Master to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, for failure to comply with our Law concerning Annual and monthly reports.

GRAND LODGE OFFICES

The Grand Secretary is most fortunate to have the utmost cooperation from the entire office force. M. W. Merle M. Hale, chairman of the Grand Lodge office committee and John F. Futcher, Chairman of the Grand Trustees deserve a special thanks for the time they spend working for the good of our Grand Lodge. All Masons are cordially invited to visit the Grand Lodge office. They are most welcome.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

The Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian work together on many things that are referred to the Grand Lodge office. The Deputy Grand Custodians are also available for assistance at any time. Our sincere thanks to all of them.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund Receipts

Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1976.....	\$ 14,915.31
Savings Account U.S. National Bank.....	75,000.00
Per Capita Tax \$5.00 per member	181,203.00
Initiations — \$10.00 each	6,150.00
Surety Bond Premiums	814.40
Liability Insurance Premiums.....	2,540.85
Supplies	3,556.24
Custodial Fees	765.00
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Ass'n.	494.00
Interest & Dividends on Investments	59,086.75
Affiliations.....	30.00
Re-Instatements	1,090.00
Dispensation Fees	20.00
Received from Nebraska Masonic Home	1,619.36
Commercial Paper	100,020.00
Miscellaneous Income	132.84
	<u>\$ 447,437.75</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Liability Insurance Premium	\$ 3,183.00
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Ass'n.	495.00
Supply Account	6,099.55
The Masonic-O.E.S. Home for Children	3,435.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home	72,506.00
1976-1977 General Budget	125,682.61
Bonds Purchased	94,133.07
Balance First National Bank	11,795.31
Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1977	5,900.31
Savings Account, U.S. National Bank.....	124,207.90
	<u>\$ 447,437.75</u>

RETURNS

Number of chartered Lodges last year	242
Number of Lodges Chartered this year	0
Charters Consolidated	1
Number of Chartered Lodges	241
Number Initiated	620
Number Passed	521
Number Raised	501
Affiliations.....	124
Dual Members	46
Re-Instated	220
Consolidated	58
Other Causes	25
Total Increase	<u>974</u>

Number Demitted	181
Deaths	931
Suspended N.P.D.....	641
Expulsions	2
Other Causes Including Consolidations	<u>121</u>

Total Loss 1,876

Net Loss for year ending

December 31, 1976 902

Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1975..... 36,300

Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1976 35,398

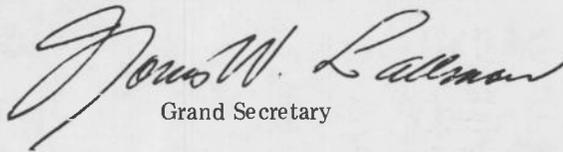
38 Lodges showed a net gain during the past year.

36 Lodges showed neither a gain or a loss.

166 Lodges sustained a net loss.

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 Subordinate Lodges throughout the State.

Fraternally submitted,



James W. Latham

Grand Secretary

M. W. Grand Master, I move the acceptance of this report. Carried.

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. F. C. C.										MASTER MASONS											
	NO.	1976					1975					GAIN					LOSS					On Rolls Dec. 31, 1976
		Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1976	Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1976	Membership Dec. 31, 1975	Raisings	Affiliations	Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Dormitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes	Total Loss			
Nebraska	1	3	6	3	0	809	3	0	1	3	0	0	816	10	21	38	0	0	69	747		
Western Star	2	0	1	1	0	247	1	3	0	0	0	0	251	1	8	3	0	0	12	239		
Capitol	3	7	11	4	2	491	3	2	0	4	0	0	500	7	14	9	0	0	30	470		
Nemaha Valley	4	4	7	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59		
Omadi	5	1	2	0	0	96	0	1	0	0	0	0	97	1	2	1	0	0	4	93		
Plattsmouth	6	4	3	4	2	294	3	2	0	5	0	0	304	0	7	0	0	0	7	297		
Falls City	9	3	4	0	0	181	0	1	0	0	0	0	182	1	7	0	0	0	8	174		
Solomon	10	0	3	1	0	101	1	0	0	0	0	0	102	0	4	1	0	0	5	97		
Covert	11	16	11	16	2	1308	16	2	1	11	0	0	1338	6	26	33	0	0	65	1273		
Orient	13	0	0	0	0	48	1	0	1	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	1	49		
Peru	14	0	3	1	3	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	2	0	0	0	2	81		
Fremont	15	13	10	13	6	593	16	2	0	7	0	0	618	6	16	23	0	0	45	573		
Tecumseh	17	1	8	0	1	163	0	0	0	5	0	0	168	3	3	4	0	0	10	158		
Lincoln	19	7	9	4	1	659	3	0	0	5	0	0	667	3	19	13	0	0	35	632		
Washington	21	5	4	2	0	139	2	0	0	3	0	0	144	0	2	0	0	0	2	142		
Pawnee	23	0	1	0	0	97	0	0	1	3	0	0	101	0	1	0	0	0	1	100		
St. Johns	25	14	3	16	0	673	16	2	0	7	0	0	698	2	22	15	0	0	39	659		
Beatrice	26	3	9	3	0	349	3	1	0	2	24	0	379	1	8	7	0	0	16	363		
Jordan	27	0	3	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	0	58	2	1	0	0	0	3	55		
Blue River	30	1	0	1	1	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	1	0	0	0	1	69		
Tekamah	31	4	4	1	1	182	0	1	0	0	0	0	183	1	3	2	0	0	6	177		
Platte Valley	32	13	25	8	5	490	6	0	0	3	0	1	500	2	12	5	0	0	19	481		
Ashlar	33	7	2	8	2	411	7	3	1	4	0	0	426	1	12	0	0	0	13	413		
Acacia	34	10	9	2	2	148	1	2	0	1	0	0	152	1	3	3	0	0	7	145		
Fairbury	35	4	3	1	0	191	2	0	0	5	0	0	198	1	6	12	0	0	19	179		
Lone Tree	36	2	2	1	0	166	1	0	0	0	0	0	167	0	1	3	0	0	4	163		
Crete	37	2	5	2	2	179	0	2	0	2	0	0	183	0	7	3	0	0	10	173		
Oliver	38	1	1	1	0	114	4	0	0	0	0	0	118	0	3	0	0	0	3	115		
Papillion	39	17	13	14	6	318	11	4	0	0	0	1	334	5	10	3	0	0	18	316		
Humboldt	40	1	1	0	0	78	0	0	1	0	0	2	81	0	1	2	0	0	3	78		
Northern Light	41	1	1	0	1	51	5	0	0	0	34	1	91	4	2	1	0	0	7	84		
Hebron	43	1	2	1	0	102	1	0	0	0	0	0	103	1	3	1	0	0	5	98		
Harvard	44	1	0	0	1	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	75		
Rob Morris	46	3	5	3	1	308	2	2	0	0	0	0	312	1	6	0	0	0	7	305		
Fairmont	48	1	0	1	0	62	2	0	0	0	0	0	64	1	1	1	0	0	3	61		
Evening Star	49	2	2	1	1	87	1	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	3	0	0	0	3	85		
Hastings	50	3	14	3	0	413	3	0	0	0	0	0	416	0	12	4	0	0	16	400		
Fidelity	51	0	3	2	0	111	2	2	1	1	0	0	117	0	3	0	0	0	3	114		
Hiram	52	0	0	1	0	74	1	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	2	0	0	0	2	73		
Charity	53	3	1	2	0	112	2	0	0	1	0	0	115	2	1	0	0	0	3	112		
Lancaster	54	25	21	20	3	827	21	6	2	1	0	0	857	4	12	9	0	0	25	832		
Mosaic	55	3	9	2	2	231	0	1	1	5	0	6	244	2	8	4	0	0	14	230		
York	56	5	2	4	1	222	8	0	1	0	0	0	231	0	8	0	0	0	8	223		
Mt. Moriah	57	0	6	0	1	86	0	2	1	0	0	0	89	0	2	3	0	0	5	84		
Wahoo	59	0	1	0	0	237	0	1	0	3	0	0	241	1	5	0	1	1	8	233		
Melrose	60	1	0	2	0	58	3	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	1	0	0	0	2	59		
Thistle	61	0	6	0	5	202	0	0	0	2	0	0	204	1	2	6	0	0	9	195		
Keystone	62	2	3	0	1	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46		
Blue Valley	64	0	2	0	0	88	1	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	3	0	0	0	3	86		
Osceola	65	3	4	1	0	79	1	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	5	0	0	0	5	75		

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Rock Granite	108	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	26	1	0	1	0	0	2	24	108	
Rock Granite	110	2	2	4	4	176	3	1	2	0	0	184	1	4	1	0	0	6	178	110	
Rock Granite	111	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	3	35	111	
Rock Granite	112	1	1	0	1	93	0	0	0	0	0	93	2	1	4	0	0	6	87	112	
Rock Granite	113	0	0	0	0	65	1	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	1	66	113	
Rock Granite	114	0	1	0	2	102	0	0	1	0	0	103	1	1	0	0	0	2	101	114	
Rock Granite	116	0	1	0	1	78	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	2	78	116	
Rock Granite	117	0	1	0	1	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	2	0	0	0	7	36	117	
Rock Granite	119	1	1	1	0	95	1	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	7	89	119	
Rock Granite	120	4	2	2	2	183	2	1	0	0	0	186	4	4	1	0	0	9	177	120	
Rock Granite	121	1	2	1	1	144	0	0	0	0	0	146	0	7	0	0	0	7	139	121	
Rock Granite	124	2	3	0	1	102	1	0	1	0	0	103	2	0	1	0	0	3	100	124	
Rock Granite	125	0	4	0	3	71	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	5	1	0	0	6	66	125	
Rock Granite	126	5	4	0	2	140	2	1	1	0	0	145	0	2	1	0	0	3	142	126	
Rock Granite	127	1	1	0	1	81	1	0	0	0	0	82	0	1	0	0	0	1	81	127	
Rock Granite	128	0	0	1	2	76	2	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	1	0	0	1	76	128	
Rock Granite	132	0	1	2	3	38	2	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	2	40	132	
Rock Granite	134	0	0	0	2	56	0	0	0	0	0	56	1	0	0	0	0	1	55	134	
Rock Granite	135	5	6	0	5	273	5	0	0	0	0	281	0	3	0	0	0	8	273	135	
Rock Granite	136	1	0	1	1	38	0	0	0	0	0	39	2	2	0	0	0	2	37	136	

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			Raisings	Affiliations				Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes			
Upright	137	1	0	2	1	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	1	0	0	0	1	48
Rawalt	138	0	2	2	0	69	2	0	0	0	0	1	72	1	2	0	0	0	2	69
Clay Centre	139	2	4	3	3	38	2	0	0	0	0	0	90	2	0	4	0	0	6	84
Western	140	0	3	0	1	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Crescent	143	0	6	0	1	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	1	0	0	1	27
Bancroft	145	1	3	1	1	77	1	0	0	0	0	0	78	1	2	0	0	1	4	78
Jachin	146	8	1	9	2	157	7	1	1	1	0	0	167	0	7	2	0	0	9	158
Siloam	147	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	2	0	0	0	2	23
Custer	148	1	4	1	1	167	1	0	0	0	0	0	168	2	6	1	0	0	9	159
Cambridge	150	1	1	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	2	0	0	2	77
Evergreen	153	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	47	0	3	0	0	0	3	44
Lily	154	2	3	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	1	1	1	0	0	3	49
Hartington	155	1	1	1	1	57	1	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
Samaritan	158	10	4	7	1	201	6	1	0	0	0	0	208	0	5	0	0	0	5	203
Ogalalla	159	5	5	4	3	147	3	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	1	1	0	0	2	148
Zeredatha	160	0	0	1	1	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	1	0	0	0	1	31
Mt. Zion	161	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	4	3	0	0	7	36
Trestle Board	162	2	0	2	1	57	1	1	0	2	0	0	61	0	2	0	0	0	2	59
Unity	163	0	5	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	1	2	1	0	0	4	63
Atkinson	164	5	7	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Barneston	165	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	1	0	2	0	0	3	40
Elwood	167	0	3	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	2	1	0	0	3	67
Curtis	168	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	1	0	0	0	2	59
Amity	169	0	1	2	0	65	2	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	2	0	0	0	2	65
Mason City	170	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	2	0	0	0	2	14
Merna	171	0	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	3	0	0	0	3	42
Robert Burns	173	0	0	0	0	71	0	1	0	1	0	0	73	1	2	2	0	2	7	66
Culbertson	174	2	1	3	1	56	2	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	1	57
Gladstone	176	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	3	2	0	0	5	37
Hay Springs	177	0	0	1	1	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	1	0	0	0	1	94
Justice	180	3	1	3	2	118	1	0	0	1	0	0	120	0	0	3	0	0	3	117
Faith	181	0	0	1	1	70	0	0	0	1	0	0	71	2	1	4	0	7	7	64
Alliance	183	11	7	7	0	303	7	0	2	2	0	0	314	0	12	2	0	0	14	300
Bee Hive	184	7	29	5	24	804	8	2	0	24	0	0	838	2	20	45	0	0	67	771
Boaz	185	0	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	2	0	0	47	0	1	2	0	0	3	44
Meridian	188	2	3	3	1	125	2	0	0	0	0	0	127	1	6	2	0	0	9	118
Granite	189	0	1	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	3	1	0	0	4	60
Crystal	191	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	3	0	0	0	3	54
Minnekadusa	192	1	5	1	3	146	0	0	0	0	0	0	146	1	3	3	0	0	7	139
Signet	193	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	34	34	0
Highland	194	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Arcana	195	0	5	0	2	113	1	0	0	2	0	0	116	0	1	3	0	0	4	112
Purity	198	1	1	4	0	115	4	0	1	0	0	0	120	0	5	1	0	0	6	114
Gavel	199	1	1	2	2	31	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	0	1	1	0	0	2	30
Blazing Star	200	5	2	3	3	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	1	58
Scotts Bluff	201	1	5	1	0	164	2	0	2	0	0	0	168	1	4	4	0	0	9	159
Golden Sheaf	202	3	7	0	0	48	0	0	1	0	0	0	49	0	2	1	0	0	3	46
Plainview	204	6	7	1	0	90	1	1	0	0	0	0	92	0	2	0	0	0	2	90
Golden Fleece	205	3	3	1	1	143	4	0	0	0	0	0	147	0	5	0	0	0	5	142
Parian	207	1	1	1	1	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	1	38

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Alvin Lincoln	209	1	4	1	0	74	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	209	
Robert White	210	20	20	13	10	986	13	2	0	11	0	1	1013	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	963	210	
John B. Brint	211	0	1	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	62	211	
John B. Brint	214	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	214	
John B. Brint	215	0	2	1	0	58	1	0	1	0	0	0	61	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	57	215	
John B. Brint	216	0	0	3	1	92	2	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	92	216	
John B. Brint	217	0	1	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	217	
John B. Brint	218	1	1	1	0	72	1	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	72	218	
John B. Brint	219	1	1	0	1	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	219	
John B. Brint	220	1	1	1	1	39	1	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	220	
John B. Brint	221	0	0	1	1	73	1	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	68	221	
John B. Brint	222	0	4	0	5	90	5	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	93	222	
John B. Brint	223	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	223	
John B. Brint	224	1	11	2	0	120	3	0	0	2	0	0	125	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	117	224	
John B. Brint	225	1	2	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	95	225	
John B. Brint	227	10	10	8	2	372	6	2	1	2	0	0	383	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	14	369	227	
John B. Brint	228	2	0	0	0	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	37	228	
John B. Brint	229	4	6	3	1	113	4	0	0	1	0	0	118	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	113	229	
John B. Brint	232	1	0	1	2	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	59	232	
John B. Brint	233	1	0	1	1	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	41	233
John B. Brint	234	0	2	1	2	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	91	234	
John B. Brint	235	0	0	1	1	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	44	235	
John B. Brint	236	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	48	236	
John B. Brint	237	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	29	237	
John B. Brint	239	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	10	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	55	239	
John B. Brint	240	2	1	0	0	103	2	1	0	0	0	0	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	240	
John B. Brint	241	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	1	0	0	54	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	53	241	
John B. Brint	245	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	34	245	
John B. Brint	246	2	7	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	91	246	
John B. Brint	248	1	1	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	67	248	
John B. Brint	249	1	1	2	0	140	2	0	0	0	0	0	142	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	137	249	
John B. Brint	250	1	2	1	5	282	2	0	0	0	0	0	284	3	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	20	264	250	
John B. Brint	251	5	2	4	1	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	46	251	
John B. Brint	254	0	3	0	3	106	2	1	0	0	0	0	109	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	56	254	
John B. Brint	256	5	9	3	3	73	1	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	72	256	
John B. Brint	258	1	3	1	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	56	258	
John B. Brint	261	0	2	0	2	73	2	1	0	0	0	0	76	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	72	261	
John B. Brint	262	0	2	0	4	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	141	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	144	262	
John B. Brint	263	0	2	0	2	69	2	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	65	263	
John B. Brint	264	1	1	3	3	106	2	1	0	0	0	0	109	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	6	102	264	
John B. Brint	265	10	6	1	0	367	8	0	0	1	0	0	380	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	372	265	
John B. Brint	266	6	9	1	0	54	5	4	0	0	0	0	56	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	53	266	
John B. Brint	267	3	3	0	0	81	0	0	0	1	0	0	82	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	79	267	
John B. Brint	268	5	0	5	0	236	5	1	0	2	0	0	245	0	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	237	268	
John B. Brint	271	1	0	2	2	156	2	0	0	2	0	0	160	1	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	10	150	271	
John B. Brint	272	1	0	1	0	53	5	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	57	272	
John B. Brint	273	1	1	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	273	
John B. Brint	274	0	0	5	0	138	2	0	0	0	0	0	140	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	54	274	
John B. Brint	276	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	38	276	
John B. Brint	277	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	277	

NAME OF LODGE	NO.	E. A. F. C. C.					MASTER MASONS															
		Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1976	Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1976	Membership Dec. 31, 1975	GAIN						LOSS					On Rolls Dec. 31, 1976				
							Raisings	Affiliations	Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions		Other Causes	Total Loss		
Litchfield	278	0	5	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Wallace	279	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Swastika	280	1	1	0	1	68	0	0	0	1	0	0	69	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	68
Florence	281	12	2	11	0	700	11	1	2	4	0	0	718	6	17	14	0	0	0	37	681	
Mullen	282	0	5	0	1	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	52	
Seneca	284	2	1	2	1	46	3	0	0	1	0	0	50	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	48	
Camp Clarke	285	0	3	0	1	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	0	2	0	0	0	2	107		
Oshkosh	286	1	4	0	3	88	3	0	0	0	0	0	91	0	4	0	0	0	4	87		
Union	287	1	1	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	3	1	0	0	4	46		
Omaha	288	6	7	4	2	344	3	0	0	3	0	0	350	2	11	20	0	0	33	317		
Lotus	289	0	0	0	0	122	0	0	1	0	0	0	123	0	3	0	0	0	3	120		
John J. Mercer	290	28	24	24	3	1430	23	8	0	4	0	0	1465	5	44	26	0	0	75	1390		
Diamond	291	0	1	0	3	79	1	0	0	0	0	0	80	1	1	3	0	0	5	75		
Monument	293	1	2	1	3	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	1	0	0	0	1	51		
Kimball	294	2	4	5	2	156	4	2	0	0	0	0	162	1	4	1	0	0	6	156		
Minatare	295	2	3	0	1	67	0	0	0	1	0	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	1	67		
Cotner	297	6	4	6	1	276	6	2	1	4	0	0	289	0	10	0	0	0	10	279		
Chester	298	2	2	1	1	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	1	0	0	1	50		
Sutherland	299	1	0	1	0	74	2	0	1	1	0	0	78	0	3	0	0	0	3	75		
Liberty	300	5	6	4	2	377	6	2	1	4	0	0	390	1	13	3	0	0	17	373		
Bayard	301	1	3	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	4	0	0	0	4	65		
Mizpah	302	15	18	15	0	866	15	1	0	9	0	0	891	6	29	31	0	0	66	825		
Right Angle	303	3	4	2	2	417	2	0	0	1	0	0	420	1	15	17	0	0	33	387		
Newman Grove	305	1	1	1	1	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	2	1	0	1	4	53		
Golden Rod	306	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	1	1	0	0	2	62		
Perkins	308	2	2	1	1	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	1	1	0	0	2	91		
Victory	310	1	4	0	1	171	1	1	0	0	0	0	173	0	4	1	0	0	5	168		
Polk	311	2	1	2	2	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	1	61		
Oak Leaf	312	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	2	0	0	2	30		
Potter	313	3	1	2	1	79	1	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	5	2	0	0	7	73		
Craftsmen	314	13	6	17	6	475	15	3	0	3	0	0	496	1	17	10	0	0	28	468		
Alpha	316	3	2	4	2	168	3	2	0	1	0	0	174	0	2	1	0	0	3	171		
Mid West	317	11	14	8	1	583	10	5	0	3	0	0	601	1	8	4	0	0	13	588		
Grand Island	318	1	5	2	1	310	3	1	0	1	0	0	315	1	6	0	0	0	7	308		
Bladen	319	1	2	0	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	3	2	0	0	5	24		
College View	320	4	0	3	1	136	3	0	0	0	0	0	139	0	5	4	0	0	9	130		
Harmony	321	0	0	0	1	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	1	0	0	0	1	48		
Lebanon	323	9	14	6	2	206	6	2	0	1	0	0	215	4	6	6	0	0	16	199		
Cairo	324	1	7	1	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	3	0	0	0	3	69		
Bellevue	325	15	10	12	5	438	8	0	1	9	0	1	457	5	3	16	0	10	34	423		
Centennial	326	2	4	2	1	416	3	1	0	2	0	0	422	7	2	34	0	0	43	379		
Shiloh	327	9	1	9	1	103	9	1	0	1	0	0	114	0	1	8	0	0	9	105		
Miloma	328	23	29	14	7	69	15	11	2	0	0	0	97	1	1	5	0	0	7	90		

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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 is well pleased with the acceptance of the central schools. We have enjoyed good attendance and participation by Lodge Officers and the brethren. There continues to be a keen interest in the symbolism of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in Nebraska. Some Lodges are requesting that a school be held in their lodge.

Since last September, Central Schools have been held at Phillips, Grand Island, Wood River, Aurora, Coleridge, Randolph, Laurel, Wayne, Oxford, North Platte, Broken Bow, Rising City, York, Seward, Stromsburg, Scribner, Omaha, Lincoln, Bayard, Morrill, Mitchell, Chappell, Oshkosh, Dalton, Gordon, Rushville, Chadron. and O'Neill. Attendance was excellent.

LODGE CERTIFICATIONS

125 Lodges were certified in 1976.

Acacia No. 34 failed to recertify after 17 years of continuous certification.

- Ogalalla No. 159 missed after 10 Years.
- Cable No. 225 missed after 42 Years.
- Thistle No. 61 missed after 26 Years.
- Solar No. 134 missed after 15 Years.
- Polk No. 311 missed after 9 Years.
- Daimond No. 291 missed after 3 Years.
- Olive Branch No. 274 missed after 1 Year.
- John S. Bowen No. 232 missed after 18 Years.
- Oliver Lodge No. 38 picked up their certificate after 1 miss.
- Silver Cord No. 224 recertified after 1 miss.
- Charity No. 53 certified for the first time since 1971.
- Geneva No. 79 certified for the first time since 1963.
- Amity No. 169 certified first time since 1972.

CONGRATULATIONS BRETHREN. KEEP IT UP!

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

Records show an increase of 15 new certified men for 1976-77 Grand Lodge year.

- William Lee Larkins, 298
- Roger L. Shillington, 180
- Jack M. Johnson, 229
- Robert J. Schmucker, 229
- Jerry L. Raiques, 110
- Sterling E. Graham, 110
- Donald E. Christensen, 39
- Joe L. Wilson, 290
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 3
- Lynn Doty, 251
- Paul I. Nielson, 234
- Roscoe B. Malick, 300
- Raymond L. Hartung, 54
- Dale C. Wilson, 281

Bruce D. Wood, 300

Your Grand Lodge Salutes you, brethren!

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

25 certificates of merit were issued to those brethren with 20 years of service as certified men. They are as follows:

Gwynne L. Neubauer, DGC, 258	Frank R. Harris, DGC, 77
George H. Ducker, 102	Victor D. Hunt, DGC, 62
Joe W. Millsap, 62	George A. Kurk, PGM, 54
Fredricks G. Schlosser, 325	Harold K. Bond, 75
Wayne M. Munson, 205	E. Gerald Erickson, 59
Homer W. Davis, 310	Deane H. Pettett, 314
Melvin C. Hickerson, 310	A. Larry Rogers, 39
Gerald A. Moller, 15	David E. Anthony, 177
Raymond A. Holm, 31	R. Clare Johnson, 222
Howard G. Curley, 241	Joseph G. Geisler, 327
Sterling E. Burke, 310	W. Ross Nalls, 210
Donald R. Davis, 164	Billy O. Green, 36
	David Glantz, 327

I find it noteworthy to mention the following brethren with 50 years or more of service.

Benjamin F. Eyre, PGM, Nebraska No. 1	53 years.
Henry E. Schemmel, Western Star No. 2	52 years.
Herman H. Lallman, Hooper, No. 72	51 years.
Glendon B. Roshon, Lincoln, No. 19	51 years.
Cecil C. Gates, DGC Em. North Star No. 227	50 years.
Austin F. Whitmire, DGC Em. Frank Welch No. 75	50 years.

I might add all of them are very sharp on the work, including lectures.

REPORT OF DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

We have commissioned 6 new Deputy Custodians this past year.

Ben D. Fussell, Geneva No. 79 . . . Commission No. 181
Dated July 19, 1976 . . . Serving District No. 37
Victor D. Hunt, Keystone No. 62, Phillips . . . Commission No. 183
Dated August 11, 1976 . . . Serving District No. 17
Roger L. Shillington, Justice No. 180, Benkelman . . . Commission No. 184
Dated November 27, 1976 . . . Serving District No. 32
James E. Cornish, Tekamah No. 31 . . . Commission No. 185
Dated December 15, 1976 . . . Serving District No. 5
Marvin R. Weber, Golden Sheaf No. 202, Randolph . . . Commission No. 186
Dated February 16, 1977 . . . Serving District No. 6
Lynn Doty, Wausa No. 251 . . . Commission No. 187
Dated February 16, 1977 . . . Serving District No. 16

We welcome these fine brethren into our family of Deputy Grand Custodians. They are all at their labors and doing fine.

3 Deputy Grand Custodian Emeriti Commissions were presented:

Gordon Chard, 240, Lyons
Curtis J. Griess, 49, Sutton
Arnold F. Mains, 15, Fremont.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to these fine brethren for the many hours expended on behalf of their Grand Lodge.

We regret the resignation of W. . Harold A. Tilton, 71, who found it necessary to resign his commission because of his retirement to Tuscon.

Good Luck on the golf course, Hod . . .

CORRECTION OF RECORDS

Our Grand Master M. . W. . T. Leo Stines has healed the record of Sterling E. Burke, 310, making it 22 consecutive years.

Our ritual continues in a high state of proficiency, of which all ritualists in Nebraska should be proud. It may surprise some that a number of our smaller lodges, do the finest work. Example:

Plattsmouth No. 6	has been certified for 54 years.
Euclid No. 97,	Weeping Water 46 years.
Nehawka No. 246	45 years.
Oakland No. 91	40 years.
Geo. Armstrong No. 241,	Craig 30 years.
Omadi No. 5,	Dakota City 28 years.
Pilot No. 240,	Lyons 45 years.
Auburn No. 124	35 years.
Trestleboard No. 162,	Brock 52 years.
Gothenburg No. 249	54 years.
Arcana No. 195,	Gordon 41 years.
Hooper No. 72	52 years.
Crete No. 37	45 years.
Utica No. 96	49 years.

This list goes on and on. We are proud of our smaller lodges, Keep it up!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

William Lee Larkins, Chester Lodge No. 298, Bronze Medal Holder, a faithful Lodge attending Mason for 58 years, has certified for the first time at the age of 85.

Our heartiest congratulations, Brother Lee. May God Bless you richly.

As I close this report, may I take this opportunity to thank all the brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction for the kindnesses and considerations extended to the Grand Custodian over the last 9 years. Thanks to all, but especially to the brethren of Mitchell Lodge No. 263. I shall be properly clothed next time.

Most Worshipful Sir, we thank you for the appointments, and hope our labors have met with your approval. Once again, may I thank M. . W. . Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary, for his ever ready assistance.

To the Committee on Work, M. . W. . Louis V. Sylvester, CHM, M. . W. . Lewis R. Ricketts and Hugh W. Eisenhart, our thanks for your guidance and counseling.

Sincerely and Fraternaly submitted,
Ralph W. Gerry
Grand Custodian

NOTE: A school in the Entered Apprentice degree, a part of the Lincoln school, was held at Bennet, with 100 brethren in attendance.

This report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Committee respectfully submits as its report that the Address of M. W. T. Leo Stines, in part be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The section on Necrology.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The section on Trial Commissions.

The section on Reinstatements.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The section on By-Laws.

The section on Decisions.

The section on Dispensations.

The section on Recommendations jointly with the incoming Grand Master.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The section on Consolidations.

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

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

We recommend that the report be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Returns:

The section on Returns:

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The section on Consolidations.

The section on Chartered Lodges.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The section on Grievances.

To the Committee on Finance:

All financial and report schedules relating to funds.

The Grand Secretary has as in the past discharged the duties of his office in a manner that benefits the Craft. The Committee recommends that all matters not herein referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work. The Grand Custodian and his Deputies deserve commendation for the service they render to the Masons of Nebraska.

Fraternally submitted,

W. Byron, C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman

W. Kenneth D. Beebe, 119

W. Omar L. Gottula, 15

This report was adopted.

M. .W. . T. LEO STINES, GRAND MASTER:

I would like to present Howard L. Patterson, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Brother Patterson made the following report and it was accepted.

W. . HOWARD L. PATTERSON, CHAIRMAN - Committee on Finance:

M. .W. . Grand Master, brethren - The Finance Committee met in downtown Omaha at the Masonic Temple, 1:00 p.m., May 18. The examination of the financial records was made in accordance and generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the records as we considered necessary. We found the books entirely in order, and all vouchers properly signed.

The estimated income for the year 1977-78 is as follows:

Dues, 35, 398 @ \$3.00	106,200.00
Initiation fees @ \$10.00	7,200.00
Affiliations	40.00
Bond Premiums	800.00
Liability Insurance Premiums	2,500.00
Sale of Supplies	5,000.00
George Washington Memorial	700.00
Custodial Services	765.00
Re-Instatements	1,000.00
Income on Bonds, Commercial Paper	56,850.00
Dividends on Stock	6,750.00
	<u>187,805.00</u>

Inventory for resale \$10,088.24

We thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian for their helpful assistance. M. .W. . Sir, I move the adoption of this report.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1977-78

W. . Harry A. Tollander, Acting Chairman of Appropriations, gave the report which was adopted:

M. .W. . GRAND MASTER AND BROTHERS ALL:

In the absence of our chairman, W. . Walter Truex, who is temporarily in California, I was appointed to act as chairman of the Appropriations Committee and to bring to you this Preliminary Budget Report for the year 1977-78.

I believe, that by now, most everyone has a copy of this Budget Report.

With your indulgence, I will proceed with the report.

About two weeks ago, the members of the Appropriations Committee met with the Grand Secretary in his office. We discussed pretty thoroughly every item on the budget request for the coming year and finally arrived at the following budget.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Payroll, 1977 Communication	\$ 10,000.00
Printed Proceedings.....	4,000.00
Grand Master's Banquet	1,200.00
Grand Lodge Dinner (Delegates)	1,800.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	800.00
Printing of Secretary's Desk Book	800.00
Printing Programs & Incidentals	800.00
	<u>\$ 19,400.00</u>

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES:

Masonic Education	\$ 5,000.00
Masonic Relief Committee	50.00
Trial Commissions	100.00
Grand Trustees (Including Audit)	3,850.00
Appropriations	50.00
Grand Lodge Office Committee	50.00
Finance Committee	50.00
Nebraska Work Committee	50.00
Grand Historian	100.00
Publicity Committee.....	4,500.00
Relief Committee	750.00
Youth Committee	400.00
Revision of Constitution and By-laws	1,000.00
Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund.....	800.00
	<u>\$ 16,750.00</u>

TRAVELING EXPENSE

Grand Master.....	\$ 4,500.00
Grand Secretary	1,800.00
Conference Dues and Expenses	650.00
Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge functions	900.00
Grand Custodian Department	8,400.00
Grand Lodge Officers for Grand Lodge	
Events.....	2,750.00
Deputy Grand Master - Conference Expnese	550.00
Masonic Service Association -	
Hospital Visitation.....	<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$ 22,050.00

SALARIES:

Grand Secretary	\$ 14,600.00
Grand Custodian.....	12,400.00
Grand Lodge Clerical Staff	19,500.00
Social Security.....	2,800.00
Federal & State Unemployment	500.00
	<u>\$ 49,800.00</u>

FIXED EXPENSES:

Rent	\$ 10,125.00
Museum & Library	100.00
Office Expense.....	7,000.00
Jewel, Apron - Grand Master	700.00
Grand Lodge Supplies.....	4,000.00
Retirement CRG	4,646.40
Contribution to Retirement Fund	<u>3,000.00</u>
	\$ 29,571.40

INSURANCE ASSESSMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

Workmen's Compensation	\$ 100.00
Masonic Relief Association dues	325.00
Surety Bond - Grand Lodge officers	180.00
Grand Master's & Employees Car Insurance.....	106.00
Comprehensive Insurance	3,254.00
Office Contents - Fire Insurance	197.00
Masonic Service Association Dues	1,225.00
George Washington Masonic Memorial Association	700.00
Nebraska DeMolay	750.00
Hospitalization Insurance	1,500.00
Purchase of Fifty year pins.....	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 9,337.00

TOTAL GRAND LODGE BUDGET \$146,908.40

Grand Lodge Responsibility: Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	<u>10,800.00</u>
Total Budget	\$157,708.00

ESTIMATED INCOME - GRAND LODGE — 1977-1978

Dues @\$3.00 per member	\$ 106,200.00
Initiation Fees @ \$10.00 each	7,200.00
Affiliations	40.00
Bond Premiums	800.00
Liability Insurance Premiums	2,500.00
Sale of Supplies.....	5,000.00
George Washington Masonic Memorial Association.....	700.00
Custodial Service	765.00
Reinstatements	1,000.00
Income on Bonds and Savings Account	56,850.00
Dividends on Stock.....	<u>6,750.00</u>
Estimated income for 1977-1978	\$ 187,805.00

At 11:30 a.m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10
AFTERNOON SESSION

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

W. ROBERT A. METCALF, Chairman of the Committee on Eastern Star Student Fund gave the report which was adopted.

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

Our committee has received a request from the Superintendent at the Children's Home, Fremont, Nebraska for assistance for one of the children graduating from Fremont High School in May 1977. His name is Scott Swift. He has been a resident at the home since 1969.

Mr. Hjortsvang, the Superintendent states that this young man desires to study agriculture. Applications were made to several schools. He was accepted at the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture for the quarter beginning October 3, 1977, at Curtis, Nebraska. In checking costs for tuition, fees, books etc., it will be necessary that approximately \$800.00 dollars from each Grand Body will be needed. We therefore respectfully request that the Grand Lodge approved this amount of money. A similar amount has been made of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

The two young men sponsored last year are no longer attending school. Edward Swanson, who started at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, did not enroll the second semester. We are advised that he got married. Bryan Holstrom, who was to start second semester at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, changed his plans and enlisted in the United States Navy for a six year enlistment.

W. WAYNE L. PAULEY, CHAIRMAN, YOUTH COMMITTEE gave the report which was adopted.

Before I give my report, I would like to call your attention to some literature which has been prepared and is at the credential desk. I am sure you will find some interesting information in the pamphlets.

More than 3 years have now passed since the Youth Committee was formed. In the beginning, it was dark and just where to start was a big question. But interest in the subject and thought prevailed, and we would now like to say that light exists and it is getting brighter. However, we know that we must not become complacent because we are just getting started on a program that could be great, and great for our fraternity.

During this past year, we have again heard of some interesting events. More DeMolays are becoming Masons, and Rainbow girls and Job's Daughters are becoming Eastern Stars. The Grand Master has invited the leaders of the various youth groups in the respective areas to the Masonic Educational banquets and meetings. The attendance was better this year than last, so this indicates progress. As in any program, anything new and different takes time to digest and our youth leaders are really taking heed of the program. The responsive letters of interest tell us this. The scholarship program of \$100.00 to each group is now a reality and the implementation of same has been completed. We hope that in the near future the dollar amount of this program can be increased.

Tomorrow night, Saturday, the Grand Master or his representative, will present the winning Rainbow girl with this scholarship award. Next week, the Job's Daughter's award will be presented, and the DeMolay in July. The girl winners have already been selected, and let me now say this to you, brethren, that our youth have the desires and capabilities of facing life that far exceed our expectations.

We realize that all lodges do not have an active youth group in their locale, but this does not mean that there are no youth there. What is needed more than anything else is leadership - adult leadership - men and women who are willing to devote a little of their time to counseling and advising our youth. We have said this before - where we have an active youth group we have an active lodge or Eastern Star. Or vice versa. All three of our youth organizations refer to their "Masonic Heritage", but do we ever tell our youth what this means?

What this committee is asking again this year is that we could have at least one member of each lodge devote some of his time to the youth in his area. The old game of "show and tell" applied to Masonry still works, and when the time arrives, your efforts and our fraternity will be richly rewarded.

Support and help them in any projects they have. Use them at as many of your lodge functions as you can. Just get involved and show them that you care. You'll have the time of your life.

M. W. T. LEO STINES, GRAND MASTER:

The hour has arrived for the election of Grand Officers and voting on the Resolutions that were proposed last year.

NO. 1 — BE IT RESOLVED THAT — Section 3-102 (m) the possession or use of all keys, ciphers, or printed material relating to the ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry be deleted by the By-laws. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT - an additional section be added to the by-laws in the proper place to read "the Grand Lodge will issue each subordinate lodge 6 copies of the ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry". This resolution was discussed, voted on and defeated.

NO. 2 — BE IT RESOLVED — That section 2-605 — LODGE DUES — be amended as follows: The dues assessed by all chartered lodges shall be payable on January 1st of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent February 1st of the same year.

On or before thirty days before the last stated meeting of the lodge held before March 31st of each year, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member in writing, who may be in arrears for dues for the current year; and if such member fails to pay his dues on or before March 31st of such year he shall stand automatically suspended for nonpayment of dues on April 1st of the current year and entry thereof shall be made in the minutes at the first subsequent stated meeting of the lodge. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify by written notification all members automatically suspended for non-payment of dues. Provided when the post office address of the suspended member is unknown, notice shall be mailed to his last known post office address. This resolution was discussed, voted on and defeated.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was presented: (The changes have been voted on by the subordinate lodges and passed by a vast majority).

WHEREAS: your Committee on Revision of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge, have also been instructed to study the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and has taken this task in hand and whereas the copy of the proposed Constitution as amended to realize by this Committee has been submitted for consideration to the subordinate lodges except for the further proposed amendment of deleting Section 1 sub-section (e) of Article X and renumbering this sub-paragraph. Such amended proposal is attached to this motion and made a part thereof by reference.

The Constitutional changes were adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. CLARENCE M. PIERSON, 19, Chairman, presented the report.

Your committee on Grievances reports that it has examined the report of the Trial Commission of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, 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 and the penalty be and they hereby are confirmed and approved.

Your Committee therefore offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the Trial Commission of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Nebraska, be and the same hereby is confirmed and approved. Motion carried.

Your Committee on Grievances reports that it has examined the report of the Trial Commission of Oasis Lodge No. 271, A. F. & A. M., Morrill, 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 and the penalty be and they hereby are confirmed and approved.

Your Committee therefore offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the Trial Commission of Oasis Lodge No. 271, A. F. & A. M., Morrill, Nebraska, be and the same hereby is confirmed and approved. Motion carried.

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, A. F. & A. M., Grand Island, 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 January 1, 1960; that he petitioned for restoration in Grand Island Lodge No. 318, A. F. & A. M., Grand Island,

Nebraska, on December 16, 1976; 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 Grand Island Lodge No. 318, A. F. & A. M., Grand Island, Nebraska, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason." Motion carried.

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

M. W. CHARLES F. ADAMS, Past Grand Master, Chairman, presented the report, which was adopted.

The 67th Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Memorial Building in Alexandria, Virginia, on February 21, 1977. The Nebraskans in attendance included M. W. Brother T. Leo Stines, Grand Master, M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master, M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary, and M. W. Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Master and First Vice-President of the Association.

The Endowment Fund showed an increase of nearly one-half million dollars and is now approximately \$3,300,000 and produced income of approximately \$170,000 for the year 1976. This is approximately \$100,000 \$100,000.00 less than the cost of operating and maintaining the building and the deficit is made up by contributions from the several Grand Lodges. It is the hope of the officers and directors of the Association that the Endowment Fund can be built up to a point where the income from investments will be sufficient to pay the cost of operation and maintenance. This task would have been much nearer accomplishment were it not for the ever increasing spiral of inflation. For example, the cost of just the utilities alone for the year 1970 was approximately \$15,400. The figure for 1976 is \$32,400 or more than double. Other costs such as salaries, supplies and insurance are increasing year by year. Nevertheless, the effort to make the Association financially self-sufficient will continue.

In addition to routine repairs and replacements, very little has been expended in recent years in the nature of new construction. About the only exception to this is the installation of air-conditioning in two of the floors in the tower, being the library room and the museum room. The heat and humidity in the areas was causing severe damage to the books and to many of the exhibits and it was felt that the air-conditioning was a necessity. The other floors had already been air-conditioned.

The bronze plaque containing the names of the Bi-centennial Contributors, which includes this Grand Lodge and the four Scottish Rite Valleys in the Orint of Nebraska, will be unveiled in February, 1978. A Bicentennial Contributor is an individual or organization that has contributed at least one thousand dollars for the Endowment Fund during 1975, 1976 and 1977. Also available are life memberships which cost one hundred dollars and which are recognized with suitable engraved certificates.

As we have mentioned in our previous reports, we urge any of our members and their families who should be in the vicinity of Washington, D.C., to take advantage of the opportunity to visit the Memorial. Alexandria is only a few

miles south of the city center of Washington and transportation is readily available by inter-city bus. You will be cordially welcomed and you will enjoy seeing this magnificent edifice.

RESULT OF THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M. W. T. LEO STINES, Grand Master, announced that the tellers were ready to report the results of the election:

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Alfred B. Saum, 36.....	Grand Master
Jack H. Hendrix, 174	Deputy Grand Master
Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	Grand Senior Warden
Byron C. Jenkins, 325	Grand Junior Warden
Norris W. Lallman, 72	Grand Secretary

R. W. ALFRED B. SAUM, Grand Master-elect, announced the following appointments:

J. Dallas Gibson, 54	Grand Chaplain
Bevin B. Bump, 158.....	Grand Orator
Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210	Grand Historian
Ralph W. Gerry, 281	Grand Custodian
Robert A. Metcalf, 210	Grand Marshal
Harold C. Wurdeman, 323.....	Grand Senior Deacon
Paul R. Pierce, 50	Grand Junior Deacon
Wayne G. Lueningborg, 39.....	Grand Tyler

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. GAIL AXEN, 235, Chairman presented the report.

M. W. Grand Master and Masonic Brethren:

Our Grand Lodge reports the death of 932 Brethren, during the 1976-1977 year, who have passed from our Lodges to their eternal abode, over which the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe presides. To these Masonic Brethren, we owe the highest degree of gratitude for their service to their lodges and their Masonic brothers.

Your Committee reports the death of three Past Grand Masters of our own Jurisdiction during this past year. The Masonic record of these brethren is as follows:

M. W. Past Grand Master, George A. Kurk, was born November 14, 1886 at Quincy, Illinois and died May 4, 1977 at San Jose, California. He was the 78th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska having been installed in 1942. He was a member of the following Masonic bodies: Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Herman Lodge No. 39, Quincy, Illinois, Lincoln Consistory (°32, K.C.C.H.), Capstone Chapter No. 64, Royal Arch Masons, Lincoln Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters, Couer de Lion Conclave No. 10, Red Cross of Constantine, Grand Master's Council, Allied Masonic Degrees; Temple Chapter No. 271, O.E.S.; Sesostris Temple Shrine, Trustee of Lancaster Lodge No. 54; Vice President of the New Masonic Temple Association; assisted in organizaing the Lincoln Masters and Wardens Club in 1931, and was Chairman. Attended Grand Lodge 38 years.

M. W. Past Grand Master, William C. Schaper, was born on October 4, 1890 and died February 12, 1977 at Broken Bow, Nebraska. He was the 80th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, having been installed in 1944-1945. He served as High Priest, Illustrious Master and Commander of the York Rite in Broken Bow and was a KYCH member; Knight Commander of the Court of Honor of the Omaha Consistory; Worthy Patron of Arrow Chapter No. 164 O.E.S.; attended Grand Lodge 32 years.

M. W. Past Grand Master, Edward Huwaldt was born July 28, 1890, and died February 14, 1977, at Grand Island, Nebraska. He was the 82nd Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, having been installed in 1947. He was a member of the Nebraska Freemasons Association, Andrew Chapter No. 41, O.E.S. of Grand Island, Nebraska.

We thank God, for the privilege of having known and worked with these Brethren. We owe the highest degree of gratitude for their service to our Grand Lodge, their local lodges and to their Masonic brethren. Our prayerful sympathy is extended to their families and friends.

Our Grand Secretary has received Memorial cards during the past year from 30 Jurisdictions listing the deaths of 28 Past Grand Masters, one G.S. Steward, one G.S. Warder; one P.G.M. of Japan; one P.G.M. of India; one D.G.M. of Panama; three P.G.M. of Canada.

V. W. BURTON A. KNUDSEN, GRAND CHAPLAIN:

Gracious God, from whom we have come and to whom may at length return, in whom we live and move and have our being, we thank Thee for these brethren who have borne the heat and burden of the day and who now rest from their labors, having received the end of their faith which is the salvation of their souls. We pray for their families comfort and sustain them we pray. Help us to carry on their work in a way worthy of their memory. Amen.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES The YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1977

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

I am sure most of you are well aware that The Nebraska Masonic Home has been blessed with a very substantial gift to its Endowment and Bequest Fund. The gifts this year nearly doubled the invested assets of the Home. The Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees or some other member of the Board and the Grand Secretary have in the past, clipped all coupons on the bearer bonds each month and the Grand Secretary's Office did all the accounting manually. With the assets doubling, this would have become an impossible task and too much to expect of persons not employed by the Grand Lodge or Home. Therefor to modernizing our accounting system, the Board of Grand Trustees, by unanimous vote, directed the Chairman to enter into a contract with the First National Bank of Omaha, wherein it would accept delivery of all our securities, collect all interest and dividends and other income from securities. It further agreed to report to us by computer print-out, all collections each month, and further submit to us a list of our securities showing the total amount invested, our cost for each security and the market value thereof, as well as the estimated annual income of each. This system is much more meaningful to work with than to solely rely, as we have done in the past, on our annual audit.

As it so happened this year, I have had to rely on these print-outs, to prepare my report, hoping that before this report is submitted to you, our auditors will have been able to give additional information. According to the Summary of Investments prepared by the Bank, the Invested Assets of the Grand Lodge, as of April 30, 1977, are \$902,325.00 and the Endowment & Bequest Fund of the Home are \$9,313,381.00, based upon our Book Value..

I have mentioned bequests. As a matter of fact, the Endowment & Bequest Fund of the Home received, during the year ended April 30, 1977, \$4,250,000.00. This sum was distributed periodically to the Home during the year, the final payment for the year was made during the month of April, 1977. These cash periodic distributions made it possible for the Grand Trustees to purchase securities from time to time so that we could schedule maturities in each and every year from 1979 to 2000 in substantially equal amounts. To accomplish this, we purchased seasoned low-coupon bonds at a discount to yield us the going rate of return for the maturities purchased. Thus the average principal amount of bonds which will mature in each year from 1979 to 1988, inclusive will be \$243,000.00. The amount maturing from 1989 to 2000, inclusive, will be \$281,000.00 annually. This will make money available in each year and if not needed to defray expenditures, give our successor Trustees an opportunity to make investments, at least to that extent, at rates of interest at the time and under conditions prevailing in the economy at this time.

We have carefully examined the list of securities and can report that all bonds held by the Grand Trustees for the benefit of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home, as of the end of the 1977 fiscal year are in the top three categories according to both rating services. With few exceptions, our bonds are either AA or better and are currently paying their prescribed interest. All preferred stocks are currently paying their prescribed interest. All preferred stocks are currently paying their agreed dividends, and all common stocks, except one, are paying dividends. Our mortgages of Lodge Properties are in good standing with no delinquent interest or principal payments.

At this point in the preparation of this report, we have received from our independent public accountant, a penciled copy of Statements of Assets, revenues and expenditures and Fund balances, which will comprise their report when it is completed. The following figures are taken from those statements.

Assets of the Grand Lodge, as of April 30, 1977, are \$1,050,000.00. Of this sum, cash and fixed income securities comprised \$1,034,000.00. The only liability reported was \$80.00. The general Fund Equity therefore, was \$1,049,920.00. The increase in assets and General Fund Equity therefore, was \$1,049,920.00. The increase in assets and General Fund Equity in 1977 over 1976 is reported as \$51,000.00. Income of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge was \$188,617.00 and operating expenses were \$137,578.00, leaving an excess of revenues over expenses of \$51,000.00, which is exactly the amount of increase in Assets as stated above. In comparing the Schedule of expenditures of 1977 with that of 1976, we find an increase of approximately \$15,000.00. This increase is accounted for by an increase in the payroll for the Grand Lodge session, all printing expense, and small general increases in practically all items of expenditures.

Turning now, to The Nebraska Masonic Home - the Home has a General Fund and an Endowment and Bequest Fund. The General Fund consists of Cash, Investments, which are receipts of securities and Real Estate, received from persons upon admission to the Home, and for the first time in history of the Home, the appraised value of land, buildings and furnishings and equipment located on the Home site in Plattsmouth, these values are as follows:

Cash		\$ 111,709
Investments		43,045
Land		33,128
Buildings	\$ 1,519,288	
Furnishings	45,370	
Total	1,597,786	
Less Dep.	621,432	
Acc.		
Property Net		<u>976,354</u>
Total General Fund		\$ 1,131,108

Revenues to the General Fund, consisting of per capita tax receipts from residents, and receipts from the Seal Program equalled \$334,304.00. Expenditures were \$592,106.00, making an excess of expenditures over revenues of \$257,800.00. This was taken care of by a transfer of funds from the Endowment and Bequest Fund. Since I do not have the audit at hand, I cannot satisfactorily explain some of the expenditures. I am, however, satisfied in my own mind that much thereof was due to improvements and renovations made at the recommendation of the State Fire Marshal and the purchase and installation of an auxiliary electric generator. The probable expenditures may be reported by our CPAs as about \$200,000.00 for improvements and additions, leaving only an excess of expenditure over revenues of about \$50,000.00.

The assets of the Endowment and Bequest Fund of the Home consists of the following:

Cash	\$ 31,682
Investment Bonds	8,808,162
Preferred & Common	
Stocks	561,359
Mortgages	40,124
Other	97,440
Total Investment	\$ 9,506,085
Total Endowment & Bequest Fund	\$ 9,537,767

Revenues of the Endowment & Bequest Fund were as follows:

Investment Income	\$ 416,365
Gain on the sale of investments	12,143
Endowments & Bequests received	4,249,766
Total revenues	4,678,274

After a transfer of \$250,000.00 to the General Fund the balance was \$4,428,274.00 which, when added the balance of the year before (1976), of \$5,109,493.00, there remained a Fund Equity as of April 30, 1977, of \$9,537,767.

We are and should be very grateful of the beneficients of Brother Glen W. McNinch, who so generously remembered us in his Will. To date we have received distribution of \$4,258,000.00 from his Estate.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, since this report is partially prepared from penciled statements submitted by our Certified Public Accountant, without any notes or other supporting data, I ask permission to insert in this report those parts of the Final Audit when it is received.

M. W. JOHN F. FUTCHER, PAST GRAND MASTER

Unfortunately, M. W. Grand Master, I have a matter to take up again on our Pension Plan. I thought last year when I gave the final report that this was off our shoulders, but as you all know, I am sure from your own personal experience, when dealing with the Internal Revenue System, you are not exactly sure when you are completed with some thing. You remember, I reported in 1976, that upon the adoption in 1975, of amendments to our pension plan to comply with the minimum requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, and the newly enacted Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, it was necessary to submit this plan for approval by the Internal Revenue Service. The Grand Trustees did not have to do this because we were authorized, or the Grand Master was authorized, to enter into a Participating Deposit Administration Policy with an Insurance Company. So the Insurance Company has carried the ball in negotiating with the IRS. They have finally come up, or did come up after discussions with the Internal Revenue Service, with amendments to our last amended pension plan. Our Grand Secretary has received a copy of an approval by the IRS subject to further amendments to our plan. These amendments are four, five, maybe six pages of typewritten material.

Brother Lallman and I have gone over the changes, and I would like to avoid explaining all of these changes simply by stating to you, that none of these changes will affect our cost or will affect benefits which our employees will get. These changes more specifically defines what the services are, what the benefits are under certain circumstances.

We cannot see any way in which it will affect us financially. Therefore, I would like to ask the Grand Lodge to approve a rather complicated resolution, complicated because it uses figures of which you have no knowledge. This is the resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority in the By-laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, this annual session of the Grand Lodge, does hereby adopt the changes proposed by our representative, and does incorporate into said plan, Sections 3.2b, 3.3b, 3.4, 4.1, 6.1 and Sections 13.6, 13.7 a, b, and c, and 13.8 and 13.9 as the same were submitted by our representative in a letter received by the Internal Revenue Service on February 22, 1977. This report was adopted.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

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

The Grand Lodge Office Committee met in the Grand Secretary's office on May 17th. A proposed budget for routine office items was prepared and has been submitted to the Appropriations Committee.

The allowance for the Past Grand Master's apron and jewel was increased from \$200.00 to \$700.00 because last year we had a deceased Past Grand Master's jewel, which was altered at a minimum of expense. This year, no jewels have been returned to the Grand Lodge office.

A cost of living increase of between 5% and 6% is recommended for the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian and the Grand Lodge clerical staff.

It is not anticipated that there will be any need for the replacement of any office equipment or any special printing expense.

Again, we wish to commend the Grand Lodge Office staff for their dedicated and efficient handling of the many and varied office responsibilities.

REPORT OF THE TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

M. W. Russell L. Fickes, Past Grand Master, represented the report which was adopted.

The plans of Ionic Lodge No. 87, A. F. & A. M. for the new Temple Building have been approved by the Grand Master and work is proceeding.

Franklin Lodge No. 264, A. F. & A. M., is starting action with the hope of having a new Temple Building.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

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

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

Your Committee on Work is again pleased to report that no matters of a controversial nature, with reference to both the Esoteric and Standard Floor work, have been brought to our attention during this year. Our Grand Custodian advises that the work throughout the State remains at a high point of proficiency, and from the Committees personal observation, we can attest to this fact. There are a few instances where this is not true, but it is due more to the leadership from the officer than lack of instruction on the part of the Deputy Custodians.

The annual report of the Grand Custodian has been submitted to us and continues to reflect the dedicated services rendered by him and his Deputies. This Grand Lodge owes indeed a deep sense of gratitude to him and his Deputies for their dedication and devotion.

All vouchers and expense items of the Grand Custodian were presented to the Committee and approved. Again, may we point out that the budget for the Grand Custodian and his department was not exceeded with the exception, brought about by increased expense for travel, that budgeted item for Grand Lodge functions. It was necessary to ask for an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$200.00. Your Committee has examined the budget requests for this year and recommend approval of the same amount as a year ago of \$8,400.00 plus an additional \$200.00 for Grand Lodge functions, or \$900.00, making a total budget request of \$9,300.00.

The Grand Custodian was examined as to his proficiency in the Esoteric and Standard Floor work and found to be most proficient in both.

After proper certification as to their proficiency, the Committee approved and recommended to the Grand Master, the appointment as Deputy Grand Custodians the following Worshipful Brethren: Ben D. Fussell, District 37; Victor D. Hunt, 18; Roger L. Shillington, 32; James E. Comish, 5; Marvin R. Weber, 6 and Lynn Doty, 16. We welcome these new Deputies into the ranks of our Custodians and are assured that their Commission will provide continuity of the work in their Districts.

At the same time we regret that three of our long time and most devoted Deputies, due to circumstances, requested retirement. Your Committee was pleased to recommend to the Grand Master, that the following be accorded recognition as Deputy Custodians Emeritus: Gordon Chard, Curtis J. Griess and Arnold F. Mains.

It is with regret, that no members of the Committee were able to be present at the annual Custodian's School in Grand Island. However, we are assured that the Deputies passed a very fine examination and we can look forward to continuation of the high standard of perfection at which our Deputies keep the work in this jurisdiction.

In general, the work is being carried on in a most satisfactory manner and we owe to the Grand Custodian and the Deputies, a sincere vote of appreciation for their labor of love.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

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

To the Most Worship Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Masonic Education is pleased to advise that a most successful year of Masonic Education has been completed. Our assumption is based on the enthusiasm displayed by those in attendance and the large numbers who turned out for these meetings.

About a year ago we changed the format of the meetings to provide for more audience participation. In this, we were able to more fully acquaint our Lodge officers with their responsibilities, how to plan meetings, the necessity of good programs through planning, and how to meet the particular problems facing the individual lodges and special emphasis on the functions of Grand Lodge, particularly relating to the relations of the constituent lodge and its all important role therein.

Grand Lodge officers, as well as committee members, were involved in the meetings. Each one presenting certain subjects and answering resultant questions. Through this format, the Committee feels that a more realistic approach to our problems has been made possible.

Twelve Educational meetings have been held, geographically located so that every lodge in the State had an opportunity to participate. Three-fourths of our 242 lodges had representatives at the meetings.

The evening banquet meetings, designed as a year ago, to educate the local lodges in how to prepare and present a guest night meeting that hopefully would result in petitions for the degrees, were continued. The host lodge in each case invited non-Masons and their wives and subsequent reports that the host lodge in many instances received a number of petitions for the degrees.

Your Committee has been active in other areas as well, providing speakers for individual lodge guest nights, furnishing Masonic Educational material and counselling with individual lodge officers in their efforts to provide leadership and programming in their lodges.

The Mid-West Conference on Masonic Education, comprising twelve states was held this year in Springfield, Illinois. In addition to the Chairman, there were present from Nebraska, T. Leo Stines, Grand Master and Committee members Wayne W. Reese, Alfred G. Wurst and George A. Iverson. These meetings continue to be inspirational in nature and provide a wealth of information with regard to Masonic Educational programs carried on in the several jurisdictions and from which materials and programs can be adopted for use in our own Jurisdiction.

Your Committee wishes to extend our thanks and appreciation to Most Worshipful T. Leo Stines, Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers, for their support in this year's program and the part played in the presentation of the Educational plan of our Grand Lodge. We are looking forward to another banner year in this effort hopefully that more lodges and principally officers will participate.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

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

Your Committee on Relief has had a routine year and paid out only \$325.00 to recipients.

One other request came to us for help but evidently the widow was under a misunderstanding as to the nature of the Lodge and we could not approve any payment. Sometimes, Widows and relatives of our brethren, confuse us with an insurance organization.

A member of an Omaha Lodge called us for advice and counsel. At any time, any lodge has a question or service that we may render, we shall try and do our best to help.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

Gladwyn A. Youngs, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

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

Your Committee has a dual function, as specified by Sec. 1-322 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

Its first duty is to prepare and disseminate through recognized news media such news items concerning this Grand Lodge and its subordinate

lodges as may be directed by the Grand Master. Your committee fully performed this duty, no such directions having been received.

Its second duty is, acting jointly with the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, to prepare, edit, publish and distribute to all members of the subordinate lodges of Nebraska a quarterly Nebraska Masonic Bulletin, such bulletin to contain information and news of the Grand Lodge and its officers, the Nebraska Masonic Home and such other information and items as may be of general interest to Nebraska Masons. Your committee also fully performed this duty, but a word of explanation is in order. Our Grand Secretary, M. W. Norris W. Lallman, is an ex-officio member of your committee and he, single-handedly, did the greatest share of this work and the credit should go to him rather than to the committee as a whole.

Your chairman, a photographer, by profession, (?), did attempt to provide a pictorial record of a few of the many activities engaged in by our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother T. Leo Stines. Starting with the 119th Annual Communication at Peony Park in Omaha, he led us on a merry chase.

On July 17, he dedicated a flagpole at East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. On August 28, we found him in the cornfields of Ceresco, where Lancaster Lodge No. 54's costumed degree team raised Brother John Neal to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Moonlight and torches illuminated the setting of this special communication attended by at least 225 Masons who witnessed a truly impressive ceremony.

On October 9, our Grand Master visited and was the principal speaker at the 75th Anniversary celebration of George Washington Lodge No. 250, in Lincoln. On October 30th, assisted by other Grand Lodge officers, he laid the cornerstone of a low-cost housing project for the elderly at Central City, the home of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, where he was Worshipful Master in 1958.

In early December, we found him as a patient at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. His recovery was fortunately complete and relatively rapid. In early January, he continued a tradition of long standing by installing the officers of Fremont Lodge No. 15.

On March 12, we found our Grand Master at Oliver Lodge No. 38, in Seward, attending one of many area meetings held during the year.

On May 13, he laid the cornerstone of the remodeled Hooper Public Library. The host lodge was Hooper Lodge No. 72, where our Grand Secretary was Worshipful Master in 1943, and Secretary for approximately two decades. His aunt, Ruth Lallman, observed her birthday that day and we were pleased to have her and her husband, Herman, with us.

On May 20, he laid the cornerstone for a new medical facility in Ashland. The host lodge was Pomegranate Lodge No. 110. On the same evening, our Grand Master again visited East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, where the Dr. Frederick Eiche Chapter, Order of DeMolay, was instituted, its officers installed and Letters Temporary presented by Walter Miller, Executive Officer for Nebraska.

Since then, we lost track of him until recently, when he arrived here to preside at this Annual Communication.

We have now reported our response to the duties imposed upon us. We trust that it was adequate. It was indeed a pleasure to attempt to be of some assistance to Most Worshipful Brother T. Leo Stines, a Grand Master in every sense.

Finally, we will go beyond our assigned duties and hazard to make a recommendation. The Nebraska Masonic News is a quarterly publication. It is suggested that the feasibility of increasing both the size and the frequency of publication of this bulletin be considered.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 4:30 p.m.

GRAND ORATION

Friday evening, June 10, 1977 — Grand Lodge Banquet

by

W. Bevin B. Bump, Grand Orator

My Brethren, as you all well know, a corner stone unites two walls and gives unity and solidity to a building, by joining and sustaining its many parts. It is the key-stone of the foundation. Everything depends upon it; everything proceeds from it. If the corner stone is faulty, the structure is frail. Unless the corner-stone is well and truly laid upon a solid base, the house will not be stable.

The Constitution of our Republic is the great corner-stone of liberty and law in our nation. It was wrought out and laid down upon a bedrock of righteousness, by wise and just men. Everything rests upon it. By it all, liberty is regulated, all law tested. It unites many States into one nation, yet keeps the integrity of each. Truly, it is the written will of God for our country, at once its foundation and its security.

Good work, true work, square work, went into the making and laying of the great corner-stone of liberty. It is square with the order of the world, in which liberty and obedience, justice and mercy, join, or neither is safe. It is true to the needs, duties and hopes of man, giving to each the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and the duty of allowing to others, the same rights. Under its wise and benign power, all may live, and live well, uniting individual initiative and social obligation.

As such, it is a bulwark against autocracy and anarchy alike, against rule by the few and ruin by the mob. By its wise poise of power, representative but not ruthless, we have advanced thus far along the path of our history. Under its calm wisdom, we map our path into the future, yet keep the treasure of a time-tried past. Upon it is truly built a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people", which "shall not perish from the earth". It unites the dead, the living, and those yet unborn into a community of memory, service and hope.

Gladstone once said that our Constitution was the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of the human race. But it was not struck off. Back of it lay ages of experience, in which the race struggled for the rights of man. Out of that mountain of history, as out of a quarry, our Constitution was slowly wrought, in the face of difficulties and defiances which only a divine aspiration and determination in the heart of the race could have overcome. Faith cut it, truth shaped it, time polished it, making a chief corner-stone ready for the builders.

To put it in our own imagery, the Magna Charta, the Bill of Rights, and the Habeas Corpus Act were like the Entered Apprentice Degree in the great initiation into free government. The Bill of Rights and Constitution framed by various Colonies, and even the Declaration of Independence, may be called the Second Degree, in which Fellows in the sublime Craft of Freedom wrought brilliantly. At last, as the Master Degree, after the shadow of war, with its blood and fire and tears, came the Constitution, the final expression in a single document, in permanent and definite form, of the will of a free people. It is an august instrument such as man had never known before; no vain declamation but a grand affirmation, clear, concise, comprehensive, of the principles of organized liberty and just and wise law.

No wonder, it has won the homage of mankind as the "last best hope of earth". It divided history into before and after, opening a new era. Washington once wrote: "I can almost trace the finger of Divine Providence through those dark and mysterious days, which first led the colonists to assemble in convention, thereby laying the foundation for peace and prosperity."

Hamilton, also a member of our Craft, was no less explicit, when he stated: "The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for among old parchments of musty records. They are written as with a sunbeam in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of Divinity itself. The establishment of a Constitution in time of profound peace by the voluntary action of all the people is a prodigy." With which agree all the great voices that echo through our history.

Like all true wisdom, our Constitution was, and is, a compromise between two widely different ideas of government, a balance between the extremes of oligarchy and democracy. Our fathers dreaded the madness of the many as much as the arts of the few. They were equally afraid of the despot and the mob. Their problem was to guard the rights of the States, and yet give the Federal government adequate power. The negotiations were often difficult, and were more than once saved from wreck by the tact, patience, and wisdom of Franklin, Dickinson, Sherman, and most of all Madison, who was called "the father of the Constitution". Two ideas were ever present in their minds. One, that the people should rule, and the other that the will of the people should be carefully and deliberately expressed, not swayed by gusts of popular passion. As Madison put it, though every member of the Athenian Assembly had been a Socrates, the aggregate body would have been a mob.

The result of their labors was a Republic, not a democracy, as too few seem to realize. In a Republic, what Washington called "the delegated will of the people", is vested in representatives elected by the people. The rank and mass of the people will not be bothered with the details of state, even when they are capable of dealing with them, as is shown in our time by the amazing neglect of the ballot. The wisdom of our fathers has been justified in ways too many to name.

Ours is a representative government, not a pure democracy, as we need to keep in mind, if only because, in recent years, the tendency has turned more and more toward democracy. As such it is hedged about with every kind of device to avoid hasty and ill-judged action, in order to protect the

people from themselves, and yet to give expression to their real and considered will. As we look back over our history, we see this wise balance of power tipping now toward one extreme, and now toward another, always with bad results; and it behooves us to keep the poise, if we would keep our sanity, which is our safety.

Of the Constitutional Convention, it may be truly said that a more remarkable assembly of men has never foregathered in history, anywhere or at any time. They were young men, for the most part, though men were deemed old earlier in those days than they are today. Madison was only thirty-six; Dayton of New Jersey, twenty-one. As Masons, we have a right to be proud of the number and quality of the men of our Craft, who sat in that conclave of the great Washington, who presided, was of our Fraternity; and Franklin, whose quaint humor saved many a tense hour; and Hamilton, in whom genius and wisdom joined; as well as others. Indeed, it has been said that with a very few men out of the room, the Convention could have been opened on the Third Degree of Masonry.

Thus, Freemasonry, in the formative days, as in all the years of its story, influenced profoundly, creatively, the organic law of our Republic.

A great deal of time and energy has been expended during the years in attempting to prove that Freemasonry is of great antiquity. We all have taken great pride in listing the dignitaries and patriarchs of history who, legendary history informs us, patronized our mysteries.

Further, we all are justly proud to be a member of a Fraternity that has numbered among its votaries, thousands whose names appear on the pages of our nation's history.

Yes, we are all most pleased with our part, but what of today? What is being done by Masons of today?

With "isms" of every kind threatening us on every side, with our free institutions attacked each day, even by those who were born under them, there is no limit to the good work there is for Masons to do.

How long has it been since any of us has taken the time to read or listen to the following words:

"We, the people, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution."

How long has it been since any of us has taken the time to think of the Constitution, its wisdom and poise and justice, and the wonder of it?

Can you remember the saying of Hamilton, that it is of great importance, not only to guard against the oppression of rulers, but also to protect one part of society from the injustices of the other part? Can you recall his very words?

"Justice is the end of government. It is the end of civil society. It ever has been, and ever will be pursued until it be obtained, or until liberty be lost in the pursuit."

As Lincoln put it, between those who will "let nothing alone" and those who will allow no change at all, there is a middle way of wise and cautious advance. He approved the praise of Burke for those men in public

life who have "disposition to conserve and the ability to improve", adding that we must have not only the wish but the ability to improve, else we shall lose what we have while blunderingly trying to get what we want.

To defend, preserve, and obey the Constitution of our Republic is the first obligation of every citizen, as it is the first oath of every officer.

We, as Masons, must defend, we must preserve, and we must obey the Constitution, for it is without doubt, the great Corner Stone of liberty and law in our nation. For everything rests upon it, by it all liberty is regulated, all laws tested.

Truly, it is the written will of God, for our country, at once its foundation, and its security for all.

PRESENTATIONS

M. .W. . James D. Penley, Grand Master of South Carolina, presented M. .W. . Charles F. Adams with the Albert Gallatin Mackey Award. This Award is the highest award issued by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. This award was given in recognition of M. .W. . Brother Adam's unlimited devotion to the Craft.

M. .W. . Brother Penley also presented a Bi-centennial coin to M. .W. . T. Leo Stines. This coin was issued by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

The Grand Master then introduced the Grand Lodge officers and their wives.

Fifty Year Pins were presented by the Grand Master to W. . Brother L.L. Haddix and W. . Brother Charles E. Baker. Both of the Brethren responded with fitting words.

W. . Brother Keith Winheim, Worshipful Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, presented a 60 year pin to M. .W. . Benjamin F. Eyre. M. .W. . Brother Eyre served as Worshipful Master of Nebraska No. 1 in 1924-1925. M. .W. . Brother Ben thanked his Lodge for remembering him on the occasion of his 60th anniversary of being a Mason.

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 of the past year.

Our Superintendent, Raymond F. Evers, reported at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders in January 1977, that our population at the Home was a little below 70. The average age of men and women was 82. There was a total number admitted for the year of 6 - three men and three women.

The total number of deaths was 16 and the average age at death was 86 years.

The annual per-capita cost of maintaining a resident in the Home is now \$8,025.18. This figure has been constantly rising for the past several years. It is obvious as to the reason.

As I have tried to do each year, please let me again repeat that loving care continues to be what we feel is the principal cause of extended happy life at our Home.

To achieve this, it has to be worked on constantly by everybody connected with the Home. I can assure you it is done. The results indicate the effort that is always expended to keep our care at the high level it is.

I told you that last year had been one of pleasant surprises in our Endowment Fund. The trend has continued. One estate that gave our Home \$2,800,000.00 approximately, has continued on and now the total from that estate is about \$4,500,000.00. The estate is still open and we may receive at some time in future months some more, but the figure I give you here is the bulk of the Endowment.

There have been, during the year, several other rather large estates who remembered us substantially.

This still does not make your Home totally endowed. The cost of operating the Home constantly rises and will continue to do so as long as this inflated economy prevails. I see no change in the foreseeable future.

We are, however, deeply grateful to those who have so generously remembered us. We are not able to say thanks to them except by the way we use what they have left us. That we can and will do.

Over the many years I have been your President, I have heard frequently from people who would like to come to the Home to live but resisted giving up what they had accumulated to do so.

The Board of Trustees has studied this condition a long time and now we can tell you, that yes, you can now come to the Home for pay as you would anywhere else, provided you meet the requirements for admission. The best way to inform you is to repeat here, M.'W.'. Joseph C. Tye's report, that will probably be in the Home and Grand Lodge Publication, which goes to all members. You may have already read the report:

"GOOD NEWS"

"We have heard the rules and regulations for admission to The Nebraska Masonic Home discussed pro and con for many years. The principal objection has been the requirement that it has been necessary to transfer all

property to the Home in order to gain admission. The Board of Trustees has now amended the rules and regulations for admission to the Home so that it is now possible for persons otherwise eligible to be admitted to the Home upon application and agreement to pay not more than the actual cost of maintenance and support as determined by the Board of Trustees. This means that persons who are otherwise eligible to admission to the Home may be admitted without the necessity of transferring their property to the Home but by executing an agreement with the Home to pay not more than the actual cost of maintenance and support. This does not mean that persons otherwise eligible under the rules as they previously existed may not be admitted. Those who desire admission under the old rules and regulations by transferring their property to the Home may be admitted and their entire care, maintenance and support will be furnished by the Home.

The Board of Trustees believe this is an answer to some of the objections made relative to persons being admitted and cared for at the Home and believe the new rules and regulations are in the best interests of Masonry.

The necessary applications and agreements are available from the Grand Secretary or the Superintendent of the Home."

In the interest of space, I must be brief in my concluding remarks. Tribute and thanks must always be said to W. . Brother Bob Boon of Grand Island and his group, as well as W. . Brother J.C. Petersen of Scottsbluff and his group. As always, they faithfully came with loads of food. Our thanks to these fine men and through them, all the Masons over the entire area who joined in to make this trip possible. This is most helpful to the Home; we are grateful. God bless you all.

The Masters and Wardens all over the state contribute to make Christmas all it is. The Omaha group buy the presents and wrap them. Santa Claus does the rest. Come some Christmas if you can, and see just how much love and joy fills this Home from these efforts. Our sincere thanks to all.

We owe so much to so many. Our thanks go to all the Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Masters and Wardens, Order of the Eastern Star Chapters, the Youth Groups, to name a few.

We are very indebted to Sister Virginia Jones, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Doctor Robert Bass, Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star for their generous support this year. All our love to two great people.

Our Grand Master, M. .W. . Brother T. Leo Stines is a fine gentleman. We wish to extend our appreciation for his help all year.

Our Superintendent, Raymond Evers, never tires or lets up in his work to make life worth just a little more to our residents.

Our Secretary, M. .W. . Norris W. Lallman, gives generously day in and day out without pay in his work for our Home. He is always available and cheerfully willing to help in every task.

Lastly Brethren, there are fifteen Trustees of your Home. To the other fourteen, my Brethren and friends, my thanks for being the kindest, most thoughtful group of men I've ever worked with. Champions all.

Thank you, my Brethren,
William F. Patterson, President

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

MORNING SESSION

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN
STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

M. W. . Sir and brethren: I am one of the trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. Joe Lindquist is unable to be here this morning and I would report very briefly that the Masonic Home, we feel, is in very good hands. We have a new Superintendent, Herbert Hjortsvang, who is very well qualified to manage the home. We are at near capacity with three additional children being admitted to the Home this month. We wish to thank you for your support in the past. We ask for it in the days to come, and we will try to run the Home and do what the Home intended to do to the best of our ability and to your complete satisfaction. I would move that Joe Lindquist's written report be included as part of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge Communication.

Motion carried.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I bring to you the traditional greetings from the children at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and, also, greetings from your Board of Trustees.

At this juncture, I have no hesitation in commenting that many of the brethren in this room, perhaps most of them, are asking themselves: "What is the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children?"

There are many mysteries connected with Masonry and one of them has its origins right here in Nebraska. Let me explain.

There is a Children's Home in Fremont, Nebraska. It's been there for many, many years and to me it is amazing that there is so much misunderstanding and lack of knowledge among Masons about a Children's Home, that derives a portion of its name from our fraternity, that has cornerstones on its buildings bearing our fraternal symbol, that has as one of its principal owners the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. . of Nebraska and receives financial support from our Grand Lodge. Yet, the plain and simple fact is that most Nebraska Masons are totally unaware of its existence. It's tragic, that such a situation exists because the Children's Home to which I refer, and the Home in Plattsmouth, are two monumental examples of the social good that flows from our fraternity.

Because so many are unfamiliar with the Home, I'll depart from the traditional statistical approach to the Annual Report and briefly outline for you the scope of the Home's operation. If any of you have questions with respect to the financial operation of the Home, or any other question for that matter, you have only to make them known to any member of the Board of Trustees or to the Home's Administrator and you will receive a prompt and candid answer.

The first great mystery that attaches to the Home, relates to its name. It's been referred to in most every way except by its proper name which is the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. It is not the Fremont Home for Children, the Eastern Star Home for Children or any other such name. Once again, the proper name is the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

The Home is located at 2415 North Main Street, Fremont, Nebraska. If you visit the home you will find several cottages which are occupied by the children and their houseparents. There is also a combination Administration—All Purpose Building, separate residences for the Administrator and the Assistant to the Administrator and a small barn and several sheds which are used in connection with the small farm operation.

The land and buildings and all other assets are owned by the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which is a non-profit corporation. The ownership of the corporation is divided about equally between the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska. A number of Eastern Star Chapters own a decided minority of the stock in the corporation.

The purpose of the corporation is to care for dependent children, who, for reasons beyond their control, are unable to provide or care for themselves. The Home is licensed by the Department of Public Welfare, State of Nebraska. The boys and girls who reside at the Home attend the Fremont Public Schools, worship in the church of their choice and are engaged in all sorts of children's activities. Many have part-time jobs and are employed on a full-time basis during the summer vacation months.

The general operation of the Home is entrusted to a Board of Trustees consisting of 14 members. The Grand Master A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and the Worthy Grand Matron O.E.S. are ex officio members of the Board. The day to day management of the Home is handled by an Administrator and his staff.

The funds to operate the Home are largely derived from interest on dividends earned on the endowment fund and from gifts and contributions. The Trustees annually adopt a budget, and if it's determined that anticipated income from the foregoing sources is inadequate, a request is made to the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter to make up the deficit. For example, between June 15, 1975 and June 15, 1976, each Grand body contributed \$3,435.00 as its share of the operating expenses.

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children is much more than a mere custodial care facility. The real purpose of the Home is to provide more than just food and shelter. The Board of Trustees and the Administrator, with his staff, are dedicated to adopting and implementing programs whereby the youth will have an opportunity to ultimately become self-reliant and responsible citizens. Every effort is made to provide the children with a family type atmosphere where they can physically, intellectually and morally develop.

It is my sincere belief that Masons, by helping to care for the children, at the Home, are doing a work that is truly pleasing to God. I urge each Mason present at this proceeding to visit the Home at the earliest possible time. The experience will be rewarding to both you and to the children. I assure you that you will depart from the Home with a feeling of pride and achievement.

Fraternally submitted,
Joseph N. Lindquist, President.

REPORT ON GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE
OF NORTH AMERICA AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master, presented the report, which was adopted.

M. W. Grand Master:

I am again pleased to make a brief report on another inspirational Conference of Grand Masters of North America, which was held at Washington, D.C. for four days beginning February 20, 1977. I was privileged to attend the conference by virtue of being an Executive Commissioner and Vice-Chairman of the Masonic Service Association, which assisted in the making of necessary arrangements and servicing the conference.

A reception was held on Sunday afternoon, February 20, 1977, for all the Grand Masters of North America, their wives and special guests. Our own Grand Master, T. Leo Stines, hosted the Nebraska delegation to a splendid dinner after the reception.

On Monday morning, we left by bus to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Building for our annual observance of the anniversary of the birth of our great Masonic President, George Washington. At the corporate meeting of the Association, we were delighted that our own M. W. Charles F. Adams was re-elected to another three-year term as First Vice-Chairman of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. After the traditional luncheon at the Monument, the Masonic Service Association, held its annual meeting at the Shoreham Hotel.

The Masonic Service Association, is a national Masonic organization, with 43 Grand Lodges, including Nebraska, comprising its membership. There are two separate divisions of the M.S.A. - The Education Division and the Veteran's Hospital Field Service Division. The monthly short talk bulletins and various surveys and Masonic articles are written either by or for the M.S.A.'s Education Division.

Ninety-seven of the 175 Veterans' Administration Hospitals in the U.S. have trained Masonic Hospital Agents who help serve the needs of hospitalized Masons as well as those of other patients. Our Grand Lodge, with equal financial assistance from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska, has two Field Agents. Brother F. Alan Wolcott is serving the Veterans' Hospital at Omaha and Brother Robert J. Adamsheck is capably serving as the Field Agent for the Veterans' Hospital at Lincoln. Please remember the availability of helpful assistance from either of these Brethren if you know of anyone who is going to be a patient in either of these hospitals.

The new color film of the M.S.A., "The Brotherhood of Man", was released 18 months ago and is proving to be quite popular in narrating the record of fine professional work of the Field Agent. Over 100 Field Agents, with thousands of volunteers assisting them, are carrying on a great benevolent program in ministering to the many needs of the sick and to put into practice the Golden tenets of Masonry, Brotherly Love and Relief!

The Chairman of the M.S.A., Judge Newell Lamb of Indiana, announced that he did not seek re-election for personal reasons. Our Grand Master, T. Leo Stines, nominated Judge Herbert A. Ronin, Vice-Chairman, for the

office of Chairman. The eloquence of his nominating speech, forestalled any further nominations, and I was very privileged to be elected Chairman of the M.S.A. for a term of three years!

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska will again assume half of the operational expense of our two Nebraska Field Agents. They are each rated highly as capable men. I am gratified that our Nebraska Grand Lodge is participating in this remarkable program of service to those in need and that we are able to do so at a minimum of expense. I am especially proud of our own Grand Master's participation in the proceedings of the annual business meeting of our Association!

REPORT OF THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

In the absence of Alan Wolcott, Chairman, the report was given by M. W. T. Leo Stines, Grand Master, and was accepted.

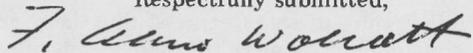
I am submitting a report of the activities and status of the Masonic Service Association as pertains to the Omaha Veteran's Hospital. Our organization has now completed two full years of service at this institution, and its progress, in my estimation, has enjoyed not only a very reputable experience, but from all indications, the hospital personnel has accepted our services with wholehearted and enthusiastic approval.

Relative to my own personal observation and experience, the approval and acceptance of our organization and its work has been equally and just as enthusiastically shared by the patient personnel - which, after all, is the principal objective of our visitation program. The specific instances of comments from patient personnel of our work and the favorable reaction to visits from the Deputy Representative and myself are becoming increasingly frequent.

The auxilliary services in which Brother May and myself participate - such as aiding other volunteer units upon request relative to patient services - we are continuing in such a manner as is consistent with the main objective of patient visitation. These services aid both the medical and nursing staff, and help in our relations with patients.

In consideration of the fact that the greater part of the work and activities of our Association are, as one may assume, of an intangible nature, it is not possible in a report of this kind to enumerate the many specific instances which reveal the work and aspects of the Masonic Service Association in relation to our contacts and association with the patients. It is sufficient to say that in the judgment of Brother May and myself, as well as that of the hospital personnel, the service we render is most rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,



Field Agent

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**

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

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully submits the following report for the consideration of the 120th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

The following lodges were consolidated: Plumblin No. 214 at Adams was consolidated with Beatrice Lodge No. 26 at Beatrice on Oct. 1, 1976. We concur with this consolidation.

The following lodges failed to be represented at the 118th and 119th Annual Grand Lodge Communications:

Shelton	No. 99	Shelton
DeWitt	No. 111	DeWitt
Cement	No. 211	Wood River
Antelope	No. 276	Elgin
Bayard	No. 301	Bayard

Shelton Lodge No. 99 was represented by Claire W. Coleman, Secretary and A.H. Jaeke, PM, who gave a satisfactory explanation.

DeWitt Lodge No. 111 was represented by Leonard Smith WM, and Dewey Geistlinger PM, who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Cement Lodge No. 211, was represented by Otto Albertson WM, and Dale Whitefoot SW, who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Bayard Lodge No. 301, was represented by Floyd Sauer WM who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Antelope Lodge No. 276, was represented by Fred Copley WM, Ray Norton JW, Don Frisbie PM and George Voohris, who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Harlan Lodge No. 116, was directed by the Grand Master to appear before this committee to show cause why they had failed to make the necessary reports, answer communications and pay assessments. They were represented by Lawrence D. Walker WM, who stated that the assessments had been paid and that necessary actions will be taken to guarantee that all reports will be rendered and communications answered in the future. We recommend that Harlan Lodge No. 116 be given until Dec. 1, 1977 to correct all irregularities and up-date all records, otherwise, the Grand Master should consider revoking the charter of this lodge.

The following Lodges failed to be represented at the 119th and 120th Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge and should be cited to appear before the Grand Lodge Committee on Charters and Dispensations at the 121st Grand Lodge communication to show cause why their charter should not be forfeited in accordance with Section 2-514.

Parian	No. 207	Callaway
Oak Leaf	No. 312	Lynch

**REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

W. Glenn F. Sperry, 139, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

Your Committee on Credentials report that all lodges were represented except the following: 4-95-113-127-136-145-161-167-181-199-207-273-274-277-299-305-312-321-324. Total number of lodges: 241. Number not represented: 19. Lodges not represented for two years: Parian No. 207, Callaway and Oak Leaf No. 312, Lynch.

There were 20 Past Grand Masters present. All of the Grand Officers, 25 Deputy Grand Custodians, 160 Masters of their lodges and 60 non-delegates were present.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDEN
Nebraska	1	Keith E. Winheim	Orin W. Wright	Joseph M. Restivo
Western Star	2	Robert E. Farris	Earl Murphy	_____
Capitol	3	Wesley Lindhal*	Kenneth A. Knauber	_____
Nemaha Valley	4	_____	_____	_____
Omadi	5	George Paulsen*	_____	_____
Plattsmouth	6	Daniel Wehrbein	_____	_____
Falls City	9	John H. Hinz	I. Eugene Miller	Wilfred R. Swinton
Solomon	10	Carlos A. Dey	Otis Lindstrom	Richard L. Burmeister
Covert	11	Thomas K. Grove*	Joseph R. Doyle	Henry L. Cumming
Orient	13	Lloyd F. Bindle	_____	_____
Peru	14	John Solie	_____	Carl Stevenson
Fremont	15	Omar L. Gottula	Charles V. Greenfield	Calvin C. Walraven
Tecumseh	17	Willis A. Shuey	_____	Warren Brown
Lincoln	19	Charles J. Probasco	James D. Kontras*	Zean E. Carney
Washington	21	Nile K. Johnson	Thomas H. Blanchard*	_____
Pawnee	23	Larry L. Bradbury	Elmer Vrtiska*	_____
St. Johns	25	Vern S. Diggo*	Kazuo Ikebasu*	_____
Beatrice	26	Ralph Reedy	_____	Harold O. Kelsey*
Jordan	27	Allen G. Thorman*	Franklin Johnson	Lawrence Marvin*
Blue River	30	James D. Boshart	James D. Boshart*	_____
Tekamah	31	Ray S. Lucky	Harold E. Stewart	_____
Platte Valley	32	Kenneth R. Lemon	Bert C. Keith	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler
Ashlar	33	William E. Frasier	Robert W. Boon*	Frank D. Smutny
Acacia	34	Roger L. Blaker	Kurt L. Blazek	Rudolph B. Tomer
Fairbury	35	Charles L. Schultz	Donald W. Larkins	Wayne Swartz
Lone Tree	36	Marvin G. Kyes	Wayne C. Hedges	Lawrence L. Haddi
Crete	37	James A. Clark	G.E. Darrington*	Jerald J. Pomajzl*
Oliver	38	Rollin S. Rolofson	Erwin J. Imig*	Rollin S. Rolofson
Papillion	39	Dale H. Wulff*	Dale H. Wulff	Peter R. Amys, Jr.
Humboldt	40	Rudolph Mueller	Homer Fishwood	John J. Stake*

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDEN
Northern Light	41	Don Pohlman*	Don Pohlman*	_____
Hebron	43	_____	Edward Gebauer	Jack McLaughlin
Harvard	44	Bruce W. Schwenk	Bruce W. Schwenk*	Bruce W. Schwenk*
Rob Morris	46	Clomer E. Warford	Rodney E. Blias	Warren Stenback*
Fairmont	48	Lewis B. Halsey	John McBride	James Stevens*
Evening Star	49	William H. Bottorf	Keith Hendrickson	John A. Bottorf*
Hastings	50	Harley L. Wyatt	Russell L. Staton	Clifford Bierman*
Fidelity	51	Ivan E. Long	Frank Straka	William M. Armagost
Hiram	52	Billy R. Christenson	Howard H. Marshall*	_____
Charity	53	Ivan C. Miller*	_____	_____
Lancaster	54	William G. Hurst	Steven A. Green	Henry Hesser*
Mosaic	55	Henry F. Lumsden	Garvin W. McCracken*	Fred H. Clanton*
York	56	Carl R. Hagrman	William J. Johnson	_____
Mt. Moriah	57	Vaughn L. Lawrence	David E. Carey	_____
Wahoo	59	Lyle L. Hanson	Lloyd R. Druery	David B. Hunter
Melrose	60	Charles Parks	Allen L. Gray	Kenneth S. Albright *
Thistle	61	Donald L. Coad	Donald L. Coad*	Donald L. Coad*
Keystone	62	John R. Zavgren	Joe W. Millsap*	Robert F. Peard*
Blue Valley	64	Otto Novak*	_____	Joe W. Novak
Osceola	65	Edward E. Watts	_____	LeMoyné Anderson
Edgar	67	Everette S. Shaw	E.H. Goad*	_____
Aurora	68	Bob G. Clark	A.W. Grosshans*	Milton R. Madsen
Trowel	71	Kendel Oerter*	Kendel Oerter*	Kendel Oerter*
Hooper	72	Jack Luther	Chris Ruwe*	_____
Friend	73	Amzi McBride*	M.R. Cornell*	Homer T. Bender*
Frank Welch	75	Billy D. Bucher	Earl W. Schultz*	Daniel E. Spearow
Nelson	77	Ivan Schafer*	Frank Harris*	_____
Albion	78	John S. Williams	_____	_____
Geneva	79	Frederick A. Nunns	Ben D. Fussell*	_____
Composite	81	Leonard David*	Leo Aldrich*	Raymond B. Hartman
St. Paul	82	J. Keith Davis	J. Keith Davis	_____
Corinthian	83	Randall L. Larson	Gerald W. Muller	_____
Ionic	87	Ralph Moody	Robert L. Olson	Fulton Olson*
Star	88	Clark K. Beck	James Cooper*	Clark K. Beck*
Cedar River	89	Bryan Lee	Bryan Lee*	Kenneth E. Cunningham
Oakland	91	Erwin D. Friesen	Harry L. Scheffel*	Robert A. Martin
Beaver City	93	Charles W. Harman*	Paul D. Fleming*	Charles W. Harman
Bennett	94	Barry G. Warwick	_____	Lyle C. Allen
Garfield	95	_____	_____	_____
Utica	96	Arvon E. Engel	Robert O. Rhodes	_____
Euclid	97	Douglas F. Jones	_____	_____
Republican	98	Robert C. Foley	_____	_____
Shelton	99	_____	Alvin A. Jaeke*	Clare W. Coleman*
Creighton	100	Chester O. Anderson*	_____	_____
Ponca	101	Robert Anderson	Robert L. Anderson*	Robert L. Anderson *

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDEN
Waterloo	102	Harold D. Jones	Byron C. Anderson	Gene A. Geise
Ord	103	Howard Stephens*	_____	_____
Wymore	104	William J. Marples	Lacy L. Mittan*	William J. Marples*
Stella	105	Earl Hicks*	James H. Findley*	Edgar A. Bredemeier*
Porter	106	Austin S. Bacon*	Austin S. Bacon*	Austin S. Bacon*
Table Rock	108	Lloyd F. Vrtiska*	_____	_____
Pomegranate	110	Clair Lanning*	_____	_____
DeWitt	111	Leonard Smith	Dewey Geistlinger*	_____
Springfield	112	Stanley W. Garner	_____	_____
Globe	113	_____	_____	_____
Wisner	114	_____	_____	Milo G. Cheney
Harlan	116	Lawrence Walker	_____	_____
Hardy	117	Jack McCorkle	Herbert Pedersen*	_____
North Bend	119	James A. Arneal	James A. Arneal*	Danny L. Winkelman
Wayne	120	John V. Addison	David Ley	George O. Macklin*
Superior	121	Gerald M. Barnes	Chauncey B. Michelsen	Gerald M. Barnes*
Auburn	124	Gordon N. Watkins	Claude E. Matthews*	_____
Mount Nebo	125	D.L. Cuddeford*	_____	_____
Stromsburg	126	Robert E. Oberg	_____	Timm O. Waller
Minden	127	_____	_____	_____
Guide Rock	128	Rodney P. Ely	_____	Kenneth L. Thompson
Scribner	132	Omar C. Keller	_____	William Reitemeier
Solar	134	L. DeWitt Van Pelt	_____	_____
McCook	135	Richard W. Cole	_____	Frederick R. Prell
Long Pine	136	_____	_____	_____
Upright	137	Leonard Steiner	Leonard J. Steiner*	Leonard J. Steiner*
Rawl	138	Jud D. Nissen	Jud D. Nissen*	Jud D. Nissen*
Clay Centre	139	Eugene H. Peterson	Glenn F. Sperry*	Glenn F. Sperry*
Western	140	Rolland F. Winter	Rolland F. Winter*	Rolland F. Winter*
Crescent	143	Alex Long	DeForest Jones*	_____
Bancroft	145	_____	_____	_____
Jachin	146	Lavaile L. Gleason	Lavaile L. Gleason*	Harley G. Lofton, Sr.*
Siloam	147	George L. Keidel	George L. Keidel*	George L. Keidel*
Custer	148	Alfred V. Peltzer	_____	_____
Cambridge	150	Bernard A. Cordon	Bernard A. Cordon*	Bernard A. Cordon*
Evergreen	153	H.A. Little*	H.A. Little*	H.A. Little
Lily	154	Vernon L. Corman	James L. Voigt*	James L. Voigt*
Hartington	155	Robert L. Wagner	_____	_____
Samaritan	158	_____	D.M. Burkhiser	Paul D. Carroll*
Ogalalla	159	Richard Lindauer	Fred McCalla	_____
Zeredatha	160	Truman Garber*	_____	Floyd McIlInay
Mt. Zion	161	_____	_____	_____
Trestle Board	162	John G. Haberman*	John G. Haberman*	John G. Haberman*
Unity	163	Walter Marolf*	Walter Marolf*	Walter Marolf*
Atkinson	164	Donald DeGross	Donald DeGross*	Lawrence Pacha

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDEN
Barneston	165	Walter F. Manley	Kenneth W. Rees	Arlyn H. Weyer
Elwood	167	_____	_____	_____
Curtis	168	George R. Stewart*	_____	_____
Amity	169	Robert M. Higgs*	Robert M. Higgs*	Robert M. Higgs*
Mason City	170	Clarence A. Lamb	Clarence A. Lamb*	Clarence A. Lamb*
Merna	171	Floyd Grantzinger*	Floyd Grantzinger*	Floyd Grantzinger*
Robert Burns	173	Loren T. Hawkinson	Loren T. Hawkinson*	Loren T. Hawkinson*
Culbertson	174	C. Keith Miller	C. Keith Miller*	C. Keith Miller*
Gladstone	176	_____	Anton J. Bubak	_____
Hay Springs	177	Don Armstrong*	_____	Don Armstrong*
Justice	180	Byron O. Ham	_____	_____
Faith	181	_____	_____	_____
Alliance	183	LeRoy J. Trabert*	Arthur Hasse*	Vincent Rosenberger*
Bee Hive	184	Harold Beck	Frank Schulze	_____
Boaz	185	Ramond A. Parker	Ramond A. Parker*	Ramond A. Parker*
Meridian	188	Brian L. Montgomery	Ralph McNulty*	Theodore A. Riedl*
Granite	189	Douglas C. Ferebee	_____	_____
Crystal	191	Raymond Toogood*	Raymond Toogood*	Raymond Toogood*
Minnekadusa	192	Eldon B. Fox	_____	Henry A. Fox*
Highland	194	Richard C. Suiter	Rodney W. Douglass	Frederich E. DeVries
Arcana	195	Frank G. Capler*	_____	_____
Purity	198	Leonard L. Jones	Leonard L. Jones*	Leonard L. Jones*
Gavel	199	_____	_____	_____
Blazing Star	200	Roy S. Cram	Roy S. Cram*	Roy S. Cram*
Scotts Bluff	201	A.A. Mike Kauffold	Donald M. McDonald	Robert L. Entrekin*
Golden Sheaf	202	Pete Milander*	_____	Robert Sellon
Plainview	204	Fred C. Gardner	_____	_____
Golden Fleece	205	I. Lynn Clark	_____	Rodney L. Samp*
Parian	207	_____	_____	_____
Canopy	209	Richard F. Pratt	_____	_____
East Lincoln	210	Edward J. Wasson	Donald A. Kyckelhahn*	George Osborn*
Cement	211	Otto M. Albertson	Dale Whitefoot	Otto M. Albertson*
Occidental	215	Thomas W. Stewart	Richard N. Nielsen*	Richard Owston*
Palisade	216	Donald H. Husted	Viron E. Baxter*	_____
Wauneta	217	Gordon A. Deininger	Robert G. Walgren	_____
Bloomfield	218	Albert M. Haug	Everett F. Kuhl*	Robert Harm*
Relief	219	Marvin Ropte*	_____	_____
Magnolia	220	Earl W. Carper	_____	_____
Wood Lake	221	David J. Kreycik*	David J. Kreycik*	David J. Kreycik
Landmark	222	Eugene A. Boroff*	Eugene A. Boroff*	John J. Thone
Eminence	223	Gerald D. Hunnicut* Hunnicut*	Daryl Hunnicutt	_____
Silver Cord	224	Morton D. McBride	_____	James Lauer
Cable	225	Roy E. Blixt*	_____	_____
North Star	227	Mike Peterson	Robert J. Prenosil	Robert J. Routh

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDEN
Bartley	228	Willard L. Kerst	Willard L. Kerst*	Willard L. Kerst*
Comet	229	Robert J. Schmucker	_____	_____
John S. Bowen	232	Roy L. Rosenbaum	Ronald F. Hinline	Fred Gregerson*
Gilead	233	Max O. Brown*	Max O. Brown	William P. Wills*
Zion	234	LeRoy O. Boots	LeRoy O. Boots*	LeRoy O. Boots*
Fraternity	235	Gail Axen	_____	_____
Golden Rule	236	K.L. Linafelter	_____	_____
Cubit	237	Waldo McPherson	_____	_____
Friendship	239	Robert E. Comer	Plin L. Robotham	_____
Pilot	240	William Brunton	Carl E. Anderson	Robert H. Little*
George				
Armstrong	241	Don Bonneau*	Donald C. Bonneau	_____
Hampton	245	_____	_____	_____
Nehawka	246	Wm. J. Bescheinen, Jr.	_____	William B. Mayfield
Laurel	248	James L. Lipp	James L. Lipp*	James L. Lipp*
Gothenburg	249	W.R. Hastings	W.R. Hastings*	W.R. Hastings*
George				
Washington	250	William Keller	L.D. Payne	Ray E. Brown*
Wausa	251	Lowell E. Erickson	James Otteman	Lynn Doty*
Bassett	254	William B. Gubser*	William B. Gubser*	William B. Gubser
Hickman	256	Earl E. Ziemann	Everett W. Larson	LeRoy Joe Lewis
Anselmo	258	Harold L. Lindly	Leonard V. Lindley*	_____
Ornan	261	Gayle Angus	_____	_____
Endeavor	262	Loton C. Puelz*	_____	_____
Mitchell	263	Adelino Francescato	Sidney H. Bliton*	_____
Franklin	264	Francis L. Muckel	David Muckel*	_____
Robert W.				
Furnas	265	E. Wayne McFarland	Edward H. Lockwood*	Everett K. Dappen*
Silver	266	William B. Wyman	Dale A. Carlson	_____
James A. Tulleys	267	Elvin Young*	_____	_____
George W.				
Lininger	268	John W. Pemberton	Joel B. Reynolds	John W. Webster
Oasis	271	William C. Salkins*	William C. Salkins	William C. Salkins*
Lee P.				
Gillette	272	Leland E. Everett	Ulfert H. Klassmeyer	_____
Crofton	273	_____	_____	_____
Olive Branch	274	_____	_____	_____
Antelope	276	Fred L. Capler	Leland D. Pierce	Ray Norton
Sioux	277	_____	_____	_____
Litchfield	278	Carl Fox*	_____	_____
Wallace	279	Loren J. Stevens*	_____	_____
Swastika	280	William W. Steen*	William W. Steen*	William W. Steen*
Florence	281	Theodore W. Dodge	Bill Moore	Dale C. Wilson
Mullen	282	Percy E. Miller*	Percy E. Miller*	_____
Seneca	284	Donald K. Clayton	Donald K. Clayton*	Donald K. Clayton*
Camp Clarke	285	N.L. Christiansen	N.L. Christiansen*	N.L. Christiansen*
Oshkosh	286	James A. Shelton	James A. Shelton*	James A. Shelton*
Union	287	Leslie L. Weatherhogg	Milton C. Leefers	Robert A. Sorensen

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDEN
Omaha	288	Lawrence L. Durden	William Dilks*	
Lotus	289	Charles L. Crate	Louis H. Kappler*	Louis H. Kappler
John J. Mercer	290	Jerry J. Hoban	Frank E. Swanson	Joe L. Wilson
Diamond	291	Duard Dempster	Duard Dempster*	Galan W. Gibbs*
Monument	293	Weldon d'Allemand		
Kimball	294	Maynard Brown	Maynard Brown*	Winton H. Wallin
Minatare	295	Harold Bishop	Harold Bishop*	
Cotner	297	William J. Williams	Leonard W. Martin*	William J. Williams*
Chester	298	E.F. Mumm	Joe L. Duey*	Norman L. Crounje*
Sutherland	299			
Liberty	300	David L. Williams	Bruce D. Wood	Roscoe Malick
Bayard	301	Floyd H. Sauer		Floyd H. Sauer*
Mizpah	302	Jack D. Wagaman	H. Dean Cowles	Robert H. Mohring
Right Angle	303	Samuel P. Ross	Richard T. Allbright	Frank P. D'louhy*
Newman Grove	305			
Golden Rod	306	Wayne L. Campbell*	Ralph R. Carleton*	F.W. Pivonka*
Perkins	308	Bill Potts		
Victory	310	John L. Sullivan	Merlin R. Finlay	John L. Sullivan*
Polk	311	Robert C. Clymer		
Oak Leaf	312			
Potter	313	Rudy Dedic*	Rudy Dedic	Rudy Dedic*
Craftsmen	314	Ralph L. Beach, Jr.	Dan W. Holmstedt*	Steven D. Cherep
Alpha	316	Marvin Andersen	Christ T. Knudsen	
Mid-West	317	John R. Kerr	Keith L. Haist	Joe Pottorff*
Grand Island	318	Curtis K. Griess	Thomas F. Kinman II	Earl N. Hanel*
Bladen	319	Harold Lutkemeier*		
College View	320		Thomas Anderson*	Galen Fritchie*
Harmony	321			
Lebanon	323	J.P. Young*	C. Lynn Anderson	R.E. Koppel
Cairo	324			
Bellevue	325	Herbert P. Taylor	John D. Stripling	Halsey D. Phillips
Centennial	326	Robert L. Schroeder	Stanley J. Byers	Eugene H. Wahl
Shiloh	327	R.M. Leiderbrand	Kerwood Kelly	Ivan A. Vrtiska
Miloma	328	Leonard Stenneche	Leonard Stenneche*	Ronald D. Hill*

W. . RALPH W. GERRY, GRAND CUSTODIAN

M. . W. . Grand Master, may I at this time present a motion that the published proceedings of the 119th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. . F. . & A. . M. . of Nebraska, held in June, 1976 and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge, published and distributed by the Grand Secretary, be ratified and approved.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M. W. Harold Hultman, 39, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

The meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee was called to order by M. W. Harold Hultman, Past Grand Master, at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 9, 1977, with all Past Grand Masters present except Carter, Ricketts, Brown and Swanson. The Committee reviewed the decisions by the Grand Master during the past year and reports as follows:

DECISIONS

1. Approved.
2. Approved subject to insertion of the word, "that" in the last sentence between the words "be" and "approved" to read, "must be that approved by this Grand Lodge".
3. Approved as the oldest resident member residing in Nebraska is entitled to the Bronze Jordan Medal.
4. Approved subject to striking the word "financial" in the second paragraph and striking the third paragraph.
5. Approved subject to changing the word "any" to "my" before the word "decision" in the third line of the first paragraph.
6. Approved excepting the last sentence in the third paragraph.
7. Approved subject to the suggestion to amend the wording in the last paragraph to "shall not install a wireless system".

BY-LAWS

Approved the By-Laws changes as submitted.

DISPENSATIONS

1. Approved first paragraph.
2. Approved second paragraph.
3. Approved third paragraph.
4. Approved fourth paragraph.
5. Approved fifth paragraph.
6. Approved sixth paragraph.
7. Approved seventh paragraph, and suggest a motion to approve all dispensations completely.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approved for consideration by the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Lodge.

Adjourned subject to call of the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

Report was given by W. BERNARD T. PIPHER, 31, Chairman.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Your Committee for Codification of the Law worked with the Committee for Revision of the By-Laws and Constitution. Last year, by action of this Grand Lodge, you enacted a comprehensive revision of the By-Laws. At that same session, the Committee for Revision submitted an amended re-

write of the Constitution and should be commended for its work on this project. The proposed amended rewrite of the Constitution was submitted in printed form to all the subordinate lodges, approved by an almost unanimous vote and was adopted by action of this Grand Lodge, at this session.

With the permission of the Grand Master, I will omit reading the entire Constitution as adopted, since you have had an opportunity to read it and study it in your own lodges. M. .W. . Donald Swanson explained the minor changes yesterday prior to the ballot. I now request your permission to omit reading the entire Constitution, M. .W. . Sir.

Therefore, there is no further action required of this Committee, except to direct that the Constitution as adopted, including all Articles, Sections and paragraphs contained therein, be printed, together with some introductory material and the necessary indexing required for printing, which can be done by the Committee and office staff.

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

This rather brief report, M. .W. . Sir, is respectfully submitted by your Committee consisting of Gladwyn A. Youngs, No. 210, Joseph N. Lindquist, No. 1 and Bernard T. Pipher, No. 31. We sincerely appreciate the assistance of the Past Grand Masters who assisted with the revision of the Constitution, especially M. .W. . Donald Swanson.

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

**FINAL BUDGET REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1977-78**

M. .W. . Grand Master and Brethren all:

This is the Final Report of the Appropriations Committee for this coming year's budget, which covers the period from May 1, 1977, to April 30, 1978.

Our Final Report is exactly the same as the Preliminary Report, which I presented to this Grand Lodge yesterday.

The Final Report will then read as follows:

Total Grand Lodge Budget.....	\$ 146,908.40
Grand Lodge Responsibility - Masonic	
O.E.S. Home.....	<u>10,800.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 157,708.40
Anticipated Income.....	\$ 187,805.00
Appropriated.....	<u>157,708.40</u>
BALANCE	\$ <u>30,096.00</u>

We, the Committee, wish to thank the Past Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge Officers and the Grand Lodge Committees for their promptness and cooperation in arriving at this report. I move the adoption of this report. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry A. Tollander, Acting Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully reports that the Grand Lodge of Guatamala is now recognized by this Grand Lodge, and that we are in the process of exchanging Grand Representatives.

We have had requests for recognition from the Grand Orient of Brazil. According to the Committee on Recognition of the Grand Masters' Conference, there have been charges and countercharges made concerning this Grand Lodge. The charges are that the Grand Orient permits the use of Masonic work which denies the existence of God. Other charges are that the Grand Orient of Brazil includes lodges organized for women and also recognizes mixed Lodges of men and women. These are serious charges and have been repudiated by the officers of the Grand Orient.

Although the Brazilian Masonic situation is complex and it is difficult to determine the entire truth of the charges, we hope that ultimately the Masons of Brazil will themselves solve their problems and become unified in their Masonry. We certainly would not recommend recognition at the present time.

While the Cuban government has not banned Masonry, it has limited the operation of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges. The membership in Cuba is about 25,000. We believe that the Masonic World should continue to stand by the Grand Lodge of Cuba in its time of trial. Our Brethren in Cuba continue to exhibit great courage in their practice of Freemasonry.

The Commission on recognition of the Grand Master's Conference, warned the Grand Lodges as early as 1967, about an organization known as "The Universal League of Freemasons". A number of Grand Lodges have issued edicts and resolutions against membership in the "Universal League of Freemasons". We would again remind you that this organization is indiscriminate in its selection of members and accepts members from irregular Masonic Organizations not recognized by any of the Grand Lodges.

M. W. . Sir, I move that this report be accepted.

Fraternally submitted,
Norris W. Lallman, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

Your Committee on Returns respectfully submits the following Report:

The Committee has examined the Monthly and Annual Returns of the Subordinate Lodges for the year 1976 and finds that in general, with few exceptions, they are satisfactorily prepared by Lodge Secretaries.

We wish to emphasize the utmost importance of rendering Monthly Reports and Annual Returns to reach the Grand Secretary's Office within the time limit as prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws. These reports must be compiled strictly in every detail provided for on the submitted forms so that a complete and up-to-date record may be maintained of the Membership.

We note among the newer and inexperienced Lodge Secretaries, the following omission errors on their Annual Returns:

38 Lodges neglected to apply imprint of their Official Seal as provided for.

10 Lodges failed to show name of their Bronze Jordan Medal Member, date of presentation or explanation of omission.

The Financial Statement listing Resources and Liabilities over signature of Lodge Secretary or other, is a part of this report and is required to complete the Annual Returns.

Annual Returns must be certified by signatures of both Master and Secretary. A number of Lodges failed to certify their Reports.

It is the recommendation of the Committee that Lodges failing to render their Monthly and Annual Returns as prescribed by Law, that the penalty as provided for in Section 2-601, of the Constitution and By-Laws, be imposed on each Lodge becoming delinquent.

It is also the recommendation of the Committee that Lodge Secretaries continue use of the Monthly Progress Form to be in balance with Monthly and Annual Reports before mailing to the Grand Secretary's Office, to eliminate possible errors.

The Committee wishes to highly commend the Grand Secretary and his very efficient Staff for the excellent manner in which these records are maintained and for the courteous helpful cooperation extended the Committee while checking these Returns.

Fraternally submitted,

Sebert A. Stover, 281

Stanley P. Street, 11

Sidney W. Irwin, 302

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RESOLUTION PRESENTED

(LINCOLN,

MARVIN ROPTE: M. W. Sir, I presented the written form to the Grand Lodge. This resolution is a copy of the one in regard to the rituals. BE IT RESOLVED: that Section 3-102 (m) "The possession or use of all keys, ciphers, or printed matter relating to the ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry" - be deleted from the By-laws. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: — that an additional section be added to the by-laws in the proper place to read "The Grand Lodge will issue copies of the Ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry to any subordinate lodge who so desires such copies. Signed by five Master Masons.

M. W. T. LEO STINES, GRAND MASTER: My brother, you can ask for unanimous consent for your resolution and if you get unanimous consent, that resolution will be acted on. If not it will lay over until next year.

MARVIN ROPTE: If that is the procedure of the Grand Lodge, that is all right with me.

M. W. T. LEO STINES, GRAND MASTER: Is there anyone who would like to speak against this resolution? There is an objection and there seems to be two or three of them, so it will lay over until next year.

R. W. ALFRED B. SAUM, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I will be installed in a very short time, as Grand Master, and I move that the 121st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, be held next June 9 and 10 at Kearney.

M. W. T. LEO STINES, GRAND MASTER: Brethren, we gained a lot of time this morning and at this time, we should like to hear from our Distinguished Guests.

The following Brethren brought greetings from their respective Grand Jurisdictions: M. W. Russell Torfin, Past Grand Master of Minnesota; R. W. Frank A. Arnold, Grand Secretary of Missouri; R. W. Albert A. Arnold, Jr., Grand Secretary of Kansas; R. W. Roscoe Roberts, Junior Grand Warden of Colorado; and M. W. James D. Penley, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

M. W. T. LEO STINES, GRAND MASTER: Brethren, we will stand adjourned until 11:00 a.m. at which time we have our open installation.

INSTALLATION

M. W. BENJAMIN F. EYRE, PAST GRAND MASTER AND INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER:

Grand Lodge, visitors, ladies and friends: The time has come for us to install our officers. As your Installing Officer, I would like to present my assistants at this time. Grand Marshal of this installation service, M. W. Brother Herbert A. Ronin; Grand Chaplain, M. W. John F. Futcher; Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Joseph C. Tye.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, we are now prepared to install your Grand 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.

M. .W. .	Alfred B. Saum	Grand Master
R. .W. .	Jack H. Hendrix.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. .W. .	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. .W. .	Byron C. Jenkins.....	Grand Junior Warden
M. .W. .	Norris W. Lallman.....	Grand Secretary
V. .W. .	J. Dallas Gibson	Grand Chaplain
W. .	Bevin B. Bump	Grand Orator
W. .	Gladwyn A. Youngs	Grand Historian
W. .	Ralph W. Gerry.....	Grand Custodian
W. .	Robert A. Metcalf	Grand Marshal
W. .	Harold C. Wurdeman	Grand Senior Deacon
W. .	Paul R. Pierce	Grand Junior Deacon
W. .	Wayne G. Luenenborg	Grand Tyler

**M. .W. . ALFRED B. SAUM
NEW GRAND MASTER**

I wish to express my appreciation to you, my brethren, for conferring upon me the highest honor in your providence, to confer upon a brother in this Grand Jurisdiction. Now, let us proceed with the installation, after which I will make additional remarks.

I would like to introduce the Past Grand Masters, who have served as installing officers this morning. M. .W. . Brother Benjamin F. Eyre, Installing Officer took time out from his very busy year as Grand Master in 1946, to come out to Kearney and raise me to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He came out again in 1951, and installed me as Worshipful Master of Rob Morris Lodge. So it was very fitting and proper that I should invite him to install the Officers this morning. M. .W. . Brother Joseph C. Tye, Installing Secretary appointed me as Grand Marshal of this Grand Lodge to serve during his year as Grand Master in 1959. M. .W. . Brother John F. Futchter, Installing Chaplain, re-appointed me the next year, M. .W. . Herbert A. Ronin, Installing Marshal, also re-appointed me the next year. M. .W. . Brother Ronin, is Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite of Nebraska. M. .W. . Brother Ernest O. Van Wey also re-appointed me the next year as did our late M. .W. . Brother Ralph M. Carhart. I am grateful to each of you, my brethren, for the opportunities you have given me to serve. M. .W. . Brother Ernie, I regret that there was not another installing officer so I could have given you a job.

Now, may I introduce the Grand Lodge family. Will you please remain standing until all have been introduced, then those in attendance may applaud. First, before I forget, may I introduce my wife, Ada. R. .W. . Brother Jack H. Hendrix, Trenton, Deputy Grand Master and Betty; R. .W. . Brother Warren D. Lichty, Jr., Grand Senior Warden and Margaret; R. .W. . Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Junior Warden and Helen; M. .W. . Norris W. Lallman, Omaha, Grand Secretary, and Alice; V. .W. . J. Dallas Gibson, Lincoln, Grand Chaplain and Ann; W. . Brother Bevin B. Bump, Chadron, Grand Orator and Maxine; W. . Brother Gladwyn A. Youngs, Lincoln, Grand Historian and Jeanne; W. . Brother Ralph W. Gerry, Omaha, Grand Custodian, and Mary; W. . Brother Robert A. Metcalf, Lincoln, Grand Marshal and Dorothy; W. . Brother Harold C. Wurdeman, Columbus, Grand Senior Deacon and Irene; W. . Brother Paul R. Pierce, Hastings,

Grand Junior Deacon and Helen; W. . Brother Wayne W. Lueningborg, North Platte, Grand Tyler and Delphine. Thank you, Brethren all.

Now, may I introduce my family. First, my Ada, who was consistently with me during my years as Grand Marshal as well as the past five years, as I have proceeded up the advancing line. M. .W. . Brother Benjamin F. Eyre and Aunt Hazel. Ben is Ada's uncle and he has always been an inspiration to me. Our daughter Carroll Heath and husband George and son David from Lakewood, Colorado. Our son Boyd and wife Barbara, daughters Beth and Cathy and son Steve and little Teddy, from Barrington, Illinois. My brother Kenneth, his wife Dorothea and daughters, Brenda and Carla, Davenport, Nebraska. Kenneth is a Past Master of Lily Lodge No. 154 at Davenport and Past Worthy Patron of the Order of Eastern Star and Dorothea is a Past Worthy Matron.

I am so grateful to all of you for taking time out to attend this ceremony. This constitutes our family. I have seen several of my brethren from Rob Morris Lodge No. 46. Will each of you, along with your wives, please rise, so I may introduce you? Warren Stenbeck, and I might add that Warren is taking over for me for the next fourteen months as Secretary, and other members of my lodge, who are present.

I wish to express my appreciation to our late M. .W. . Brother Howard J. Hunter, a long time friend who appointed me to the active line in 1972. He was a devoted Mason and he is certainly missed throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. I also wish to express my appreciation to those Grand Masters who appointed me to the various committees thereby giving me opportunities to serve the many capacities. We are fully aware that membership problems still exist. We shall endeavor to correct this problem the next year if possible. M. .W. . Brother Louis V. Sylvester, Chairman of our Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education, is doing an outstanding job in this regard and is certainly getting results.

I would also like to give credit to W. . Brother Ralph W. Gerry, Grand Custodian. He has inaugurated a fine program of Central Schools throughout the state and he also is getting fantastic results. We shall also encourage our Youth Groups, DeMolay, Job's and Rainbow for Girls. I am of the opinion that I have an outstanding line of officers for the ensuing year and all of them extremely active for many years. Those dedicated Grand Masters, who have gone ahead of us have laid out the work on the trestle Board and we shall endeavor to carry out their techniques with assistance of our devoted officers, under the guidance and blessing of the Grand Architect of the Universe. We are looking forward to a purposeful year for this Grand Lodge.

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

I have a duty to perform. Is M. .W. . John A. Bottorf present? Brother John, would you look around and see if you can find your grandson out there someplace? If you can, would you bring him to the East and have him face west? For me, this has been a pleasant year. I have watched Leo all year long. Anytime he performed a duty, I would say that he was my beloved son. I rest secure in the knowledge that if he ever did anything I didn't like, I would say that he is just John A. Bottorf's grandson. Fortunately, it was not necessary to say that. Brother John, I do have one question of you. Did you look around at the results of your appointments a tenth of a century ago? What would you have done differently, if you

could do it over? You don't need to answer that. Do you see anything wrong? He isn't dressed. I think he should have some clothes on. Brother Leo, for the last few years, you have been getting new aprons. We will put this on if you think you are worthy. Yesterday, you were inducted into the Past Grand Master's Association. Now it is official. This is the last opportunity you will ever have, so if you have anything to say, say it now.

M. W. T. LEO STINES, PAST GRAND MASTER:

Thank you, M. W. Sir. I have been waiting for this occasion for a year. As I pointed out in my remarks to the Grand Lodge yesterday morning, I served four years as Grand Marshal of this Grand Lodge and six years progressing through the line to this position. It has been the most rewarding decade of my life. I can't think of anyone I would rather receive this lovely apron and this jewel from, than M. W. Brother Russell L. Fickes, who appointed me in line as a Grand Junior Deacon. Of course, he was so ably assisted by M. W. Brother John A. Bottorf, who originally appointed me Grand Marshal. For this I will be ever grateful. I have enjoyed this tour through the Grand Lodge line and I will never forget this past year. It has gone by so fast, it is hard for me to realize that it is over. Just seems like a couple three months ago that I was installed Grand Master and I will be forever grateful to this Grand Lodge for giving me the opportunity of serving as their Grand Master. I thank you.

At 12 o'clock noon, no further business appearing after prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain. The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Alfred B. Saum

Grand Master

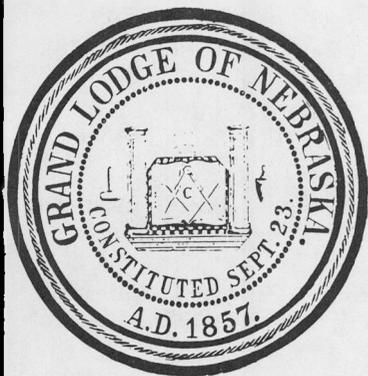
Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the proceedings of the One Hundred Twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, June 10 and 11, and printed under my direction.

Witness, my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 9th day of July, 1977.

James W. Lallman

Grand Secretary



**GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES
APPOINTED**

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENTS: W. Donald R. White, 327, Chairman; Kenneth P. Lott, 184; Amos H. Campbell, 184.

APPROPRIATIONS: W. Walter E. Truex, 55 (1978), Chairman; W. Paul Eveland, 119 (1982); W. Harry A. Tollander, 281 (1980); W. Robert A. Carhart, 120 (1981); E. Forrest Estes, 19, (1979).

FINANCE: W. Howard L. Patterson, 303, (1981), Chairman; W. Sidney W. Irwin, 302 (1982); W. J. Ansel Toft, 232 (1980); W. Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290 (1978); W. Floyd A. Sterns, 19 (1979).

FATERNAL DEAD: W. Burton A. Knudsen, 59, Chairman; W. Harley G. Lofton, Sr., 146; Norris L. Rusmisell, 46.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49; M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. Curtis M. Maynard, 317; W. Russell M. Warren, 267.

GRAND LODGE OFFICES: M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54 (1980) Chairman; M. W. Thomas J. Aron, 37 (1981); M. W. John H. Brown, 1, (1978); M. W. Harold Hultman, 39 (1981); W. Thomas H. Blanchard, 21, (1979).

GRAND TRUSTEES: M. W. John F. Futcher, 302, (1981), Chairman; W. Robert A. Wekesser, 54, (1979); W. Harold E. Gabrielson, 302, (1978); W. Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1, (1982); W. George T. Harris, 302, (1980).

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND: W. Robert A. Metcalf, 210, Chairman; W. Dale Page, 15; W. Jerald J. Pomajzl, 37.

MASONIC EDUCATION: M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1980), Chairman; W. Alfred G. Wurst, 59 (1979); W. Wayne W. Reese, 54 (1978); W. George A. Iverson, 15 (1978); M. W. T. Leo Stines, 36, (1980)

MASONIC RELIEF: W. Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1977), Chairman; W. Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1979); W. Melvin E. Hatfield, 54 (1978); W. Robert L. Little, 240 (1980); W. James A. Bradley, 1, (1981).

NEBRASKA WORK: M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1978), Chairman; M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, (1979); M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150, (1980).

PUBLIC RELATIONS: W. Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210 (1981), Chairman; W. Gary L. Powell, 19, (1979); M. W. John H. Brown, 1, (1978); Brother Jack Payne, 1, (1980).

TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY: M. W. Russell L. Fickes, 33, (1979), Chairman; W. Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1980); W. Herman O. Hansen, 3, (1978).

LODGE ADVISORY: M. W. Harold Hultman, 39, (1979), Chairman; M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, (1978), M. W. Frank J. Mattoon, 75, (1980).

YOUTH COMMITTEE: W. Wayne J. Pauley, 19, Chairman; W. William J. Hurst, 54; W. Kyle M. Lantz, 68.

VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

Roy T. Stiehl	Hay Springs No. 177	41 years
Floyd Christy	Trestle Board No. 162	34 years
Warren C. Hall	Nelson No. 77.....	34 years
Wayne Warden Loftis	Landmark No. 222	33 years
Bernard Besse Harris	Robert W. Furnas, No. 265	33 years
Harley I. Simons	Cambridge No. 150	30 years
Merle P. Hayes	Superior No. 121.....	30 years
John J. Carter	Cement No. 211	29 years
Alvin C. Groesser	Euclid No. 97.....	29 years
Arthur P. Starkjohann	Minnekadusa No. 192.....	28 years
Howard R. James.....	Bladen No. 319	26 years
Homer C. Davey	Midwest No. 317	26 years

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

Who Have Attended Grand Lodge
21 Years Or More

Benjamin F. Eyre 55 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- 66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77
Carl R. Greisen 54 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- 65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77
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- 75
Merle M. Hale 40 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- 65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-74-75-76-77
Thomas J. Aron 38 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- 68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77
Louis V. Sylvester 36 years	1942-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56- 57-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68- 69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77
Edward M. Knight 35 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- 70-71-72-73-75-76-77

Norris W. Lallman 35 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 -75 -76-77
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
Albert B. Osborn 33 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 -75 -76
Charles F. Adams 32 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 -75 -76-77
E. Forrest Estes 30 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- 74-75-76-77
Ralph R. Carleton 30 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 -75 -76-77
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
Paul D. Fleming 27 years	1950-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63- 64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-73-74-75-76-77

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
Zuingle M. Baird	Dec. 17, 1916	155	(41st) 1906
Ornan J. King	Dec. 26, 1927	54	(42nd) 1907
William A. DeBord	May 17, 1916	3	(43rd) 1908
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

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
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
George A. Kurk	May 4, 1977	54	(78th) 1942
William B. Wanner	June 13, 1975	9	(79th) 1943
William C. Schaper	Febr. 12, 1977	148	(80th) 1944-45
Edward Huwaldt	Febr. 14, 1977	318	(82nd) 1947
Roscoe Pound	July 1, 1964	54	(Honorary) 1949
Elmer E. Magee	Mar. 19, 1975	227	(83rd) 1948
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
Herbert T. White	Oct. 12, 1975	11	(90th) 1955
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
Howard J. Hunter	May 6, 1975	59	(107th) 1972

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

- EDWARD F. CARTER, 201 (77th) ..1941
 1615 Skyline Dr., Lincoln 68506
- BENJAMIN F. EYRE, 1 (81st) ..1946
 2607 No. 93rd, Apt. 3, Omaha 68134
- 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
- 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
 9324 Cuming Plaza, Apt. 18B, Omaha 68114
- 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
- FRANK J. MATTOON, 75 (108th) .. 1973
 2613 El Rancho Rd. Sidney 69162
- DONALD R. SWANSON, 54 (109th) .. 1974
 1615 So. 44th, Lincoln 68506
- HAROLD HULTMAN, 39 (110th) .. 1975
 260 Skyline Dr. Elkhorn 68022
- T. LEO STINES, 36 (111th) .. 1976
 R.F.D. No. 1, Central City 68826
- 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

**LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES**

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama	Robert M. Savage	Box 6195, Montgomery 36106
Alberta	Melvin P. Dunford	330-12 Avenue S.W. Calgary
Argentina	Alcibiades Lapas	Cangallo 1242 (R.28), Buenos Aires
Arizona	James M. King	Masonic Temple, 4th Ave. & Monroe, Phoenix 85003
Arkansas	Jack B. Donham	700 Scott St., Little Rock 72201
Austria	Hans Kloser Homma	9 Gussenbauergeresse, Vienna a-1090
Belgium	Herman Buskens	265 Rue Royale, Brussels
Bolivia	Pedro Jose' Laguna	Obispo Cardenas, 1480 Casilla Postal 564, La Paz
Brazil, Para	Ildefons P. Guimaraes	Rua Aristides Lobo, 183 Caixa Postal, 333, Belem
Brazil, Pernambuco	Milton Jorge Pereira	Caixa Postal 1415 Recife
Brazil, United Grand Lodge of Bahia	Ivo Lopes da Silva	Masonic Temple Rua Carlos Gomes, N. 21, Salvador P.O. Box 1128 Federal Dist.
Brazil, Brasilia	Antonio Zelalon Filho	Box 76, Fortaleza
Brazil, Ceara	Moacyr Do Como	Caixa Postal 130, Campo Grande
Brazil, Minas Gerais	Sergio Alexandre Ivanenko	Avenida do Brasil, 478, Box 5. Belo Horizonte
Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Kurt Max Hauser	Box 683, Paraco Garibaldi 21. Porto Allegro
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Guanabaro	Jose Isaac Kae	Box 2215, Rio de Janeiro
Brazil, Santa Catarina	Sergio Bopppe	Caixa Posta D-33 Florianapolis Catarina, Brazil
Brazil, Saa Paulo	Waldeman Ellovitch	Temple Masopico Rua Sao Joaquin 138 Caixa Postal 8384
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Napoleon Grispem	Box 3, Paraiba
Brazil, Grand Lodge Parana	Angelo Palhares	Caixa Postal 1363, Cuistiba
British Columbia	David M. Taylor	Freemasons' Hall 1495 W. 8th Ave. V6H IC9 Vancouver
California	Edward H. Siems	California Masonic Memorial Temple, 1111 California St. San Francisco 91408
Canada	J.A. Irvine	Box 217, Hamilton, Ontario
Chile	Rene Court Portales	Casilla 2867, Santiago
China	Geo. W. Chen	Box 758, Taipei, 100 Repub. of China, Taiwan.
Colorado	Dean C. Settle	1130 Panorama Dr. Colo. Springs, Co. 80904
Columbia National Grand Lodge	Emerito de Lima	Apartodox Postal No. 333, Baranquilla
Columbia Bogat	William Campbell	P.O. Box 250, Wallingford 06492
Connecticut	Roberto Schmidt	Gamboa P.O. Box Y, San Jose
Costa Rica	Jose Alvarez Rivera	Apartado 72, La Habana, Fla.
Cuba	Maldonado	
Delaware	Walter F. Lokey	818 Market Street, Wilmington 19801
Denmark National Grand Lodge	Egil Hanberg	Bledgamsvj 23, Copenhagen
District of Columbia	William H. Minnick	Masonic Temple, 801 - 13th St., N.W. Washinton 20005
Ecuador	V.H. Rodriguez Roditi	Box 932, Guayaquil
England	James W. Stubbs	Freemason's Hall, Great Queen St., London, W.C. 2

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OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES**

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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, 69
Lincoln	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
Washington	" 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24, 68...	June 25, 68
Pawnee	" 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
St. Johns	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
Jordan	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
Blue River	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
Acacia	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
Lone Tree	" 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	August 9, 71...	June 19, 72
Crete	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8, 72...	June 19, 72
Oliver	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
Papillion	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	November 18, 72...	June 18, 73

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Humboldt	40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16, 72...	June 18, 73
Northern Light	41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	January 20, 73...	June 18, 73
Hebron	43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10, 73...	June 18, 73
Harvard	44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25, 73...	June 18, 73
Rob Morris	46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	February 21, 73...	June 26, 74
Fairmont	48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	December 4, 73...	June 26, 74
Evening Star	49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22, 73...	June 26, 74
Hastings	50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 3, 74...	June 26, 74
Fidelity	51	David City.....	Butler.....	January 19, 74...	June 26, 74
Hiram	52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	February 26, 74...	June 26, 74
Charity	53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	March 2, 74...	June 26, 74
Lancaster	54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	April 20, 74...	June 26, 74
Mosaic	55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
York	56	York.....	York.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
Mount Moriah	57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	November 7, 74...	June 23, 75
Wahoo	59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20, 75...	June 23, 75
Melrose	60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	March 10, 75...	June 24, 75
Thistle	61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8, 75...	June 21, 76
Keystone	62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1, 76...	June 21, 76
Blue Valley	64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	October 6, 76...	June 20, 77
Osceola	65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23, 76...	June 20, 77
Edgar	67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	February 27, 77...	June 20, 77
Aurora	68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	February 10, 76...	June 19, 78
Trowel	71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	January 23, 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		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	February 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Harlan	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Hardy	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	July 18, 83...	June 24, 84
North Bend	" 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	September 5, 83...	June 24, 84
Wayne	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	September 26, 83...	June 24, 84
Superior	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	November 22, 83...	June 24, 84
Auburn	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	December 25, 83...	June 24, 84
Mount Nebo	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	January 1, 84...	June 24, 84
Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16, 84...	June 24, 84
Minden	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	January 22, 84...	June 24, 84
Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	January 28, 84...	June 24, 84
Scribner	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85
Solar	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
McCook	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Long Pine	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Upright	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	November 14, 84...	June 24, 85
Rawalt	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	November 15, 84...	June 24, 85
Clay Centre	" 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	January 24, 85...	June 24, 85
Bancroft	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	April 30, 85...	June 24, 85
Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	July 13, 85...	June 17, 86
Siloam	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	August 15, 85...	June 17, 86
Custer	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	August 10, 85...	June 17, 86
Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	March 31, 85...	June 17, 86
Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	November 27, 85...	June 17, 86

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Lily	No. 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28, 85...	June 17, 86
Hartington	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	January 26, 86...	June 17, 86
Samaritan	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	March 17, 86...	June 16, 87
Ogallala	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	August 14, 86...	June 16, 87
Zeredatha	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	August 21, 86...	June 16, 87
Mount Zion	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	August 25, 86...	June 16, 87
Trestle Board	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	October 9, 86...	June 16, 87
Unity	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	December 18, 86...	June 16, 87
Atkinson	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	August 19, 86...	June 21, 88
Barneston	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	August 20, 86...	June 21, 88
Elwood	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
Curtis	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
Amity	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 88
Mason City	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	August 1, 87...	June 21, 88
Merna	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	August 2, 87...	June 21, 88
Robert Burns	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	November 15, 87...	June 21, 88
Culbertson	" 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	November 16, 87...	June 21, 88
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
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
Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs.....	Saunders.....	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
Bassett	" 254	Bassett	Rock	October 8, 02...	June 4, 03
Hickman	" 256	Hickman	Lancaster	December 7, 03...	June 9, 04
Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo	Custer	December 10, 04...	June 7, 05

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Ornan	No. 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	March 5, 06...	June 5, 07
Endeavor	" 262	Indianola.....	Red Willow.....	June 28, 06...	June 5, 07
Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff.....	July 5, 06...	June 5, 07
Franklin	" 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	June 11, 07...	June 10, 08
Robert W. Furnas	" 265	Scottsbluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 21, 07...	June 10, 08
Silver	" 266	Silver Creek.....	Merrick.....	June 14, 07...	June 10, 08
James A. Tullevs	" 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	December 26, 07...	June 10, 08
George W. Lininger	" 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 26, 08...	June 10, 08
Oasis	" 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Lee P. Gillette	" 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Crofton	" 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	July 10, 09...	June 8, 10
Olive Branch	" 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September 20, 09...	June 8, 10
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 18, 14...	June 8, 15

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

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
Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	December 27, 20	June 8, 21
Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	January 4, 21	June 8, 21
Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	June 23, 21	June 7, 22
Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	September 10, 21	June 7, 22
Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March 22, 22	June 5, 23
Alpha	" 316	South Sioux City.....	Dakota.....	January 27, 25	June 10, 25
Mid-West	" 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 8, 25	June 10, 25
Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	April 1, 25	June 9, 26
Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	January 11, 26	June 9, 26
College View	" 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 1, 27	June 6, 28
Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	February 21, 28	June 5, 29
Lebanon	" 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November 14, 28	June 5, 29
Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January 16, 36	June 8, 37
Bellevue	" 325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy.....	March 5, 55	June 8, 55
Centennial	" 326	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 26, 55	June 6, 56
Shiloh	" 327	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 3, 65	June 10, 66
Miloma	" 328	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 19, 72	June 28, 72

LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORY OTHER THAN NEBRASKA

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

CONSOLIDATIONS

- Joppa Lodge No. 76 with Franklin No. 264, Oct. 18, 1934.
 Parallel Lodge No. 152 with Barneston No. 165, Jan. 2, 1940.
 Tyre Lodge No. 85 with Wymore No. 104, July 7, 1941.
 Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 with Hampton No. 245, May 21, 1942.
 Level Lodge No. 196 with Cambridge No. 150, June 4, 1942.
 Riverside Lodge No. 269 with Cedar River No. 89, June 5, 1942.
 Juniata Lodge No. 42 with Kenesaw No. 144, July 15, 1942.
 Palmer Lodge No. 315 with St. Paul No. 82, Oct. 6, 1942.
 Riverton Lodge No. 63 with Franklin No. 264, May 16, 1945.
 Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 with Tecumseh No. 17, Nov. 11, 1944.
 Hildreth Lodge No. 252 with Grace No. 226, Oct. 11, 1945.
 Hubbell Lodge No. 92 with Hebron No. 43, Feb. 8, 1946.
 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.
 Compass & Square 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.
Winnebago No. 309 with Olive Branch No. 274, Dec. 3, 1974.
Temple No. 175 with Tecumseh No. 17, Mar. 26, 1975.
Beemer No. 253 with Wisner No. 114, June 18, 1975.
Signet No. 193, Leigh with Northern Star No. 41, Stanton, Febr. 20, 1976
Plumblin No. 214, Adams with Beatrice No. 26, Beatrice, Oct. 1, 1976

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

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Wade H. Brown		Apr. 13, 1976 ..	Alabama	Victor D. Hunt, 62.....	Phillips	Apr. 29, 1977
T.W. Smallwood.....	Edmonton		Alberta	Edward H. Lockwood, 265....	Hastings.....	Dec. 15, 1959
Jose Gonzalez Ledo		Jan 10, 1964 ..	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fletcher Sils, Jr.	Prescott	Apr. 13, 1949 ..	Arizona	Robert E. Kyes, 36	Central City	Sept. 3, 1976
Frank A. Smith	Little Rock	Jan. 27, 1958 ..	Arkansas	Bevin B. Bump, 158	Chadron	July 1, 1974
Hugo Barber	Vienna	Mar. 22, 1951 ..	Austria	O. Robert H. Beezley, 250	Lincoln	Apr. 21, 1965
Rene Desgain		Nov. 13, 1962 ..	Belgium	L.L. Haddix, 36	Central City	July 7, 1976
			Bolivia	Irwin Osterloh, 72.....	Hooper	Dec. 1, 1963
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	Val do Salvador.....	Sept. 19, 1936 ..	Brazil, Bahia	Frank I. Vlasak, 119	North Bend	July 6, 1972
			Brasilia	Alfred G. Bates, 1	Omaha	June 4, 1971
Roumundo Nonata do Vale.....	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949 ..	Brazil, Ceara	Stanley E. Brunton, 222	Herman	July 7, 1976
			Brazil, Matto Grasso	Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	Brewster	July 7, 1976
Jose Cesario Horta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949 ..	Brazil, Minas Gerais	L. Harold Parker, 36	Central City	
D.M. DeVaseconcelos Lobo		June 26, 1974 ..	Brazil, Goias	Harry L. Scheffel, 91	Oakland	July 1, 1974
Francisco Bezrea Frota		Oct. 25, 1973 ..	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	North Bend	
Oscar de Paula Assis	Rio de Janeiro	Aug. 1, 1969 ..	Brazil, Guanabaro	Earl N. Hanel, 318	Grand Island	July 6, 1972
Ewald Helmuth Langweiler	Rio Grande do Sul	Feb. 18, 1965 ..	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Wm. H. Beckenhauer, 19	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
			Brazil, Para	Gerald A. Moller, 15	Fremont	Dec. 10, 1968
Jose Agular E. Silvia	Para	Oct. 10, 1968 ..	Brazi, Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan 3, 1936
Joao Bento	Paraiba	Oct. 23, 1957 ..	Brazil, Parana	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210....	Lincoln	Mar. 7, 1968
Habib-Chehade Jcha	Pernambuco	Mar. 7, 1968 ..	Brazil, Pernambuco	Mannie O. Hansen, 1	Omaha	June 12, 1974
Jose Aguiar E. Silva		Oct. 22, 1968 ..	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	Osceola	July 1, 1974
Lirio Burigo Bez	Sao Paulo	Sept. 22, 1976 ..	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Charles W. Amidon, 281	Omaha	June 7, 1977
Walter Pinto		Nov. 14, 1951 ..	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
A.G. Mitchell		Apr. 13, 1965 ..	California	Eugene C. Sibley, 54	Lincoln	June 11, 1976
Harold Loewenthal	Eureka	Apr. 23, 1969 ..	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201.....	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Kenneth N. Nesbitt		Dec. 21, 1976 ..	Chile	Ben D. Fussel, 79	Geneva	June 4, 1971
Ghertzen Gango		Apr. 20, 1976 ..	China	Earl H. Furman, 290	Omaha	Apr. 13, 1960
Tze Tsing Tuan	Taiwan	Sept. 14, 1962 ..	Columbia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Henry E. Olsen, 54	Lincoln	July 6, 1972
Jose Maria Serna	Barranquilla	July 31, 1951 ..	Colorado	Herman Lallman, 72	Winslow	
			Connecticut	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Boone	June 23, 1943
Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932 ..	Costa Rica	Arnold F. Mains, 15	Fremont	Dec. 13, 1968
Vincent Vernon	Collinsville	Mar. 18, 1969 ..	Cuba in Exile	Richard H. Scheef, 288	Omaha	July 7, 1976
Carlos Miranda		Oct. 22, 1968 ..	Delaware	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
V.H.F.E. Gracia		Nov. 5, 1952 ..	Denmark	T. Leo Stines, 36	Central City	Feb. 18, 1967
Paul E. Ellis		Jan 28, 1971 ..	Dist. of Columbia	Alton S. Mote, 183	Alliance	Dec. 2, 1968
Knud V. Raude		Sept. 23, 1971 ..	Ecuador	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Godfrey L. Munter		May 6, 1969 ..	England	Clarence M. Pierson, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
F.G. Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953 ..	Finland	Charles F. Adams, 68	Aurora	Dec. 2, 1968
Lord Mais		Oct. 22, 1976 ..	Florida	Sebert A. Stover, 281.....	Omaha	Feb. 9, 1968
Kalle Putkisto	Helsinki	Dec. 15, 1969 ..	France Nat'l Grand Lodge	Bryon C. Jenkins, 325	Bellevue	Aug. 8, 1966
Wm. C. Mitchell		June 23, 1970 ..		J. Dallas Gibson, 54.....	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
Edward Jeanmonod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954 ..				

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John M. McClurd.....	Aschoffenburg ..	May 13, 1969	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Aug. 3, 1960
Wolfgang Durst.....	Athens.....	Sept. 24, 1975	Germany	Alfred G. Wurst, 59	Lincoln	July 6, 1972
Geo. Sakelloriou .....	.....	Apr. 10, 1954	Greece	William W. Steen, 280	Sargent	June 11, 1976
Angel G. Guzman .....	.....	Aug. 13, 1963	Guatemala	Roger E. Shillington, 180	Benkelman	June 8, 1977
Bjarne Bjarnason	Helgafell	Jan. 7, 1953	Honduras	Gordon Chard, 240	Lyvons.....	Nov. 3, 1962
Eugene Taylor	Kendrich	Nov. 9, 1966	Iceland	John C. Nelson, 250	Lincoln.....	June 11, 1976
Harry L. Kline	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Idaho	James M. Paxson, 302	Omaha.....	Aug. 11, 1960
Herbert Newman	South Bend	Dec. 4, 1974	Illinois	Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210	Lincoln.....	May 3, 1977
H. J. Engineer.....	Bombay	Aug. 7, 1963	Indiana	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Omaha	May 21, 1959
.....	.....	.....	India	William Hurst, 54	Lincoln .....	.....
James E. Weir	Dublin.....	June 19, 1970	Iran	Joel N. Lindquist, 1.....	Omaha.....	June 4, 1971
Isreal Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept 14, 1965	Ireland	Richard L. Fly, 12R	GuideRock.....	June 17, 1958
Gilberto Olivieri	Rome.....	Sept. 22, 1976	Isreal, State of	William Grodinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Yasuhiko Ide .....	.....	.....	Italy	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	Lincoln.....	Sept. 14, 1962
Richard K. Hart.....	Topeka	Jan 6, 1964	Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
C. James Hyde.....	Louisville.....	Sept. 18, 1962	Kansas	Glenn F. Sperry, 139.....	Clay Center	June 11, 1976
Philip O. McLaughlin .....	.....	Jan. 23, 1961	Kentucky	Harold C. Wurdeman, 323.....	Columbus	July 1, 1974
Rene' Gregorius .....	.....	Aug. 17, 1971	Louisiana	John A. Bortorf, 49	Sutton	Feb. 23, 1958
Royce G. Wheeler	Bangor	Aug. 30, 1976	Luxemborg.....	Thomas McBride, 143	Primrose .....	.....
Clarence V. Antenburg	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951	Maine	Ralph W. Gerry, 281.....	Omaha	Aug. 7, 1969
John M. Baker, III.....	.....	Dec. 21, 1976	Manitoba	Harry N. Ahl, 112.....	Louisville	Sept. 12, 1962
Karl O. Lepisto.....	.....	Dec. 4, 1974	Maryland	Henry L. Rood, 59	Wahoo	July 6, 1972
George Sanfor	Mexico City	Aug. 8, 1969	Massachusetts.....	Wade E. Sheppard, 303	Omaha	June 11, 1976
.....	.....	.....	Mexico York	Russell L. Fickes, 33	Grand Island	Apr. 13, 1968
Willard Sauer.....	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	Grand Lodge .....	.....	.....	.....
Wm. W. Widstrand	St. Paul.....	Feb. 9, 1972	Michigan	John H. Brown, 1	Omaha	Nov. 1, 1965
Herbert S. Ramborg	Ada.....	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952
Wm. R. Robbins	Springfield	July 23, 1963	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
J.R.P. Reinemer	Circle.....	Feb. 3, 1953	Missouri	William F. Patterson, 327	Omaha	June 3, 1964
J.F.A. Gravenberch .....	.....	Dec. 14, 1960	Montana	C. Harold Edwards, 105	Lincoln	Oct. 12, 1965
Lee Griswold.....	Eureka	Aug. 5, 1968	Netherlands	W. Upton Dawson, 135.....	McCook.....	May 6, 1965
Kenneth R. Nelson.....	St. John	Oct. 21, 1955	Nevada	Alfred B. Saum, 46.....	Kearney.....	Jan. 30, 1958
Ellis W. Howard.....	Littleton.....	June 14, 1962	New Brunswick... ..	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 31, 1958
Robert W. Emery.....	Old Bridge	Sept. 15, 1972	New Hampshire ..	Kenneth N. Parke, 120	Wayne	June 11, 1976
Howard M. Sleeper.....	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Jersey	John F. Futeher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Gordon Ross Mallam	Fairlight	June 26, 1974	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 61	Lexington.....	Oct. 18, 1943
Frank A. Holecek .....	.....	Mar. 15, 1977	New South Wales ..	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln.....	Apr. 8, 1957
T.W. Pairman.....	Mangaweka	Dec. 4, 1956	New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
.....	.....	.....	New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	Lincoln	June 14, 1973
Nathaniel C. Dean .....	.....	July 26, 1965	Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Calvin E. Rustad.....	Grand Forks.....	Sept. 7, 1955	North Carolina ..	Levi B. Williams, 1.....	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Ivar Moi	Sandefjord.....	Apr. 24, 1975	North Dakota	Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150.....	Cambridge	Apr. 28, 1965
C. Fraser Lorimer.....	Stellarton	July 28, 1952	Norway	S.E. Torgeson, 294	Kimball	June 14, 1973
.....	Nova Scotia	Curtis J. Griess, 49	Grand Island	Dec. 2, 1968

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Juan I. Arocha	Monterray	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Robert W. Boon, 33	Grand Island ...	Mar. 6, 1967
E.L. Galbraith .....	.....	Apr. 23, 1969	Ohio	Darrell D. Christensen, 54	Lincoln	Apr. 28, 1977
Aubrey R. Erhart	Guymon	July 23, 1963	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Omaha	Feb. 6, 1958
Norman W. Oliver	Burns	May 5, 1964	Oregon	Frank J. Mattoon, 75	Sidney	Dec. 4, 1968
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 13, 1953	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	Hastings	July 28, 1965
Carlos Pena	Lima	Sept. 1, 1972	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 254	Bassett	June 4, 1971
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946	Philippines	Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	Lincoln	Aug. 7, 1969
Allan C. Jenkins	Summerside	April 8, 1971	Prince Edward Is.	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
A.D. Lightbourn	Fajards	Aug. 3, 1966	Puerto Rico	Herman O. Hansen, 3	Omaha	June 4, 1971
T.H. Whitman .....	.....	Aug. 3, 1966	Quebec	E. Forrest Estes, 19	Lincoln	July 6, 1972
W.R. Gailey .....	.....	Feb. 29, 1960	Queensland	Wayne J. Pauley, 19	Lincoln	July 18, 1977
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan 24, 1947	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Gaylord C. Wright	Regina	Apr. 13, 1965	Saskatchewan	P.W. Elliott, 323	Columbus	Apr. 26, 1977
William Sloss	Edinburgh	Aug. 30, 1963	Scotland	Sidney H. Bliton, 263	Mitchell	June 11, 1976
George C. Hobson .....	.....	Dec. 3, 1968	Southern Africa	Gerald V. Inslee, 148	Chadron	Dec. 2, 1968
Pafael F. Moreno	Bogota .....	.....	South America	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	Trenton	Aug. 7, 1969
.....	.....	.....	Columbia .....	.....	.....	.....
M.D.J.C. Navarro .....	.....	Aug. 25, 1969	South America	Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191	Scotia	Aug. 7, 1969
.....	.....	.....	Dominicana .....	.....	.....	.....
Cyril W.C. Peaks .....	.....	Sept. 9, 1959	South Australia	Edgar Bredemeier, 105	Stella	June 11, 1976
Rhoden D. Batson	Greenville	July 6, 1971	South Carolina	Mark Mitchell, 138	Oxford	Jan 1, 1962
Lawrence J. Larson	Sioux Falls	June 17, 1971	South Dakota	U. Wesley Fox, 192	Kilgore	July 6, 1972
Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	Sweden	Lillard S. Jensen, 232	Omaha	Nov. 17, 1965
Eric C. Monk	Zurich	Feb. 24, 1967	Switzerland	Wayne W. Reese, 54	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
German Barrera	Victoria	Aug. 27, 1970	Tamlaupias	Homer C. Davey, 317	Hastings	Aug. 3, 1960
S.V. Tilley	Hobart	Mar. 27, 1957	Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	Ashland	Sept. 8, 1960
J. Turner Williams	Nashville	Oct. 28, 1968	Tennessee	George A. Iverson, 15	Fremont	Apr. 28, 1977
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 28, 1952	Texas	Donald A. Keys, 300	Lincoln	Dec. 20, 1961
Attila Atli	Istanbul	Dec. 29, 1971	Turkey	Melvin E. Johnson, 112	Oakdale	Aug. 27, 1963
John J. Greiner	Ogden	Sept. 10, 1959	Utah	Robert L. Little, 240	Lyons	June 11, 1976
Wendell H. Chaffee	Burlington	May 16, 1962	Venezuela	Wayne W. Luenenborg, 39	North Platte	Sept. 22, 1975
.....	.....	.....	Vermont	Carl E. Diers, 106	Loup City	July 6, 1972
Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Virginia	Mathias E. Mauel, 173	Stratton	Aug. 2, 1960
P.O. Shepherd, Jr.	S. Arlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Washington	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Gothenburg	Jan 28, 1952
Malcolm L. Wilkinson	Tacoma	April 14, 1971	West Virginia	Edward M. Knight, 183	Alliance	June 27, 1941
F.G. Hatcher .....	.....	Dec. 17, 1960	West Australia	Henry E. Schemmel, 2	Nebr. City	June 11, 1976
J.K. Ferguson .....	.....	Sept. 28, 1961	Wisconsin	Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9	Falls City	Mar. 15, 1960
George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946	.....	Harold Hultman .....	.....	.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons — Add 4,000 years to the current year, thus: 1977 and 4,000—5977

Royal Arch Masons — Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1977 and 530—2507.

Royal and Select Masters — Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1975 and 1,000 — 2977.

Knights Templar — From the Christian era take 1,118; thus: 1,118 from 1977 — 859.

Order of High Priesthood — To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1977—3898.

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