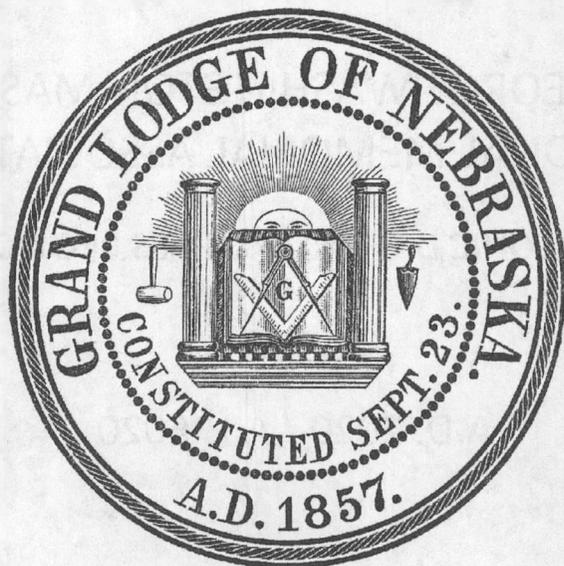


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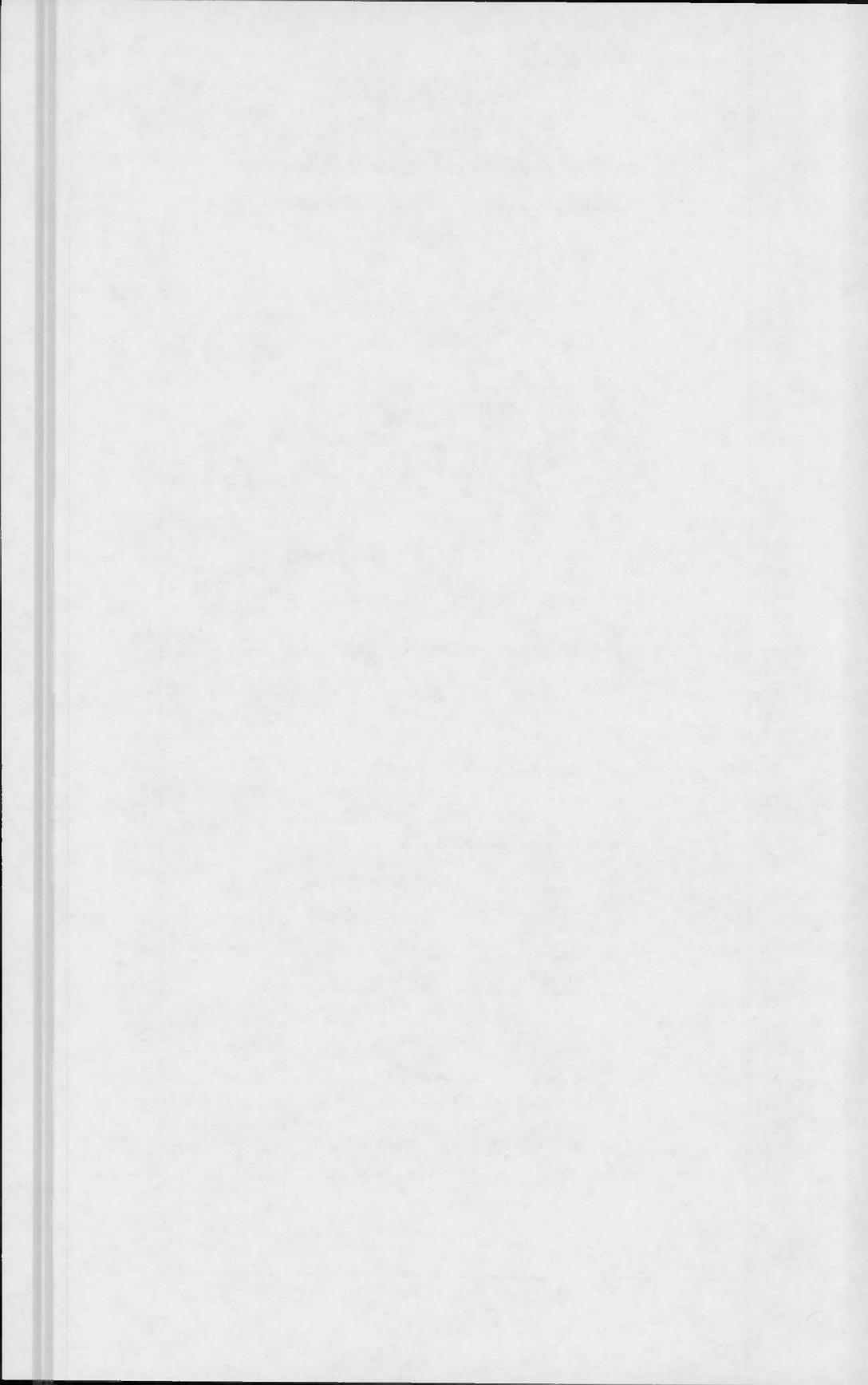
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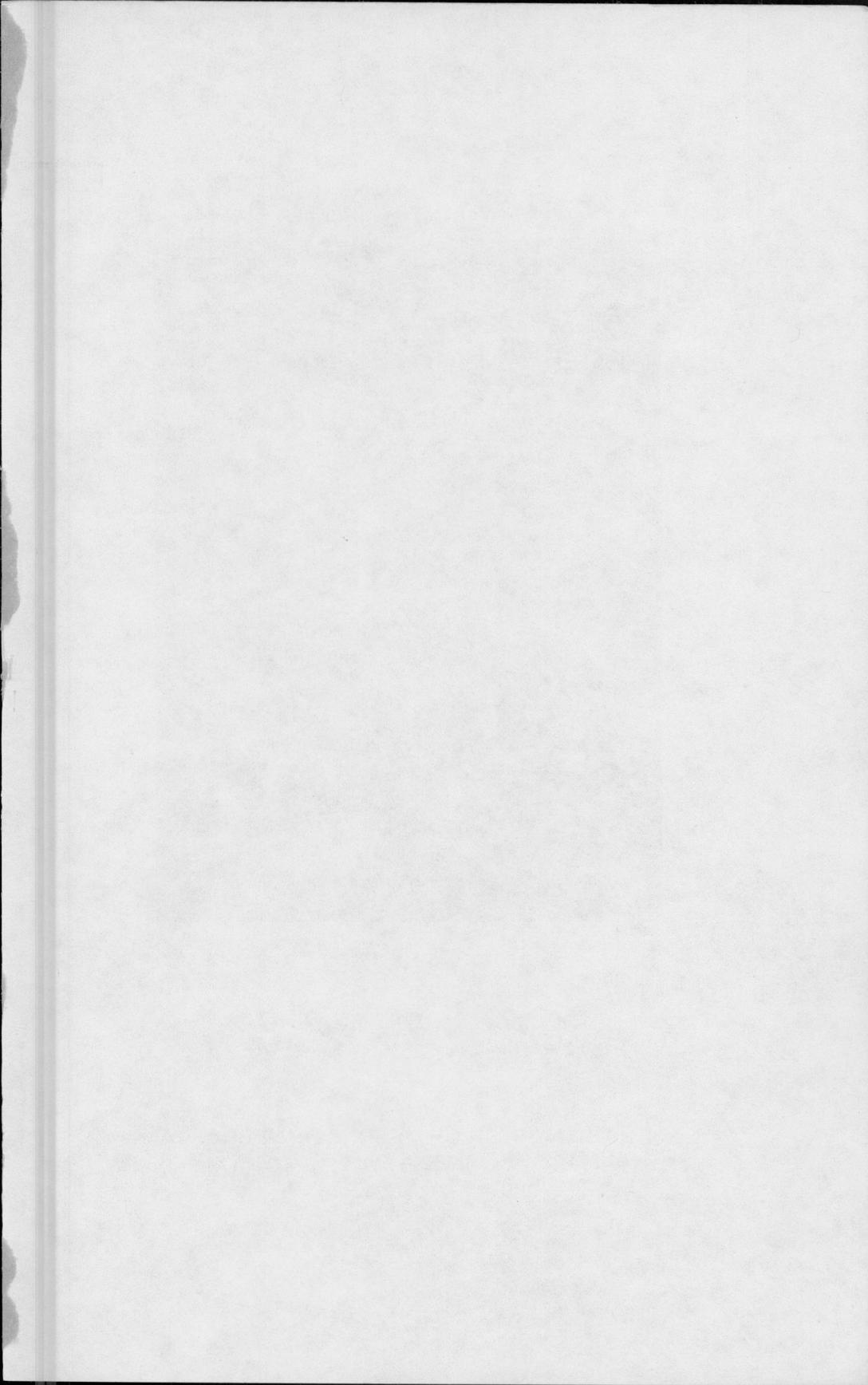
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GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1982 — 1983



BIOGRAPHICAL

PAUL R. PIERCE

M. . W. . Paul R. Pierce, the 117th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, was born on March 17, 1913 at Ord, Nebraska, the third of four sons of Albert W. and Ivy M. Pierce. He graduated from the Ord High School and the University of Nebraska with a degree from the College of Agriculture.

On May 1, 1937 he was united in marriage to Helen M. Uridel of Clearwater, Nebraska. The family consists of their daughter Kathryn Kay, son-in-law Gail Muhs, and two granddaughters. Brother Pierce taught Vocational Agriculture in Laurel, Neligh and Hastings and was a member of the PhiDelta Kappa, professional teachers fraternity.

After leaving teaching he formed the Pierce Agricultural Service, specializing in the development and management of irrigated farms in south central Nebraska. He is an Accredited Farm Manager with the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, served as Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the American Society, and received the Distinguished Service Award of the Society for Dedicated Service to Agriculture.

He is a 45 year member of Rotary International, having served as Secretary and President of the Hastings Rotary Club, and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

He has been active in the Methodist Church, taught the adult Sunday School Class for 16 years prior to becoming Grand Master, and has served the Nebraska Conference of the Methodist Church as President of the Board of Trustees.

MASONRY

Brother Pierce was initiated March 10, 1949, passed April 15, 1949 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on May 19, 1949 in Hastings Lodge No. 50 A. . F. . & A. . M. . in Hastings, Nebraska. He served as Worshipful Master in 1954.

Brother Pierce is a Knight of the York Cross of Honour, a 33rd Degree member of the Scottish Rite, a member of Acacia Chapter of the Eastern Star No. 39 in Hastings, is serving as Chaplain of Tehama Temple of the Shrine and on the ritualistic degree team. He is a member of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, the Royal Order of Scotland, designated the Criptic Mason of the Year in 1977 by the General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters International, has served Job's Daughters as Associate Guardian, is an Honorary Member Legion of Honor of DeMolay and represents the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in the Grand Lodge of Michigan. He is a member of the National Sojourners and Red Cross of Constantine, Cour de lion Chapter. Prior to being appointed to Grand Junior Deacon by M. . W. . Brother A. B. Saum in 1977 he served as Grand Orator under M. . W. . John A. Bottorf in 1967-68. Brother Pierce and his wife Helen like to travel. They have a motor home and have journeyed to the Yukon and Alaska, into Mexico through the Sierra Madre mountains to Mazatlan and throughout the western half of the United States.

M. W. Brother Pierce says he is just started in Masonry. The year as Grand Master has opened new horizons of what can be done in Masonry.

During his year as Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Paul has demonstrated those abilities which were expected of him as he approached that exalted station.

His devotion and dedication have assured him a place in the ranks of the Great Leaders of our Craft.

He has been active in all branches of Masonry in the City of Hastings and his many years of devoted service to his church has given him the proper reverential perspective for the Craft.

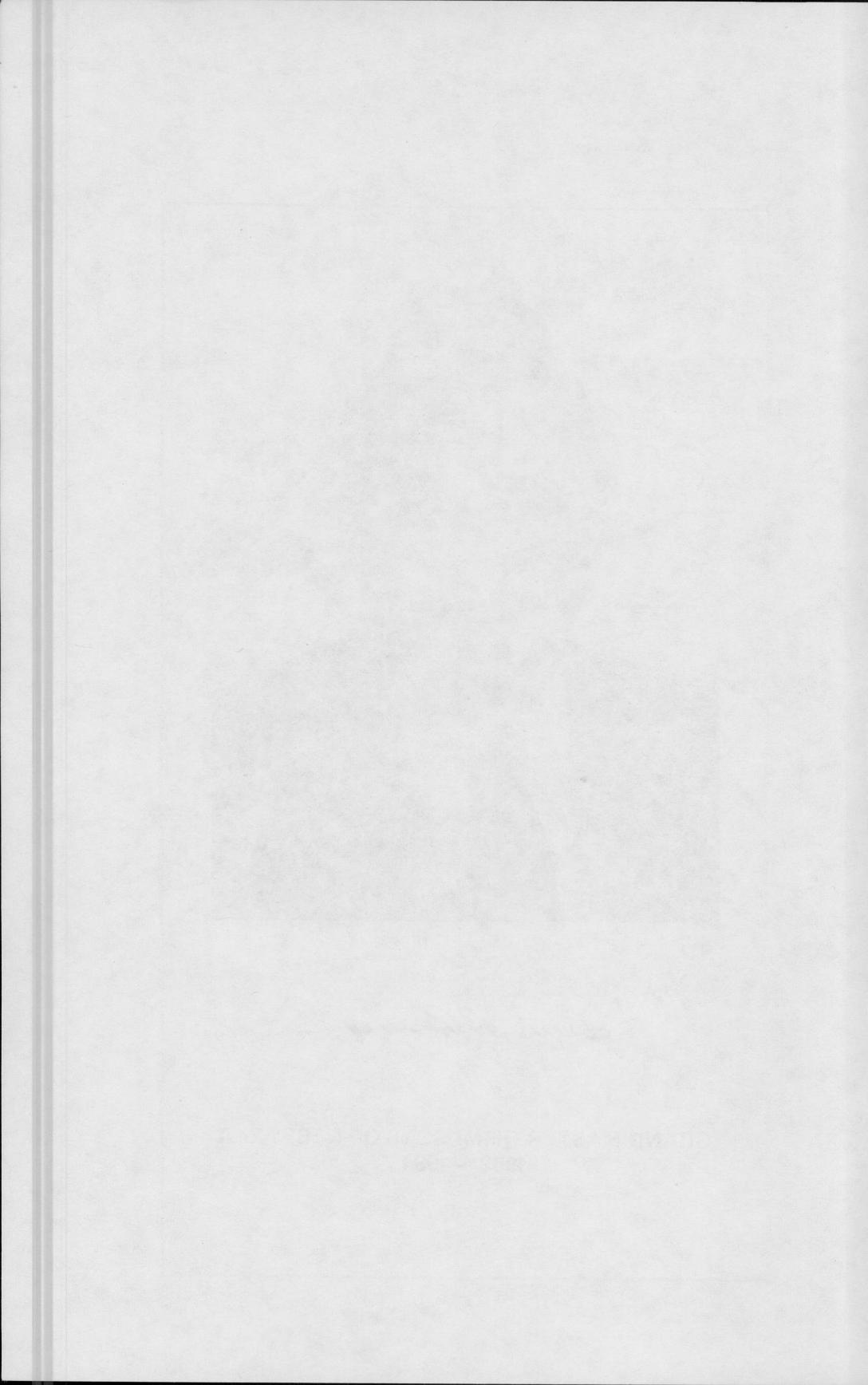
For those of us who know him well, we expect his light to shine brightly for many years to come.

N.W.L.



Ben L. Bump

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1983 – 1984



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of the

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

*ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIXTH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

Held in Kearney June 10 and 11, 1983

FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

Friday, June 10, 1983

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication at the Holiday Inn, Kearney at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 10 A.D. 1983 A.L. 5983.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. . W. . Paul R. Pierce, 50 GRAND MASTER
R. . W. . Bevin B. Bump, 158 Deputy Grand Master
R. . W. . Robert A. Metcalf, 210 Grand Senior Warden
R. . W. . Charles W. Amidon, 281 Grand Junior Warden
R. . W. . Ralph W. Gerry, 281 Grand Secretary
V. . W. . J. Dallas Gibson, 54 Grand Chaplain
W. . James N. DeMoss, 325 Grand Orator
W. . Gladwin A. Youngs, 210 Grand Historian
W. . Mannie O. Hansen, 1 Grand Custodian
W. . William Keller, 250 Grand Marshal
W. . Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39 Grand Senior Deacon
W. . Paul R. Eveland, 119 Grand Junior Deacon
W. . Marvin M. Fink, 50 Grand Tyler

Promptly at 8:30 a.m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by Hastings Lodge No. 50, A. . F. . & A. . M. .

M. . W. . Paul R. Pierce, Grand Master was escorted to the East by M. . W. . Norris W. Lallman, 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 126th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, opened in ample form and directed the Grand Marshal to make proclamation thereof.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to escort V. . W. . J. Dallas Gibson to the altar for the purpose of prayer.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

Presentation of the Flags of the United States was made by M. · W. · Byron C. Jenkins, 325 National Sojourners Chapter 19.

Following the seating of the Flags, the Pledge of Allegiance was given after which W. · Wayne G. Luenenborg, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters according to seniority.

M. · W. · Benjamin F. Eyre	(86th)	— 1951
M. · W. · Thomas J. Aron	(87th)	— 1952
M. · W. · Merle M. Hale	(91st)	— 1956
M. · W. · Joseph C. Tye	(94th)	— 1959
M. · W. · John F. Futcher	(95th)	— 1960
M. · W. · Herbert A. Ronin	(96th)	— 1961
M. · W. · Ernest O. Van Wey	(97th)	— 1962
M. · W. · Harry A. Spencer	(99th)	— 1964
M. · W. · Louis V. Sylvester	(100th)	— 1965
M. · W. · Lewis R. Ricketts	(101st)	— 1966
M. · W. · Norris W. Lallman	(103rd)	— 1968
M. · W. · Hugh W. Eisenhart	(104th)	— 1969
M. · W. · Russell L. Fickes	(106th)	— 1971
M. · W. · Frank J. Mattoon	(108th)	— 1973
M. · W. · Harold Hultman	(110th)	— 1975
M. · W. · T. Leo Stines	(111th)	— 1976
M. · W. · Jack H. Hendrix	(113th)	— 1978
M. · W. · Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	(114th)	— 1979
M. · W. · Byron C. Jenkins	(115th)	— 1980
M. · W. · 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: M. · W. · John A. Bottorf and M. · W. · Donald R. Swanson.

M. · W. · T. Leo Stines gave the response. M. · W. · Sirs: On behalf of the Past Grand Masters present, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the reception and warm welcome you just accorded us. We watched your progress through the Grand Lodge line through the years with great satisfaction, and particularly the past six months after your very serious surgery. It was not known at that time whether you would even walk again, and I know from personal observation at our Area Masonic Education meetings and Friendship nights at which you were the principle speaker. It looked like you should have been at home in your lazy boy recliner under sedation. That is not your modish operendi and you fought back amazingly. We salute, you, M. · W. · Sir. A year ago we pledged you our support. We are still with you 100 percent these final two days of your reign. If you should see fit to call on us for any reason, don't hesitate to do so. I would be remiss if I did not wish for you a most fruitful and harmonious communication. Thank you, M. · W. · Sir:

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

ALASKA: R.:W.: Glen W. Pruett, Senior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of M.:W.: John C. Ingram, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F.:&A.:M.: of Alaska.

COLORADO: M.:W.: R. Keith Milheim, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M.:W.: Samuel Berman, Grand Master, Grand Lodge A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Colorado.

R.:W.: Raymond E. Petersen, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Colorado.

ILLINOIS: R.:W.: Willie B. Elliott, Junior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of M.:W.: Raymond H. Bachman, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Illinois.

IOWA: M.:W.: Norval P. Marks, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Iowa.

R.:W.: Tom Eggleston, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Iowa.

KANSAS: M.:W.: Larry Winegardner, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M.:W.: Richard A. Porter, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Kansas.

R.:W.: Albert O. Arnold, Jr., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Kansas.

MARYLAND: Stewart M. L. Pollard, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association of the United States.

MONTANA: M.:W.: Ludvik H. Jun, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Montana.

SOUTH DAKOTA: R.:W.: Ray Baker, Deputy Grand Master, and Personal Representative of M.:W.: Raymond W. Horn, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A.:F.: & A.:M.: of South Dakota.

WYOMING: M.:W.: Frank M. Hartung, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Wyoming.

NEBRASKA: M.E. E. P. Baruth, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Nebraska; Sir Knight Fred E. Hilligas, R.E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K.T. of Nebraska; M. I. Maurice W. Hall, Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masonry in Nebraska; Raymond F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; William F. Patterson, President, The Nebraska Masonic Home; Benjamin Harvey, Administrator, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont; Lester Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, Order of The Eastern Star of Nebraska; Walter Miller, Executive Officer in Nebraska and Member Supreme Council, International Order of DeMolay; Edward H. Lockwood, Grand Organist; ILL. Herbert A. Ronin 33° Active, Lt. Grand Commander, Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, Sovereign Grand Inspec-

tor General of Nebraska. Lloyd Soterin, Potentate, Tehama Shrine, Hastings, Nebraska.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

- Application for Reinstatements:** W.: Donald R. White, 327 Chairman; W.: Kenneth P. Lott, 184, W.: Amos H. Campbell, 184.
- Appropriations:** W.: Walter E. Truex, 55 (1983) Chairman; W.: Virgil F. Wagner, 72 (1985); W.: John D. Vermaas, 256 (1984), W.: Robert A. Carhart, 120 (1986); Ben D. Fussell, 79 (1987).
- Charters & Dispensations:** W.: Ben D. Fussell, 79, Chairman; W.: Don C. McCoy, 11; W.: Joe Geisler, 327.
- Codification of the Law:** W.: Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; W.: Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210; W.: Joseph N. Lindquist, 1.
- Credentials:** W.: Glenn F. Sperry, 139, Chairman, W.: William W. Steen, 280; W.: Doyle E. Berg, 281; W.: Gary L. Powell, 19; W.: Norris L. Rusmisell, 46; W.: C.: Erwin Paulsen, 1; W.: Manuel Maldonado, 184.
- Doings of Grand Officers:** W.: Kenneth D. Beebe, 119, Chairman; W.: Jack Seidenglanz, 184; W.: Everett K. Dappen, 265.
- Entertainment of Distinguished Guests:** M.: W.: Louis V. Sylvester, 281, Chairman; M.: W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150; M.: W.: Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.
- Finance:** W.: Edwin G. Mortensen, 302 (1983) Chairman; W.: David E. Menck, 15 (1986); W.: Lawrence J. Zwart, 11 (1985); W.: Floyd A. Sterns, 19 (1984), W.: Sidney W. Irwin, 302 (1987).
- Fraternal Dead:** V.: W.: J. Dallas Gibson, 54, Chairman; W.: Clarence R. Kuehn, 210; W.: David E. Bute, 15.
- Fraternal Relations:** R.: W.: Ralph W. Gerry, 281, Chairman; M.: W.: John A. Bottorf, 49; M.: W.: Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.
- George Washington Masonic National Memorial:** M.: W.: Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314, Chairman; W.: Gayle Angus, 261; W.: Orval W. Cooley, 323.
- Grand Lodge Offices:** M.: W.: Merle M. Hale, 54, (1985) Chairman; M.: W.: Thomas J. Aron, 37 (1986); M.: W.: Jack H. Hendrix, 174 (1984); M.: W.: Donald R. Swanson, 54 (1983); W.: Donald Lee Andrews, 15 (1987).
- Grand Lodge Membership:** W.: Charles W. Amidon, 281, Chairman; W.: Morton P. Steyer, 281; W.: Robert E. Kyes, 36; W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39; R.: W.: Bevin B. Bump, 158
- Grant Trustees:** W.: Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1 (1987) Chairman; W.: Robert A. Wekesser, 54, (1984); W.: Donald J. Schonberg, II, 327 (1983); W.: George T. Harris, 302 (1985); M.: W.: Harold Hultman, 39 (1986).
- Grievances:** M.: W.: Frank J. Mattoon, 75, Chairman; M.: W.: Lewis R. Ricketts, 19; W.: David E. Menck, 15.

- Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund:** W.·. Ralph J. Hershey, 15, Chairman; W.·. E. Riley Marr, 290; W.·. Fred Shaw, 323.
- Masonic Education:** M.·W.·. T. Leo Stines, 36 (1983) Chairman; R.·W.·. Bevin B. Bump, 158 (1983); W.·. Wayne G. Lueneborg, 39 (1985); R.·. W.·. Charles W. Amidon, 281 (1984); W.·. Paul R. Eveland, 119 (1984).
- Masonic Relief:** W.·. Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1987) Chairman; W.·. Robert E. Kyes, 36 (1985); W.·. Kenneth G. Fleming, 75 (1984); W.·. Melvin E. Hatfield, 54 (1983); W.·. Joe P. Gonnerman, 126 (1986).
- Nebraska Work:** M.·W.·. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1984) Chairman; M.·W.·. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, (1985); M.·W.·. Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 (1983).
- Public Relations:** W.·. Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210 (1986) Chairman; W.·. Donald W. Madsen, 11 (1985); W.·. Marvin Anderson, 316 (1984); W.·. Frank D. Smutney, 33 (1983); W.·. Frank G. Weiss, 295 (1987).
- Returns:** W.·. Sebert A. Stover, 281, Chairman; W.·. Sidney Irwin, 302; W.·. Edward C. Reynolds, 268.
- Temple Building Advisory:** M.·W.·. Harold C. Wurdeman, 323 (1985); W.·. Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1983); W.·. Herman O. Hansen, 3 (1984).
- Lodge Advisory:** M.·W.·. Byron C. Jenkins, 325 (1985), Chairman; M.·W.·. Frank J. Mattoon, 75 (1983); M.·W.·. Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1984).
- Youth:** W.·. William G. Hurst, 54, Chairman; W.·. Halsey Phillips, 325; W.·. Ivan G. Abdouch, 302; W.·. Byron E. Lee, 89, W.·. James C. Gathmann, 327.

M.·W.·. Paul R. Pierce, Grand Master, introduced the Grand Custodian, W.·. Mannie O. Hansen, who in turn introduced the Deputy Grand Custodians and Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

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
Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	1966
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
Richard L. Mauch, 254	1971
Dale E. Kube, 55	1971
Robert E. Kyes, 36	1972
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 L. Shillington, 180	1976
James E. Cornish, 31	1976
Lynn Doty, 251	1977
Harry L. Saum, 308	1979
De Vern A. Engberg, 26	1979
Michael L. Peterson, 227	1979
Albert W. Watsek, 40	1979
Arthur J. Ferguson, 221	1979
Leslie G. Weber, 204	1979
Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	1980
Augustine S. Sclaro, 3	1981
Justin F. Fauss, 55	1982
Vincent Rosenberger, 183	1982
Augustus W. Clark, 318	1982
David E. Menck, 15	1982

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

Austin F. Whitmire, 75	T. Leo Stines, 36
Carroll C. Raymer, 164	Glenn W. Binder, 23
Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191
George S. Schwab, 49	Harold D. Weddel, 61
Harold M. Wilkerson, 54	Gordon Chard, 240
Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Arnold F. Mains, 15
Sebert A. Stover, 281	Harold A. Tilton, 71
Clifford D. Webster, 321	Alton S. Mote, 183
Frank H. Smith, 301	Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9
W. Upton Dawson, 135	Walter S. Cork, 75
Curtis J. Griess, 49	Paul D. Fleming, 93

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS:

W. . BEN D. FUSSELL, CHAIRMAN

M. . W. . Grand Master, the Committee on Charters and Dispensations would like to meet with the three lodges that were cited this year, poolside in the Holidome at 10:15, would also like to meet with the other members of the Committee at 10:00.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

M. . W. . Paul R. Pierce, 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 65 Grand Representatives present.

Response was given by W. . Donald R. White:

M. . W. . Grand Master, we of Grand Lodge Representatives thank you for the hearty welcome you just extended to us. Each of us bring greetings from the Grand Jurisdiction we represent. It is a very enjoyable and rewarding opportunity that we have. The communication with our Masonic brethren in each of our Jurisdictions, conveys a message to them that we as Masons in the State of Nebraska are truly interested in their Masonic endeavors. To those of you who have been appointed a Grand Representative to the Grand Jurisdiction outside the United States, I would say you have a great opportunity. I say this from experience. Having been honored with the appointment of Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Australia, I have had considerable correspondence with my brother Mason in that area, who is Grand Representative of Nebraska near New South Wales.

One particular photo I received shows a lodge meeting being conducted in a cave. By a cave, I am referring to one similar to those we have in various parts of the United States, which I am sure most of you have visited. Special permission was granted by the Grand Master of that Jurisdiction to hold a meeting in such a place. I have learned much about how Masonry is conducted in a country other than ours. Lodge work and the terminology also differs from ours. It has been most interesting and enlightening.

M. . W. . Sir, each of us thank you for the honor and privilege of being a Grand Representative. We truly wish you a very harmonious and successful Grand Lodge Communication, and shall pass on to the other Jurisdictions your message of welcome and greeting.

M. . W. . Paul R. Pierce, Grand Master:

Presentation of Commission to John D. Richardson, 50, as Grand Representative to the Republic of China.



M. . W. . BENJAMIN F. EYRE, PAST GRAND MASTER

I have here a tear sheet out of a newspaper. This particular paper is 51 years old plus. The date on this paper is June 5, 1932, 75th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge. This particular notice is to mark the site of Masonry's founding in Nebraska in the town of Bellevue.

The officers that presided at this dedication are: W. . Brother Harold H. Thom, Nebraska Lodge No. 1; M. . W. . John R. Tapster, Grand Master; Albert Jefferis, former Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge and William Heller, the donor of the stone. Assisting these brethren on June 7 was the Grand Master of Illinois; the Deputy Grand Master of Illinois; Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and the Master of Bluffs City Lodge No. 71.

It is a beautiful stone located in the Park at Bellevue facing the sun, moon and stars. This monument, solid granite in the form of an altar and, of course, the altar always carried the light of Freemasonry, The Holy Bible. It also carries the square and compass and Chapter XII of Ecclesiastes.

I just want to tell you that Nebraska Lodge No. 1 received their original papers of dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1855. At that time Bellevue was a rugged town. It was a fur trading establishment for John Jacob Paster Fire Company.

In the loft of the trading post, on the second floor this lodge established their first lodge room. Such a primitive lodge room as it was, boxes, trunks covered with furs, blankets over the windows so the Indians could not see. The first petitioner Isaiah Bennett was investigated and was found of good character but he had gone to the celestial lodge above.

Peter Sarpy received the degree of an Entered Apprentice in Bluffs City Lodge as a courtesy. They crossed the Missouri River on January 5, 1856.

No. 1 was the first lodge chartered in the Grand Lodge and for reason of economic conditions in 1888 the charter was removed to Omaha, when we had our 75th Anniversary of the lodge with Ira C. Freet, Grand Master. We had a fine meeting, plenty to eat, lots of oratory but it left a void.

A committee was appointed and as the result of the work of the committee over a period of time, the stone was dedicated. If you want to see the entire program of the meeting, those of you who have access to the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1932 will find twelve pages of history covering this monument.

On the monument is inscribed "Dedicated in honor of the Founders of Masonry in Nebraska and loving memory of those who carried on."

It belongs to the Grand Lodge and for that reason, M.·W.·. Sir, as surviving member of that Committee, I am happy to present to the Grand Lodge this particular picture, story and memorandum which I trust will some day hang in the Library of The Grand Lodge office. Thank you very much.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

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

I welcome all the delegates and guests to this 126th Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge.

I do want to express my appreciation to you in Nebraska for delegating me the honor and the responsibility of serving as your Grand Master. It has been a busy year. I hope my actions will meet with your approval.

My thanks go to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 of Kearney for setting up this lodge, to Hastings Lodge No. 50 for opening and receiving the Grand Lodge Officers. A thank you to the good people of Kearney for welcoming us, and for all of you for coming to participate in this, our 126th Grand Lodge Communication. I want to again remind you that the Grand Lodge is made up of 230 Worshipful Masters, and 230 Senior Wardens, 230 Junior Wardens, the Past Grand Masters who become Life Members of the Grand Lodge, and the thirteen appointed and elected Officers of the Grand Lodge. This is your Grand Lodge.

This will conclude my talk to you. I will not read the preliminary report that you already have in your hands.

I ask you to visit with one another, make our out-of-town and distinguished guests welcome, and enjoy the fellowship, the good food and conversation while at this Grand Lodge Communication. Thank you.

VISITATIONS

As your Grand Master I tried to represent Blue Lodge Masonry wherever I was invited, except for conflict of schedules, weather, and as health would permit. I had neurosurgery on my back this past winter to relieve pressure on nerves to my back, hips and legs, and for a period of time had to decline invitations. I did have representation at scheduled events. M. W. Byron C. Jenkins substituted for me at the installation of officers at Fremont Lodge No. 15, and M. W. T. Leo Stines for Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Midwest Lodge No. 317 at Hastings.

I attended two outstate Grand Lodge Communications, at Sioux City, Iowa and at Topeka, Kansas. The Iowa Grand Master, M. W. Norval P. Marks, and I were raised in the same farming community and graduated from the same Ord high school. Nebraska was represented by M. W. Byron C. Jenkins at the Alaska Grand Lodge Communication. He is recognized as a kind of Godfather there because of his early activity as Grand Master in recognizing their new Grand Lodge during his year as Grand Master. M. W. Past Grand Master Warren D. Lichty, Jr. and Deputy Grand Master Bevin B. Bump represented the Nebraska Grand Lodge at Minnesota, and Bevin B. Bump represented the Nebraska Grand Lodge at Wyoming, Colorado and South Dakota.

My own lodge, Hastings Lodge No. 50, and our sister Lodge Midwest Lodge No. 317, and Acacia Chapter No. 39 of the Eastern Star, all of Hastings, hosted all the Grand Lodge officers and their ladies at a reception in the Hastings Temple on the Sunday afternoon following installation of Grand Lodge Officers. It was very beautiful, gracious, well attended, and very much appreciated.

I represented the Grand Lodge when Geneva Lodge No. 79 recognized and honored their Secretary Ben Fussell after a delicious buffalo stew dinner. W. Brother Ben is also a Deputy Grand Custodian, doing education work within his area.

I was invited to meet with, was received by, and spoke to more than thirty Blue Lodges. I took part in the ten Educational meetings. On several occasions I had the pleasure to present 50 and 60 year pins, notably at Brownville, the Old Folks Home at Auburn, Superior, Fremont and Alliance Lodges, and on one special occasion at Franklin, a 70 year pin. I was speaker at several Friendship Nights, as well as one area Friendship Night at Fairmont.

I represented the Grand Lodge at the Grand sessions of the DeMolay and the Job's Daughters. I had a conflict with the Rainbow for Girls, and asked the Chairman of our Youth Committee, Bill Hurst, to represent the Grand Lodge and present the scholarship to a Rainbow for Girls winner.

It is important that we as a Grand Lodge, work closely with the Eastern Star. I have had good relations, cooperation and exchange of ideas from both the Worthy Grand Matron Betty Mabon and Worthy Grand Patron Bernie Paden. I represented the Grand Lodge at the Grand Chapter session of the Eastern Star, and was received as a special guest at Acacia Chapter No. 39 at Hastings.

I represented the Grand Lodge in attendance at the reception for the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron, Betty Mabon and Bernie Paden

at Phillips.

The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were special guests at Trinity Eastern Star Chapter 299 at Omaha, recognizing the Master Masons.

I attended the three day session of the Grand York Rite bodies at Columbus, was received as Grand Master and spoke at each of the meetings of the Chapter, Council and the Commandery. I attended the Knights of the York Cross of Honor meeting in Alliance and took the Blue Lodge part in the initiation of new KYCH members. I was the initiate of the Red Cross of Constantine Coeur De Lion Conclave at Columbus.

I was invited to the presentation of the third degree of Masonry by the Scottish Rite in Omaha in colonial costume, was their guest at their Scottish Rite Banquet. I represented the Grand Lodge at the Lincoln Scottish Rite in their presentation of the play "The Traitor", and spoke at the Scottish Rite Educational meeting. I participated in two Scottish Rite Reunions in Hastings.

Tehama Temple of the Shrine gave me the Grand Masters Fez, presented a 100 Million Dollar Certificate to the Shrine, in the name of the G.M. was given a \$750 check to be used for Friendship Nights, and honored the Grand Master as Marshal of their ceremonial parade. Tangier gave special recognition as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska at their Potentate's Ball. Sesostris at Lincoln hosted me and my wife at the Shrine Bowl game in Lincoln. I attended Na-Ja Temple Ceremonial in Spearfish, South Dakota where western Nebraska novices were initiated into the Shrine in a Tehama-Na-Ja double ceremonial. I camped with the Noble Nobles.

Sesostris Temple at Lincoln recognized the Grand Master and his Lady at their annual Potentate's Banquet and Ball.

I was a guest and spoke to a joint meeting of the Tehama Temple of the Shrine and the Knights of Columbus at a steak-fry in Grand Island. The Grand Island Knights are great supporters of the Shrine Bowl.

As Grand Master I was received and spoke at installations of the Daughters of the Nile at Lincoln and at Hastings.

I met with the Board of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth and was guest and visitor at the Home on more than one occasion. I met with the Trustees of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, as well as attending the Children's Achievement Day activities.

I was represented at a Council Bluffs, Iowa meeting honoring the Iowa Grand Master, by Past Grand Masters Harold C. Wurdeman and Byron C. Jenkins, and R.W. Grand Secretary Ralph W. Gerry. On April 19 I presented 60 year pins at Fremont Lodge, and later in the evening assisted in the raising of two of Paul R. Eveland's sons at North Bend Lodge.

I believe it is important that officers of the Grand Lodge, appointed and elected, meet and mix with both individual Masons and Lodges of Nebraska. We have a big state. There is a limit to how much we can do. I believe that it is important that we meet with other Masonic bodies. They need us, and we need them. We are a big Brotherhood and Sisterhood. I believe we do have a good relationship and we want to encourage and keep it that way. I want to thank all who have received my wife and me on these many good fellowship visits. They will be jewels of remembrance for us. We hope we have given something back to you.

GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE

The Grand Masters Conference, this year, was held in Dallas, Texas. The Conference is always held at the time of George Washington's birthday. Fifty delegations were represented. They include each state, including Hawaii, which is joined with California, plus the District of Columbia. Nebraska was represented by Deputy Grand Master Bevin B. Bump, Past Grand Master Herbert A. Ronin, and Right Worshipful Ralph W. Gerry, Grand Secretary. The delegation attended the meeting of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, were guests of the Scottish Rite for a lunch, and attended the Grand Masters' Banquet. The meeting offers an opportunity for an exchange of ideas among the several states. Bevin B. Bump, Deputy Grand Master, was guest speaker at the Grand Secretaries Banquet.

CORNERSTONES AND DEDICATION CEREMONIES

On September 26th, 1982, the Grand Lodge was privileged to lay a cornerstone for the Centura Public School located 5 miles north of Cairo, Nebraska. The school serves Cairo, Boelus and Dannebrog. Ten years ago the Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone for the first part of the construction for the new high school. This time a very large facility was constructed for use of the junior high school and grade school. The cornerstone laying ceremony took place on the gymnasium stage before a crowd estimated by Brother Dean Drummond, Superintendent of the school, to be over 900 in number. The high school band took part in the ceremony. The cornerstone laying ceremony was on a Sunday afternoon, and was a part of the open house and, also, dedication of the new school addition.

On October 23, 1982, the Grand Lodge laid a cornerstone for a new Temple of Orman Lodge No. 261 at Spencer, Nebraska. This was followed by the dedication of the Temple. The beautiful new Temple was packed with Masons, members of the Eastern Star and guests. The building and financing of the new Temple was made possible by a gift from W.B. Carl Schmidt, holder of the Bronze Jordan Medal of Orman Lodge, and his sister, Past Matron of the Eastern Star, Josie Anderson.

On October 24, 1982, the Grand Lodge laid a cornerstone for a new residence building, home for the assistant superintendent of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

Again, on April 24, 1983, the Grand Lodge laid a cornerstone for the new Executive Office building on the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children grounds at Fremont. The building will house the executive offices for the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, and the Grand York Rite bodies, Chapter, Council and Commandery. The symbolic ceremony of laying the cornerstone took place in the auditorium with the seats all filled and a standup crowd. This was a big event for both the Eastern Star and the York Rite. An open house for the new building, with total occupancy, will be held July 17, 1983 from 2:00 until 4:00. Both the Eastern Star and the York Rite Grand Secretary and Recorder attest to the highly increased office traffic, even in their temporary quarters, at the new location.

Each cornerstone laying ceremony involves considerable planning. Our thanks go to all these good people. Our Grand Marshal William Keller does a

splendid job of organization. Our very capable Grand Orator James N. DeMoss says the right things in the right amount of time. Our thanks go to W.B. Henry Greenwalt of Lincoln Lodge No. 210 for making a very beautiful set of working tools, the square, level and plumb to be used at cornerstone ceremonies and a case to carry and preserve them.

The ceremony of cornerstone laying by the Grand Lodge is a very meaningful public event. We should look forward, yes, months and years ahead, in cornerstone laying for public buildings, churches and educational institutions.

CENTENNIALS AND ANNIVERSARIES

There were two lodges that reached their 100th year in 1982. Cedar River Lodge No. 89 at Fullerton held their 100th Anniversary on June 19, 1982. Vernon B. Keehn served as Worshipful Master and Wayne H. Nichols as Secretary. There were twelve Past Masters present among the 100 who banqueted at the Methodist Church.

Grand Lodge officers and wives in attendance were Grand Master Paul R. Pierce, Past Grand Masters T. Leo Stines and Harold C. Wurdeman, W. Grand Custodian Mannie O. Hansen, Grand Junior Deacon Paul R. Eveland and Grand Tyler Marvin M. Fink. The address and presentation of the Centennial Certificate was given by the Grand Master.

Ionic Lodge No. 87 of Niobrara held their 100th Anniversary October 2nd to a large open house at their new temple, and to a very large group of Masons, their wives and friends at their banquet. Thomas E. Colwell, Worshipful Master was Master of Ceremonies. Robert L. Olsen was Secretary. As Grand Master I introduced the several Grand Lodge Officers and their wives who were present, and presented the Worshipful Master with the Centennial Certificate.

The address of the evening was given by our Grand Orator James N. DeMoss, followed by an enjoyable concert provided by the Yankton Double Eagle Chorus.

GRAND LODGE AREA EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

The Grand Lodge Education Committee was made up of Grand Lodge Officers, with M.:W.: T. Leo Stines as Chairman. This afforded an opportunity for the Officers and Brethren to meet together and discuss, present and receive ways of improving our Masonic work.

Ten Educational meetings were conducted this past year to reach all the lodges east of Nebraska Highway No. 14. A year ago we had all of our meetings west of Highway 14.

There were good turnouts for the Education meetings. The theme was "Masonic Education." We found that the brethren were hungry for information about Masonry. We distributed printed material and booklets, and encouraged questions, comments and constructive criticisms.

Credit for arranging the schedules for the meetings and for acting as Master of Ceremonies goes to M.:W.: T. Leo Stines. A thank you goes to the host lodges and their ladies for their hospitality. Host Lodges were Neligh, South Sioux City, West Point, Stromsburg, and Hebron in the fall months, and Fremont, Papillion, Weeping Water, Crete and Humbolt in the spring of the year.

The Education meetings get down to basic Masonic principles. There was good discussion and exchange of ideas. It gives an opportunity for the officers of the lodges and officers of the Grand Lodge to meet and mix. I encourage the continuance of the Education meetings. There are two main problems that exist with our Educational meetings. The first is that we cannot cover the whole state with one Committee. The second is that the lodges that need help the most are the ones most often absent from these meetings.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

The Masonic Service Association of 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, continues to be a great source of help to both the Grand Lodge and the subordinate bodies of Masonry. Stewart M. L. Pollard, the Executive Secretary, will be our guest at this Grand Lodge Communicaton. A display and sale of many booklets printed by the Association will be available to the Masons. The state of Nebraska is an active and contributing member of the Masonic Service Association.

The Masonic Service Association is especially active in the visitation of Brethren in Veteran's Hospitals. On Valentine's Day this year Grand Lodge representatives, headed by Right Worshipful Robert Metcalf, Grand Senior Warden, and Brother Bob Adamsheck, Field Agent, visited the Veteran's Hospital in Lincoln. The Field Agents contribute generously of their time and are very much appreciated by the Brother patients.

The Masonic Service Association sends the Short Talk Bulletin to every lodge secretary. The secretary should make it available to the members. The Bulletin is very informative. It is published monthly and may be subscribed to for \$2.50 a year from the Association office. Some lodges are giving a one year subscription of Short Talk to each newly raised Master Mason.

I encourage every lodge to build a library of material from the Masonic Service Association and make the literature available to the membership of the lodge.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIAN APPOINTMENTS

After many years of service, I commissioned W.: Paul D. Fleming, 93, Commission No. 98, a Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus. W.: Fleming was commissioned July 7, 1949 and served for more than 33 years. The occasion took place at the Deputy Grand Custodian banquet in Grand Island, September 10, 1982.

Deputy Grand Custodian appointments included:

W.: Brother David E. Menck, 15, Commission No. 198, July 21, 1982 at Fremont, Nebraska. A dinner was held honoring W.: Brother Menck, and retiring Deputy Grand Custodian W.: Dale Page of Fremont. Brother Menck was, also, presented an Admiralship in the Great Navy of Nebraska.

W.: Brother Justin F. Fauss, 55, Commission No. 199, September 10, 1982, at the Deputy Grand Custodian School Banquet in Grand Island, Nebraska. Brother Fauss also received an Admiralship in the Great Navy of Nebraska.

Vincent Rosenberger, 183, Commission No. 200, September 10, 1982, at the

Deputy Custodian School banquet.

W.:B.: Augustus W. "Bud" Clark, 318, Commission No. 201, November 19, 1982, at the Grand Lodge Masonic Education meeting in Stromsburg.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Recommended of other Grand Jurisdictions near Nebraska:

John D. Richardson, Hastings Lodge No. 50, to represent the Grand Lodge, F.: & A.:M.: of China.

H. Gene Gustafson, Grand Island Lodge No. 318, to represent the Grand Lodge, F.: & A.:M.: of Washington.

Commissioned:

H. Kenneth Kingsbury — District of Columbia

Knud Meister — Denmark

Joseph Maturano — New York

Fred Layman — Virginia

Kirby D. Ward — Georgia

Harold Wilson — British Columbia

GENERAL PERMISSIONS

Permission was given Springfield Lodge No. 112 to enter a float in a local parade.

Permission was given Cement Lodge No. 211 at Wood River to join with the Eastern Star and enter a float in the town Centennial.

Permission was given Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 at Ainsworth to join with Long Pine Lodge No. 136 and enter a float in Ainsworth's Centennial parade.

Counsel was requested by Utica Lodge No. 96 of Utica regarding acceptance of the Presbyterian church at a cost of \$1.00, and to remodel it into a ground floor lodge. The Chairman of the Temple Advisory Committee, Past Grand Master Harold C. Wurdeman and I met with the Utica Brethren, inspected the facility, and recommended acceptance and remodeling to make it into a very nice Masonic Temple. Utica Lodge hopes to have remodeling completed to celebrate their 100th year in 1983.

Permission granted Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to continue to sponsor the Robert W. Boone Memorial Food Truck to the home at Plattsmouth.

Permission granted to the Omaha Area Master and Wardens Club solicitation as an annual project to raise money to buy gifts for residents at the Plattsmouth Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont.

Permission granted Florence Lodge No. 281 to have a Christmas party and inviting Non-masons and children of Non-masons.

Permission granted the Scottish Rite of Lincoln to communicate with the subordinated lodges of Nebraska promoting sale of dinner and play tickets to the play "The Traitor", a story of Benedict Arnold. The play was put on by the Scottish Rite of Denver.

Permission granted Nebraska Lodge No. 1 A.:F.: & A.:M.: to welcome and receive the traveling degree team from Buechel Lodge No. 896 F.: & A.:M.: from Louisville, Kentucky, using a Kentucky candidate with the Kentucky Master Mason's degree ritual.

Permission granted Executive Officer Walter Miller the use of the Grand Lodge mailing list to solicit "DeMolay Uncle" requests to help finance and promote DeMolay in Nebraska.

Permission granted Northern Light Lodge No. 41 at Stanton to hold an outdoor meeting with the Degree Team from Mizpah Lodge No. 302 of Omaha conferring the second section of the Master Masons Degree.

Permission granted the Square and Compass Club of Bellevue to install and man a booth in the EXPO' 83 event, offering pamphlets and information about the Masonic fraternity.

PERMISSIONS TO MOVE CHARTERS

Most of the permissions to move charters were granted to lodges who wanted to meet "on a high hill or in a low vale", in an outdoor scene. This is encouraged because it is a special type of meeting and one that will be long remembered.

Other permissions were granted because of emergencies. Wisner Lodge No. 114 had their lodge interior gutted by fire. Nelson Lodge No. 77 had a lodge building wall collapse, had to abandon the building, complete degree work in Superior Lodge before becoming established temporarily in a church.

One of the nicest requests to move a charter comes annually from the Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 at Plattsmouth, to move their charter to the Masonic Home. Here the lodge meeting is held where our Masonic Brothers who reside in the Home, can walk, be wheeled, or carried into the lodge room, to again sit in lodge with the Brethren. Thoughtfulness is a part of Brotherhood.

DISPENSATIONS

Several dispensations were approved. For the most part bad weather at the time of the January scheduled installations postponed some, lack of enough officers to fill the chairs, or an unexpected move of an appointed or elected officer, necessitating a new election, or the waiver of a time element for a candidate moving out of the jurisdiction, especially for a military man.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was granted a special dispensation to present their Master Mason's degree work before Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in Omaha, but using a Kentucky, not a Nebraska candidate.

CONSOLIDATIONS

During the 1982-83 Masonic year I visited with representatives of Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312 of Lynch, chartered June 7, 1922, with a declining membership of 22, and with Ornan Lodge No. 261 of Spencer, with a membership of 47. The two lodges are just 14 miles apart. Spencer has a new lodge building completed in 1982. The Eastern Star of Lynch had already joined with the Eastern Star of Spencer. It appeared that a consolidation of the Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312 with Ornan Lodge No. 261 would be in the best interest of both lodges, and a consolidation was completed in 1983.

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

During the year I approved 104 amendments for subordinate lodges. Most of the amendments were for changes in dues, mostly because of the Grand

Lodge change from \$5.00 to \$7.00, but many to increase local lodge dues to meet increased operating expenses.

Many requested the local lodge dues for a specific amount, plus the Grand Lodge dues. If at some future date there should be another change in Grand Lodge dues it would then not be necessary to change the By-Laws of the subordinate lodge. It should be remembered that \$2.00 of the Grand Lodge dues goes to support The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

REINSTATEMENTS

I have approved 49 applications for reinstatements this past year, none were rejected. A committee of the subordinate lodge, then the Grand Lodge Committee on Applications for Reinstatement review each application before coming to the Grand Master for his signature and seal. The new reinstatement form is two pages instead of four, and does not include a financial statement of the applicant. The subordinate lodge usually knows the applicant well, and should be in a position to judge whether or not he is a suitable applicant for reinstatement.

After a man has petitioned the lodge and been initiated as a Brother Mason, I see nothing wrong with actively soliciting the reinstatement of a Brother not in good standing. Situations may change, and I have seen instances of reinstatements among Brethren who have retired or whose obligations for their time or money have lessened. They may become good candidates for reinstatement.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

Three trial commissions were appointed this year.

Scottsbluff Lodge No. 201 brought charges against a Master Mason, member of a lodge in Louisiana but residing in Scottsbluff. He was tried and given an indefinite suspension.

Fremont Lodge No. 15 brought charges against an Entered Apprentice Mason. He was tried and expelled.

Florence Lodge No. 281 of Omaha brought charges against a Brother for Unmasonic conduct. He was tried and expelled.

We are grateful to the Junior Wardens of these lodges and to the Brethren who helped set up and sat on the Trial Commissions.

We should remember to "whisper good counsel in the ear of a Brother" and possibly prevent the necessity of Trial Commissions.

NECROLOGY

During the past year one of our Past Grand Masters and 856 of our Brethren passed to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

M. W. Brother Edward Knight of Alliance was born December 4, 1911 and died March 3, 1983. He served as Grand Master in 1952, the youngest man to serve as Grand Master in Nebraska. Alliance Lodge No. 183 conducted grave-side Masonic services. The Grand Lodge was represented by Grand Master Paul R. Pierce, and Past Grand Masters Frank J. Mattoon and T. Leo Stines.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

I could repeat last year's statements that we are continuing to see a positive

improvement in the State of the Craft; that more younger men are being brought into Masonry and filling the chairs, and that more lodges are building more new Temples with "ground floor - walk-in" facilities. The new Temples are planned for more social life in their kitchen and dining room, more efficiency in heating, cooling and lighting, and in general a nicer place to meet.

I appointed Past Grand Master Byron C. Jenkins Chairman of the Lodge Advisory Committee, and asked him to survey our lodges that were not in attendance at the Grand Lodge Communication, and may be in trouble from lack of leadership, enthusiasm, finances, lodge facilities and membership. A report on this will be found elsewhere.

I appointed a Special Committee headed by our Grand Junior Deacon Paul R. Eveland to investigate the cause and possible solutions of the reason for twenty per cent of our Entered Apprentices not advancing. He will make a report elsewhere.

Our Education Committee has had a new booklet printed entitled "Welcome to a Mason's Lady." A copy has been sent to every Secretary with a recommendation that each lodge order copies for their Entered Apprentice Masons, and elsewhere where it may benefit the Mason, his lady, or the lodge.

I asked Past Grand Master Herbert A. Ronin and our Grand Chaplain to write a presentation for a 60 year membership pin. They have done this. We will try it for a few years; then it should be put in printed booklet form like the 50 Year Presentation. Copies of this presentation are available through the Grand Lodge office.

I appointed Donald L. Andrews of Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont, a member of the Grand Lodge Office Committee. Brother Andrews is in charge of computer data for the Northwestern Bell Company, and our hope is that his expertise will be helpful in bringing our Grand Lodge Records on a continuing and up to date computer processing program.

I asked Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary Norris W. Lallman to bring the history of cornerstone laying up to date, and add it to the History of Cornerstone Layings prepared by our former Grand Historian George W. Rosenlof. The previous history was from 1857 to 1963. M. W. Brother Lallman has completed this work. We hope, over a period of years, to collect photographs of all the Temples and a picture of each of the cornerstones.

All vouchers for expenditures by the Grand Lodge office have been sent to me for approval and signature. Although this has entailed mailing instead of being signed by an appointed Brother in the Grand Lodge office, the office accountant tells me that the quick return of signed vouchers has caused no problem.

After Wisner Lodge No. 114 suffered a fire loss of the interior of their lodge I directed the Grand Secretary to call or correspond with all lodges in the state that had other lodges consolidate with them to find furniture, working tools and jewels. The response was tremendous. My compliments to all of you.

Our Grand Custodian Mannie O. Hansen has had to send me additional Certificates for Lodge Proficiency. This is encouraging. I'm happy to sign them as Grand Master and affix the Grand Master's Seal.

The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont continue to serve the purposes for which they

were intended. The daily maintenance, continuous improvement and plans for the future occupy the minds of devoted and dedicated Masons and members of the Eastern Star who sit on the two Boards. We have a right to be proud of these two Homes, and are grateful to the good people who assist in the ongoing needs of the elderly and the young.

We should all understand that in Freemasonry we are free men and have the right to choose. Our labors within the lodge are almost 100 per cent voluntary. It is good that we see the value in Masonry in building ". . . that Temple not made with hands", and the effect and influence of Masonry on others as well.

I am enthused about Masonry in Nebraska. I believe we are in a period of upswing. Continued growth will come about by enthusiastic leadership, education and unselfish use of our time, our talents and our money. Masonry and you can make a better world in which to live.

In several instances regarding 50 and 60 year pins, we find discrepancies in records. Some Brethren have been carried on the lodge rolls although they had not paid their dues for several years. Then the suspension record goes to the Grand Secretary, who suspends the member effective the year end of receipt of the record. Some secretaries wrongfully reinstate by collecting several years of back dues and consider the member in good standing for that period of time. The automatic suspension rule will help in the future.

Our most effective way of putting our Masonic image before the public and receiving petitions, is by the use of Friendship Dinners. The number of younger men, coming into Masonry because of these dinners, is amazing. The financing of these dinners has been by the lodges themselves, plus gratuities from the Shrine, the Scottish Rite and the York Rite. Right Worshipful Brother Charles W. Amidon is in charge of this work and deserves credit for seeing that it continues to function.

We are losing a good many of our older Brethren because of death. This cannot be helped. We still have too many suspensions. These occur more frequently in our larger urban lodges where the Brethren are not well known to each other. The local lodge membership committee should work with the secretary in keeping membership up and suspensions down.

Our Grand Custodian is working hard with his Deputy Grand Custodians, and reports to me on the activity and the proficiency of the lodges under each Deputy Grand Custodian. May I suggest to the lodges that you invite help from them more often. Sometimes the Custodians may not want to project themselves onto a lodge without invitation.

DECISIONS

No. 1: A secretary of a lodge raises a question about the eligibility for a Bronze Jordan Medal. In this instance, the oldest member in point of Masonic membership, had demitted from his original lodge for a period of time, then still keeping his membership in the lodge to which he had demitted, had re-affiliated with his original lodge. He is the oldest Mason in terms of years but not in the most years in his original lodge. The member claims right to the Bronze Jordan Medal in his original lodge.

In the historical book, "Masonry in Nebraska, 1857 - 1957, page 62, there is a record of a resolution adopted recommending the Bronze Jordan Medal ". . . be used as a decoration of the Master Mason who was a member of the lodge

who has been longest a Mason . . . ” In the form for Presentation of the Bronze Jordan medal, same source, page 63, “ . . . the records show that you are the oldest Master Mason in point of service, in membership in _____ Lodge No. _____”. I believe the resolution takes precedence over the presentation form. Also, there is no resolution showing the recipient must have the most number of years in the lodge awarding the Medal. I believe the original lodge should be defined as the lodge in which the Brother was raised, and the lodge he demitted to as the parent lodge, even though he reaffiliated with the original lodge. In this instance, under the existing resolution of June 1914, my decision is that the Brother is eligible for the Bronze Jordan Medal from his original lodge, because he is the oldest Mason in years of service holding membership in Masonry. I am making recommendations elsewhere clarifying eligibility for the Bronze Jordan Medal. It will be to the effect that after June 10, 1983, the Mason entitled to the Bronze Jordan Medal shall be the oldest Mason in terms of years of membership within the parent lodge which awards the Medal with credit given, but not concurrent, for membership years in other Nebraska lodges.

No. 2: A Brother belonging to a Nebraska Lodge now residing in another state believed he was entitled to a 50 year pin. The lodge records showed a period of years of suspension, although the Grand Lodge records showed no suspension or reinstatement. A lodge receipt, however, showed payment for one year's past dues, the current dues, and payment for assessment. The Grand Secretary informs me that reinstatement applications because of the move of the Grand Lodge offices from the fourth to the second floor appear to be missing. After considerable and persistent correspondence my decision was that the parent lodge records were adequate to determine that the Brother had not had a consistent record of membership and was not entitled to the 50 year pin.

No. 3: A decision was requested about a funeral for a Brother Master Mason. The question was could the Brother have a Blue Lodge Masonic Funeral service followed by another service by the Scottish Rite in another place at the time of internment? After consulting with the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite I advised the inquirer that there would be no Memorial service by the Scottish Rite to follow the Blue Lodge Masonic Service. The Blue Lodge Service is complete and there should be no extension of it by the Rose Croix Service.

No. 4: A lodge asked permission to create an Endowment Fund Board of Trustees for the purpose of building and maintaining their lodge property. Their plans appeared to be well planned and legally drawn. The decision was to give them permission to proceed as long as their plans and usages did not conflict with Chapters VI on Finance and Chapter VII on Property of the Grand Lodge.

No. 5: A lodge asked help in making a decision to accept a church building for \$1.00 to be converted into a ground floor lodge. Chairman of the Temple Building Committee M.:W.: Brother Harold C. Wurdeman inspected the church building. We found that it had had a new basement just 15 years before, new electrical wiring at the time, and new zoned furnaces. Recommendations were suggested for the remodeling and permission given to accept the offer

to buy the building for \$1.00.

No. 6: Due to a misunderstanding a request was made for an opinion and a ruling on receiving petitions for membership of three applicants who were connected with work at Offutt Air Force Base. In my opinion the Grand Master's authority to grant dispensations to confer the degrees upon candidates without reference to time applies to period of time between degrees, and not to the residential requirement of one year of residence within the state of Nebraska.

No. 7: A non-resident Brother of a Nebraska lodge requested an "Absolute Demit" but wanted to remain a member of Low Twelve. I explained that membership may be terminated in four ways, namely by suspension, expulsion, demission or death. I explained that suspension by non-payment of dues would leave a man a Mason but not in good standing, and usually negates any or all Masonic connections. Request denied.

No. 8: A small lodge in a small town inherited a sizable bequest. They considered giving the money to the community for a civic building, then consolidating with a neighboring lodge. I asked a Past Grand Master to explain to them that such a gift was illegal according to our Grand Lodge law, and that if they consolidated, the assets of their lodge would go to the lodge with whom they consolidated. We are glad now to have a request for a feasibility study for a new temple, and have suggested a conference with our Temple Building Committee Chairman, which they have done.

No. 9: A resolution was submitted by five Master Masons from Fremont to move the office of the Grand Lodge from Omaha to Fremont. Since there is nothing in the Grand Lodge Constitution and By-Laws to the effect that the office must be in Omaha, I ruled that there was no need to offer a resolution to move it, and that it could be put before the Grand Lodge for their decision by Recommendation of the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge Office Committee.

No. 10: A Nebraska County Centennial committee requested a Nebraska lodge to provide a flag representative of Blue Lodge Masonry for outdoor display. My reply was that although other Masonic Bodies might have banners suitable for display, the Blue Lodge has only one, the flag of the United States of America.

No. 11: A petition was received by a Nebraska lodge by a "delinquent" member of the Nebraska lodge who now resides in a neighboring state. The petition to reinstate was acted upon by the investigating committee, voted upon in a regular meeting, by secret ballot, and failed to acquire a 2/3 affirmative vote. The question from the Nebraska lodge was how long must the petitioner wait before resubmitting his reinstatement petition. I suggested the lodge use the same period of time as needed when a new petition is rejected, which is 6 months. See Sec. 2-908 under PETITIONS AND PETITIONERS, page 50.

No. 12. Upon request of Fairmont Lodge No. 48 to advance an Entered Apprentice Mason from Composite Lodge No. 81, who received his degree many years ago. My interpretation is that after three years the Composite Lodge No. 81 no longer has jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

Jordan Medals are referred to under CHAPTER VI FINANCE Sec. 2-616 and under CHAPTER VII PROPERTY Sec. 2-709 OWNERSHIP OF JEWELS. I recommend a clear cut statement of eligibility and entitlement for both the Gold and the Bronze Jordan Medals under a new heading. I suggest that a new chapter be added to our by-laws as follows:

CHAPTER XI

MASONIC BADGES AND AWARDS

Sec. 3-1101 — **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BADGES** — All Master Masons in good standing who have been such for periods of fifty, sixty and seventy years, respectively, and who are members of subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled upon application, to receive from the Grand Lodge a suitable badge or button, which badge or button shall be selected and provided by the Grand Secretary and paid for out of the Grand Lodge funds. Subordinate Lodges are encouraged and authorized to present a suitable badge or button to Master Masons who are members in good standing of the Subordinate Lodge, for a period of twenty-five years, at the expense of the Subordinate Lodge presenting the same.

Sec. 3-1102 — **THE GOLD JORDAN MEDAL** — The Mason entitled to the Gold Jordan Medal shall be a Master Mason in good standing residing in Nebraska, with the longest period of membership in Nebraska lodges.

Sec. 3-1103 — **THE BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL** — The Mason entitled to the Bronze Jordan Medal shall be a Master Mason in good standing, residing in Nebraska, and his present parent lodge may be the only lodge authorized to award the Medal, but the previous period of service in any other Nebraska lodge or lodges shall be considered, although not concurrently, in determining his eligibility.

Sec. 3-1104 — **OWNERSHIP OF THE JORDAN MEDALS AND GRAND-MASTER JEWELS** — The Gold Jordan Medal and the Bronze Jordan Medals shall be and remain the property of the Grand Lodge, and if left with the recipients the Gold Jordan Medal shall be returned to the Grand Lodge, and the Bronze Jordan Medal returned to the lodge awarding the Medal upon the death of the recipient, or of his moving from the state. Effective 1981, the Past Grand Master's Jewels shall be and remain the property of the Grand Lodge, and be returned to the Grand Lodge upon the death of the wearer. The name of each wearer shall be perpetuated on the Past Grand Master's Jewel.

Referring to Sec. 3-1101 — **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BADGES**, Page 44: As Grand Master I have directed the Grand Secretary to honor requests from lodges asking for 70 year badges. There were several this past year. I presented one myself in a special ceremony in the Franklin Lodge followed by a dinner at the hotel in Franklin.

Referring to Sections 3-1101; 3-1102; 3-1103 and 3-1104 as suggested in the foregoing Recommendations under CHAPTER XI, MASONIC BADGES AND AWARDS: I believe these sections allow deletion of all other references to JORDAN MEDALS, see FINANCE Sec. 2-616 on page 44; Sec. 2-709 OWNERSHIP OF JEWELS, under PROPERTY on page 45; and under

CHAPTER VI - FINANCE - Sec. 2-615 - DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BADGES on page 44, referring to 50, 60 and 25 year buttons or badges.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

SUBJECT: SPECIAL PURPOSE LODGES

The Nebraska Society for Masonic Research, at my request, has drafted a new Code Section that would permit the charter of special-purpose Lodges such as research and funerals. The provision contemplates that charters would be granted to special-purpose Lodges under the control of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The following RECOMMENDED CONSTITUTIONAL SECTION FOR SPECIAL-PURPOSE LODGES "ARTICLES XII - FORMATION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, I believe has been carefully worked out, and I recommend it be made a part, designated as Sec. 5.

Notwithstanding any other provision or provisions of the Constitutions, Laws, and Edicts of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, in his discretion, is hereby authorized to grant dispensations to special-purpose Lodges to perform certain customary special-purpose functions related to Masonry and for the benefit of the Craft, upon such terms and conditions as may be detailed in any such dispensation. Such special-purpose Lodge may, thereafter, present to the Grand Lodge their petition for a charter as such special-purpose Lodge, requesting a name, and the enumeration of its customary special-purpose functions, and also, the enumeration of the provisions of the Constitution, Laws, and Edicts of this Grand Lodge, if any, which customarily would not apply to such special-purpose Lodge. If the Grand Lodge, in its discretion, approves such petition, a charter shall be issued which shall specifically enumerate all of the rights and duties of such Lodge, and which shall also specifically enumerate such customarily inapplicable provisions of the Constitution, Laws, and Edicts of this Grand Lodge, vis. said Lodge. As used in this provision, any reference to 'custom' denotes only a reference to the customs and usages of Regular Ancient Craft Masonry which have heretofore developed under the Constitution, Laws, and Edicts thereof, whether or not the same shall be codified or uncoded, and not otherwise."

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

An 18 page mimeographed paper, size 5½ x 8½, to fit in a three hole notebook the size of our Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, entitled

**DIAGRAMS OF FLOOR WORK
for the
DEDICATION OF MASONIC TEMPLES
GRAND LODGE, AF & AM
OF NEBRASKA**

has been carefully worked out by Past Grand Master Harold C. Wurdeman, who also was Grand Marshal for several years. The diagrams showing the legend of the officers, the furniture of the lodge, the sequence of timing and paths taken by the officers and has been carefully diagrammed. There are

explanations of steps taken, directions, and specific instructions for each officer. The work has been carefully examined by past Grand Marshals, Past Grand Masters, and used in the Dedication of a Masonic Temple this year. As Grand Master I approved the work on October 8, 1982 and directed its distribution to the Grand Lodge Officers:

MY RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend the adoption of the **DIAGRAMS OF FLOOR WORK** for the **DEDICATION OF MASONIC TEMPLES** as prepared by Most Worshipful Brother Harold C. Wurdeman and that it be used as a part of the Monitor & Ceremonies of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Trustees of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont have received a substantial bequest to the Home, the money to be used for the construction of buildings. The Grand York Rite bodies and the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star were looking for different office facilities because of the traffic problems in downtown Omaha, the difficulty in parking near the offices in the old Masonic Temple building, the high rent, and because of the unfortunate beating of the Grand Recorder of the York Rite after leaving his office. These reasons are not to degrade Omaha because such conditions could exist in many large cities.

The Trustees of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children offered temporary office space to the two bodies while it constructed a new executive office building for the York Rite and the Eastern Star. The temporary office space was accepted and both bodies have stated that their office traffic has increased many times since the move from downtown Omaha. A new office building, with the basic contract of \$184,000 is nearly complete, and will be occupied soon by the Grand York Rite and the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star with open house scheduled for July 17, 1983. The rental terms are \$300 plus utilities for each unit. The York Rite and the Eastern Star are elated with the facilities, the location and the rental terms.

A similar offer has been extended to me as Grand Master, to build an executive office building for the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. The cost of the building, up to \$200,000 to be paid for by the Home.

The location of the building on the Fremont campus, the dimensions of the proposed building, the interior and exterior design to be subject to negotiation between the Home and the Lodge. The proposed rental is to be \$600 a month plus utilities. The proposed lease is for a minimum of 10 years with renewable options to be agreed upon by the two parties. Title to the real estate and all improvements and fixtures attached thereto shall remain in The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Should an affirmative decision be forthcoming to the invitation, if desired, temporary office space will be made available for Grand Lodge occupancy during the period of construction of the new office building. The offer to the Grand Lodge is an offer to negotiate, and not an offer in a contractual sense. Finalizing will require considerable negotiation between the two parties; however, and I quote, "I assure you that the Home will, to the best of its abilities, abide by the basic proposal set forth herein."

The building now occupied by the Grand Lodge office presently, has been sold and the Masonic Temple sign removed. The Grand Lodge had no ownership rights in the building. The present rent, on a month to month basis, is \$1,375 plus electricity of \$100 plus a month. Consideration of another downtown Omaha location at less rent would only continue the traffic and parking problem.

Completion of a new office building for the Grand Lodge could take 18 to 24 months. In the meantime the Grand Lodge Office Committee could put into effect its already contemplated condensing of the many office records in computer form to take up less filing and floor space, and to duplicate the records for safe keeping.

The Chairman of our Temple Advisory Committee, Past Grand Master Harold C. Wurdeman, an architect by profession, has investigated the present space used for the Grand Lodge office, considered the amount of money available through the Home to build a new office facility, and has concluded that a very adequate office facility could be built for the Grand Lodge within the \$200,000 figure.

MY RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend the Grand Lodge A..F.. & A..M.. of Nebraska at its 126th Annual Communication, vote on whether or not to accept the offer of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children to build a new Executive Office building on the Fremont campus, at the expense of the Home estimated to be \$200,000, with a ten year lease and rental terms of \$600 a month plus utilities, and if the vote is in favor, that the Grand Lodge start immediate negotiations with the Home to bring the new office facilities to fruition.

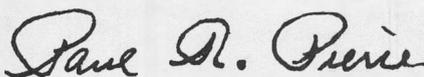
APPRECIATION

The word "Thank You" is just not big enough to say how much I have appreciated the help, the good fellowship, the working together for the good of Masonry in Nebraska.

When I was down on my back with neurosurgery the cards, the letters, flowers and other means of good wishes came in by the hundreds. The most effective card was perhaps "You Can Make It." To my good wife Helen, the Past Grand Masters, the Grand Officers, the office help, the Grand and Deputy Grand Custodians, the Committee members, the Worshipful Masters, Secretaries, and all the Brethren, I do again say Thank You.

To the Grand Lodge who gave me, by your vote, the opportunity to serve as Grand Master, it will probably be the best year of my life because it meant working with you. I hope I have merited your approval.

Sincerely and Fraternally,



Paul R. Pierce

To the Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. I herewith submit my report as your Grand Secretary.

REGRETS

Before I begin my report, I hereby tender my regrets to M.·W.· Harold C. Wurdeman for the inadvertent omission of the following from the 1982 proceedings.

Permission was given to move the Charter of Lebanon Lodge No. 323, to Holiday Inn in Kearney during the time of the 125th Annual Communication.

A trial commission was appointed with R.·W.· Bevin B. Bump, President.

The following should be added to the enumeration of visitations:

- May 1, 1982 Guest night dinner, Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City. Presented one fifty year and three sixty year pins.
- May 3, 1982 Visited Andres Chapter No. 41, O.E.S. in Grand Island
- May 7, 1982 Attended Scottish Rite Workshop, Omaha.
- May 11, 1982 Visited Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Lincoln
- May 17, 1982 Attended the Annual Communication and Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, F.· & A.·M.· in Tucson.
- May 29, 1982 Attended dinner at Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte, and presented 65 year pins.

RETURNS

My appreciation to all Secretaries for their fine cooperation. In every case I find willingness to conform to the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

CONSOLIDATIONS

One consolidation just completed. Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312, Lynch, with Orman Lodge No. 261, Spencer. The Seal and Charter of Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312 have been returned to my office.

HONOR PINS

One hundred forty-seven 50-year pins, and three hundred forty 60-year pins, and nine 70 year pins have been issued this past year, with many shipped to other Jurisdictions for presentation. We find all other Jurisdictions willing to assist your Grand Lodge.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Wilmer R. Blackett, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, at age 102, is still up and around at the Florence Home in Omaha. Our fondest good wishes to Brother Blackett.

GRAND SECRETARIES CONFERENCE

Along with our Deputy Grand Master, Bevin B. Bump, I attended the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries in Dallas, Texas, February 20-23, 1983. I find this Conference to be invaluable to the Grand Secretary as well as cementing fraternal relations with other Grand Secretaries with whom we correspond frequently.

SECRETARIES CONFERENCES

This past year I have instituted meetings with our Lodge Secretaries in groups throughout the state.

We find these meetings very fruitful and have had many affirmative comments to continue. In these meetings we sit around a table with a coffee pot and discuss our common problems.

CHARTERED LODGES

The following lodges failed to be represented at two consecutive Annual Communications and have been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations to show cause why their charters should not be forfeited.

- Ponca Lodge No. 101, Ponca
- Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway
- Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport

APPRECIATION

My heartfelt thanks to Thelma McNeal, Vincent Keerbs, Ann LaBreck and our Grand Custodian, Mannie O. Hansen, for their fine work and dedication to the affairs of the Grand Lodge office.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund Receipts

Per Capita @ \$5.00 per member	\$156,865.00
Initiations @ \$10.00 each	5,820.00
Bond Premiums	1,002.33
Liability Insurance Premiums	2,508.30
Sale of Supplies	8,037.60
George Washington Masonic National Memorial @ \$5.00	2,300.00
Custodian Fees	720.00
Dispensation Fees	70.00
Miscellaneous Income	825.00
Reinstatements	910.00
Reimbursement from The Nebraska Masonic Home	10,000.00
General Fund Interest received on stocks & bonds	84,100.60
Sale of Banquet Tickets	2,975.00
	<u>\$276,133.83</u>

Disbursements

Liability Insurance & Bond Premiums	2,768.00
George Washington Masonic National Memorial	2,185.00
Supply Account	9,621.22
Masonic-OES Home for Children	-----
1982-1983 General Budget	171,475.04
The Nebraska Masonic Home @ \$2.00	62,746.00
Total	<u>\$248,795.26</u>

RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges last year	231
Number of Lodges Chartered this year	0
Lodges Consolidated	1
Number of Chartered Lodges	230
Number Initiated	582
Number Passed	484
Number Raised	461
Affiliations	111
Dual Membership by Affiliation	41
Re-Instated	186
Consolidated	53
Other Causes	23
Total Increase	<u>875</u>
Number Demitted	174
Deaths	856
Suspended NPD	580
Expulsions	0
Other Causes Including Consolidations	45
Total Loss	<u>1,655</u>
Net Loss for year ending December 31, 1982	780
Number of Master Masons on Rolls December 31, 1981	31,401
Number of Master Masons on Rolls December 31, 1982	30,621

Fraternally Submitted



Ralph W. Gerry

NAME OF LODGE	NO.	E. A. F. C. C.											MASTER MASONS						On Rolls Dec. 31, 1982	No. of Lodge	
		Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1982		Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1982		Membership Dec. 31, 1981	GAIN					LOSS							
			On Rolls Dec. 31, 1982	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1982		Raisings	Affiliations		Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes			Total Loss
Nebraska	1	3	5	9	5	602	7	4	0	2	0	3	618	4	32	14	0	0	50	568	1
Western Star	2	3	3	3	1	228	3	1	1	1	0	0	234	1	6	0	0	0	7	227	2
Capitol	3	6	6	2	2	339	1	0	0	10	0	0	350	0	12	13	0	0	25	325	3
Nehama Valley	4	0	1	0	1	56	2	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	2	0	0	0	2	56	4
Omadi	5	0	3	2	0	87	2	0	0	1	0	1	91	0	3	1	0	0	4	87	5
Plattsmouth	6	6	4	6	2	288	5	1	0	1	0	0	295	0	3	0	0	0	3	292	6
Falls City	9	0	5	0	1	150	0	1	0	1	0	0	152	0	6	0	0	0	6	146	9
Solomon	10	4	3	2	1	92	1	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	4	0	0	0	4	89	10
Covert	11	15	8	16	1	1103	18	2	0	6	0	0	1129	9	35	22	0	0	66	1063	11
Orient	13	0	0	0	0	43	1	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	3	0	0	0	3	41	13
Peru	14	1	0	1	1	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	2	2	0	3	7	68	14
Fremont	15	7	11	5	0	538	5	2	0	1	0	0	546	3	11	10	0	0	24	522	15
Tecumseh	17	0	0	0	0	132	1	0	0	0	0	0	133	0	4	6	0	0	10	123	17
Lincoln	19	21	7	19	8	495	15	2	0	5	0	0	517	0	15	0	0	0	15	502	19
Washington	21	5	8	0	4	126	1	1	1	2	0	1	132	0	3	5	0	0	8	124	21
Pawnee	23	0	4	0	0	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	0	1	0	0	0	1	91	23
St. Johns	25	3	0	5	0	583	6	1	0	2	0	0	592	7	27	65	0	0	99	493	25
Beatrice	26	2	6	4	0	335	5	2	1	1	0	0	344	1	13	1	0	1	16	328	26
Jordan	27	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	27
Blue River	30	1	0	1	0	65	1	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	1	2	64	30
Tekamah	31	2	7	2	1	187	4	0	0	1	0	0	192	0	6	1	0	0	7	185	31
Platte Valley	32	17	38	8	6	456	7	1	2	8	0	5	479	0	10	9	0	0	19	460	32
Ashlar	33	7	7	5	2	349	4	4	0	1	0	0	358	1	8	4	0	0	13	345	33
Acacia	34	2	0	2	0	136	2	1	1	0	0	0	140	0	2	1	0	0	3	137	34
Fairbury	35	0	1	1	0	150	1	1	1	0	0	0	153	0	3	0	0	0	3	150	35
Lone Tree	36	3	1	2	0	136	2	0	0	0	0	0	138	0	2	2	0	0	4	134	36
Crete	37	0	1	0	1	158	0	0	0	2	0	0	160	0	6	1	0	0	7	153	37
Oliver	38	0	1	1	1	97	2	0	0	2	0	0	101	1	2	4	0	0	7	94	38
Papillion	39	20	14	17	3	322	16	4	3	0	0	0	345	3	8	6	0	0	17	328	39
Humboldt	40	1	1	1	0	70	1	0	0	1	0	0	72	1	5	0	0	0	6	66	40
Northern Light	41	0	7	2	4	75	3	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	0	0	0	1	77	41
Hebron	43	1	2	2	0	84	4	1	1	0	0	0	90	0	1	3	0	0	4	86	43
Harvard	44	1	0	1	1	64	2	2	0	0	0	0	68	1	3	1	1	0	6	62	44
Rob Morris	46	5	13	3	1	313	3	2	1	1	0	0	320	5	6	4	0	2	17	303	46
Fairmont	48	1	2	0	1	54	0	1	1	0	0	0	56	0	1	0	0	1	2	54	48
Evening Star	49	2	4	0	2	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	1	1	1	0	0	3	74	49
Hastings	50	9	14	6	2	359	4	1	2	0	0	0	366	1	3	6	0	8	18	348	50
Fidelity	51	0	2	0	0	94	0	0	1	0	0	0	95	1	2	0	0	1	4	91	51
Hiram	52	1	0	1	0	65	1	0	0	2	0	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	1	67	52
Charity	53	2	0	2	0	102	1	0	0	0	19	0	122	3	2	0	0	0	5	117	53
Lancaster	54	10	30	11	4	792	11	2	1	2	0	0	808	1	10	9	0	0	20	788	54
Mosaic	55	4	12	4	2	232	2	1	0	0	0	2	237	1	4	7	0	0	12	225	55
York	56	7	9	2	0	211	2	2	0	0	0	0	215	0	3	0	0	0	3	212	56
Mt. Moriah	57	1	0	1	1	78	1	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	3	0	0	0	3	76	57
Wahoo	59	2	0	5	0	193	5	0	0	0	0	0	198	1	7	4	0	0	12	186	59
Melrose	60	0	2	0	0	56	0	0	1	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	60
Thistle	61	9	7	5	2	177	4	1	0	2	0	0	184	1	6	5	0	0	12	172	61
Keystone	62	1	1	0	5	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	2	3	0	0	0	5	87	62
Blue Valley	64	0	2	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	1	2	2	0	0	5	68	64
Osceola	65	1	1	1	1	72	1	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	2	71	65

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Covert	11	15	8	16	1	1103	18	2	0	6	0	0	1129	9	35	22	0	0	66	1063	11
Orient	13	0	0	0	0	43	1	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	3	0	0	0	3	41	13
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Fremont	15	7	11	5	0	538	5	2	0	1	0	0	546	3	11	10	0	0	24	522	15
Tecumseh	17	0	0	0	0	132	1	0	0	0	0	0	133	0	4	6	0	0	10	123	17
Lincoln	19	21	7	19	8	495	15	2	0	5	0	0	517	0	15	0	0	0	15	502	19
Washington	21	5	8	0	4	126	1	1	1	2	0	1	132	0	3	5	0	0	8	124	21
Pawnee	23	0	4	0	0	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	0	1	0	0	0	1	91	23
St. Johns	25	3	0	5	0	583	6	1	0	2	0	0	592	7	27	65	0	0	99	493	25
Beatrice	26	2	6	4	0	335	5	2	1	1	0	0	344	1	13	1	0	1	16	328	26
Jordan	27	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	27
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Platte Valley	32	17	38	8	6	456	7	1	2	8	0	5	479	0	10	9	0	0	19	460	32
Ashlar	33	7	7	5	2	349	4	4	0	1	0	0	358	1	8	4	0	0	13	345	33
Acacia	34	2	0	2	0	136	2	1	1	0	0	0	140	0	2	1	0	0	3	137	34
Fairbury	35	0	1	1	0	150	1	1	1	0	0	0	153	0	3	0	0	0	3	150	35
Lone Tree	36	3	1	2	0	136	2	0	0	0	0	0	138	0	2	2	0	0	4	134	36
Crete	37	0	1	0	1	158	0	0	0	2	0	0	160	0	6	1	0	0	7	153	37
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Hebron	43	1	2	2	0	84	4	1	1	0	0	0	90	0	1	3	0	0	4	86	43
Harvard	44	1	0	1	1	64	2	2	0	0	0	0	68	1	3	1	1	0	6	62	44
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Hiram	52	1	0	1	0	65	1	0	0	2	0	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	1	67	52
Charity	53	2	0	2	0	102	1	0	0	0	19	0	122	3	2	0	0	0	5	117	53
Lancaster	54	10	30	11	4	792	11	2	1	2	0	0	808	1	10	9	0	0	20	788	54
Mosaic	55	4	12	4	2	232	2	1	0	0	0	2	237	1	4	7	0	0	12	225	55
York	56	7	9	2	0	211	2	2	0	0	0	0	215	0	3	0	0	0	3	212	56
Mt. Moriah	57	1	0	1	1	78	1	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	3	0	0	0	3	76	57
Wahoo	59	2	0	5	0	193	5	0	0	0	0	0	198	1	7	4	0	0	12	186	59
Melrose	60	0	2	0	0	56	0	0	1	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	60
Thistle	61	9	7	5	2	177	4	1	0	2	0	0	184	1	6	5	0	0	12	172	61
Keystone	62	1	1	0	5	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	2	3	0	0	0	5	87	62
Blue Valley	64	0	2	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	1	2	2	0	0	5	68	64
Osceola	65	1	1	1	1	72	1	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	2	71	65

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Edgar	67	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	3	0	0	0	3	51	67
Aurora	68	1	3	0	0	98	0	1	0	0	0	0	99	1	0	1	0	0	2	97	68
Trowel	71	1	3	1	0	75	3	1	0	0	0	34	113	1	0	3	0	0	4	109	71
Hooper	72	2	5	2	2	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	2	0	0	0	2	81	72
Friend	73	1	4	0	1	51	0	1	1	0	0	3	56	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	73
Frank Welch	75	1	1	1	1	169	1	0	0	3	0	0	173	1	4	5	0	0	10	163	75
Nelson	77	1	3	0	0	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	1	2	2	0	0	5	105	77
Albion	78	2	1	1	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	1	2	5	3	0	8	73	78
Geneva	79	4	3	8	2	147	6	2	0	0	0	0	155	0	0	5	0	0	5	150	79
Composite	81	0	2	0	2	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	2	1	0	0	3	66	81
St. Paul	82	0	1	0	0	126	0	0	0	1	0	0	127	1	4	1	0	0	6	121	82
Corinthian	83	1	4	1	1	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	83
Ionic	87	0	2	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	6	0	0	0	6	66	87
Cedar River	89	2	5	2	2	75	2	0	0	0	0	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	1	76	89
Oakland	91	0	0	0	0	108	1	0	0	0	0	0	109	1	0	1	0	0	2	107	91
Beaver City	93	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	4	1	0	0	5	65	93
Bennett	94	1	2	0	0	61	0	1	2	0	0	0	64	1	1	1	0	0	3	61	94
Garfield	95	2	2	3	1	89	2	2	0	1	0	0	94	0	6	0	0	0	6	88	95
Utica	96	0	2	0	0	66	0	0	0	1	0	0	67	0	7	1	0	0	8	59	96
Euclid	97	5	5	3	2	98	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	0	1	0	0	0	1	99	97
Republican	98	4	2	3	2	38	2	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	1	0	0	1	39	98
Shelton	99	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	2	0	0	0	2	41	99
Ponca	101	0	2	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	5	1	0	0	6	49	101
Waterloo	102	0	4	0	2	158	1	1	0	0	0	0	160	1	2	5	0	0	8	152	102
Ord	103	2	3	0	1	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	1	4	9	0	0	14	88	103
Wymore	104	1	1	1	0	110	2	2	0	2	0	0	116	0	2	0	0	1	3	113	104
Stella	105	0	1	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	1	35	105
Porter	106	0	1	1	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	2	0	0	3	43	106
Table Rock	108	2	0	2	0	24	2	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	108
Pomegranate	110	6	15	1	2	163	0	1	0	0	0	0	164	0	1	0	0	0	1	163	110
DeWitt	111	2	1	2	0	29	2	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	111
Springfield	112	1	5	0	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	0	78	1	2	2	0	0	5	73	112
Globe	113	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	1	0	0	1	50	113
Wisner	114	0	1	0	0	88	1	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	4	0	0	0	4	85	114
Harlan	116	0	3	1	2	62	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	2	1	0	0	0	3	60	116
Hardy	117	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	29	0	2	0	0	0	2	27	117
North Bend	119	4	4	2	1	92	3	0	0	0	0	0	95	3	5	0	0	0	8	87	119
Wayne	120	2	3	1	0	154	1	1	0	0	0	0	156	1	1	4	0	0	6	150	120
Superior	121	2	2	1	0	130	1	1	0	0	0	0	132	1	3	0	0	0	4	128	121
Auburn	124	3	6	0	0	101	0	1	0	0	0	0	102	1	7	1	0	0	9	93	124
Mt. Nebo	125	0	0	0	0	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	1	0	1	0	0	2	47	125
Stromsburg	126	5	5	3	1	134	3	1	0	0	0	0	138	0	3	2	0	0	5	133	126
Minden	127	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	1	1	0	0	2	73	127
Guide Rock	128	1	0	1	0	75	1	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	1	2	0	0	3	73	128
Scribner	132	0	0	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	1	0	0	0	1	33	132
Solar	134	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	1	1	1	0	0	3	43	134
McCook	135	6	8	4	0	245	4	0	0	0	0	0	249	4	9	1	0	0	14	235	135
Long Pine	136	2	5	1	0	34	1	0	1	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	136
Upright	137	0	1	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	137
Rawalt	138	0	0	0	1	64	1	0	1	0	0	0	66	1	3	2	0	0	6	60	138

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Bloomfield	218	3	0	8	4	62	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	218			
Relief	219	1	1	0	0	71	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	71	219				
Magnolia	220	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	220				
Wood Lake	221	6	0	6	1	69	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	74	221				
Landmark	222	1	4	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	87	222				
Silver Cord	224	4	14	2	5	113	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	8	107	224					
Cable	225	1	3	0	2	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	73	225					
North Star	227	6	23	3	3	326	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	332	4	7	22	0	0	0	0	33	299	227						
Bartley	228	1	2	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	35	228					
Comet	229	3	2	2	1	103	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	102	229						
John S. Bowen	232	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	43	232						
Gilead	233	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	233				
Zion	234	2	2	1	1	77	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	77	234						
Fraternity	235	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	3	0	1	34	2	0	4	34	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	6	28	235						
Golden Rule	236	0	0	0	1	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	236					
Friendship	239	2	0	2	0	46	2	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	1	1	48	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	46	239							
Pilot	240	5	3	6	2	155	4	0	0	2	0	0	161	3	4	3	161	3	4	3	0	0	0	10	151	240							
George Armstrong	241	0	2	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	45	241							
Hampton	245	0	1	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	245					
Nehawka	246	2	2	2	1	71	2	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	246					
Laurel	248	1	1	0	1	63	0	1	0	0	0	0	64	1	1	0	64	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	62	248							
Gothenburg	249	2	3	3	3	112	2	0	0	1	0	0	115	1	2	4	115	1	2	4	0	0	0	7	108	249							
George Washington	250	5	13	3	0	239	3	1	0	2	0	0	245	1	9	8	245	1	9	8	0	0	0	18	227	250							
Wausa	251	7	6	6	5	47	2	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	2	0	49	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	47	251							
Bassett	254	2	2	1	1	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	1	1	0	58	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	56	254							
Hickman	256	5	9	5	2	106	3	1	0	0	0	0	110	0	2	5	110	0	2	5	0	0	0	7	103	256							
Anselmo	258	1	0	1	0	62	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	2	0	63	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	61	258							
Ornan	261	0	2	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	1	1	47	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	45	261							
Endeavor	262	1	0	2	2	69	0	0	0	1	0	0	70	0	3	0	70	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	67	262							
Mitchell	263	1	3	2	1	129	1	1	1	0	0	0	132	2	2	1	132	2	2	1	0	0	0	5	127	263							
Franklin	264	3	7	3	1	72	6	0	1	0	0	0	79	0	1	0	79	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	78	264							
Robert W. Furnas	265	5	3	6	2	346	5	4	0	0	0	0	355	2	9	5	355	2	9	5	0	0	0	16	339	265							
Silver	266	2	3	0	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	47	1	1	0	47	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	45	266							
James A. Tulleys	267	2	1	1	0	72	0	2	0	0	0	0	74	0	5	1	74	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	68	267							
George W. Lininger	268	3	0	3	0	243	3	1	0	1	0	0	248	0	4	6	248	0	4	6	0	0	0	10	238	268							
Oasis	271	1	2	1	0	148	1	0	0	2	0	0	151	0	4	3	151	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	144	271							
Lee P. Gillette	272	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	0	47	0	3	0	47	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	44	272							
Crofton	273	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	1	0	16	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	15	273							
Olive Branch	274	0	5	0	0	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	129	1	4	1	129	1	4	1	0	0	0	6	123	274							
Sioux	277	0	0	0	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	277							
Wallace	279	6	2	4	0	32	4	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	279							
Swastika	280	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	2	0	61	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	58	280							
Florence	281	9	4	8	1	577	8	0	1	8	0	0	594	5	17	11	594	5	17	11	0	0	0	33	561	281							
Mullen	282	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1	0	1	40	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	38	282							
Genea	284	0	1	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	2	0	46	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	44	284							
Camp Clarke	285	1	0	2	0	103	2	0	0	0	0	0	105	1	3	0	105	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	101	285							
Oshkosh	286	9	7	6	2	83	5	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	286							
Union	287	12	8	6	1	62	8	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	287							
Omaha	288	4	4	5	3	253	4	0	1	4	0	0	262	0	6	3	262	0	6	3	0	4	13	249	288								
Lotus	289	2	1	2	2	106	2	0	0	0	0	0	108	0	4	1	108	0	4	1	0	2	7	101	289								

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John J. Mercer	290	12	30	11	3	1210	8	3	0	4	0	1	1226	6	35	46	0	0	87	1139	290		
Diamond	291	1	5	1	0	59	1	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	3	1	0	0	4	56	291		
Monument	293	1	5	2	1	43	2	1	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	293		
Kimball	294	10	5	7	3	138	6	0	0	1	0	0	145	0	2	0	0	0	2	143	294		
Minatare	295	0	2	0	0	60	0	0	1	0	0	0	61	2	1	5	0	0	8	53	295		
Cotner	297	9	9	6	4	266	5	0	0	3	0	0	274	1	8	7	0	0	16	258	297		
Chester	298	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	1	1	0	0	2	45	298		
Sutherland	299	4	7	1	0	81	1	0	1	0	0	0	83	2	2	0	0	0	4	79	299		
Liberty	300	8	12	5	3	332	4	0	0	6	0	0	342	0	9	8	0	0	17	325	300		
Bayard	301	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	3	1	0	0	4	54	301		
Mizpah	302	11	7	8	0	733	8	3	1	4	0	0	749	3	31	14	0	0	48	701	302		
Right Angle	303	2	2	2	0	288	2	0	0	4	0	0	294	2	12	7	0	0	21	273	303		
Newman Grove	305	0	3	3	2	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	1	50	305		
Golden Rod	306	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	1	0	0	0	61	1	3	0	0	1	4	57	306		
Perkins	308	0	0	0	0	70	0	1	0	0	0	1	72	1	5	0	0	0	6	66	308		
Victory	310	2	5	1	0	150	1	1	0	0	0	0	152	0	6	2	0	0	8	144	310		
Polk	311	1	0	1	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	311		
Oak Leaf	312	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2	1	0	0	0	3	22	312		
Potter	313	1	0	1	1	61	1	0	0	0	0	0	62	1	5	0	0	0	6	56	313		
Craftsmen	314	6	17	6	3	412	7	1	0	3	0	0	423	1	11	6	0	0	18	405	314		
Alpha	316	1	10	2	2	151	1	0	0	1	0	0	153	0	6	0	0	0	6	147	316		
Mid West	317	13	15	10	1	531	14	2	1	1	0	0	549	5	11	4	0	0	20	529	317		
Grand Island	318	2	10	1	7	267	1	1	1	2	0	0	272	1	7	0	0	0	8	264	318		
Bladen	319	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	0	319		
College View	320	2	2	1	2	109	0	0	0	2	0	0	111	0	3	2	0	0	5	106	320		
Harmony	321	1	1	1	1	49	1	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	2	1	0	0	3	47	321		
Lebanon	323	3	6	1	0	190	1	2	0	2	0	0	195	1	7	3	0	0	11	184	323		
Cairo	324	1	7	2	2	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	1	2	2	0	0	5	54	324		
Bellevue	325	6	7	5	0	430	8	0	0	6	0	0	444	5	7	15	0	0	27	417	325		
Centennial	326	2	13	2	2	320	3	2	0	3	0	0	328	2	6	1	0	0	9	319	326		
Shiloh	327	3	2	1	0	118	1	1	1	0	0	0	121	1	0	2	0	0	3	118	327		
Miloma	328	9	32	6	6	134	9	1	0	1	0	0	145	3	2	11	0	0	16	129	328		

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REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN
GRAND LODGE A.:F.: & A.:M.: OF NEBRASKA
June 10, 1983

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 Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted.

This year your Grand Custodian has tried to cover about 90 percent of the state with Grand Lodge Central Schools, in order to become better acquainted with them and to ascertain what some of their problems and needs may be, as well as depicting the Standard work as detailed by the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

I find that interest in our ritual is still at a high level as well as in the symbolism of the Three Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Seventeen Grand Lodge Central Schools were held this year in the following Towns:

Fremont	Wayne	Elmwood
Blair	Norfolk	Gothenburg
Tekamah	Randolph	Elwood
Lyons	Coleridge	Cozad
Humboldt	Atkinson	Ord
Hastings	O'Neill	Burwell
Grand Island	Butte	Imperial
Wood River	Wood Lake	Grant
North Bend	Superior	Kimball
Schuyler	Hebron	Bridgeport
Columbus	Beaver City	Mitchell
Fullerton	Oxford	Chadron
Nebraska City	Arapahoe	Omaha (4 Schools)
Weeping Water	Ashland	Lincoln (4 Schools)

Attendance and interest at the Schools were at a high level. I found it necessary to call off Schools at Loup City and Palisades due to the weather conditions. These Schools will be rescheduled at a later date.

CERTIFIED LODGES

One Hundred Fourteen Lodges obtained proficiency for the 1982 Masonic year. The following failed to recertify for one reason or another.

Evening Star	Lodge No. 49	.....Missed after 23 Years
Robert Burns	Lodge No. 173	.....Missed after 18 Years
Hickman	Lodge No. 256	.....Missed after 8 Years
Florence	Lodge No. 281	.....Missed after 48 Years
Bayard	Lodge No. 301	.....Missed after 18 Years
Right Angle	Lodge No. 303	.....Missed after 54 Years

Falls City	Lodge No. 9	.....	Missed after 1 Year
Superior	Lodge No. 121	.....	Missed after 1 Year
Mt. Zion	Lodge No. 161	.....	Missed after 2 Years
Bartley	Lodge No. 228	.....	Missed after 1 Year
Camp Clarke	Lodge No. 285	.....	Missed after 1 Year

NOTE: Some of the above Lodges have recertified for the 1983 Masonic year.

We congratulate the following Lodges who have regained their proficiency this year.

Lone Tree	Lodge No. 36	.....	Recertified after missing in 1981
Olive Branch	Lodge No. 274	.....	Recertified first time since 1975
Diamond	Lodge No. 291	.....	Recertified first time since 1980
Kimball	Lodge No. 294	.....	Recertified first time since 1978
Omaha	Lodge No. 288	.....	Recertified first time since 1980
Oliver	Lodge No. 38	.....	Recertified first time since 1980

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

Individual Proficiency Cards have been issued to 525 Brethren for the 1982-83 Masonic year. Following is a list of Brethren receiving their first Proficiency certificate and card.

Leonard L. Finnegan, Jr.	Mizpah Lodge	.....	No. 302
J. L. Spray	Lincoln Lodge	.....	No. 19
Lloyd K. Johnson	John J. Mercer Lodge	.....	No. 290
Jerry V. Zellers	John J. Mercer Lodge	.....	No. 290
U. Wesley Fox	Minnekadusa Lodge	.....	No. 192
Harold G. Olmstead	John J. Mercer Lodge	.....	No. 290
Monte K. Olmstead	John J. Mercer Lodge	.....	No. 290
Kurt L. Blazek	Acacia Lodge	.....	No. 34
Allan Beavers			
(Apprentice Cust.)	Bee Hive Lodge	.....	No. 184
Steven K. Jones*			
(Apprentice Cust.)	Mitchell Lodge	.....	No. 263

* Steven, by error, was not listed in last year's report.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Herewith is a list of Brethren who have completed 20 years of service as certified men in the 1982-83 Grand Lodge Year.

Robert M. McLaughlin	Bellevue Lodge	.....	No. 325
John E. Nellis	Lancaster Lodge	.....	No. 54
Donald C. Bonneau	Geo. Armstrong Lodge	.....	No. 241
Donald R. Ehlers	Washington Lodge	.....	No. 21
Ormal K. Richardson	Tecumseh Lodge	.....	No. 17
August W. Edling	Craftsmen Lodge	.....	No. 314
Mannie O. Hansen	Nebraska Lodge	.....	No. 1

Dale D. Greenamyre	Diamond Lodge	No. 291
Robert C. Harkins	Trestle Board Lodge	No. 162
Ralph J. Hershey	Fremont Lodge	No. 15
James LeRoy Corr	Scottsbluff Lodge	No. 201
Lawrence R. Bradbury	Pawnee Lodge	No. 23
Vern A. Malick	Falls City Lodge	No. 1

50 YEAR CERTIFIED BRETHREN

Benjamin F. Eyre PGM	Nebraska Lodge	No. 1	59 Years
Henry E. Schemmel	Western Star Lodge	No. 2	58 Years
Paul C. Holmberg	Grand Island Lodge	No. 318	58 Years
Glendon B. Roshon	Lincoln Lodge	No. 19	57 Years
Austin W. Whitmire (DGC Em)	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	56 Years
Harry A. Spencer PGM	North Star Lodge	No. 227	52 Years
George S. Schwab (DGC Em)	Evening Star Lodge	No. 49	52 Years
Bernard B. Harris	Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	52 Years
Caroll C. Raymer (DGC Em)	Atkinson Lodge	No. 164	52 Years
Samuel R. Youds	Wymore Lodge	No. 104	52 Years
Harold D. Weddel (DGC Em)	Thistle Lodge	No. 61	52 Years
Frank H. Newton	Blue River Lodge	No. 30	51 Years
Charles H. Fueston	Omadi Lodge	No. 5	51 Years
James A. Scott	Mid-West Lodge	No. 317	50 Years

Thank you kindly for your many years of service to the Fraternity. God bless you all.

REPORT ON DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

W. . Brother Paul D. Fleming was commissioned Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus by Grand Master M. . W. . Brother Paul R. Pierce, September 10, 1982 at the Deputy Grand Custodian banquet in Grand Island at the Yancey Hotel, with our thanks for his many years of service to Masonry in Nebraska.

Four new Deputy Grand Custodians were commissioned for the 1982-83 Masonic year, by Grand Master Paul R. Pierce as listed below:

David E. Menck Commission No. 198, of Fremont Lodge No. 15 was formally commissioned on July 21, 1982 at a special dinner honoring him and W. . Brother W. Dale Page, who for health reasons had to retire. The dinner was held at Fremont Lodge No. 15.

Justin F. Fauss Commission No. 199 of Mosaic Lodge No. 55 was formally commissioned on September 10, 1982 at the Deputy Grand Custodian banquet in Grand Island at the Yancey Hotel.

Vincent Rosenberger Commission No. 200 of Alliance Lodge No. 183 was formally commissioned on September 10, 1982 at the Deputy Grand Custodian banquet in Grand Island at the Yancey Hotel.

Augustus W. "Bud" Clark Commission No. 201 of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 was formally commissioned on November 19, 1982 at a Masonic Education meeting in Stromsburg, Nebraska. W. . Brother "Bud" had served previously as a Deputy Custodian.

W.: Brother Gerald V. Ole Inslee of Samaritan Lodge No. 158, asked to be relieved of his duties, and until a suitable replacement is appointed to replace him, his territory will be serviced by W.: Brother Vincent Rosenberger.

All Deputy Grand Custodians are fulfilling their duties, and are hard at work serving their Lodges on behalf of the craft, and words cannot express the gratitude of your Grand Lodge for the many hours spent away from home and loved ones in the interest of the craft. God bless all of you.

APPRENTICE CUSTODIANS

Since the last communication only one Brother has been added to the list of Apprentice Custodians. Albert B. Osborn of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, and Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, who will service the Plattsmouth area and assist W.: Brother Harry N. Ahl.

IN CONCLUSION

M.:W.: Sir; We hope we have served the Grand Lodge to your satisfaction, and we return thanks for the appointments.

My thanks to the Grand Secretary, R.:W.: Brother Ralph W. Gerry, and the Committee on Work, M.:W.: Brothers Louis V. Sylvester, Lewis R. Ricketts and Hugh W. Eisenhart for their interest and concern for my office, always in the best interests of the Fraternity.

My personal thanks to all the Brethren in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska for the many courtesies and kindness extended me this past year. It is deeply appreciated.

Fraternally Submitted,

Mannie O. Hansen
Grand Custodian

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Following are excerpts from The Commission on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America.

CUBA

The Gran Logia De Cuba continues to work as in previous years without governmental interference.

SPAIN

The Commission now recommends recognition of the New Grand Lodge of Spain "Gran Logia De Espana," after merger of United Grand Orient of Spain which had not met standards for recognition.

Your committee therefore recommends recognition of the Grand Lodge Spain (Gran Logia De Espana).

Fraternally Submitted,

R.:W.: Ralph W. Gerry, Chairman
M.:W.: John A. Bottorf
M.:W.: Ernest O. Van Wey

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

The Committee respectfully submits as it's report that the address of M.: W.: Paul R. Pierce, as printed in the advance proceedings, be referred in part as follows:

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:
the sections on Permissions,
the section on Dispensations,
the section on By-Laws Amendments,
the section on Decisions,
the section on Recommendations.

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

To the Committee on Grievances:
the section on Reinstatements,
the section on Trial Commissions.

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

The Report reflects the Grand Master's committment to enhance the cooperation between all Masonic Bodies and individual Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction leading toward greater fellowship and renewed vitality for Masonry in Nebraska. We recommend that all matters not herein specifically referred to committee be approved.

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 Finance:
all financial reports and schedules relating to funds.

We commend the Grand Secretary for the manner in which he carries out his duties and recommend that all matters not specifically referred to committee be approved.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the entire report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work. As we have seen in the past, our Grand Custodian and his Deputies continue to work diligently for the good of the Craft.

**PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE
APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE**

W. . Robert A. Carhart, presented the report which was adopted.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Payroll	13,000.00
Grand Master's Banquet	2,000.00
Proceedings	6,000.00
Grand Lodge Banquet	5,000.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests.	2,500.00
Secretary's Desk Book	2,500.00
Programs & Incidentals	1,400.00
	32,400.00

COMMITTEES:

Education	5,000.00
Relief	1,000.00
Trial Commission	750.00
Grand Trustees & Audit	4,200.00
Appropriations	150.00
Grand Lodge Offices	150.00
Masonic O.E.S. Student Fund	150.00
Finance	150.00
Nebraska Work	150.00
Grand Historian	1,000.00
Freemason	7,500.00
Public Relations	1,500.00
Youth	1,300.00
Temple Advisory	100.00
Lodge Advisory	100.00
Membership Committee	750.00
	23,800.00

TRAVEL EXPENSE:

Grand Master	8,500.00
Grand Secretary	4,500.00
Grand Custodian, G.L. Functions	900.00
Grand Custodian Department	12,000.00
Officers under direction of G.M.	3,000.00
DGM for G.M. Conference	1,500.00
Conference dues and expenses	800.00
MSA Hospitals	2,500.00
	33,700.00

SALARIES:

Grand Secretary	20,000.00
Grand Custodian	17,200.00
Clerical Staff	32,000.00
Social Security	4,700.00
Federal Unemployment Tax	250.00
State Unemployment Tax	250.00
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	74,400.00

FIXED EXPENSES:

Rent	18,000.00
Library	100.00
Office Expense	13,000.00
Grand Master Jewel & Apron	625.00
Grand Lodge Supplies	12,000.00
Retirement CRG	4,646.40
Retirement NWL	3,360.00
Grand Master's Office Expense	1,500.00
Retirement Program	3,700.00
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	56,931.40

INSURANCE, ASSESSMENT & CONTRIBUTIONS:

Workmans Comp. Insurance	125.00
Relief Association Dues	350.00
Hospitalization Ins. G.L. Employees	5,300.00
Surety Bond G.L. Officers	100.00
Employees Car Insurance	100.00
Comprehensive Ins. (Lodges)	3,000.00
Fire Insurance (Office)	400.00
MSA Dues	1,500.00
George Washington National Masonic Memorial	2,500.00
Nebraska DeMolay	900.00
Fifty, Sixty, Seventy year pins	1,500.00
Fifty, Sixty year booklets	1,100.00
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	16,775.00

Masonic O.E.S. Home	2,500.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home	<u>61,242.00</u>
	63,742.00
TOTAL BUDGET	301,748.40

Many of the items on the Committee proposal have been referred to us by the Office Committee. A reminder that all of the items that are put on the report are proposed budget amounts only and do not necessarily represent mandatory expenditures by your Grand Lodge Officers during the budgeted year. These are permissive budget amounts only.

I would like to thank our Grand Secretary for the assistance he rendered in forming the Committee to gather and in providing the necessary information for the work by the Appropriations Committee, We would also like to note that the Appropriations Committee is extremely indebted to the time and commitment made by the three top officers of your Grand Lodge for next year, who took of their time on the day of our meeting to come in and to advise us and to give us an idea of the kinds of programs which they propose to enter into during the ensuing year. We feel, and perhaps you will note as you go through the budget that it is an aggressive budget. It is one which I am sure you may have some questions about, and I am sure that the Officers will be very pleased to comment upon any questions that you may have.

M.:W.: T. Leo Stines, Past Grand Master, questioned some of the items on the Preliminary report which were answered by R.:W.: Bevin B. Bump, Deputy Grand Master, and commented upon by M.:W.: Jack H. Hendrix, Past Grand Master. M.:W.: Sir, I move the adoption of this report.

THE NEBRASKA SOCIETY FOR MASONIC RESEARCH

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

During the past year, membership in the Nebraska Society for Masonic Research has grown to about 50 Brothers, including members in Italy, Germany, New Zealand, Maine, Montana, and Georgia. Our most significant growth has been in our library and collection. The library now contains over 400 bound books; the New Age, Royal Arch Mason, Knights Templar, and Philalathes magazines; and nearly all of the Short Talk Bulletins. We have over 500 2x2 slides and about 150 4x4 slides on Masonry. We have started collections of the papers of Charles F. Adams, Judge Carter, William Bowen, "Uncle Bob" French, and Roscoe Pound.

Our collection includes over 200 items, including nearly a complete Lodge room of furniture, hats, aprons, uniforms, jewels, gavels, swords, patents, pictures, pennies, china, glassware, and ceramics. We have brethren helping us translate articles written in German, Danish, French, and Portuguese. Through the help of the Nebraska State Historical Society, we are now working toward preserving and mounting delicate papers and documents, restoring leather, and binding old books.

Most encouraging has been the support of Lodges and Masonic organizations. We have received contributions from Geneva Lodge, and the Hiram Club of Lincoln, as well as from York Rite bodies, Eastern Star, DeMolay, and the Scottish Rite. Several individuals have been generous as well.

We now have regular correspondence and exchange of publications with the Maine Lodge of Research, Southern California Lodge of Research, Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research, and the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, who during his term has been of great help and encouragement. We also sincerely thank the Grand Secretary for his assistance in forwarding correspondence, answering inquiries, and supporting our activities in ways too numerous to mention.

We believe that our Society and its library belongs to all the Masons of Nebraska. As our collection grows, we find that we have a greater responsibility for preserving the history of Masonry in Nebraska. With the greater responsibility, we acquire a greater financial burden. We will meet this responsibility through the continued support of our members, and Masons who continue to show their support through their tax deductible contributions.

The Society looks forward to the coming year and hopes that it will continue to be of benefit to the Craft.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Lynn Alexander
Secretary of the Society

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGE ADVISORY

Most Worshipful Grand Master Paul R. Pierce charged the Committee to determine which Lodges are in need of help and try to assist such Lodges.

A questionnaire was prepared and sent to 44 Lodges that did not appear at the 1982 Grand Lodge session. The questionnaire was designed to determine what the condition of the Lodges were. 32 Lodges did respond to the questionnaire. That leaves 12 Lodges that could be in deep trouble, but we have no data on them.

Of the 32 Lodges that did answer 10 seem to be in good shape and that brings us down to at least 22 that are in trouble. Of that 22 it would appear that 10 have caretaker governments and are just waiting for the Lodge to die and give it a decent burial. Even more troubling is they seem to reject any help.

Of the 22 Lodges 21 do not carry out the Guest Night Program. 21 have no programs other than reading the minutes and paying the bills. 16 of these Lodges are not proficient. 10 had no degree work in 1982. 12 had one or at the most two degrees in 1982.

Of the 22 Lodges 8 had no members under the age of thirty, 7 were not able to hold all regular meetings because of the lack of a quorum. 5 others seem to be holding their meetings even though they don't have a quorum.

These Lodges range from 150 members down to 24 members. The average age is 60, 17 own their temple, 16 report their financial condition as very good, 16 as fair to good, 3 as very poor.

Help was given to those Lodges that would accept it, several not wanting help. It is very frustrating to know that we have Lodges that are in trouble and unwilling to help themselves or accept help from someone else.

Fraternally submitted,

M.:W.: Byron C. Jenkins, Chairman

M.:W.: Frank J. Mattoon

M.:W.: Herbert A. Ronin

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M.:W.: Harold C. Wurdeman, presented the report.

GENERAL PERMISSIONS

All Approved.

PERMISSION TO MOVE CHARTERS

All Approved.

DISPENSATIONS

All Approved

BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

All Approved.

DECISIONS

No. 1: A secretary of a lodge raises a question about the eligibility for a Bronze Jordan Medal. In this instance, the oldest member in point of Masonic membership, had demitted from his original lodge for a period of time, then still keeping his membership in the lodge to which he had demitted, had re-affiliated with his original lodge. He is the oldest Mason in terms of years but not in the most years in his original lodge. The member claims right to the Bronze Jordan Medal in his original lodge.

In the historical book, "Masonry in Nebraska, 1857 - 1957, page 62, there is a record of a resolution adopted recommending the Bronze Jordan Medal " . . . be used as a decoration of the Master Mason who was a member of the lodge who has been longest a Mason . . ." In the form for Presentation of the Bronze Jordan medal, same source, page 63, " . . . the records show that you are the oldest Master Mason in point of service, in membership in _____ Lodge No. _____". I believe the resolution takes precedence over the presentation form. Also, there is no resolution showing the recipient must have the most number of years in the lodge awarding the Medal. I believe the original lodge should be defined as the lodge in which the Brother was raised, and the lodge he demitted to as the parent lodge, even though he re-affiliated with the original lodge. In this instance, under the existing resolution of June 1914, my decision is that the Brother is eligible for the Bronze Jordan Medal from his original lodge, because he is the oldest Mason in years of service holding membership in Masonry. I am making recommendations elsewhere clarifying eligibility for the Bronze Jordan Medal. It will be to the effect that after June 10, 1983, the Mason entitled to the Bronze Jordan Medal shall be the

oldest Mason in terms of years of membership within the parent lodge which awards the Medal with credit given, but not concurrent, for membership years in other Nebraska lodges. Approved.

No. 2: A Brother belonging to a Nebraska Lodge now residing in another state believed he was entitled to a 50 year pin. The lodge records showed a period of years of suspension, although the Grand Lodge records showed no suspension or reinstatement. A lodge receipt, however, showed payment for one year's past dues, the current dues, and payment for assessment. The Grand Secretary informs me that reinstatement applications because of the move of the Grand Lodge offices from the fourth to the second floor appear to be missing. After considerable and persistent correspondence my decision was that the parent lodge records were adequate to determine that the Brother had not had a consistent record of membership and was not entitled to the 50 year pin. Approved.

No. 3: A decision was requested about a funeral for a Brother Master Mason. The question was could the Brother have a Blue Lodge Masonic Funeral service followed by another service by the Scottish Rite in another place at the time of internment? After consulting with the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite I advised the inquirer that there would be no Memorial service by the Scottish Rite to follow the Blue Lodge Masonic Service. The Blue Lodge Service is complete and there should be no extension of it by the Rose Croix Service. Approved.

No. 4: A lodge asked permission to create an Endowment Fund Board of Trustees for the purpose of building and maintaining their lodge property. Their plans appeared to be well planned and legally drawn. The decision was to give them permission to proceed as long as their plans and usages did not conflict with Chapters VI on Finance and Chapter VII on Property of the Grand Lodge. Approved.

No. 5: A lodge asked help in making a decision to accept a church building for \$1.00 to be converted into a ground floor lodge. Chairman of the Temple Building Committee M.:W.: Brother Harold C. Wurdeman inspected the church building. We found that it had had a new basement just 15 years before, new electrical wiring at the time, and new zoned furnaces. Recommendations were suggested for the remodeling and permission given to accept the offer to buy the building for \$1.00. Approved.

No. 6: Due to a misunderstanding a request was made for an opinion and a ruling on receiving petitions for membership of three applicants who were connected with work at Offutt Air Force Base. In my opinion the Grand Master's authority to grant dispensations to confer the degrees upon candidates without reference to time applies to period of time between degrees, and not to the residential requirement of one year of residence within the state of Nebraska. Approved.

No. 7: A non-resident Brother of a Nebraska lodge requested an "Absolute Demit" but wanted to remain a member of Low Twelve. I explained that membership may be terminated in four ways, namely by suspension, expulsion, demission or death. I explained that suspension by non-payment of dues would leave a man a Mason but not in good standing, and usually negates any or all Masonic connections. Request denied.

Approved subject to the removal of the word "usually" and the observation that there is no "Absolute Demit" in Nebraska Masonry.

No. 8: A small lodge in a small town inherited a sizable bequest. They considered giving the money to the community for a civic building, then consolidating with a neighboring lodge. I asked a Past Grand Master to explain to them that such a gift was illegal according to our Grand Lodge law, and that if they consolidated, the assets of their lodge would go to the lodge with whom they consolidated. We are glad now to have a request for a feasibility study for a new temple, and have suggested a conference with our Temple Building Committee Chairman, which they have done. Approved.

No. 9: A resolution was submitted by five Master Masons from Fremont to move the office of the Grand Lodge from Omaha to Fremont. Since there is nothing in the Grand Lodge Constitution and By-Laws to the effect that the office must be in Omaha, I ruled that there was no need to offer a resolution to move it, and that it could be put before the Grand Lodge for their decision by Recommendation of the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge Office Committee.

Approved. This is just simply removing this particular request of the Lodge at Fremont. This will all come again under Recommendations.

No. 10: A Nebraska County Centennial committee requested a Nebraska lodge to provide a flag representative of Blue Lodge Masonry for outdoor display. My reply was that although other Masonic Bodies might have banners suitable for display, the Blue Lodge has only one, the flag of the United States of America. Approved.

No. 11: A petition was received by a Nebraska lodge by a "delinquent" member of the Nebraska lodge who now resides in a neighboring state. The petition to reinstate was acted upon by the investigating committee, voted upon in a regular meeting, by secret ballot, and failed to acquire a 2/3 affirmative vote. The question from the Nebraska lodge was how long must the petitioner wait before resubmitting his reinstatement petition. I suggested the lodge use the same period of time as needed when a new petition is rejected, which is 6 months. See Sec. 2-908 under PETITIONS AND PETITIONERS, page 50.

Disapproved.

No. 12. Upon request of Fairmont Lodge No. 48 to advance an Entered Apprentice Mason from Composite Lodge No. 81, who received his degree many years ago. My interpretation is that after three years the Composite Lodge No. 81 no longer has jurisdiction. Disapproved.

I now move the approval of the entire section on decisions. Carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1 – about distinguished services badges, the Jurisprudence Committee feels that the Committee on Codification of the law should examine this whole situation and make a report at the next Annual Communication. There are several possibilities of accomplishing this either by modifying existing sections or what he suggested make a new section. I move that the recommendation of the Committee be accepted. Carried.

Recommendation No. 2 — Calls for a constitutional amendment. Therefore, we cannot take any action on it. The Constitution can only be amended as prescribed in the code book. If some five members want to put in a resolution to modify the constitution, that would have to be the procedure.

Recommendation No. 3 — Approved subject to deleting the words “monitor and” on page 16. The reason for that is, we didn’t want to feel that it was obligating anybody to print this in the monitor. I move the approval of the recommendation. Carried.

Recommendation No. 4 — The Committee recommends that recommendation No. 4 not be approved. And that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee to consider all aspects of moving the Grand Lodge office from its present location and report its finding at the 127th Annual Communication. I move the approval of the Committee’s recommendation.

The chair recognized the following brethren concerning subject of Recommendation No. 4. M.·W.·: Paul R. Pierce, Grand Master; R.·W.·: Charles W. Amidon, Grand Junior Warden; M.·W.·: Byron C. Jenkins; M.·W.·: Merle M. Hale; M.·W.·: Harry A. Spencer, Past Grand Masters and Ralph W. Gerry, Grand Secretary.

R.·W.·: BEVIN B. BUMP, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Do we have any more who wish to speak for the adoption of the motion of the Jurisprudence Committee and against the Recommendation of the Grand Master? Do we have any rebuttal? Chair recognizes M.·W.·: Paul R. Pierce, Grand Master.

Chair recognizes Frank G. Weiss, 295; Donald Walter, 201.

R.·W.·: BEVIN B. BUMP, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

There has been a call for the question, do I hear a second? All those in favor of calling the question signify by the usual sign of Masons when voting. Down hands opposed same sign. Carried.

The question: My understanding is that the Grand Master has made the recommendation which the Jurisprudence Committee has rejected. Together with the recommendation that a Committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to make study and report at the next Grand Lodge Session. At this time, we will then vote on the question. Is there a request for a written ballot (none). All those in favor of the motion which would disapprove the recommendation of the Grand Master signify by raising hands, down hands, opposed same sign. Carried. Thank you for the peace and harmony that prevails at this Grand Lodge.

M.·W.·: HAROLD C. WURDEMAN, PAST GRAND MASTER, CHAIRMAN OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

I move adoption of entire report. Carried.

The Jurisprudence Committee has one more recommendation: We feel that the decisions of the Grand Master over the years, should be recorded. The Jurisprudence Committee recommends that the Committee on Codification of the Law review all decision of the Grand Masters since 1977 with copies being made available to Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens and all members of the Jurisprudence Committee.

I move the approval of this recommendation. Carried.

M.·W.· HARRY A. SPENCER, PAST GRAND MASTER:

R.·W.· Deputy Grand Master, we have had an extended discussion on the question of Recommendation No. 4, you are going to appoint a Committee to study it. That Committee should have the benefit of this discussion. I now move that you see that the Committee is supplied with a copy of the remarks that were made today. Motion carried.

R.·W.· BEVIN B. BUMP, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

This has been a gold star day. We now have just had a motion and a second to approve the entire report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Carried. Thank you for your report.

M.·W.· T. Leo Stines, Past Grand Master, presented the report which was accepted.

REPORT OF MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

We had another highly successful year conducting our Masonic Education meetings throughout the Eastern portion of the state.

Last fall we held meetings at Neligh, South Sioux City, West Point, Stromsburg and Hebron. And this spring at Fremont, Papillion, Weeping Water, Crete and Humboldt.

We had very good attendance at all the meetings and enjoyed exceptionally fine audience participation.

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master was present and able to actively take part in each of the meetings. After his very serious surgery the first of December, I felt he would not be able to attend the spring meetings but despite his pain and discomfort he was present for each of them.

There can be no doubt in anyone's mind as to his love for the Fraternity.

During our meetings we encouraged the use of Guest or Friendship nights and our committee contributed \$500.00 to help defray the cost of these worthwhile and proven efforts of the Membership Committee, which is so ably chaired by R.·W.· Brother Charles W. Amidon. We also had published and printed 3000 copies of the booklet entitled "Welcome to a Mason's Lady". This is a booklet which is to be presented to the lady, wife, mother, etc., of a newly made Entered Apprentice Mason. We hope it will help in alleviating the problem of an Entered Apprentice Mason failing to continue through the remaining two degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. We have far too many Entered Apprentice Masons on our rolls. This booklet is patterned after one used by the Grand Lodge of Wyoming and was revised to conform to Nebraska work by M.·W.· Brother Harold C. Wurdeman. We thank M.·W.· Brother Wurdeman for his contribution to our cause.

This booklet seems to be well received by our subordinate Lodges throughout the state and is obtainable through the Grand Secretary's office for a nominal charge of 25 cents each. We felt that if the Education Committee paid for the first 3000 copies that it would perpetuate itself through sales from the Grand Lodge Office.

M.·W.·. Sir, your Committee wishes to express its sincere gratitude to you for your support and able assistance during this past Grand Lodge year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

M.·W.·. Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and brethren all:

Since our Grand Lodge meeting a year ago, your Committee on Reinstatements has received and acted favorably upon 49 applications. This is an increase of 17 over the prior year.

These came to us from thirty-two different lodges throughout the State of Nebraska.

It is very enjoyable and rewarding to see so many of the Brethren return to their Lodges.

We, your Committee, wish to thank you for the honor of serving the Grand Lodge of Nebraska this past year.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to W.·. Brother Amos Campbell and W.·. Brother Kenneth P. Lott for their help and support on this Committee.

Fraternally Submitted, W.·. Donald R. White, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

Your Committee on Returns respectfully submits the following Report:

The committee has examined the Monthly Reports and Annual Returns of the Subordinate Lodges for year 1982 and find that in general, with few exceptions, they are satisfactorily prepared by Lodge Secretaries.

The Committee wishes to stress the importance of these Returns being compiled strictly in every detail without omissions, that a complete record be maintained of the membership.

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 the committee received while checking these returns.

Fraternally Submitted, W.·. Sebert A. Stover, 281, Chairman

W.·. Sidney W. Irwin, 302

W.·. Edw. Reynolds, 268

GRAND LODGE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In our report at the 125th Communication held in June of 1982, we gave indication of a slow but steady increase in new Entered Apprentices over the past three years. We were encouraged by this apparent reversal of a declining trend and felt confident 1982 would be a banner year for newly initiated brothers and then the results were tabulated by the Grand Secretary. Instead of the expected INCREASE, we were shocked to learn 41 FEWER Entered Apprentices were placed on the books at the end of 1982 compared to 1981. Our overall membership DECLINED by 780 between 1981 and 1982. A 2.5% drop!

As gloomy as the future may seem, several Lodges have shown an increase in membership simply by making aggressive efforts to do something about it.

We are referring to those lodges which have held "Friendship Dinners" in the past year and have refused to stand idly by and watch their membership decline and **their efforts have paid off.**

Between June of 1982 and June of 1983, 28 lodges hosted dinners to which 479 guests were invited and almost without exception, each of these lodges received petitions . . . some as many as six for one night's effort.

We can almost guarantee that if the other 202 lodges in the state would join in promoting "Friendship Dinners", our report for 1984 will show the greatest increase in membership since the 1950's.

We stand ready to assist lodges in this program for the good of all Masonry.

Respectfully Submitted,

R.:W.: Charles W. Amidon, 281, Chairman

R.:W.: Bevin B. Bump, 158

W.: Morton P. Steyer, 281

W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39

W.: Robert E. Kyes, 36

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

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

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

As has been the case in the past few years, your Committee on Nebraska Work is again pleased to advise that no matters of controversial nature have been submitted to us for action or a decision. The Esoteric and Standard Floor Work has and is being followed by our Lodges and the Grand Custodian informs us that the degree work remains at a high point of proficiency. There is, of course, an exception here and there, due to the lack of interest on the part of some brethren and not to the lack of instruction from the Deputy Custodians. The Deputies are doing yeoman work and the Grand Lodge continues to owe them a deep debt of thanks for their devotion and dedication.

The Annual Report of the Grand Custodian has been submitted to the Committee. It reflects the continued dedication of the Grand Custodian and his Deputies and the scope of their work in covering as much as 90 percent of the State through Central Schools.

The Grand Custodian was examined as to his proficiency in the Esoteric and Standard Floor Work and found to be most proficient in both. The Chairman of the Committee was present at the Annual Deputies School in Grand Island and here also witnessed exceptional work in the conferring of the three degrees.

All vouchers for expense of the Grand Custodian and the Deputies were submitted to the Grand Master for approval, at his request.

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Custodian your Committee was pleased to approve and recommend to the Grand Master that the following brethren be commissioned Deputies: Augustus W. Clark, District No. 22; Justin F. Fauss, District No. 15 and Vincent W. Rosenberger, District No. 28. We further joined in the recommendation that Paul D. Fleming of District No. 23, who had submitted his resignation as a Deputy after 33 years of dedicated service, be commissioned Deputy Custodian Emeritus. We welcome our new Deputies and extend our sincere thanks as well as those of the Grand Lodge to Brother Fleming for his long period of service.

Your Committee has examined the budget request of the Grand Custodian and recommend approval of his request for \$900 for his travel expense for Grand Lodge functions. This is the same amount appropriated a year ago. This past year inflation finally caught up with the travel expense, including the annual meeting, of the Grand Custodians and the Deputies and it was necessary to ask for an additional appropriation of \$2,000 which was granted. In view of this the Committee approves the recommendation for an appropriation of \$12,000 to cover this budgeted item.

Because the resolution currently before the Grand Lodge with reference to permitting so called keys or ponies, if adopted, would directly effect the operation of the Grand Custodian's Department, your Committee reiterates their previous stand of opposing any effort to change the promulgation of the work of the three degrees of Masonry.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W.: David E. Menck, presented the report in the absence of the Chairman.

The Finance Committee met at the Grand Lodge Offices at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 1983, for the purpose of examining the vouchers for proper authorization and appropriate cash disbursements. The Committee also reviewed the estimated income for next year.

Present were: Chairman Edwin G. Mortensen; Sidney W. Irwin; David E. Menck and Lawrence J. Zwart. We found the books in order and up to date. We were especially thankful for the cooperation of both Brother Vince Keerbs, the office accountant and the Grand Secretary, Ralph W. Gerry, in providing information and courtesy.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS AND VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

1. Be it resolved that Section 3-102 "G", "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 provide key or cipher of the ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry to any subordinate Lodge

who so desires such key or cipher. The key or cipher will not be used in the lodge room.

Defeated.

2. Be it resolved that Sec. 2-403 be amended by adding "that seven years after being raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason this Sec. shall cease to apply.

Defeated.

3. Be it resolved, that the Grand Lodge Offices shall move to Fremont because the Grand York Rite and Grand Chapter OES offices are in Fremont.

Withdrawn.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

One major difference between the mind of today and that of our great grandfathers is that, in their day, society was comparatively static, whereas today it is dynamic. Civilization went along for centuries with little change.

Today, we live in an era of rapid and continual change. We are imbued with divine unrest which is never satisfied with conditions as they are, and that is as it should be. Because life is dynamic, we must constantly search for ways to improve and bring about progress.

The philosophy of child care at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children is not static. The Trustees and the administrative staff are mindful of the changing needs of children, and they endeavor to fulfill them by bringing about new and improved methods of child care. Our energies and resources are, and should be, utilized to recognize and cope with changing social conditions.

A message of appreciation is extended to Sister Betty Mabon, W. G. M., and Brother Bernard Paden, W. G. P., for their efforts and devotion to the Home during the past year. The new and beautiful stone entranceway to the Home represents a portion of Sister Betty's and Brother Bernie's project for the year. Also, Sister Betty and Brother Bernie were faithful in attending Board of Trustee Meetings.

The new Executive Building, which will serve as headquarters for the Office of the Grand Secretary, Order of the Eastern Star, and Grand Secretary-Recorder of the York Rite Masons, will be completed and ready for occupancy approximately June 1, 1983. The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, officiated at the cornerstone laying of this new building.

To the Trustees with whom I have served during the past year, I compliment you for a job well done and thank you for your continued devotion to a worthwhile endeavor.

And, to all of you who have made contributions to the Home in any form whatsoever, I offer you assurance that your generosity and thoughtfulness has not gone unnoticed. Your continued moral and financial support is imperative in order to assure the future success of your Home.

The following passage appears in Robert Collier's "The Book of Life":

"If you had more money than time, more millions than you knew how to spend, what would be your pet philanthropy? Libraries? Hospitals? Churches? Homes for the blind, crippled or aged? Mine would be "homes" — but not for the aged or infirm. For young married couples!"

My philosophy would differ only to the extent that I would build homes for the young and unfortunate children of the world. Real homes. Not just buildings of brick and mortar, but homes that are built on a foundation of love and affection. Homes where children will have the realization that they are truly wanted.

At the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, we certainly do not have more millions than we know how to spend. On the contrary, we must be constantly mindful of the limited financial resources which are available. But, we do strive to provide those real homes where love and affection is the predominate force.

J. N. Lindquist, President

**REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES FOR THE
GRAND LODGE AND THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1983**

The Grand Trustees are charged with the management of the funds of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home. The annual audit reports of these funds by deloitte Haskins & Sells cover the year's activity in detail. Copies are on file with the Grand Secretary. Salinet, selected figures from these reports are shown below:

For the Grand Lodge — Years ended April 30th.

	1983	1982
Total Revenue*	\$285,079	\$285,515
Total Expenses	243,325	244,586
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	41,754	40,929
Fund Equity, End of Year	1,258,970	1,217,216

*Exclusive of Restricted Donation - See Text below

For The Nebraska Masonic Home General Fund

Total Revenue before transfers		
from Endowment Fund	668,471	463,744
Total Expenses	1,023,591	919,090
(Deficit)	(355,120)	(455,346)
Transfers from E and B Fund	305,000	520,000
Fund Equity, Year End	1,175,867	1,225,987

For the Endowment and Bequest Fund	1983	1982
Investment Income Net of losses on Securities Transactions and safekeeping expenses	999,952	937,470
Endowments & Bequests Received	196,614	221,484
Fund Equity, Year End	13,518,680	12,628,114

*During 1982 the Grand Lodge received from Glenn O. Emick, a gift of \$58,194.00 which funds were restricted by the donor for the purpose of funding certain scholarships for members and former members of the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, Nebraska. During Fiscal 1983, these restricted funds earned net \$5,989.00. The total in this fund as of April 30, 1983, was \$69,810.00. It is hoped that in the coming year clarification as to the use and disposition will be forthcoming.

In the past year inflation diminished somewhat. Note that expenses for the Grand Lodge were slightly lower than in Fiscal 1982. On the other hand, the expenses of care at The Nebraska Masonic Home continued to rise.

ORATION

“EARTHQUAKES”

by

W. J. James N. DeMoss, Grand Orator

I want to share with you a few moments this evening on a subject we shall refer to as “Earthquakes.” Naturally, when this subject is first mentioned, your first thoughts will go to some period in recent time when the ground has shaken with terrible and devastating results.

There is a biblical foundation for my subject which is found in the 27th Verse of the 12th Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew wherein we read these words: “. . . the removal of those things that can be shaken that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.” When these words were written they were written in ‘Earthquake’ times. Earthquakes were more common then than they are now. However, it was not only the ground that was shaking — Governments were falling. Long held beliefs of the people were changing drastically. In fact, it perhaps appeared to the people of that time that the whole world was shaking and about to collapse around them and come to an end.

If we stop and think about it — it isn’t really that much different today, is it? We have had some terrible natural earthquakes within the memory of everyone here tonight. We also have seen governments tumble - long held beliefs change - philosophies which once were held up to us have been seen to fold up within themselves. Things that in the past were believed to be established on rock hard foundations have been seen to crumble and disappear. This process in itself should not be alarming. As we each grow older

each day our conceptions of the things around us change. This is living. Enchantments we held in our youth have, with advancing age, disappeared. Beliefs we once held have changed as we grow in knowledge. We no longer accept as factual many of those things which we as children held so dear. The Apostle Paul perhaps put it best when he said, "When I was a child, I thought as a child, I spoke as a child, and I acted as a child. Now that I have become a man, I have put away childish things."

However, we should not believe that the enchantments we held when we were younger were any less real than those we hold today. When a farmer goes forth and plants a seed, and the seed grows the stalk, and the stalk bears the fruit, the fruit cannot believe that the seed was fictional and did not exist. Without the seed there would have been no fruit.

We are observing in the world many governmental actions by our own government and others which may be perplexing to us. We have sometimes too great a tendency to push them aside as being beyond our power to influence, or being so far away geographically that they will have no influence on us. We need to pay attention to what is going on in the world around us. What happens half the earth away can indeed have a direct influence upon us.

There is afoot today, and has been for some 135 years, a very definite movement by some to inflict upon the will of others, through domination, a way of life which will stifle and inhibit growth and result in a loss of such proportions that any earthquake will disappear in insignificance by comparison.

The problems of the world are getting closer and closer to us here in the United States. Look at what has happened in recent months - Grenada has fallen. Nicaragua has fallen. El Salvador is the current target - and then there will be others. Honduras - Guatemala - Costa Rica - Panama - and even eventually Mexico.

There are two ways to look at the problems that face Central America today. One way is that what is happening is a genuine revolution because the Governments of those countries are indeed oppressive in their policies and the way they treat their citizens. The other way is that what is happening in Central America is a planned take-over by another governmental philosophy with a distinct view toward world domination. I am not here tonight to argue one way or the other. Each argument has its own merits. The question is - what are we going to do about it - one way or the other - here in America today? - The answer - Not much! Oh, we'll send a little money as aid, we'll 'tut-tut' the leaders of the other countries for their oppressive policies, but that'll be about it.

One day, however, we are going to wake up and find ourselves surrounded by this other political group! Then - Then we are going to wonder what kind of an earthquake has caused us to be in a situation such as that. How did it all happen so quickly? Then it is going to be a little late for us to take much action. When we do take action, all of our attention is going to be centered right here at home while the rest of the world is open to

plunder and left to shift for themselves. I speak of these things just to illustrate that there is today in World Government earthquakes of which we need to be aware.

As we look at the philosophies that we hold as Master Masons, we also find that we are from time to time called upon to make decisions which are not popular with everyone. Have we ever been known to change something just because "that's the way it has always been done in the past?" Sometimes change is good and sometimes change is not good. It behooves each and every one of us as we work in Masonry to be extremely careful of the product of our working tools.

In 1901 a 21 year old man was raised in Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Four years later this man was elected Master of his Lodge, and in 1907 he held the office that I now hold - Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. This man was a prolific writer and scholar. His Masonic writings are many and numerous and I recommend them to anyone who seeks further light. I refer to none other than Roscoe Pound.

In his "Lecture on the Philosophy of Freemasonry," pages 87-88, you will find this - and I quote:

"Every world-organization hitherto has been wrecked ultimately upon its own dogmatism. It has taken the dogmas, the interpretations, the philosophy of its youth for a fixed order of nature. It has assumed that universality consisted in forcing these dogmas, these interpretations, this philosophy upon all times to come. While it has rested serene in the ruts made by its own prosperity, the world has marched by it unseen. We have a glorious body of tradition handed down to us from the past, which we owe it to transmit unimpaired to the future. But let us understand what in it is fundamental and eternal, and what is mere interpretation to make it of service to the past. Let us while we have it use it well to make it of service to the present. Yet let us fasten upon it nothing hard and fast that serves well enough to make it useful today, but may make it useless tomorrow. As the apprentice stands in the corner of the lodge, the working tools are put in his hands and he is taught their uses. But they are not his. They are the tools of the lodge. He is to use them that the Worshipful Master may have pleasure and the Craft profit. The Grand Master of the Universe has entrusted to us the principles of Masonry as working tools. They, too, are not ours, they belong to the lodge of the world. We are to use them that He may have pleasure and the Craft of humanity that labors in this wide lodge of the world may profit thereby."

Let us look well to the charge that is ours!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

R.:W.: BEVIN B. BUMP, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

Assuming that I will have the distinct honor, pleasure and responsibility of guiding this Grand Lodge after it closes tomorrow, I have selected some Masons to assist me in this beautiful work. As a Grand Master, I have the

privilege of making appointments as follows:

- V.:W.: G. Richard Myers, 158 Grand Chaplain
- W.: James N. DeMoss, 325 Grand Orator
- W.: Albert T. Reddish, 183 Grand Historian
- W.: Mannie O. Hansen, 1 Grand Custodian
- W.: William Keller, 250 Grand Marshal
- W.: Paul R. Eveland, 119 Grand Senior Deacon
- W.: Thomas W. Tye, 46 Grand Junior Deacon
- W.: James L. Eatmon, 294 Grand Tyler

V.:W.: J. DALLAS GIBSON, GRAND CHAPLAIN

Almighty God, Thou who doth never change, Thou who art the same yesterday, today and forever, we pray that we might place our trust in Thee, recline at night and know that Thou dost know every need, rejoice in the privilege of a new day. Accept of our gratitude for Thy mercies in this day and for inspiration of Thy love through Thy service. Guide us that in all things we may honor Thee and so attain unto life eternal. This we pray through Him who is the Master of Life even our Lord.

GREETINGS

Presented Commission in Nebraska Navy by Grand Master Paul R. Pierce.

STEWART M. L. POLLARD, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association:

M.:W.: Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, my brethren all. For a man that spent 29 years as a dough boy in the infantry, the water is getting mighty deep. I do thank you, M.:W.: Sir, for this presentation. A number of years ago, M.:W.: Brother Sylvester was instrumental in having my Father awarded a similar certificate. I always admired it hanging on his wall, because he, too, was an infantryman. Your Grand Master has asked me to speak a little bit today about the activities of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. It is your Association and you should know something about it. Hopefully, I can brush it with a wide brush in describing it, and if any of you have any questions later, I will be happy to be at your disposal.

Masonic Service Association of the United States came into being as the result of World War I. At the time, there were many American Service Men serving in France and England, many of them were brethren, and the Masonic Fraternity wanted to be of aid and assistance to them by having Service Centers similar to those that were conducted by the Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army and the Red Cross. But the War Department and the State Department gave a flat and emphatic "no". Why? Because they refused to deal with 49 different Grand Lodges. They said, if you can give us a spokesman for everyone, then we will consider it. Well, a number of Grand Masters got together and tried to come up with some solution to their problem, because they did want to be of service to their brethren that were serving in the trenches.

After a number of meetings, extensive correspondence, many arguments, many cups of coffee, they finally came up with the idea of the Masonic Service Association. It was not generally accepted across the country because so many Grand Lodges were afraid that it was going to be a super body that might form into a supreme Grand Lodge or a General Grand Lodge. So it was very carefully stated in the organization's charter, that it will never be an advocate or be a party to a General Grand Lodge. That way our member Grand Lodges felt free to join the Association. Unfortunately, the Association was finally agreed upon and established on Armistice Day, too late to be of service during World War 1. They agreed that there were other areas in which the Association could be of help. In exchanging information, exchanging ideas, in promoting a better communication between the Grand Lodges. To serve as a central spot for communication and coordination. To serve as a coordinating effort for Relief.

So, consequently, the Association did start on a very shaky basis; many of the Grand Lodges that had initially joined it withdrew for a variety of reasons. They started in January of 1923 to publish a Short Talk Bulletin. It is a little short bulletin, 8, 12, or 16 pages. Published monthly and we have continued to publish it right up until this day. All back issues of the Short Talk Bulletins are maintained in print and the collection of them forms a veritable Masonic Encyclopedia.

Of course, Short Talk Bulletins could only deal with one special part of one subject, so consequently some of the subjects had to be expanded; so various subjects were expanded into digests. Small booklets on a particular Masonic subject that would be of general interest to the Craft.

Of course, when we talk about Masonic Education, there are many things that fall under the umbrella of Masonic Education. Some people when they hear about Masonic Education immediately think of the ritual. Crossing the t's and dotting the i's and getting everything letter perfect. Too frequently, especially in the last forty years, we have had the tendency to place all of the emphases upon the ritual. We have a candidate and while he is going through the three degrees, he is the most important person in the lodge room.

As soon as he is raised, we push him off in the corner and have a tendency to forget him because we can't be bothered with him; we have another class of candidates coming in. What does he know about Masonry? In fact, what do any of us really know about Freemasonry? What do we know about translating the meaning of the ritual into its application in our daily life? This Masonic ritual has a great deal of meaning to each one of us as we interpret in our own way. And each of us has a different interpretation of the ritual, and we have a different interpretation of how we will apply them in our daily lives.

Today, in the United States, coming from the Washington, D.C. area, we are constantly reminded of this. There is a National Unemployment rate of 10.2%. This is a National catastrophe. Brethren, in Freemasonry we have an unemployment rate of just about 96%. Think about it. There are so

many of our members are not Masons. We have so many of them that are not working in the quarries of Masonry. We as leaders of the Craft, whether it be at lodge level or Grand Lodge level, need to initiate some motivation, to get these members more involved at Lodge level.

I have known Judge Ronin for a number of years. He has been bringing you reports of the activities of the Field Agents here in Nebraska. I think it is the largest benevolent program on a National wide basis, that is supported primarily by the Grand Lodges. It was started as a result of World War II and it now operates in 132 of the 172 Veterans Administrations Hospitals, State Veterans Homes and Military hospitals throughout the country. It is wholly supported by voluntary contributions of Grand Lodges, Lodges and individual Masons. It is just about a million dollar a year operation as far as actual expenditures are concerned. But it does at least ten million dollars worth of good. There are so many tangible things it does in providing services to the patients in these hospitals in the name of the Freemason.

One of the most touching stories I have heard happened in Louisiana just a few weeks ago. Where one of our Field Agents was visiting the patients in the hospital and went into one room where the man had been in a coma for about three weeks and had not responded to any of the treatment. The man's family was there and saw the Square and Compass on the sleeve of the Field Agent, and the wife told "how much Masonry had meant to her husband." The Field Agent was standing by the bed and talking to her, when he reached down and involuntarily took the man's hand in the strong grip of a Master Mason. A flicker came across the man's face, then a smile and his eyes opened for the first time in three weeks. It was human response to something that meant so much to him that he was able to overcome his physical affliction. Since that time the man has recovered and is expected to be released from the hospital within a few days. It is a touching story, but it is a true story and one that has meaning to us because we had a part in saving this man's life. But there are hundreds of similar stories, of the great work that our Field Agents are doing throughout the country. I am sure many of you are aware of the great work that Bob Adamscheck does. He even took time out to visit your Grand Master while he was in the hospital.

Masonic Service Association is your Association, your Grand Lodge has been a member of the Association for a number of years. Your Grand Lodge is active in contributing to the Association, and we in turn desire to be of even greater service to the lodges and the Craft in the Great State of Nebraska. We have to keep our working tools shiny and useful. We have to keep them ready. We start by using the working tool of the brain.

We must have a receptive mind and instructive tongue because we know that all Masons have faithful breasts and we want to be sure that they are put to work for the good of our Fraternity. And in so doing, for the good of the community and mankind. Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for this great opportunity to speak to your Grand Lodge.

ARLEEN KUHL, WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

M.·W.·. Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, members of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Being received at Grand Lodge is an honor that each Worthy Grand Matron looks forward to. It is my happy privilege to bring you fraternal greetings from the more than 30,000 members of the Eastern Star across the state of Nebraska.

We as Eastern Stars realize that without our Masonic brothers, the Order of the Eastern Star would not exist. We are very appreciative of being able to share in your rich Masonic heritage by being members of the Eastern Star. We are bound together in a belief in the Supreme Being. We are also bound by the great moral and social purposes of Freemasonry. We share with our Masonic brothers in promulgating the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. My watchwords for this year, are righteousness, understanding, truth and humility. The basis of true character in service. My motto is "Count Your Blessings" rich, abounding and eternal. As we reflect on the blessings of this past year, it is time to rededicate our efforts for the future. Deputy Grand Master, Bevin Bump, I look forward to working with you in the coming year, and I pledge my full support and cooperation as we work together to lead these two great orders. I wish for you a most successful and rewarding term in office, and I shall look forward to welcoming you and your Grand Lodge Officers to our Grand Chapter session in May 1984 in Lincoln. I thank you for the courtesies that have been extended to me, and it has been my pleasure to be received at this Grand Lodge Session. It is also my privilege to present to you a check given in love and thankfulness by the Eastern Star members of the subordinate chapters across the state of Nebraska, to be used for the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

RHONDA JAMES, GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN

I am very impressed with what I have seen of your Grand Lodge. I thank you for inviting me to your Grand Opening and also thank you Mrs. Helen Pierce for the luncheon invitation and thank you for inviting me to this evening's banquet. Thank you for the invitation to the Grand Masters banquet also. As Grand Bethel Honored Queen I bring you greetings from the Grand Bethel of Nebraska and our 2,000 Jobs Daughter members.

Two weeks before I was chosen as Grand Bethel Honored Queen, I was installed as Honored Queen of my Bethel in Mitchell. For that installation I used the **Friendship Circle of Faith Ceremony** and I was able to use it again when I was installed at Grand Bethel.

Part of this ceremony says:

We read within the Holy Book that God created man;
 He made the sun, the moon and stars according to His plan
 He gave the melody to the birds - The honey to the bee.
 With grass He covered o'er the earth, Put fruit upon the tree.
 To man He gave the virtue, Faith, To trust in Him on high;
 For He knows youth must try its wings Before it learns to fly.

Symbolic of that Faith – the Cross, Where Christ was crucified
Reminds us that to have such Faith Strengthens the soul inside.
Around that Cross, a friendship ring Denotes our Faith in God;
His friendship too, we all would seek As on through life we trod.
A friendship circle bound with love of prayer, of song, and smile.
Of Faith to trust in all our friends will make our lives worthwhile.

Carrying the thought of a "Friendship circle bound with love", and the words "Faith to trust in all our friends will make our lives worthwhile" I began my state visitations with Grand Guardian Polly Woodruff and Associate Grand Guardian Ken Thomas. So you can understand that friendship became my theme as I traveled across the state visiting with the Jobs Daughters members and making many new friends.

Not only in Jobs Daughters have I made new friends this last year. I have found them in Eastern Star, Rainbow, DeMolay, and Masons.

Two of these Masons are here this afternoon. They have been so helpful and supportive, especially with this trip to Grand Lodge. Thank you, Steve Jones and Gary Lane. Without the encouragement and support of these men and other Masons I have made friends with, my year would not have been such a success. These special people and the people I have met at this Grand Lodge have been an inspiration to me and I hope someday I can return to another person the love, help, and friendship I have received from you during this year.

Grand Bethel is June 16 to 18 in Omaha. I extend to you an invitation to attend. This will be the completion of the Circle of Friendship I have traveled this past year. It won't be just the finish but the start of larger circles I will travel. Thank you for being part of my Circle of Friendship.

I wish you a successful Grand Lodge.

DENISE BRASEL SMITH, PAST GRAND WORTH ADVISOR

M.·W.·. Grand Master Paul, Members of the Grand Lodge, Distinguished Guests and friends. It is again my extreme pleasure to attend the Grand Lodge of the State of Nebraska, and to represent the Order of Rainbow for Girls. I would like to thank you for the invitation and thank Donna Hurst for the delicious lunch. Sara Smith, Grand Worthy Adviser and Berneice Breland, Supreme Deputy send their deepest regrets for not being able to attend. They are at Doane College in Crete preparing for our Grand Assembly Session, which will be held this week and I extend a warm invitation to each of you to attend. The tie between the Masonic Fraternity goes back quite a long ways. Our tie with the Masonic Order began with Rev. William M. Sexson who was a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, involved in both Grand Lodge and Grand Star. He wrote our ritual from his knowledge of and through the teachings of both Mason and Star. So you see all of our Fraternal groups are very closely related. All have the same ideas and striving for many of the same common goals. The betterment of ourselves and our country and the teachings of the lessons of our Supreme Being. The continued support given by each one of your local lodges is greatly ap-

preciated. I encourage all of you to become very involved with Fraternal organizations in your community. As you are the back bone of our Youth groups. Your financial support is also greatly appreciated. The contribution you make to them assure an Educational Fund, encourages girls to further their education, offering them the financial aid they need at the time of their lives when they need it the most. The scholarship given for outstanding Rainbow Girl for the year, which I was honored to receive in 1978 is another way you encourage the education of the young. Thank you again for your invitation and on behalf of the Rainbow Girls of the Nebraska Grand Assembly, I would like to present to you this check, with the hope that it will help you in your projects.

JOE WALLER, ORDER OF DEMOLAY

I would like to thank you all for asking me to speak to you today, and also for the banquet last night. It was delicious. For you who don't know exactly what DeMolay is, it is an organization for young men between the ages of 13 and 21. The only requirement is that the boy has a belief in God. Many of you may not know this, but 65% of all DeMolays eventually go on to become Master Masons. You can see by supporting DeMolay, you are truly supporting your own organization of Masons.

Support does not have to be financial; many people think that, but that is not true. I receive a great deal of support while I am here. Let me tell you that helps a lot. For a 19 year old kid to stand up here and talk to all you dignified gentlemen, it is a scary experience. Giving time to DeMolay can mean nothing more than going to a car wash or perhaps showing up for a meeting. Just occasionally showing up inspires the DeMolay. I hope to see more of that and I am sure I will. If after giving the support, you find you enjoy working with the youth of today, the ultimate sacrifice you can give is to become an Advisor. We need Advisors in DeMolay. We have Chapters that are fading right now because they don't have adequate advising. Those who can give the time, to work with the young men of their community. Some years down the road, the membership in Masonry is going to be much stronger. As I said before, 65% of all DeMolays eventually become Masons. So I encourage you to turn in the name of your son, nephew, grandchildren or any young men you feel would become good DeMolays. It is a great experience. I feel that every young man should have an opportunity to be a DeMolay. DeMolay truly is Freemasonry's investment in the future. If DeMolay should fade and die, I know that isn't going to happen, the death of Masons would not be far behind. So support your youth organizations, all youth organizations. Support we receive is great, but it could be much greater. Thank you very much.

M.:W.: NORVAL P. MARKS, GRAND MASTER OF IOWA

Thank you M.:W.: Brother Paul. First of all I would like to express my appreciation for the courtesies extended to my wife and me. We have

thoroughly enjoyed our stay in Kearney. It makes little difference how far that you are removed from your home birth place or how long you have been gone from there, your heart will always be home and it is good to be home again, be back in Nebraska where I was born and raised in Ord. My father was a member of Ord Lodge for 58 years, so I feel right at home here. The names of the towns are so familiar and it is just a joy being here. I think the slogan, "Nebraska, the good life" is a wonderful slogan. Surely, if that is true, to be a Nebraska Mason, must be the good good life.

I was pleased yesterday morning to see them have to spread the room out to make room for the huge crowd that was here. I am sure that it must have been larger than it was the year before. I believe that we are seeing a little more activity in Masonry throughout the country. I am sure that we are in Iowa and it appears to be that you are here in Nebraska, too. I am glad to be a part of the Masonic bridge that bridges the Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa, and so happy to have members of Nebraska to visit over in Council Bluffs on many occasions. We had a meeting just recently and two of your Past Grand Masters and your Grand Secretary were present and we were delighted to have them.

Again, it is a delight to be with you. I might say this, in regard to the increased activity. You know, at the Flag ceremony yesterday morning, the very first one was a motto "conquer or die". We need to conquer our fear of the future, we need to conquer our negative talking and thinking and take a lesson from the newscaster Paul Harvey, we need to learn to think positive and to talk positive and do it with enthusiasm. M.·W.·. Brother Paul, all of my working life I have spent with the trowel in my hand and so the trowel is a very special tool to me. I would like to present this one to you. Thank you, M.·W.·., Sir.

M.·W.·. LUDVIK H. JUN, GRAND MASTER, GRAND LODGE, OF MONTANA

M.·W.·. Grand Master, almost Worshipful Bevin and distinguished guests. We do have out door meetings in Montana; there is going to be one on the Ross Ranch, 25 miles out of Chinook. We do all this while the sun sets over in the west and there are always pheasants around. It is right on a little rhinestone creek. I am glad to be here. You know, all good things come to those who wait, and wait I did at Stapleton Airfield. I got here about 9:00 and was supposed to be here at 2:20. The wait was worth it. All the good things are happening to me now. Brethren, I am very sorry to hear that Humboldt No. 40 is not represented or Pawnee No. 23 or Falls City No. 9. I was born and raised at Dubois, Nebraska. It is good to come back. I own a little piece of property in Humboldt. I just might come back to retire. I do wish if any of the brethren are around, that they would make themselves known. I would like to visit with them. It has been a pleasure, I know you are strapped for time, M.·W.·. Sir. Thank you again for the invitation and as they said Brother Bevin is a great speaker. We are going to have him up there in Great Falls the 24th and 25th for our Grand Session.

R.:W.: GLEN W. PRUETT, SENIOR GRAND WARDEN AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND MASTER JOHN C. INGRAM, GRAND LODGE F.:&A.:M.:, ALASKA.

First of all, M.:W.: Brother, it is a pleasure to be here and I want to extend my thanks on behalf of the hospitality that has been extended to me and my wife.

During the war I was hearing about this Alaska Highway. Being an equipment man I was anxious to travel this highway. I wound up in Seattle, Washington, saw an ad in the paper to go to work in Alaska. During the interview I was asked, "how would you like to drive the highway?" He sure hit a tender spot in my heart, and so he says, "you come back in a couple of days, I will fix you up." We went down to a car dealer there in Seattle, picked up a brand new car, this was a 1947 Plymouth. He got the car and handed the keys to me and said, "we are on our way to Alaska." With his wife and two little granddaughters, we drove the highway all the way to Fairbanks. The next morning I went to this mining company, it was a summer job. The boss asked, "how would you like to stay this winter?" I stayed that winter and have been here ever since. Haven't been able to make enough to come out and stay out, I manage to get out but I have to go back. Thank you.

R.:W.: LARRY WINEGARDNER, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF M.:W.: RICHARD A PORTER, GRAND MASTER, GRAND LODGE A.:F.:&A.:M.: OF KANSAS

M.:W.: Sir, it is a pleasure and honor to meet with you brethren on this your 126th Annual Communication. I bring you greetings from our Grand Master, Richard A. Porter, who due to a conflict in scheduling was unable to be with us. He did send a message that he would like for me to pass on. "Oh, my God, Al, we are in trouble, says here KU and K State will beat Nebraska next fall in football." One of two things, either he knows something that we don't know, or we just witnessed the phenomena that the Grand Master has made a mistake.

It is a pleasure and an honor to be here and M.:W.: Sir, I would like to thank you for the courtesy and hospitality that you have extended to our Grand Secretary Al Arnold, his wife and my wife and me. To the Grand Master elect, we would like to get on record by inviting you to our Grand Lodge next March 15th. You and your lovely lady. If you don't want to come just send her, we will be more than happy. One thing I do want to comment on, Sir. The trials and tribulations you have had to cope with I commend you on the way you have done that. Would also like to congratulate the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as we witnessed the parade of Masters here yesterday. I noticed quite a few young people. Of course, with me, any one under 60 is young. I do notice a lot of young people and it is something that we hope is happening all over the United States. It gives way to the rumor that we hear, that Masonry is fraternity of old men and is a dying fraternity. I am here to say that it tain't so. And I do congratulate

you brethren on the number of young people that you have. M.·W.· Sir, I know that you are rushed, but I do want to congratulate you on the year that you have had, and I wish M.·W.· Grand Master elect the very best in the next year. Thank you very much.

R.·W.· RAY BAKER, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF M.·W.· RAYMOND W. HORN, SR.
GRAND MASTER, GRAND LODGE A.·F.· & A.·M.·, SOUTH DAKOTA.

M.·W.· Grand Master, I thank you for the honors that you have given me here, but they are a little premature. I am R.·W.· Brother and I am Deputy Grand Master, I am here to represent our M.·W.· Grand Master, Raymond W. Horn, who was unable to be here. I would like to congratulate the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on their fine meeting, the discussions that we heard yesterday, and so on. It is really a pleasure to be here and listen and learn. I would like to thank M.·W.· Brother Paul, for all the courtesies extended to my wife and me, and I would like to congratulate Brother Bevin on his election and we are looking forward to see him in South Dakota next week. I thank you.

R.·W.· WILLIE B. ELLIOTT, JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF M.·W.· RAYMOND H. BACHMAN, GRAND MASTER, GRAND LODGE, A.·F.· & A.·M.· OF ILLINOIS.

M.·W.· Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers, Distinguished Guests and my brethren all. This is my first visit to Nebraska. It is a pleasure to be here. A couple weeks ago, I was talking to a member of my lodge, and this is a small world, isn't it? His name is Fred Foster Kearney and I mentioned that I was going to go to Kearney, Nebraska the first part of June to the Grand Lodge. He said, you know the town of Kearney was named after my ancestors. Now if there is any brethren here by the name of Kearney, I would like to talk to you sometime when the sessions close, after installation, because he knows he has some relatives here. He visited here a few years ago. Our Grand Lodge meets October 7 and 8. Some have wondered if they were going to get an invitation to attend our Grand Lodge. Next Thursday and Friday in Springfield, the Grand Lodge Trustees are going to meet and work on the budget for next year, and we are also going to put the names in the hat and draw them out. So if you are lucky, you get an invitation. I would also like to invite, if any of you are in Illinois, the last Sunday of this month, to our Annual Pilgrimage to our Masonic Home. We have from 2000 to 2500 Master Masons, wives and families. We are also on that afternoon, going to dedicate a 76 bed unit addition. It is called the "Collins Building". It has cost some two and a half million dollars. We have already started working on the budget, we are going to remodel the hospital, the annex and the main building, which will take 2 years at approximate cost of three million dollars. At the completion of this operation, we will have some 352 bed units at our Masonic Home.

Also before our Annual Pilgrimage, the Trustees along with the Board of Managers, will present a budget for the Trustees approval. We had one just a week ago and with the remodeling and the operation it is going to be in sense of six million dollars. We are very proud of our home as you brethren are here.

M.·W.·. Grand Master, I bring to you greetings from our Grand Master, who in a very short time is going to also have to step aside. I will say this, you have had a very successful communication. I have enjoyed it very much. Thank you for the courtesies shown to Aileen and me. I hope to stay through installation. We are going to leave here and go across Wisconsin to their annual communication. Thank you.

M.·W.·. FRANK M. HARTUNG, GRAND MASTER OF WYOMING

M.·W.·. Sir, I take it from that display that I am among friends. I would like to thank you, M.·W.·. Brother Paul for your courtesies and I am glad to see you feeling as well as you appear to after your problems last summer. I have back problems, too, but it is kinda like Red Skelton says, I can ride those bulls out there but I have back trouble. I got a yellow streak about that wide. That wasn't my problem but I have heard people say, you are supposed to speak with humility and how they have been humiliated, after coming to Nebraska, I know what they meant. When you have to go and see that your Host gets to the table for dinners and things like this even though they are late, but you want them to be there when they eat so they can introduce you, why it is kind of humiliating. I won't mention any names. I wouldn't want to humiliate my host. I probably won't get invited back again, anyway. It has been mentioned about some open air meetings. We have one every second Saturday in July close to Wheatland, those of you who are in the panhandle have tried to succeed but haven't been able to do it. Perhaps if you come to some of our meetings, this might come to fruition sometime. We have a barbeque dinner there at 6 p.m. right after they raise the flag, a flag from every state in the union, it is real fun. I have invited your Grand Master elect and, of course, all of you are welcome to come. You don't need an invitation, just come.

I have enjoyed my stay here. I always enjoy going to meetings, the fellowship and you see a lot of people that you have seen at other meetings, and I really enjoy it. It is good to hear that, talking about a positive note, your Friendship nights. We have the same thing in Wyoming. My lodge started it. It has been more aggressive and it has really helped us. We also had a PR program. We give packets to all of our lodges. And I told them in my visits that they had to do it themselves. We would help them if they wanted help but the local lodges have to get up and do these things; it cannot do anything but help them. Of course, we spread that word as fast as we can to try to get others to try it. I was interested in the statement put out by the Grand Lodge of England. Of course, if they do anything, they think it is wonderful.

Proper solicitation, I read it so I filed it in my circular file. They are only about 4 or 5 years behind us and I don't see why we should be too concerned about it. Again, I would like to thank you for the courtesies shown me and my wife. I have really enjoyed my visit here.

JUSTICE J. DOBECH, MAYOR OF KEARNEY

Presented by Past Grand Master, Joseph C. Tye.

Thank you very much for that very gracious introduction. I never knew where you got all this information. Thanks, Joe. On behalf of the City of Kearney, of course, we have some 20,000 residents in our community and we are extremely pleased that you folks have selected Kearney as your convention city the last year or two, and I hope that you folks decide to come back to our community. I am not going to give you a sales talk except for one thing. Our people have always been very proud and very happy to welcome groups such as yours. This is no Chamber of Commerce talk. Naturally, we are interested in the dollars you leave here, but more importantly I think it is to be able to share your information among each other and then return as better citizens of your community. I think this is important. Each time I welcome groups to our community, I say this same thing about suggesting that when you return to your community, is to become involved in some government operation. Some Committee, whether it be School, Church, or whatever it might be. We strongly urge this because you folks are the real fine representation of your community.

You know, Joe mentioned our son that just graduated from Medical School a year or so ago, and he is now at Mayo Clinic. Every time he comes home he reminds me of the great work that you folks are doing in the Medical work to the kids that are less fortunate throughout the country. I congratulate you for it. Selfishly perhaps, but I mean it very sincerely.

I think the Holiday Inn would be awfully pleased to have you folks come back next year, because I think we have all the facilities and all the equipment and the expertise here to handle your convention. I hope your committee has already decided to come back, and I am going to gamble that you will. Excuse me. I sure hate to not be here for your installation, but I think I should go back and visit that high school that I graduated from. So I plan to do that. Thank you.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called from Refreshments to Labor at 8:30 a.m.

ELECTED OFFICERS

- M.:W.: BEVIN B. BUMP, 158 Grand Master
- R.:W.: ROBERT A METCALF, 210 Deputy Grand Master
- R.:W.: CHARLES W. AMIDON, 281 Grand Senior Warden
- R.:W.: WAYNE G. LUENENBORG, 39 Grand Junior Warden
- R.:W.: RALPH W. GERRY, 281 Grand Secretary

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

My Brethren:
Violence!

Mother Nature is on a rampage as this report is written. The deep South is flooded out. The rivers in the area are out of their banks and water is everywhere. California and the eastern United States have both had their share of storms while in Hawaii there is volcanic eruption in massive proportion. The

toll of dead this year is about as before. Always someone suffers. In our area we just can't get a plow into the ground.

We are getting an increasing number of people who want to come to The Home. Available space is filling up rapidly. While we still have space left, we should be considering what we are going to do.

We have talked to you about a wing. Funds are the problem. If any reader of this report would like to help with a wing to the present structure or a part of a wing, we would be most grateful. The need is certainly here. The wing should be named for the donor in such an instance. Call us. We would like to hear from you.

At our Home tranquillity reigns as usual. Our job is to heal those who have been buffeted about and we do a good job of it.

The eighty-one people there are happy and at peace with the world. We now have one lady resident who is 100 years old and she gets along nicely thank you, without help from anyone. She doesn't look her age. Doesn't act it either.

A short look over our shoulder recalls Christmas. Prior to that, the Robert W. Boon Memorial Fund Food Truck from central Nebraska came loaded as usual with all sorts of goodies. 500 cases of food with a value of over \$11,000.00. We filled an empty store room with case after case of useful food. What a group the Lodges in Central Nebraska are under the leadership of Brother Adolph Schlaman and his helpers. We are deeply grateful.

The Western Nebraska Lodges now send individual checks instead of the semi they used to send. They remember us as well and we thank them also.

Now back to Christmas. It all starts off with oyster stew with ample seconds and sandwiches. Then the residents entertain the guests with Christmas carols and music. We all join in and the spirit of Christmas catches all of us who are there.

Then a big fat Santa Claus distributes presents to all. Each resident is remembered by the Masters and Wardens Club. All over Nebraska this group contribute to this event. The Omaha group buys presents and individually wraps them. We owe a great debt of gratitude to this group who really make Christmas.

The Trustees, as before, remembered all our tenants who pay to live at our Home with fruit baskets and poinsettias. No one is overlooked.

I've told you we have eighty-one residents. Counting the pay basis, we would have overall ninety-eight residents. Average age is 86 years young. We admitted during the year a total of 31 and we suffered 11 deaths during the year.

The Endowment Fund continues to grow — 22 endowments totaled \$107,504.00. This Fund is our life blood. We have always used only the interest in operating The Home. Thus the Fund can continue to grow. We are grateful for being remembered.

The Seal Fund continues to come in and in generous amounts. It is a great help in our budget. We hope it will always prove popular. We say thanks to every contributor.

Raymond has some interesting facts in our annual report that I would like to pass along to you.

Under nursing. The same loving care we feel we are famous for is given all our residents. There are still no bed sores on patients. Some have them when

they come in but our nurses heal them promptly.

Members in bed all day are changed and turned every two hours around the clock. Soiled laundry is sent down the chute to the disposal machine so that we have no odors ever.

Most all residents that can possibly be up are dressed daily with help. This does a lot to the matter of dignity.

The housekeeping is its usual excellent care.

The Home serves social coffee, fruit juices, etc. three mornings a week. It's a social hour; bingo, record playing and a general good time is had by those who wish to join in. There is a bridge club going regularly.

Under food services - we serve 39 people on trays who are not ambulatory. The balance go to the dining room.

We are in process of building a new kitchen. It's badly needed and while under construction we will feed everybody catered food. We are in process now of talking to food people who do this as a business. The same good hot and cold food will continue to be served.

This year we installed an automatic sprinkler system in our lawn. We should have a big improvement with this watering system which we have long needed.

On December 4th we held dedication ceremonies and unveiled a bust of Glenn W. McInnich who remembered The Home so generously in his will. The bust is in the lobby. A big gathering, including many Past Grand Masters, attended.

John W. Garrod of Omaha donated cassette tapes of the New Testament for our residents. We are grateful.

The Shrine Chanters came during Christmas week to entertain all. They are truly great.

We also had some fine Christmas music from the students and Director of Plattsmouth Middle School. We appreciate this.

Brother Wilbur C. Summers, Master of Beatrice Lodge No. 26, gave The Home a deluxe model snow blower. Brother Wilbur, we are most grateful. This we can really use.

The Mobile Nobles held their annual Valentine party in the dining room. This great organization inside Tangier Temple of the Shrine has adopted our Home from their very beginning. They come to our Home and bring love and entertainment. These are the men who have supplied us with Sunshine Buggies in the past. They are a fine group of gentlemen. Accordion music, singing and fruit packages for our residents were on the schedule this year. We love you, Nobles.

There is a card party going and they meet regularly. I call it a "HUMMER". So much fun and every game known is being played.

The York Rite Masonic Group came, toured The Home and were our guests at noon. This group makes an annual tour of The Home and reports to the York Rite Bodies of their inspection. Good friends, we love to always have you come.

The geese were migrating back north. A big group of our people made two trips in the Sunshine Buggy to Forney's Lake in Iowa to watch the huge collection of geese in this migration. All enjoyed the trip.

We had a mock tornado drill in March. It went off well and all our people joined in.

Our Superintendent, Raymond F. Evers, never misses a board meeting.

Each month he reports of The Home to the Trustees and recommends any changes he thinks would better the lives of our residents. He's a jewel.

Our Secretary, W. . Brother Ralph W. Gerry, works around the clock in our behalf.

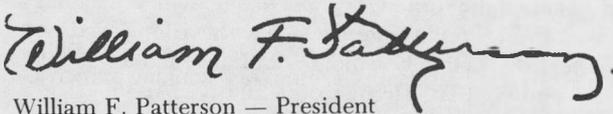
We owe so much to so many. Our thanks go out to all the Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Masters and Wardens, Order of the Eastern Star Chapters, Scottish Rite and the Youth Groups, to name a few. We thank you all.

We owe special thanks to Mrs. Betty Mahon, Worthy Grand Matron, and to Brother Bernard Paden, Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

We thank our Grand Master, M. . W. . Brother Paul R. Pierce, who has been most helpful all year.

Finally to my Brother Trustees — the fine gentlemen who compose our Board with whom I'm privileged to serve. There are stars in the crowns of each of them. Without them this report could not be made. All here is of their doing. I salute them.

Thank you, my Brethren.



William F. Patterson — President

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

V. . W. . J. Dallas Gibson, Grand Chaplain presented the report which was adopted.

“BECAUSE MAN GOETH TO HIS LONG HOME, . . . THEN SHALL THE DUST RETURN TO THE EARTH AS IT WAS; AND THE SPIRIT SHALL RETURN UNTO GOD WHO GAVE IT.” Ecclesiastes 12:5,7

The spirit is the breath of life which goes back to the source from which it came. There is a glorious light beyond the shadows of time and death, “O grave, where is thy victory? . . . But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory . . .” (I Corinthians 15:55,57).

Our necessary duty is to turn aside amid the required tasks of the day and give tribute and remembrance of our Brethren in Masonry who have entered their calling beyond this earthly vale. Doing so expresses our thankfulness to the Grand Architect Of The Universe and Creator of Mankind for the brotherly love, labors and influence of our departed Brethren, and declares our esteem, honor and gratitude for the Fraternity of Masonry wherein they served with us.

There has been reported to the office of our Grand Secretary as of May 6, 1983 that eight hundred and fifty-six (856) Brother Masons of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska departed this life in this past year. Also was reported the death of forty (40) Past Grand Masters from twenty-five (25) Grand Lodge Jurisdictions. Two (2) of these jurisdictions from Canada.

At this time a Biographical and Masonic Record of M. . W. . Edward M.

Knight, Past Grand Master of Nebraska will be read, after which there will be a moment of silent tribute and prayer at the Altar.

M.·W.·. HARRY A. SPENCER, PAST GRAND MASTER

Most Worshipful Edward M. Knight, the 87th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, was born December 4, 1911, at Alliance, Nebraska. He was the first of two children born to Florence McKean and Reuben E. Knight. He received his education in the Alliance Public Schools and the University of Nebraska where he was graduated in June, 1932, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He is registered Engineer E-132, State of Nebraska.

M.·W.·. Brother Knight was married to Ruth McDuffee of Norfolk, Nebraska on July 16, 1939. (Mrs. Knight served as Grand Chaplain of O. E. S. of Nebraska during the period Brother Knight was Grand Master.) They have two sons, Robert Edward and Frank Millard. The Knight family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Since graduation he had been associated with the Alliance National Bank and was President of the Bank. He had taken part in many banking and civic activities. He was past President of Group 6, Nebraska Bankers Association. For the past seven years he had been treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church of Alliance. He was president of the Alliance Rotary Club in 1950.

MASONIC RECORD

Lodge: Initiated January 19, 1933, passed February 23 and raised March 23, in Alliance No. 183. Served as Master in 1941.

Chapter: Received all degrees September 15, 1938, Order of High Priesthood December 2, 1942, served as High Priest 1942-43, Sheba No. 54.

Commandery: Received the Red Cross and Order of Malta January 24, 1931, Order of the Temple January 31, 1939. Served as Commander in 1947 in Bulah No. 26. Member of Past Commander's Association of Nebraska. Appointed Grand Representative of Louisiana near Nebraska June 17, 1947. Was Intendant General Red Cross of Constantine in Nebraska at the time of death.

Council: Received the degrees on February 12, 1947 and served as Captain of the Guard in Zerubbabel Council No. 27.

Grand Lodge: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon June 5, 1947 by M.·W.·. Edward Huwaldt, installed Grand Master in June 6, 1952. Served as Grand Representative of Grand Lodge, F.·.&A.·.M.·. of Washington near Nebraska.

Coeur De Lion Conclave No. 10, Red Cross of Constantine, Omaha.

Sneh Bo' Aire Council No. 17, Allied Masonic Degrees, Omaha.

Scottish Rite: A.·.&A.·.S.·.R.·. Valley of Alliance, Past Wise Master Chapter Rose Croix; Officer Lodge of Perfection; Invested KCCH 32° October 19, 1935; Coroneted Inspector General Honorary 33° December 7, 1963.

Shrine: Member Tehama Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. Hastings.

Aloyah Chapter No. 185, O.E.S. was Worthy Patron 1951.

Order of DeMolay: Legion of Honor, Grand Council.

Board of Directors, Masonic Temple Association, Alliance.

Reaching his exalted station as one of our youngest Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Brother Knight has steadily grown in stature as a man and as a Mason, meeting every difficulty with serene confidence and giving to every question that calm, unbiased judgment which is usually the attainment of maturer years. The Grand Lodge will be richer during the coming years because of his expert advice and gracious counsel. We thank God for such noble souls whose footsteps lead us in the path of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

REPORT OF THE CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

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

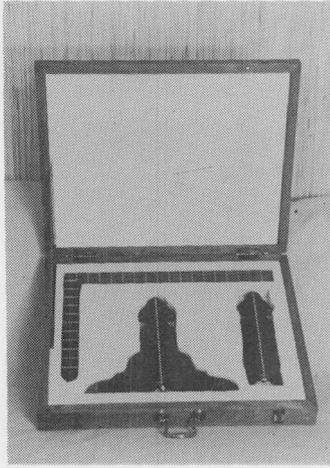
M. .W. . Grand Master; Your Committee on Codification of the Law respectfully submits its report relative to amendment or additions to the By-laws of this Grand Lodge, enacted at this communication, as follows:

M. .W. . Grand Master, other Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests and brethren, that salutation is almost longer than the report.

Brethren, this is the first communication of this Grand Lodge for several years at which there has been no action taken which amends or alters the By-Laws. This Committee takes note of matters referred to it for attention during the coming weeks or months. By this we refer to the approved report of the Jurisprudence Committee. We also note the approved recommendation of the Grand Master which requires an amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge. This Committee can take no action on this matter — it must proceed according to the provisions set forth in the Constitution for its amendment. I move adoption of this report. Carried.

W. . MANNIE O. HANSEN, GRAND CUSTODIAN

M. .W. . Sir, I would like to make a motion to approve the minutes of the Published Proceedings of the 125th Annual Communication. Carried.



**WORKING TOOLS HANDCRAFTED BY
HENRY GREENWALT**

M.:W.: PAUL R. PIERCE, GRAND MASTER

Last year I asked a good brother if he wouldn't improve on our implements of Masonry when we were laying corner stones. Henry Greenwalt, would you come forward, please? This good brother volunteered to build us a new set, and I had some old rifle stocks, and I took them down but I don't believe he used them; but it is a beautiful set and we have already had a request from our Society of Masonic Research to get the old ones. But we will leave that up to you, Deputy Grand Master whether to let them have it or we might keep them. They are a beautiful set encased and I want to thank our good brother for making them for us. Thank you, Henry Greenwalt.

**REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all lodges were represented except the following: 40, 44, 53, 57, 104, 116, 138, 153, 159, 162, 163, 173, 194, 218, 225, 233, 234, 235, 246, 268, 274, 282, 284, 291, 301 and 313.

Total number of Lodges 230. Number not represented 26. Lodges not represented for two years are: Harvard 44; Trestle Board 162; Robert Burns 173; Olive Branch 274. There were 21 Past Grand Masters and all of the Grand Officers present. 26 Deputy Grand Custodians and 4 Deputy Grand Custodian Emeriti present. 121 Masters of their respective lodges and 52 non-delegates registered. 12 Grand Masters and Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions were in attendance.

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	1	Gary W. Miller	Michael McDermitt	Douglas L. Anderson
Western Star	2	Henry E. Schemmel☆	Louis J. Crunt	Richard C. Carr
Capitol	3	Wesley W. Lindahl☆	Herman O. Hansen☆	Augustine S. Scolaro☆
Nemaha Valley	4	Stephen M. Knapp	Clay W. Kennedy☆	Steven Kennedy
Omadi	5	George Paulsen☆	—	—
Plattsmouth	6	Leland L. Meisinger	Jay H. Speck	Robert C. Franklin
Falls City	9	John E. Stayton	John E. Stayton☆	Joseph E. Lutz
Solomon	10	Irwin H. Nelson	Clyde J. Nelsen	Carmine Pane☆
Covert	11	David J. Horn	Don McCoy☆	Don W. Madsen☆
Orient	13	George I. Griffiths Jr. ☆	—	—
Peru	14	Bobby Fike☆	—	—
Fremont	15	Henry G. Lyddon	Peter G. Rix	George A. Iverson☆
Tecumseh	17	Wayne C. McCoy☆	Wayne C. McCoy☆	Wayne C. McCoy
Lincoln	19	Clark W. Gillaspie	Kent A. Sprague	Charles A. Burk
Washington	21	Bennett C. Olson	Donald Ehlers☆	Thomas E. Moen Sr. ☆
Pawnee	23	Steven W. Wissler	Steven W. Wissler☆	Steven W. Wissler☆
St. Johns	25	Ralph E. Erts	Gary Lee☆	Harold McClenahan, Jr.
Beatrice	26	Charles E. Carroll	Kenneth W. Moore	Herman W. Gerberding☆
Jordan	27	Norbert H. Meyer	—	—
Blue River	30	Gary L. Brhel	—	Dwain Fosler
Tekamah	31	Frank R. Conklin Jr. ☆	Kevin D. Thomas	—
Platte Valley	32	Randall J. Majer	J. David Tooman	Robert L. O'Neill
Ashlar	33	—	Nelse Zachry☆	Adolph Schlamann☆
Acacia	34	Donn K. Bieber	Russell Vanderkold☆	Kurt Blazek
Fairbury	35	Douglas E. Shultz	—	Clarence Black
Lone Tree	36	Donald E. McHargue	Robert E. Kyes☆	William Clemans
Crete	37	James A. Clark	Dean W. DeMoude	—
Oliver	38	Max K. Farney	Max K. Farney☆	Max K. Farney☆
Papillion	39	Harlan E. Otte	Billy G. Forrester	Harlan E. Otte☆

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Humboldt	40	—	—	—
Northern Light	41	Maurice Dasenbrock☆	George Benson, Sr.☆	Delbert L. Davidson☆
Hebron	43	Jack L. McLaughlin	—	—
Harvard	44	—	—	—
Rob Morris	46	Delmar A. Jones	Gerald L. Henderson	Wallace R. Griss
Fairmont	48	John H. McBride	Lewis B. Halsey	Lewis B. Halsey☆
Evening Star	49	Merrill O. Barnell	Don C. Bottorf	Wallace N. Bender
Hastings	50	Robert L. Ingram	Ronald R. Fitzke	Eugene V. Dean☆
Fidelity	51	Dale McElravy☆	Charles H. Walker	—
Hiram	52	Stuart D. Thomsen	—	—
Charity	53	—	—	—
Lancaster	54	James R. Buckwalter	Vernon R. O'Neal	Dale E. Walters
Mosaic	55	Justin F. Fauss☆	Justin F. Fauss☆	Justin F. Fauss☆
York	56	Bradley O. Braasch	Raymond J. Rech☆	—
Mt. Moriah	57	—	—	—
Wahoo	59	Lorain F. Steiner	Harry Berman	Henry L. Rood☆
Melrose	60	Richard L. Bose	Ernest Humes☆	—
Thistle	61	Harold D. Weddel☆	Harold D. Weddel☆	Harold D. Weddel☆
Keystone	62	Dale T. Obermeier	Robert F. Peard☆	Eldon L. Bish
Blue Valley	64	Dennis Q. Aksamit☆	J. Stephen Aksamit☆	Dennis Q. Aksamit☆
Osceola	65	Marvin E. Ransom Jr.☆	—	—
Edgar	67	Ezra A. Good☆	Ezra A. Good☆	Ezra A. Good☆
Aurora	68	William Thomssen☆	—	—
Trowel	71	J. Otto Beyer☆	—	—
Hooper	72	Marvin S. Fauss	John A. Ruwe	Gerald Janssen☆
Friend	73	Warren L. Weber	—	—
Frank Welch	75	Gordon Richards☆	Steven J. Mattoon	Rodney L. Reeder
Nelson	77	Ivan L. Schafer	—	—
Albion	78	Paul Bentley	Fred S. Linder☆	John S. Williams

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Geneva	79	Richard R. Schoenholz	Thomas R. Bumgarner	Robert D. Robinson
Composite	81	Glenn Hartsock	—	—
St. Paul	82	Donald Rasmussen☆	—	—
Corinthian	83	Norman A. Minola	Raymond D. Paulson☆	Herman Utecht
Ionic	87	Fulton R. Olson	Paul Thierolf☆	—
Cedar River	89	Floyd F. Gudgell	Oren A. Peterson☆	Dwight A. Walton
Oakland	91	Harry L. Scheffel☆	—	—
Beaver City	93	Robert J. Gardner	Robert J. Gardner☆	Robert J. Gardner☆
Bennett	94	Walter L. Knight	Stuart B. Erickson	—
Garfield	94	John A. Mansfield	John A. Mansfield☆	John A. Mansfield☆
Utica	96	Dale R. Jones☆	Robert Rhodes☆	Glen Eberspacher☆
Euclid	97	Alvin C. Groesser☆	—	—
Republican	98	Thomas W. Moore	Thomas W. Moore☆	Thomas W. Moore☆
Shelton	99	George A. Wyman	A. A. Jaeke☆	—
Ponca	101	Richard F. Taylor	—	Stanley C. Leigh☆
Waterloo	102	Gary L. Bridges	H. Lee Fuller, Jr.	Larry M. Smith☆
Ord	103	Hal A. Pierce☆	Hal A. Pierce☆	Hal A. Pierce☆
Wymore	104	—	—	—
Stella	105	Michael Kentopp	Michael Kentopp☆	—
Porter	106	Asa J. Farnham Jr.	Elden V. Bass☆	A. L. Smith☆
Table Rock	108	Lloyd F. Vrtiska☆	Lloyd F. Vrtiska☆	Lloyd F. Vrtiska☆
Pomegranate	110	James W. Reece	—	Phillip Hayes
DeWitt	111	Alonzo Y. Elliott	—	—
Springfield	112	—	—	Harry N. Ahl☆
Globe	113	Donald L. Dover	—	—
Wisner	114	Gifford Burris☆	Milo G. Cheney	—
Harlan	116	—	—	—
Hardy	117	Jack S. McCorkle	Ezra Olsen☆	Herbert Pedersen☆
North Bend	119	Mark C. Johnson	Mark C. Johnson☆	Michael G. Eason

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Wayne	120	Donald E. Koeber	James H. Sturm	Donald E. Koeber☆
Superior	121	Jens P. Nielson☆	Chauncey B. Mickelsen☆	Merle P. Hayes☆
Auburn	124	Richard L. Penney	Richard L. Penney☆	Richard L. Penney☆
Mt. Nebo	125	—	Dorris L. Cuddeford☆	—
Stromsburg	126	Wayne E. Beatty☆	Wayne E. Beatty ☆	Wayne E. Beatty☆
Minden	127	James A. Wiseman	Gerald Sorensen	Erwin A. Siemoneit☆
Guide Rock	128	Frank G. Horne☆	Frank G. Horne☆	
Scribner	132	Alfred A. Ristow☆	—	Alfred A. Ristow☆
Solar	134	Arthur Schlondorf	Robert J. Strickland	Arthur Schlondorf☆
McCook	135	Richard L. Trail	Donald E. Rasmussen	—
Long Pine	136	Jackson M. Roark☆	Jackson M. Roark☆	Jackson M. Roark
Upright	137	Kenneth A. Bowman	Kenneth A. Bowman☆	Kenneth A. Bowman☆
Rawalt	138	—	—	—
Clay Centre	139	Eugene H. Peterson	Glenn F. Sperry☆	Warren M. Wilson☆
Western	140	Rolland Winter☆	Rolland Winter☆	Rolland Winter☆
Crescent	143	Warner L. Doughty	—	Kenneth Smiley
Jachin	146	Lavaile L. Gleason	—	—
Siloam	147	Ora R. Yarges☆	—	—
Custer	148	Alfred V. Peltzer	—	—
Cambridge	150	Hugh W. Eisenhart☆	Hugh W. Eisenhart☆	Hugh W. Eisenhart☆
Evergreen	153	—	—	—
Lily	154	James L. Voigt☆	— —	
Samaritan	158	G. Bruce Bartels	Bruce L. Bump	Bryce B. Bump☆
Ogalalla	159	—	—	—
Zeredatha	160	Willard Gumaer☆	—	—
Mt. Zion	161	Mervin D. Hiemer	Gail L. Gonnerman	Benjamin R. Wagner
Trestle Board	162	—	—	—
Unity	163	—	—	—
Atkinson	164	Merle E. Winings☆	Merle E. Winings	Merle E. Winings☆

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Barneston	165	E. Howard Goin☆	—	—
Elwood	167	C. Willard Jack	Max Bartruff	Don W. Ringenberg☆
Curtis	168	Roland Schobert☆	—	—
Amity	169	Ronald E. Drummond	Ronald E. Drummond☆	Robert Higgs☆
Mason City	170	Gary G. Arnold	Eugene D. Burns	Lyle O. Lovitt
Merna	171	Floyd Grantzinger☆	—	—
Robert Burns	173	—	—	—
Culbertson	174	Richard L. Lomax	Barney L. Whatley II	William H. Carlson
Hay Springs	177	Harold Rezek	Clifton Hale☆	—
Justice	180	Paul M. Erdman	Urlin G. McCartney	—
Faith	181	Gordon B. Pinney	Gordon B. Pinney☆	Gordon B. Pinney☆
Alliance	183	Ehm J. Sorensen☆	—	Vincent Rosenberger☆
Bee Hive	184	Amos H. Campbell☆	Noland McIntoch	Allan Beavers☆
Boaz	185	Waldron G. Heany	Waldron G. Heany☆	Waldron G. Heany☆
Meridian	188	Garlyn R. Naylor	Garlyn R. Naylor☆	H. LeRoy Lahr
Granite	189	William Kroll	—	—
Crystal	191	Ray Salter☆	Reuben Malmstrom☆	Raymond Toogood
Minnekadusa	192	U. Wesley Fox☆	U. Wesley Fox☆	U. Wesley Fox☆
Highland	194	—	—	—
Arcana	195	Joel Waddill☆	Joel Waddill☆	Joel Waddill
Purity	198	Robert E. Call	—	—
Gavel	199	Warren E. Williams	Milford Brinegar☆	Warren E. Williams☆
Blazing Star	200	H. David Peterson	Donald R. Field	—
Scotts Bluff	201	Donald Walter	Byron L. Lane	William R. Zalman
Golden Sheaf	202	Harm J. Timmer	Harm J. Timmer☆	Harm J. Timmer☆
Plainview	204	Wilfred F. Francis☆	—	—
Golden Fleece	205	Donald Pearce☆	—	—
Parian	207	Nigel G. Sprouse	Kenneth Vollenweider☆	Richard Coons☆
Canopy	209	Ralph W. Speth	—	Russell A. O'Brien☆

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East Lincoln	210	Thomas M. Michaelson	Henry S. Greenwalt☆	Sam Nelson
Cement	211	David E. Thiemel☆	Donald J. Lahr	David E. Thiemel☆
Occidental	215	Lawrence E. Bauer	Richard N. Nielsen☆	Wayne H. Bennett
Palisade	216	—	Viron E. Baxter☆	Viron E. Baxter☆
Wauneta	217	Gordon A. Deininger☆	—	—
Bloomfield	218	—	—	—
Relief	219	Larry G. Leapley	Marvin Ropte☆	Marvin Ropte☆
Magnolia	220	Harold D. Lewin	—	—
Wood Lake	221	Arthur J. Ferguson☆	—	—
Landmark	222	Terry L. Cameron	Terry L. Cameron☆	Terry L. Cameron☆
Silver Cord	224	Robert C. Cottingham☆	—	—
Cable	225	—	—	—
North Star	227	Milo R. Truka	James C. Gish	Dennis D. Mundt
Bartley	228	Lloyd H. Stone☆	Lloyd H. Stone☆	Lloyd H. Stone☆
Comet	229	—	Gene F. Peterson	—
John S. Bowen	232	Walter C. Wrich☆	—	—
Gilead	233	—	—	—
Zion	234	—	—	—
Fraternity	235	—	—	—
Golden Rule	236	Richard H. Olesen	Howard Gillaspie☆	—
Friendship	239	Robert E. Comer	—	—
Pilot	240	Paul Phelps☆	—	—
G. Armstrong	241	Leonard Eriksen☆	Lloyd Hurrell☆	Donald C. Bonnean
Hampton	245	Kenneth Schultz☆	Kenneth Schultz☆	Kenneth Schultz☆
Nehawka	246	—	—	—
Laurel	248	Brian J. McBride☆	—	—
Gothenburg	249	Jay Richeson☆	Jay Richeson☆	Jay Richeson☆
Geo. Washington	250	Bryon Bloom	Carl A. Johnson	Tom Bergquist☆
Wausa	251	—	—	Lynn Doty☆

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Bassett	254	Rex Arrowsmith☆	Rex Arrowsmith☆	Richard Mauch☆
Hickman	256	James A. Johnston	Thomas A. Trainor	Donn N. Northcott
Anselmo	258	Harold L. Lindly	Leonard Lindly☆	—
Ornan	261	Gayle Angus	—	—
Endeavor	262	Willard Elmer☆	Walter A. Rice	—
Mitchell	263	Gary E. Lane	Steven K. Jones☆	Steven K. Jones☆
Franklin	264	Robert D. Gartin	William Nielson☆	—
Robert W. Furnas	265	Sam F. Sequist☆	Everett K. Dappen☆	Edward H. Lockwood☆
Silver	266	Chapin E. Peterson	—	—
James A. Tulleys	267	E. L. Young☆	Lloyd W. Hickey	Russell M. Warren☆
Geo. Lininger	268	—	—	—
Oasis	271	J. Clark Morrill	—	—
Lee Gillette	272	Ralph W. Griepenstroh☆	Henry E. Schemmel☆	—
Crofton	273	Charles L. Eliasson☆	Charles L. Eliasson☆	—
Olive Branch	274	—	—	—
Sioux	277	Leo Turner☆	Leo Turner☆	—
Wallace	279	Eric J. Chrisman☆	—	—
Swastika	280	William W. Steen☆	—	—
Florence	281	James M. McDonald	Ronald E. Bonar	F. Edward LaBreck
Mullen	282	—	—	—
Seneca	284	—	—	—
Camp Clarke	285	Peter S. Swedberg	—	—
Oshkosh	286	Earl R. Stalnaker☆	Earl R. Stalnaker☆	Earl R. Stalnaker
Union	287	Thomas McKay☆	Dennis H. Brydl	Bruce Pegler
Omaha	288	Maynard Tatelman	Harold P. Loveless	Donald Scott☆
Lotus	289	Walter A. Leithoff	John E. Leithoff	Verl E. Roberts
John J. Mercer	290	Jerry V. Zellers	Lloyd K. Johnson	Monte Kim Olmstead
Diamond	291	—	—	—
Monument	293	Weldon d'Alemand☆	Kent Williamson☆	Bret Bellamy☆

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Kimball	294	Jens A. Nielsen	Randolph Eatmon	Jens A. Nielsen*
Minatare	295	Frank G. Weiss	Neil M. Gatch*	—
Cotner	297	Dietrick P. Frye	Gregory L. Shinaut	Dietrick P. Frye*
Chester	298	Neal J. Eickman	Norman L. Crounse*	Kermit Roop
Sutherland	299	Larry Schufeldt*	Bruce Mower*	Larry Schufeldt*
Liberty	300	David N. Bouquet	Bruce E. Merrill	Dale L. Strasburg*
Bayard	301	—	—	—
Mizpah	302	Leonard L. Finnegan* Jr.	Francis Bachorski	Robert C. Dreibus
Right Angle Newman Grove	303	Hiram A. Hearron	Hiram A. Hearron*	Robert A. Slacketka
	305	Lester C. Nelson*	Arnold Curtis*	—
Golden Rod	306	Don Hafer*	Wayne L. Campbell*	—
Perkins	308	Gayland Lacy	Harry L. Saum*	—
Victory	310	Harry G. Eyestone, Jr.	Harry G. Eyestone, Jr.	Harry G. Eyestone, Jr.
Polk	311	Noel E. Kealisher	Robert D. Brazda	Alan Picherl*
Potter	313	—	—	—
Craftsmen	314	Robert L. Carter Jr.	Joe Betz*	Deon D Eberly
Alpha	316	Charles E. Stamps*	Charles E. Stamps	—
Midwest	317	Robert L. Williams	Homer C. Davey*	Scott J. Krieger
Grand Island	318	Earl N. Hanel*	Thomas S. Keel	Gene Gustafson*
College View	320	Joel L. Wilson*	Joel L. Wilson*	Joel L. Wilson
Harmony	321	Lyle E. Mather	Lyle E. Mather*	—
Lebanon	323	John H. Lippert*	Alvin Lippert	John H. Lippert*
Cairo	324	James H. Sheeks	James H. Sheeks*	Lawrence Rolofson*
Bellevue	325	Robert M. Carter	Kenneth P. Lott*	Pierre H. Soots Jr.
Centennial	326	Eugene H. Wahl	Benjamin C. Whitebeck	Philip Edwards
Shiloh	327	William F. Patterson*	Donald R. White*	Joseph Geisler*
Miloma	328	Bruce E. Gillette	Murlyn Ronk	Donald P. Bush

STEWART M. L. POLLARD

M.:W.: Grand Master, I had intended to present this yesterday, but you caught me unaware and in the essence of time, I am just going to summarize very quickly. It is a certificate of appreciation from your Masonic Service Association of the United States to you. M.:W.: Paul R. Pierce, Grand Master, Masons in Nebraska, for your support and interest of the MSA National Hospital Visitation Program. With this certificate goes our best wishes for continued success and service to our gentle Craft. Thank you.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

M.:W.: FRANK J. MATTOON, Past Grand Master and Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

The Committee on Grievances met at the direction of the Grand Master. The cases presented involved in the actions of the trial commission described in the Section on "Trial Commissions" (page 9 of proceedings), and submit this report.

The committee recommends as follows:

1. The action of the Trial Commission in the case of the charges of Scottsbluff Lodge No. 201 and the penalty of indefinite suspension be deferred pending the expiration of the time for appeal from the decision of the Trial Commission.
2. That the action of the Trial Commission in the case of the charges of Florence Lodge No. 281 and the penalty of expulsion be deferred pending the expiration of the time for appeal from the action of the trial commission.
3. That the action of the case of the charges of Fremont Lodge No. 15 and the action of the Trial Commission recommending expulsion be approved.
(Note: W.: David E. Menck disqualified himself from participation in this instance.)

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

M.:W.: MERLE M. HALE, CHAIRMAN, gave the report which was adopted.

The Grand Lodge Office Committee met on May 17, 1983 in the Grand Lodge Conference Room. A proposed budget for items for which this committee is responsible was prepared and has been submitted to the Appropriations Committee.

Changes were made in the amount requested for several of the items. The Secretary's Desk Book was increased to \$1,800 to reflect the cost of two years because the 1982-1983 payment was not made; an initial appropriation of \$750 was included for the Membership Committee to fund the Grand Lodge portion of Guest Night programs; salary costs were increased

\$8,800 to provide for salary raises for the Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian and the clerical staff; office expense was increased \$4,000 to cover replacement of typewriters; the Grand Master's Jewel cost for 1982-1983 has not been paid and the expected cost was included in the 1983-1984 appropriation; and the Grand Lodge supplies account was increased \$2,000. The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children assessment was continued at \$2,500 even though a payment was not required for the past two years.

As required in Section 1-105 of the By-Laws, we recommend that the amount per mile to be paid for each mile traveled to Grand Lodge be set at the same amount as last year, i.e., 20¢.

The Grand Lodge Office Committee recommends that the proposal to move the office to another location be deferred for one year and that a committee be appointed to investigate the several alternatives and to report to the Grand Lodge Communication in 1984.

We commend the Grand Secretary for his dedication to the duties of his office and we express our appreciation to the Grand Lodge office staff for their efficient operation of that office with its many important activities.

REPORT OF TEMPLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

M.·W.· HAROLD C. WURDEMAN, Past Grand Master, Chairman, gave the report which was adopted.

M.·W.· Grand Master, during this past year, the Grand Lodge has laid the corner stone and dedicated a new Masonic Temple for Ornan Lodge No. 261, Spencer. At the present time Osceola Lodge No. 65 at Osceola, Utica Lodge No. 96, Utica; Bassett Lodge No. 254, Bassett, have purchased buildings that are now in the process of remodeling. I understand they all three have moved into their new temples, but they haven't been dedicated yet. Nelson Lodge No. 77, Nelson, Friendship Lodge No. 239, Chapman and Oshkosh Lodge No. 286, Oshkosh are considering building new temples and contacted this Committee for information. Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha, are actively looking for a building to buy and remodel for use as a Masonic Temple.

M.·W.· PAUL R. PIERCE, GRAND MASTER

Did you report on Utica, Brother Wurdeman? The Presbyterians over there decided to consolidate with another group and offered their Presbyterian Church to the Utica Lodge for \$1.00. It is being renovated to meet the specifications. It will be a very nice place for them. Well, the Presbyterians are all Masons.

REPORT OF THE 1983 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

The 64th Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association was held on February 21, 1983 at Dallas, Texas. I personally participated in all the meetings of its Executive Commission in my capacity of Chairman Emeritus and as a member of the Investment Committee. Deputy Grand Master Bevin B. Bump and R.·W.· Ralph W. Gerry, Grand Secretary, were also in attendance for this meeting.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon became a member of the MSA during 1982. The Grand Lodge of California withdrew its membership. The Masonic Service Association is now composed of 45 Grand Lodges with two Associate Members in addition. The American-Canadian Grand Lodge of the United Grand Lodge of Germany became an Associate member in 1982. We are hopeful that California will reconsider and there are at least two other Grand Lodges that are giving consideration to joining the Association.

No request for either Foreign or U. S. jurisdiction relief was requested in 1982. Our Association did make inquiries in areas where disasters occurred. Our Association is always alert to coordinate efforts to assist Freemasons in distress.

During 1982 much needed additional office space for the MSA was acquired in the Archer Building. This allows for more efficient office arrangement.

Twelve monthly issues of the Short Talk Bulletin were again distributed in 1982, making over 700 different bulletins having been issued. A new publication Index listing all MSA publications, films and materials has been printed and has been distributed by the thousands to workshops, lodges and other Masonic groups.

Three new interesting digests were issued in 1982. They are

- 1 "The Challenge of the Hat & Gavel" (a guide for Worshipful Masters)
 - 2 "Trestleboard Tidbits" by Alphonse Cerza
 - 3 "Washington's Home and Fraternal Life"
- also, the updated Chart on Foreign Recognitions.

Grand Master Paul R. Pierce extended a special invitation to the distinguished Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, Brother Stewart M. L. Pollard¹ to be present at this Grand Lodge Session and to bring various materials published by the MSA including an indexed published list. I am delighted that he is here and will address our Grand Lodge with reference to the various services of the MSA.

The MSA Hospital Visitation Program is a separate branch and is supervised by our Chief Field Agent M. W. Thomas R. Dougherty, P.G.M. of New Jersey. We now have representation by trained certified M.S.A. Field Agents in 126 of the 172 V.A. Medical Centers in the U. S. In addition, we have M.S.A. representatives in 5 State Veteran Homes including the one in Hot Springs, South Dakota. We have M.S.A. representatives in our Omaha and Lincoln V.A. Centers. Brother Robert Adamsheck is Field Agent at Lincoln and Brother Robert May is our Field Agent in Omaha. We do not have an Agent in the Grand Island V.A. Center. Each of our Field Agents have volunteer assistants. These brethren are daily servicing the needs of our Brethren and others as well in these facilities. They exemplify the Golden Tenets of our Fraternity of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

The various services of the M.S.A. are extensive and are being used more and more. I am pleased that our Grand Lodge has always been suppor-

tive of its programs. When our Grand Master Paul Pierce attended the Conference of Grand Masters, when he was Deputy Grand Master, he told me that he derived more inspiration and satisfaction from the Annual Meeting of the M.S.A. any other meeting at the Conference. I continued to enjoy my service as Chairman Emeritus of this splendid organization which in fact and in truth is our **Masonic Service Association!**

Fraternally submitted,

Herbert A. Ronin, P.G.M.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

M.·W.· Sir: Your committee on Youth is pleased to report that, as always, our young people are on the move. Although membership may seem a problem, a new Rainbow Assembly has been instituted and is very active in Papillion. As of late November, 80% of the members came from non-masonic families. This makes the new temple in Papillion a home for all three Youth groups.

Just one example of the interest our Job's Daughters have was shown at one of their installations in the Omaha area when the Honored Queen presented the Worshipful Master of the lodge with a check in appreciation for all the help the Bethel had received from the Lodge. It may not always be expressed with a check, nor at a public installation, but these young ladies do appreciate any help we can give.

A DeMolay Chapter in the western part of the state decided to donate books to the school library when they found out that funds had been cut. Just another way to express appreciation. For those of you who will be on the road this 4th of July weekend, stop off at one of our Interstate Rest Areas on the 3rd. The DeMolays will be serving refreshments for the 11th year in a row, and while they are at it, distributing safety literature on behalf of the Nebraska Safety Office.

Individually, and as groups, these young people are actively working in various areas in our communities, for charities, churches, in their schools and elsewhere. All the while they are donating time and learning more about the responsibilities of citizenship. They are also found serving dinners in many of our lodges, performing the various ceremonies of their organizations for us when we ask and even cleaning up around the temple once in a while.

I believe it was Milton who said, "They also serve who only stand and wait." Our young people, being young, don't want to wait, but they do want to serve. All we need to do is ask. We, too, can serve. We can serve them by giving them some well deserved recognition. Attend their installations, their meetings and their money raising affairs. Above all, let them know you think they are doing a good job. A good word from you, the master masons about whom they have heard so much, will mean far more to them than you can imagine.

M.:W.: Sir, on behalf of the committee, I thank you for the pleasure of serving on the most exciting committee in this Grand Lodge.

William G. Hurst, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

W.: Paul L. Toombs, Chairman, presented the report which was accepted. Your Committee on Relief is happy to report on our last year's experiences and expenditures. No two years are routine and, much to the unhappiness of the Budget Committee, we cannot tell in advance how much we may need for appropriations. We have no Committee expense as such; all our expenditures go for things for which we were appointed.

Expenditures were as follows:

Mrs. Meade (a long time annuitant)	\$300.00
Joe Sukavoty, Crete, No. 37	400.00
A man named Flomm to whom we advanced money for Bus Fare and meals to get back to London, Ontario	50.00
Edward A. Kroger (deceased) on which our member Melvin E. Hatfield worked with the couple, and later the widow, to get their Medicare and Medical bills straightened out, East Lincoln, No. 210	200.00
Total	\$950.00

The Sukavoty case was reported last year and just yesterday we received word that the family were again at Mayo's Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, but our information is so indefinite all we can say is that we may be needed again and shortly.

Our member Mel Hatfield did such a wonderful job over many months to get the affairs straightened out, and with great difficulties, in the Kroger matter.

He is the kind of Mason who wanted to do something for them. This is not the first time he has been of invaluable help and he has also done work on the Sukavoty case.

We referred two cases to Covert No. 11 and got no report on either one and no expenditure so assume they were not justified. We have had a call from a Louisiana relative that his brother living in Washington, Nebraska, and a member of the lodge at Kennard, needed help but on investigation by the lodge were told nothing is needed at this time. We had one case where a floater wanted money to get to North Dakota but after a telephone call to Grand Lodge of Louisiana were told he was suspended and had been the cause of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana losing quite a bit of money. We did not advance anything.

One advantage of having the Chairman close to the Grand Lodge offices, is that we can easily compare notes by phone and get action, if any is needed. The original alert may come from just about anywhere and when we are "alerted" we then attempt to get in touch with the home lodge of the

individual. In that way we can determine if they know of the circumstances, what they may be doing on their own and whether there is any need for the Grand Lodge to go further into the matter.

You can see from our previous remarks that things are not always as represented originally and if the final decision is that the Grand Lodge Relief Fund should help out, we do our bit in the name of the local lodge. Sometimes a great deal of work and investigation is done and we end up paying nothing. At any rate, we go into each case thoroughly before we close it up. Some individual lodges do a grand job with their own "Relief or Welfare Fund". Others do not even have such a fund. We strongly recommend that each lodge have some funds that can go for other than burial needs.

We shall be glad to visit with any of the brethren individually after the meeting is closed or recessed. We have a fine committee and try to do things as you would do if you were in our shoes.

We thank the Grand Master for his appointments to our committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. . Ben D. Fussell, 79, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations reports that they have met with representatives of Ponca Lodge No. 101, Parian Lodge No. 207 and Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285 and have reviewed the reasons for their non-representation at Grand Lodge Sessions in 1981 & 1982 and find them valid.

The Committee recommends approval of their reports and that further action not be taken.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE, A. .F. . & A. .M. . OF NEBRASKA

The undersigned five (5) members of The Grand Lodge, A. .F. . & A. .M. ., of Nebraska (as defined in Article II of the current Constitution thereof), pursuant to Article XIII of such Constitution, do hereby and hereon present the following resolution proposing the amendment of such Constitution, to wit:

Resolved, that Article XII of the current Constitution of said Grand Lodge be amended by adding a new Section 5 thereto, as shown on Exhibit A hereto attached and, verbatim, made an integral part of this resolution, with the same force and effect as if the provisions of said Exhibit A were set out in full hereat.

Further resolved, that except as so amended, said current Constitution be, in all respects and particulars, ratified, approved, and confirmed.

June 10, 1983

Duly received on the minutes of the 1983 Annual Communication of said Grand Lodge, at Kearney, Nebraska, this 11th day of June, 1983.

“ARTICLE XII – FORMATION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES”

EXHIBIT A

Section 5. Notwithstanding any other provision or provisions of the Constitutions, Laws, and Edicts of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, in his discretion, is hereby authorized to grant dispensations to special-purpose Lodges to perform certain customary special-purpose functions related to Masonry and for the benefit of the Craft, upon such terms and conditions as may be detailed in any such dispensation. Such special-purpose Lodge may, thereafter, present to the Grand Lodge their petition for a charter as such special-purpose Lodge, requesting a name, and the enumeration of its customary special-purpose functions, and also, the enumeration of the provisions of the Constitutions, Laws, and Edicts of this Grand Lodge, if any, which customarily would not apply to such special-purpose Lodge. If the Grand Lodge, in its discretion, approves such petition, a charter shall be issued which shall specifically enumerate all of the rights and duties of such Lodge, and which shall also specifically enumerate such customarily inapplicable provisions of the Constitutions, Laws, and Edicts of this Grand Lodge, vis. said Lodge. As used in this provision, any reference to ‘custom’ denotes only a reference to the customs and usages of Regular Ancient Craft Masonry which have heretofore developed under the Constitutions, Laws, and Edicts thereof, whether or not the same shall be codified or uncodified, and not otherwise.

M.·W.·. PAUL R. PIERCE

I am urging that we participate in our Society of Masonic Research of Nebraska. They planned on having a charter member list of 230. They have not reached that yet. Their dues are \$8.00. Brother Gene Jorgensen has that Masonic display. They are trying to find a home for it now and they have prospects of getting an old library in Lincoln as a museum home for Masonic Memorabilia. I think there are some things that ought to be in the Grand Lodge Library rather than give them to the Masonic Research. But these are an aggressive group and they are getting a lot of things. I am encouraging them. I think they signed up a number of new members here. They send out periodically information about what has happened in Nebraska or Research.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

ROBERT A CARHART

M.·W.·. Grand Master and brethren, this final report of the Committee on Appropriations for 1983-1984 is submitted by the Committee.

You have in your possession the preliminary report of the Committee on Appropriations. Following yesterday’s line item reading of the proposed budget the Committee met to consider all comments. No requests for additional appropriations were received. No changes in the budget as originally presented are recommended by the committee.

The total of proposed expenses is \$301,748.40. The estimated income is \$339,417.00. The balance of income over expenses is \$37,668.60.

The committee again thanks the Grand Lodge Secretary for his assistance in the preparation of this budget report.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on Appropriations.

GRAND HISTORIAN

W. . GLADWYN A. YOUNGS

M. . W. . Grand Master and brethren. Bevin B. Bump, our Grand Master-Elect, took an important step in the life of this committee well in advance of his election. Meeting with the Appropriations Committee he persuaded those gentlemen not only of the importance but also of the much greater potential of Public Relations.

Heretofore, we have expended our energies primarily in internal communications - sending information from the Grand Lodge to the subordinate lodges, and vice versa. This two-way flow of information remains critically important and will continue to receive the attention of the Committee. However, Public Relations, in the sense of informing the non-Masonic public of the activities of our lodges, both Grand and subordinate, has been quite limited to date. We have informed all Nebraska newspapers and radio and television stations of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge and we shall continue to do so. We have also given some of them reports of our most important events. But, for the most part, we have contented ourselves with channeling information to the Grand Secretary, to the Nebraska Freemason and to The Masonic News.

When I say that Grand Master-elect Bump took an important step, I refer to the fact that we now have a budget, separate from that of the Nebraska Freemason, for the Grand Lodge Masonic year beginning today. We look forward to informing the non-Masonic news media not only in greater detail as to what we are doing, but as to who we are and why we are doing it. That is, from whence we came and whither we are traveling.

Grand Master Paul R. Pierce and Grand Secretary Ralph W. Gerry have fully supported the efforts of this committee during the year now ending. We appreciate their fine support and we wish to thank Grand Master Pierce for permitting us to assist him in this important work. And I do mean assist. He personally has done more to improve the public image of our Fraternity than any Committee could. Inspired leadership such as his deserves to be better known to more people. Such is our intention for the future.

Brethren, please continue to send news from your locality to us. The names and addresses of the members of this committee will appear in a future issue of both the Nebraska Freemason and The Masonic News. Please keep us busy until the 127th Annual Communication that the Grand Master may have pleasure and the Craft profit thereby. As Most Worshipful Brother Pierce has reported to you, there is a renewed awakening of interest in our Fraternity among the young men of today. May it never be said that we missed some of the best of them because they never heard of us.

M. . W. . Sir, I move the adoption of this report.

BEVIN B. BUMP, GRAND MASTER-ELECT

I would like to move that the 127th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, be held in Kearney, Nebraska on June 8 and 9, 1984. Carried.

NEW RESOLUTIONS

MARVIN ROPTE, 219

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3-102, subsection G "the possession or use of all key, ciphers or printed matter relating to the ritualistic work of ancient craft masonry." be deleted from the by-laws.

MAYNARD TATELMAN, 288

Thereby be it resolved: That the Grand Lodge Office Committee be authorized to negotiate leasing of suitable facilities with the Omaha Valley, of the Scottish Rite.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M.·W.· Jack H. Hendrix, Past Grand Master, Installing Grand Officer. I would like to introduce the Installing officers. M.·W.· Harry A. Spencer, Installing Grand Secretary; M.·W.· Hugh W. Eisenhart, Installing Grand Chaplain; M.·W.· Frank J. Mattoon, Installing Grand Marshal and W.· Edward H. Lockwood, Installing Grand Organist. Installation as follows.

M.·W.· Bevin B. Bump, 158	Grand Master
R.·W.· Robert A. Metcalf, 210	Deputy Grand Master
R.·W.· Charles W. Amidon, 281	Grand Senior Warden
R.·W.· Wayne W. Luenenborg, 39	Grand Junior Warden
R.·W.· Ralph W. Gerry, 281	Grand Secretary
V.·W.· G. Richard Myers, 158	Grand Chaplain
V.·W.· James N. DeMoss, 325	Grand Orator
V.·W.· Albert T. Reddish, 183	Grand Historian
V.·W.· Mannie O. Hansen, 1	Grand Custodian
V.·W.· William Keller, 250	Grand Marshal
V.·W.· Paul R. Eveland, 119	Grand Senior Deacon
V.·W.· Thomas W. Tye, 46	Grand Junior Deacon
V.·W.· James L. Eatmon, 294	Grand Tyler

BEVIN B. BUMP, GRAND MASTER

I would like to thank Jack and his team for the installation ceremony, and to tell you that I am real pleased to be in the line of a Distinguished Supreme Court Justice, Harry A. Spencer, a Distinguished District Judge, Jack Hendrix; and three most distinguished lawyers in the State of Nebraska.

Joseph C. Tye, Frank J. Mattoon and Hugh W. Eisenhart. Thank you very much, gentlemen.

At this time we have a little ceremony to perform and I am going to introduce M.:W.: Norris W. Lallman.

M.:W.: NORRIS W. LALLMAN, PAST GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Brother Paul, several days ago, I had the privilege of inducting you into the Past Grand Masters Association and presented you with a lapel pin which I do not see upon your lapel at the present time. Today, I feel doubly honored in having been selected to be the one to present you with your Past Grand Master Jewel and apron. I greet you today as a Great Grandson in the line of succession. I just listened to this other line of succession of six or seven lawyers in a row. I am the only one in my line of succession until today. You are joining my line in succession. As a Great Grandson, I am sure all the brethren of Nebraska realize that any accomplishments that you have done for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska this year, sometimes under most difficult circumstances because of physical problems, have been for love of the Fraternity. We thank you very much for the work you have done for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

As you know we are having Past Grand Masters jewels re-cycled and this jewel has the names of two Past Grand Masters and they would have both been in our line of succession were they still living. The first one to wear this jewel was M.:W.: John E. Beaver, the last brother to wear it was M.:W.: Alfred B. Saum, and now it is passed on to you. I am sure that the brethren of Nebraska can see that you are not properly dressed; you don't have a Masonic apron on at the present time, so the Grand Lodge of Nebraska would like to see that you are properly attired and I present you with this Past Grand Masters Apron. We thank you, Brother Paul, for a job well done.

M.:W.: PAUL R. PIERCE, PAST GRAND MASTER

The year has been very enjoyable. I have sat up many a night with my wife while she crocheted flowers. We have had wonderful cooperation from everyone. It has been a fun year, and I hope we have accomplished something. We do have to realize that Masonry is voluntary and that every man is a Freemason entitled to think as he pleases; we don't all think alike but peace and harmony does prevail within Masonry. Thank you.

M.:W.: BEVIN B. BUMP, GRAND MASTER

I am not going to give any speeches today and I don't want any applause. I may ramble a bit, because this doesn't happen very often. As I look back, it was exactly ten years ago that Judge Harry A. Spencer brought me forward and introduced me as the Grand Orator. At that particular time and place, it was in the Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln, Nebraska and I had driven all day and all night from Chadron to get there. I didn't know what was coming. Frank J. Mattoon I knew was going to be installed as Grand Master and I

knew that Jack H. Hendrix was going to be installed as Grand Junior Deacon, but I had no idea what a Grand Orator was. Being the humble person that I am, I looked at that large Pershing Auditorium, and for a country boy it seemed mighty big.

I forgot to thank Ed Lockwood as installing organist. Ed, I am going to take care of you a little later on, not here but a little later.

But, anyway, at that particular time and place I had no idea that this was going to happen. It was beyond my expectation and beyond my dreams. I can say to you today, that this is probably one of the most inspiring things that has ever happened to me and I will do what I can to promote Masonry in Nebraska.

I am going to make some introductions of my family and friends that are here. Then I am going to introduce each one of the Grand Officers for this year because I am proud of them. I am enthused about them and I think you will be also. First, let's start with my family. There have been two women in my life, my wife Maxine and my mother Anna Bump, and I would like to tell you that I have kinda followed in her footsteps. She is a Past Supreme President of the Does. That is quite a position. I am real pleased today. I have three sons here with me. All sons are Eagle Scouts, and they are all Master Masons. My oldest son Bruce, Past Master of Samaritan Lodge No. 158. Bruce, would you come up and bring grandson Blake Bevin; second son Bryce of No. 158 and son Benjamin; my third son and the baby of the family Brett of Samaritan Lodge No. 158. Here is our next generation and the one following of Master Masons in Chadron.

I am real pleased to have all three of them in Chadron with me. At this time, I would like to introduce their wives and our daughters-in-law. Bruce's wife Brenda; Lynell, can you come and bring Boe with you. This is Bryce's wife and grandson Boe. Chris, Brett's wife, these are our lovely daughters-in-law.

There are quite a few people here from Chadron and Samaritan No. 158. I sure want to introduce them and recognize them. When I petitioned the lodge in Chadron, the Worshipful Master at the time was a brother who had been my high school football and basketball coach and he is here today with his wife. I would like to introduce to you W. . Brother Paul Carroll and Bernice. As I went into the line I was the Senior Deacon for the Worshipful Master, who at that time was Ole Inslee, and would Ole and Edith Inslee please stand? I would like to have the Vice-President of the First National Bank of Chadron Tom Cummings stand. All the way from Boston, Massachusetts. I would like to introduce Sam Rosenberg who came here to see this ceremony because he couldn't believe it. Also from Samaritan No. 158 and from Crawford, Whitney, Nebraska, Gordon Pinney, would you please stand? The Master and good friend B. Bruce Bartels, will you please stand? Past Master Chuck Hugunin and his wife Pat. Junior Deacon Ted Vastine who came down here because he happens to be the Chief of Police. Two long time friends Don McCullough and his wife, who are now living in a suburb of Chadron at Omaha. I know there are some Masons

from Gordon and Hay Springs, would you please stand? We have some Distinguished Guests from other Jurisdictions and they remained to suffer through this and I would like to have them stand with their wives and just be recognized. Norval Marks, Grand Master; Tom Eggleston, Grand Secretary of Iowa; Raymond E. Petersen, Grand Secretary of Colorado; Frank Hartung, Grand Master of Wyoming, Ludvik Jun, Grand Master from Montana and Ray Baker, Deputy Grand Master of South Dakota.

INTRODUCTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Reception (Poolside)

V. : W. : Grand Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer. Let us pray. Most Gracious Heavenly Father, Giver of all good gifts, we thank Thee for this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. We ask a special blessing on these Grand Officers, grant them strength to know and to do Your will and that they may be good stewards of the responsibilities they have assumed. Bless the Masonic orders wherever they may be, especially remember today those who have traveled some distance to be with us. Grant that they and we may return to our home lodges in Thy safe and protective care. May we always put faith in Thee, have hope in salvation and be in charity with all mankind. Amen.

By virtue and power invested in me as Grand Master, I declare this 126th Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, closed in ample form. Worshipful Grand Marshal, you will make proclamation thereof.

By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I hereby proclaim this 126th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska closed in ample form. All interested will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

ATTEST:

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

Witness, my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge, A. : F. : & A. : M. : of Nebraska this 30th day of December, 1983.

Grand Secretary,

Ralph W. Gerry



VETERAN SECRETARIES:

Floyd Christy	Trestle Board, No. 162	43 years
Wayne Warden Loftis	Landmark No. 222	40 years
Merle P. Hayes	Superior No. 121	36 years
Alvin C. Groesser	Euclid No. 97	33 years
Arthur P. Starkjohann	Minnekadusa No. 192	33 years
Homer C. Davey	Midwest No. 317	32 years

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

Who Have Attended Grand Lodge
21 Years or More

Benjamin F. Eyre	59 years
Carl R. Greisen	58 years
Merle M. Hale	46 years
Thomas J. Aron	44 years
Louis V. Sylvester	43 years
Norris W. Lallman	41 years
Albert B. Osborn	39 years
Paul D. Fleming	33 years

WE HAVE SET APART THESE PAGES 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) 1960-61-62
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. 31, 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

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR SERVED
Robert E. French	Feb. 16, 1927	46	(25th) 1890
Bradmer 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	(20th) 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
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 R. Johnston	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. Philips	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
Edward F. Carter	Dec. 21, 1981	201	(77th)	1941
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
Edward M. Knight	Mar. 3, 1983	183	(87th)	1952
Fay Smith	Oct. 2, 1968	198	(88th)	1953
Charles F. Adams	Apr. 17, 1980	68	(89th)	1954
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
John H. Brown	Febr. 2, 1978	1	(105th)	1970
Howard J. Hunter	May 6, 1975	59	(107th)	1972
Alfred B. Saum	Oct. 11, 1980	46	(112th)	1977

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HARRY A. SPENCER, 227	(99th)	1964
1500 Crestview, Lincoln 68506		
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801 S. 52nd, No. 2105, Omaha 68106		
LEWIS R. RICKETTS, 19	(101st) ..	1966
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3515 So. 102nd, Omaha 68124		
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Box 250, Cambridge, 69022		

- 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 S. 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
- JACK H. HENDRIX, 174 (113th)..1978
506 No. Cherokee Dr., McCook 69001
- WARREN D. LICHTY, JR. 314..... (114th). 1979
P.O. Box 5687, Lincoln 68505
- BYRON C. JENKINS, 325.....(115th)..1980
9409 Briarwood Lane. Omaha 68147
- HAROLD C. WURDEMAN, 323.....(116th)..1981
2875 Maple Rd., Columbus 68601
- PAUL R. PIERCE, 50.....(117th)..1982
518 Oswego, Hastings 68901
- CARL R. GREISEN, 32.....(HONORARY)....1966
P.O. Box 1684 Sun City, Az 85372

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 to June 13, 1981
- RALPH W. GERRY June 13, 1981
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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska	1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February —, 55...	Oct. 3, 55 *1
Western Star	" 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56 *2
Capitol	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 9, 57...	June 3, 57 *3
Nemaha Valley	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	December 15, 57...	June 2, 58
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
Premont	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
Tecumseh	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	December 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 68
Lincoln	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
Washington	" 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24, 68...	June 25, 68
Pawnee	" 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
St. Johns	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
Jordan	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
Blue River	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
Acacia	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
Lone Tree	" 36	Central City.....	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		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16, 72...	June 18, 73
Northern Light	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	January 20, 73...	June 18, 73
Hebron	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10, 73...	June 18, 73
Harvard	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25, 73...	June 18, 73
Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	February 21, 73...	June 26, 74
Fairmont	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	December 4, 73...	June 26, 74
Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22, 73...	June 26, 74
Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 3, 74...	June 26, 74
Fidelity	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	January 19, 74...	June 26, 74
Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	February 26, 74...	June 26, 74
Charity	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	March 2, 74...	June 26, 74
Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	April 20, 74...	June 26, 74
Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
York	" 56	York.....	York.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	November 7, 74...	June 23, 75
Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20, 75...	June 23, 75
Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	March 10, 75...	June 24, 75
Thistle	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8, 75...	June 21, 76
Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1, 76...	June 21, 76
Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	October 6, 76...	June 20, 77
Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23, 76...	June 20, 77
Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	February 27, 77...	June 20, 77
Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	February 10, 76...	June 19, 78
Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	January 28, 78...	June 19, 78
Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 78...	June 25, 79
Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 78...	June 25, 79
Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 79...	June 23, 80

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Albion	No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 79...	June 23, 80
Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 79...	June 23, 80
Composite	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 80...	June 22, 81
Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
Ionic	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	January 24, 81...	June 20, 82
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
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.....	Merriek.....	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
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
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
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
Wanneta	" 217	Wanneta	Chase	December 7.92...	June 15.93
Bloomfield	" 218	Bloomfield	Knox	January 18.93...	June 15.93
Relief	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	January 19.93...	June 15.93
Magnolia	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	January 21.93...	June 15.93
Wood Lake	" 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	September 22.92...	June 21.94

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Landmark	No. 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	March 1, 93...	June 21, 94
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
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. Tulleys	" 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	December 26, 07...	June 10, 08
George W. Lininger	" 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 26, 08...	June 10, 08
Oasis	" 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Lee P. Gillette	" 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Crofton	" 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	July 10, 09...	June 8, 10
Olive Branch	" 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September 20, 09...	June 8, 10
Sioux	" 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	June 10, 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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Kimball	No. 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June 10, 15	June 7, 16
Minatare	" 295	Minatare.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 10, 15	June 7, 16
Cotner	" 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 15, 17	June 5, 18
Chester	" 298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	June 27, 17	June 5, 18
Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland.....	Lincoln.....	June 23, 17	June 5, 18
Liberty	" 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	January 10, 18	June 5, 18
Bayard	" 301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	January 19, 18	June 5, 18
Mizpah	" 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 12, 18	June 4, 19
Right Angle	" 303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 24, 19	June 9, 20
Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January 14, 20	June 9, 20
Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole.....	Cheyenne.....	August 19, 20	June 8, 21
Perkins	" 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	December 1, 20	June 8, 21
Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	December 27, 20	June 8, 21
Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	January 4, 21	June 8, 21
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
College View	" 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 1, 27	June 6, 28
Harmony	" 321	Lincoln.....	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, Bloomington with Franklin No. 264, Franklin, Oct. 18, 1934.
 Parallel No. 152, Liberty with Barnetson No. 165, Barnetson, January 2, 1940.
 Tyre No. 85, Blue Springs with Wymore No. 104, Wymore, July 7, 1941.
 Bradshaw No. 255, Bradshaw with Hampton No. 245, Hampton, May 21, 1942.
 Level No. 196, Stockville with Cambridge No. 150, Cambridge, June 4, 1942.
 Riverside No. 269, Belgrade with Cedar River No. 89, Fullerton, June 5, 1942.
 Juniata No. 42, Juniata with Kenesaw No. 144, Kenesaw, July 15, 1942.
 Palmer No. 315, Palmer with St. Paul No. 82, St. Paul, Oct. 6, 1942.
 Elk Creek No. 90, Elk Creek with Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh, Nov. 11, 1944.
 Riverton No. 63, Riverton with Franklin No. 264, Franklin, May 16, 1945.
 Hildreth No. 252, Hildreth with Grace No. 226, Wilcox, Oct. 11, 1945.
 Hubbell No. 92, Hubbell with Hebron No. 43, Hebron, Feb. 8, 1946.
 Incense No. 182, Ohiowa with Jewel No. 149, Dubois, Apr. 22, 1947.
 Bee No. 259, Bee with Oliver No. 38, Seward, June 13, 1947.
 Tuscan No. 130, Surprise with Composite No. 81, Rising City, Febr. 9, 1963.
 Delta No. 230, St. Edward with Albion No. 78, Albion, Jan. 1, 1965.
 Jewel No. 149, Dubois with Geneva No. 79, Geneva, Sept. 9, 1966.
 Valley No. 157, Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93, Mar. 8, 1966.
 Ruskin No. 304, Ruskin with Nelson No. 77, Sept. 23, 1966.
 Morning Star No. 197, Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126, Stromsburg, Dec. 9, 1967.
 Cornerstone No. 247, Osmond with Plainview No. 204, Plainview, Dec. 12, 1967.
 Kenesaw No. 144, Kenesaw with Midwest No. 317, Hastings, Jan. 13, 1968.
 Blue Hill No. 129, Blue Hill with Midwest No. 317, Hastings, Febr. 9, 1968.
 Pioneer No. 322, Lyman with Oasis No. 271, Morrill, Apr. 10, 1969.
 Compass & Square No. 212, Sumner with Thistle No. 61, Lexington, April 20, 1969.
 Hope No. 29, Nemaha with Nemaha Valley No. 4, Brownville, Sept. 9, 1969.
 Elm Creek No. 133, Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267, Overton, Mar. 17, 1970.

Napthali No. 206, Diller with Fairbury No. 35, Fairbury, Mar. 23, 1970.
Alexandria No. 74, Alexandria with Hebron No. 43, Hebron, Sept. 10, 1970
Pythagoras No. 156, Ewing with Diamond No. 291, Orchard, Dec. 4, 1970.
Grace No. 226, Wilcox with Jachin No. 146, Holdrege, May 11, 1971.
Wolbach No. 292, Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82, St. Paul, Dec. 23, 1971.
Tyrian No. 243, Oak with Nelson No. 77, Nelson, June 9, 1972.
Mystic Tie No. 166, Tilden with Trowel No. 71, Neligh, June 12, 1972.
Roman Eagle No. 203, Pender with Bancroft No. 145, Bancroft, April 20, 1973.
Amethyst No. 190, Stapleton with Cable No. 225, Arnold, Apr. 20, 1973.
Prudence No. 179, Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96, Utica, Apr. 20, 1973.
Fairfield No. 84, Fairfield with Clay Centre No. 139, Clay Center, Jan. 24, 1974.
Ramah No. 275, Bertrand with Elwood No. 167, Elwood, Febr. 14 1974.
Sterling No. 70, Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh, March 20, 1974.
Mt. Hermon No. 231, Cook with Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh, Mar. 15, 1974.
Winnebago No. 309, Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274, Walthill, Dec. 3, 1974.
Temple No. 175, Filley with Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh, Mar. 26, 1975.
Beemer No. 253, Beemer with Wisner No. 114, Wisner, June 17, 1975.
Signet No. 193, Leigh with Northern Star No. 41, Stanton, Febr. 20, 1976.
Plumbline No. 214, Adams with Beatrice No. 26, Beatrice, Oct. 1, 1976.
Cubit No. 237, Douglas with Union No. 287, Palmyra, Dec. 13, 1977.
Bancroft No. 145, Bancroft with Olive Branch No. 274, Walthill, Dec. 17, 1978.
Litchfield No. 278, Litchfield with Mason City No. 170, Mason City, July 1, 1979.
Hartington No. 155, Hartington with Relief No. 219, Coleridge, Aug. 10, 1979.
Creighton No. 100, Creighton with Plainview No. 204, Plainview, May 17, 1980.
Star No. 88, Decatur with Pilot No. 240, Lyons, Jan. 22, 1981.
Gladstone No. 176, Ansley with Custer No. 148, Broken Bow, Nov. 4, 1981.
Eminence No. 223, Giltner with Keystone No. 62, Phillips, Oct. 26, 1981.
Antelope No. 276, Elgin with Trowel No. 71, Neligh, Jan. 1, 1982.
Bladen No. 319, Bladen with Charity No. 53, Red Cloud, May 6, 1982.
Oak Leaf No. 312, Lynch with Orman No. 261, Spencer, Apr. 22, 1983.
Crofton No. 273, Crofton with Wausa No. 251, Wausa.
Harlan No. 116, Alma with Melrose No. 6, Orleans.
Hardy No. 117, Hardy with Superior No. 121, Superior.
Merna No. 171, Merna with Custer No. 148, Broken Bow.

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.	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 - Waco.	Janueary 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 - Doniphan.	May 12, 1966
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	Februray 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 - North Loup	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 - Valparaiso	October 9, 1962
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 - Arcadia.	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213 - Miller.	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238 - Crab Orchard	Februray 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

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Wade H. Brown.....	Birmingham.....	Apr. 13, 1976	Alabama.....	Victor D. Hunt, 62.....	Phillips.....	Apr. 29, 1977
Wayne G. Coleman.....	Kodiak.....	Mar. 30, 1982	Alaska.....	Byron C. Jenkins, 325.....	Omaha.....	Mar. 8, 1982
T.W. Smallwood.....	Edmonton.....		Alberta.....	Edward H. Lockwood, 265.....	Hastings.....	Dec. 15, 1959
Jose Gonzalez Ledo.....		Jan 10, 1964	Argentina.....	Robert A. Metcalf, 210.....	Lincoln.....	Mar. 14, 1979
Ralph P. Faulkner.....	Avondale.....	Aug. 22, 1983	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
Alfonso Reyes.....		Aug. 13, 1963	Belgium.....	L. L. Haddix, 36.....	Central City.....	1981
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho.....	Val do Salvador.....	Sept. 19, 1936	Bolivia.....	Irwin Osterloh, 72.....	Hooper.....	
			Brazil, Bahia.....	Frank I. Vlasak, 119.....	North Bend.....	July 6, 1972
Roumundo Nonata do Vale.....	Ceara.....	Sept. 21, 1949	Brasilia.....	Albert G. Bates, 1.....	Omaha.....	June 4, 1971
			Brazil, Ceara.....	Stanley E. Brunton, 222.....	Herman.....	July 7, 1976
Jose Cesario Horta.....	Minas Gerais.....	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Matto Grasso.....	Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258.....	Brewster.....	July 7, 1976
Luthgard Nobre.....		June 26, 1974	Brazil, Minas Gerais.....	Robert E. Richards, 205.....	Chappell.....	Nov. 17, 1978
Francisco Bezrea Frota.....		Oct. 25, 1973	Brazil, Goias.....	Harry L. Scheffel, 91.....	Oakland.....	July 1, 1974
Oscar de Paula Assis.....	Rio de Janeiro.....	Aug. 1, 1969	Brazil, Maranhao.....	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119.....	North Bend.....	
Ewald Helmuth Langweiler.....	Rio Grande do Sul.....	Feb. 18, 1965	Brazil, Guanabaro.....	Amos H. Campbell, 184.....	Omaha.....	Feb. 2, 1981
			Brazil, Rio Grande.....	Wm. H. Beckenhauer, 19.....	Lincoln.....	July 1, 1974
Jose Agular E. Silva.....	Para.....	Oct. 10, 1968	Brazil, Para.....	Gerald A. Moller, 15.....	Fremont.....	Dec. 10, 1968
Joao Bento.....	Paraiba.....	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazi, Paraiba.....	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.....	Omaha.....	Jan. 3, 1936
Tutomo Sato.....	Parana.....	Mar. 7, 1968	Brazil, Parana.....	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210.....	Lincoln.....	Mar. 7, 1968
Jose Aguiar E. Silva.....	Pernambuco.....	Oct. 22, 1968	Brazil, Pernambuco.....	Mannie O. Hansen, 1.....	Omaha.....	June 12, 1974
Lirio Burigo Bez.....		Sept. 22, 1976	Brazil, Santa Catarina.....	Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65.....	Osceola.....	July 1, 1974
Walter Pinto.....	Sao Paulo.....	Nov. 14, 1951	Brazil, Sao Paulo.....	Charles W. Amidon, 281.....	Omaha.....	June 7, 1977
Harold Wilson.....			British Columbia.....	Thomas J. Aron, 37.....	Crete.....	July 10, 1947
Harold Loewenthal.....	Eureka.....	Apr. 23, 1969	California.....	Eugene C. Sibley, 54.....	Lincoln.....	June 11, 1976
Kenneth N. Nesbitt.....	Ottawa.....	Dec. 21, 1976	Canada.....	Paul R. Eveland, 119.....	Ames.....	Feb. 16, 1982
Rigoberto Jamett.....		Aug. 22, 1983	Chile.....	Ben D. Fussel, 79.....	Geneva.....	June 4, 1971
Dawson Kwauk.....	Taiwan.....	June 26, 1980	China.....	John D. Richardson, 50.....	Hastings.....	June 10, 1983
Jose Maria Serna.....	Barranquilla.....	July 31, 1951	Columbia Nat'l Grand Lodge.....	Kenneth P. Lott, 184.....	Bellevue.....	Feb. 3, 1981
Jacque N. Hampton.....	Montrose.....	Apr. 9, 1980	Colorado.....	Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Boone.....	June 23, 1943
Vincent Vernon.....	Collinsville.....	Mar. 18, 1969	Connecticut.....	Arnold F. Mains, 15.....	Fremont.....	Dec. 13, 1968
Carlos Miranda.....		Oct. 22, 1968	Costa Rica.....	Richard H. Scheef, 288.....	Omaha.....	July 7, 1976
V.H.F.E. Gracia.....		Nov. 5, 1952	Cuba.....	Joseph C. Tye, 46.....	Kearney.....	June 25, 1954
Paul E. Ellis.....		Jan 28, 1971	Delaware.....	T. Leo Stines, 36.....	Central City.....	Feb. 18, 1967
Knud Meister.....		Nov. 23, 1982	Denmark.....	Alton S. Mote, 183.....	Dec. 2, 1968	
H. Kenneth Kingsbury.....		Sept. 24, 1982	Dist. of Columbia.....	Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....	Lincoln.....	May 13, 1954
F.G. Araya.....	Guayaquil.....	June 17, 1953	Ecuador.....	Richard O. Cowles, 217.....	Trenton.....	Nov. 7, 1978
Lord Mais.....		Oct. 22, 1976	England.....	Harry A. Spencer, 227.....	Lincoln.....	Dec. 2, 1968
Kalle Putkisto.....	Helsinki.....	Dec. 15, 1969	Finland.....	Sebert A. Stover, 281.....	Omaha.....	Feb. 9, 1968
Wm. C. Mitchell.....	Jacksonville.....	June 23, 1970	Florida.....	John Lippert, 323.....	Columbus.....	Aug. 8, 1966
Edward Jeanmonod.....	Paris.....	Sept. 14, 1954	France Nat'l Grand Lodge.....	J. Dallas Gibson, 54.....	Lincoln.....	July 1, 1974

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Thomas L. Reese.....	Aschoffenburg...	Aug. 22, 1983	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.....	Athens.....	Apr. 10, 1954	Greece	William W. Steen, 280	Sargent	June 11, 1976
Angel G. Guzman.....	Helgafell.....	Aug. 13, 1963	Guatemala.....	Roger E. Shillington, 180	Benkelman	June 8, 1977
Bjarne Bjarnason.....	Helgafell.....	Jan. 7, 1953	Honduras	Gordon Chard, 240	Lyons.....	Nov. 3, 1962
Eugene Taylor.....	Kendrick.....	Nov. 9, 1966	Iceland	Dan W. Holmstedt, 314.....	Lincoln.....	May 20, 1980
Harry 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
James E. Weir.....	Dublin.....	June 19, 1970	India.....	William Hurst, 54	Lincoln	Sept. 17, 1977
Yehuda Ashkenazi.....	Tel Aviv.....	Sept. 22, 1981	Iran.....	Joel N. Lindquist, 1.....	Omaha	June 4, 1971
Gilberto Olivieri.....	Rome.....	Sept. 22, 1976	Ireland.....	Robert E. Comer, 239	Grand Island.....	Oct. 10, 1977
Yasuhiko Ide.....	Topeka.....	Jan. 6, 1964	Israel, State of.....	William Grodinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Richard K. Hart.....	Louisville.....	July 31, 1972	Italy.....	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	Lincoln.....	Sept. 14, 1962
O.J. Hyde.....	Louisville.....	July 31, 1972	Japan.....	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
John F. Arnold.....	Bangor.....	Aug. 17, 1971	Kansas.....	Glenn F. Sperry, 139	Clay Center	June 11, 1976
Rene' Gregorius.....	Winnipeg.....	Aug. 30, 1976	Kentucky.....	Harold C. Wurdeman, 323	Columbus	July 1, 1974
Royce G. Wheeler.....	Winnipeg.....	Mar. 29, 1980	Louisiana.....	John A. Bortorf, 49	Sutton	Feb. 23, 1958
Joseph S. Reynolds.....	Winnipeg.....	Mar. 29, 1980	Luxemborg.....	Thomas McBride, 143	Primrose	
John M. Baker III.....	Winnipeg.....	Mar. 29, 1980	Maine.....	Ralph W. Gerry, 281.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 7, 1969
Karl O. Lepisto.....	Mexico City.....	Aug. 8, 1969	Manitoba.....	Harry N. Ahl, 112	Louisville	Sept. 12, 1962
George Sanfor.....	Mexico City.....	Aug. 8, 1969	Maryland.....	Henry L. Rood, 59	Wahoo	July 6, 1972
Willard Sauer.....	Sparta.....	Feb. 14, 1958	Massachusetts.....	Wade E. Sheppard, 303.....	Omaha.....	June 11, 1976
Wm. W. Widstrand.....	Hibbing.....	Feb. 9, 1972	Mexico York.....	Russell L. Fickes, 33	Grand Island	Apr. 13, 1968
John T. Brown.....	Aberdeen.....	Jan. 16, 1963	Grand Lodge			
William R. Robbins.....	Trenton.....	July 23, 1963	Michigan.....	Paul R. Pierce, 50	Hastings	Mar. 15, 1979
J.R.P. Reinemer.....	Circle.....	Feb. 3, 1953	Minnesota.....	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952
J.F.A. Gravenberch.....	Eureka.....	Dec. 14, 1960	Mississippi.....	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
Lee Griswold.....	St. John.....	Oct. 21, 1955	Missouri.....			
Kenneth Nelson.....	Littleton.....	June 14, 1962	Montana.....	C. Harold Edwards, 105.....	Lincoln	Oct. 12, 1965
Ellis W. Howard.....	Old Bridge.....	Sept. 15, 1972	Netherlands.....	W. Upton Dawson, 135.....	McCook.....	May 6, 1965
Robert W. Emery.....	Santa Fe.....	Apr. 9, 1953	Nevada.....	James N. DeMoss, 325.....	Omaha	Jan. 8, 1981
Howard M. Sleeper.....	Fairlight.....	June 16, 1974	New Brunswick.....	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 31, 1958
Grodon Ross Mallam.....	Brooklyn.....	Dec. 29, 1982	New Hampshire.....	William Keller, 250	Lincoln	Apr. 14, 1980
Joseph Marturano.....	Brooklyn.....	Feb. 14, 1979	New Jersey.....	John F. Fletcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Raymond E. Dovey.....	Brooklyn.....	Feb. 14, 1979	New Mexico.....	Harold D. Weddel, 61	Lexington.....	Oct. 18, 1943
Nathaniel C. Dean.....	Grand Forks.....	July 26, 1965	New South Wales.....	Donald R. White, 327.....	Omaha.....	Feb. 3, 1981
Calvin E. Rustad.....	Sandefjord.....	Apr. 24, 1975	New York.....	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
Ivar Moe.....	Yarmouth.....	June 21, 1978	New Zealand.....	Donald R. Swanson, 54	Lincoln	June 14, 1973
D.C. Horton.....	Yarmouth.....	June 21, 1978	Nicaragua.....	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
			North Carolina.....	Levi B. Williams, 1.....	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
			North Dakota.....	Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150.....	Cambridge	Apr. 28, 1965
			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 L. Arocha.....	Monterray.....	Oct. 23, 1960	Nuevo Leon.....	Doane O. Trail, 135	McCook	
E. L. Galbraith.....	Apr. 23, 1969	Ohio.....	Darrell D. Christensen, 54.....	Lincoln	Apr. 28, 1977
Aubrey R. Erhart.....	Guymon.....	June 11, 1963	Oklahoma.....	Frederick E. Forsee, 288.....	Elkhorn.....	
Arthur E. Baird.....	.....	Sept. 16, 1980	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	Aug. 4, 1971
Antonio Espinosa.....	Manila.....	.....	Philippines.....	Donald A. Kvcckelhahn, 210	Lincoln	June 7, 1969
Allan C. Jenkins.....	Summerside.....	Apr. 8, 1971	Prince Ed Is.....	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha.....	Jan. 17, 1945
Luis S. Parrilla Castro ..	Fajards.....	Apr. 1, 1981	Puerto Rico.....	Herman O. Hansen, 3	Omaha.....	June 4, 1971
Gordon A. Lynn.....	Dorval.....	Nov. 21, 1977	Quebec.....	Viron E. Baxter, 216	Palisade	
W. R. Gailey.....	.....	Feb. 29, 1960	Queensland.....	Wayne J. Pauley, 19	Lincoln	July 18, 1977
Edward T. Hudson.....	Chepachet.....	Aug. 11, 1978	Rhode Island.....	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
H. Warner.....	Kennedy.....	.....	Saskatchewan.....	P.W. Elliott, 323	Columbus	Apr. 26, 1977
Wm. McG. Rankin.....	Edinburgh.....	June 25, 1980	Scotland.....	Sidney H. Bliton, 263	Mitchell	June 11, 1976
David S. Van de Merve..	.....	Feb. 20, 1979	So. Africa.....	Gerald V. Inslee, 158.....	Chadron	Dec. 2, 1968
Rafael F. Moreno.....	Bogota.....	.....	So. Am. Col.....	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	Trenton	Aug. 7, 1969
M.D.J.C. Navarro.....	.....	Aug. 25, 1969	So. Am. Dom.....	Harry A. Tollander, 281	Omaha.....	July 8, 1981
G.T. Brice.....	.....	.....	So. Aust.....	Edgar Bredemeier, 105.....	Stella	June 11, 1976
Rhoden D. Batson.....	Greenville.....	July 6, 1971	So. Car.....	Mark Mitchell, 138	Oxford.....	Jan 1, 1962
L.L. Kirkpatrick.....	Sioux Falls.....	Mar. 29, 1980	So. Dak.....	U. Wesley Fox, 192	Kilgore	July 6, 1972
Olle Hellberg.....	Linkoping.....	Oct. 23, 1978	Sweden.....	Lillard S. Jensen, 232	Omaha	Nov. 17, 1965
Frederick J. Pruefer.....	Zurich.....	June 21, 1978	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
M. D. Manning.....	Chattanooga.....	Sept. 14, 1981	Tennessee.....	George A. Iverson, 15	Fremont	Apr. 28, 1977
G.P. Stockwell.....	Houston.....	Dec. 10, 1977	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	Lvons.....	June 11, 1976
Wendell H. Chaffee.....	Burlington.....	May 16, 1962	Venezuela.....	Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39	North Platte	Sept. 22, 1975
.....	.....	.....	Vermont.....	Carl E. Diers, 106	Loup City	July 6, 1972
Farrin Webb.....	Melbourne.....	Mar. 23, 1946	Virginia.....	Wendell R. Wertz, 174	Trenton	Nov. 15, 1979
Fred Layman.....	Richmond.....	Jan. 3, 1983	Washington.....	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Gothenburg	Jan 28, 1952
Malcom L. Wilkinson.....	Tacoma.....	Apr. 14, 1971	West Aust.....	H. Gene Gustafson, 318.....	Grand Island.....	June 10, 1983
F.G. Hatcher.....	.....	Dec. 17, 1960	West Va.....	Henry E. Schemmel, 2	Nebr. City	June 11, 1976
J.K. Ferguson.....	Milwaukee.....	Sept. 28, 1961	Wisconsin.....	John S. Savage II.....	Omaha.....	Feb. 6, 1981
George J. Schreiber.....	.....	Mar. 23, 1946	.....	Harold Hultman.....	Elkhorn	June 12, 1974

**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."

*John J. Mercer, 3..... 1910	*Ira C. Freet, 56 1913
*Samuel S. Whiting, 54..... 1910	*Benjamin Wood, 210 1913
*Walter W. Wells, 192 1910	*Edward M. Wellman, 1.... 1913
*Ensign J. Rix, 55..... 1910	*Charles A. Eyre, 268 1913
*James D. Phillips, 93 1910	*Robert A. Armstrong, 32 1913
*Frederick L. Wolff, 135 1910	*Levi Pringle, 276 1913
*Ernest H. James, 1..... 1910	*Earl M. Bolen, 130 1914
*Fred A. Howe, 119 1910	*Frank L. Haycock, 207... 1914
*Robert B. Walker, 170 1912	*George A. Stevens, 158... 1914
*Frank W. Farrand, 36..... 1913	Harry M. Jones, 46 1916
	*Levi D. Phipps, 31 1916

☆ Alfred G. Hunt, 33 1916
 ☆ Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50 1916
 ☆ Orville A. Andrews, 50 1917
 ☆ Barclay M. Hickman, 38 1916
 ☆ Andrew H. Viele, 55 1917
 ☆ Maro C. Shipherd, 15 1920
 ☆ Jesse Lowther, 219 1920
 ☆ Franklin C. Tym, 25 1920
 ☆ Lute M. Savage, 3 1920
 Frank M. Johnson, 188 1920
 ☆ Lamont L. Stephens, 106 1922
 ☆ Frances S. Robey, 19 1922
 ☆ John B. Lichtenwallner, 275 1923
 ☆ Harry R. Belville, 146 1923
 ☆ George R. Patterson, 136 1923
 ☆ William J. Birkoffer, 249 1923
 ☆ D. Horace Schall, 307 1923
 ☆ Stanley P. Bostwick, 3 1924
 ☆ William D. Edson, 53 1926
 ☆ Francis B. Rodwell, 224 1926
 ☆ Edwin H. Gerhart, 305 1926
 ☆ William McCormack, 268 1926
 ☆ Harry L. Mantor, 306 1927
 ☆ John R. Easley, 49 1927
 ☆ I. Donald Huston, 65 1928
 ☆ Elmer Surber, 95 1928
 ☆ John M. Bennett, 19 1928
 ☆ Earl Barnett, 146 1929
 ☆ Jonathan Frye, 1 1929
 ☆ Ernest R. Reynolds, 124 1930
 ☆ Osborne P. Simon, 174 1930
 ☆ Doc L. Redfern, 300 1930
 Austin F. Whitmire, 306 1931
 ☆ Henning C. Johnson, 171 1932
 Carroll C. Raymer, 164 1932
 ☆ Ward B. Schrack, 46 1933
 ☆ Byron S. Peterson, 25 1933
 ☆ Raymond C. Cook, 6 1933
 ☆ Ray B. Bottorf, 33 1933
 ☆ Wallace E. Linn, 1 1934
 ☆ Jesse P. Entriken, 295 1934
 Harold D. Weddel, 208 1937
 Cecil C. Gates, 227 1938
 ☆ Fred G. Christensen, 33 1938
 ☆ Ross Van Sickle, 184 1938
 ☆ S. William Beck, 43 1940
 ☆ Stanley B. Fryar, 139 1940
 ☆ Roy S. Planck, 15 1940
 ☆ Buren P. Wells, 315 1940
 ☆ Clarence G. McNamee, 55 1941
 ☆ F. Ray Dilts, 83 1942
 ☆ Ernest C. Purdy, 195 1942
 ☆ Lewis E. Baker, 135 1943

☆ Howard E. Bradstreet, 261 1943
 George S. Schwab, 49 1946
 Louis V. Sylvester, 281 1946
 ☆ Irving S. Johnson, 148 1946
 ☆ LaVerne A. Walker, 55 1946
 ☆ Ernest E. James, 1 1948
 ☆ Frank A. Anderson, 17 1949
 ☆ Robert W. Cook, 33 1949
 Paul D. Fleming, 93 1949
 ☆ Charles M. Frederick, 136 1949
 ☆ Sylvester Shumard, 227 1949
 ☆ Ralph M. Carhart, 120 1950
 ☆ Morris V. Balcom, 46 1950
 ☆ William F. Flicklinger, 56 1951
 ☆ Forest A. Lape, 183 1951
 Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314 1954
 Harold M. Wilkerson, 54 1954
 Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9 1955
 Clifford D. Webster, 321 1956
 ☆ Matthias E. Mael, 173 1956
 Frank H. Smith, 301 1957
 ☆ Ward V. Whitaker, 310 1957
 Richard L. Ely, 128 1957
 Asa J. Farnham, 106 1958
 Robert B. Conrad, 125 1958
 Winston C. Swanson 1958
 ☆ Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210 1959
 ☆ Edmund D. Shaw, 1954 1959
 Harry N. Ahl, 112 1959
 Alfred R. Kenoyer, 148 1960
 Lloyd I. Edwards, 110 1960
 T. Leo Stines, 36 1960
 ☆ Erwin J. Imig, 38 1960
 Sebert A. Stover, 281 1960
 Stanley E. Brunton, 222 1961
 Glenn W. Binder, 23 1961
 ☆ Richard L. Wait, 19 1962
 Gordon Chard, 240 1962
 Harold A. Tilton, 71 1962
 Stuart A. Johnson, 169 1964
 Arthur S. Dye, 317 1964
 W. Upton Dawson, 135 1964
 Donald R. Davis, 164 1964
 ☆ Ralph I. Berry, 256 1965
 Carl A. Johnson, 183 1965
 ☆ Robert W. Boon, 33 1965
 Augustus W. Clark 318 1965
 Alton S. Mote, 183 1965
 Ralph W. Gerry, 281 1965
 Arnold F. Mains, 15 1965
 Nelson W. Rittenberg, 210 1965
 ☆ Harold J. Oehlerking, 159 1966
 Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258 1966

☆Ward L. McGlashan, 180	1966	Don L. McCoy, 11	1975
Curtis J. Griess, 49	1966	Everett K. Dappen, 265	1975
☆Walter Brown, 1	1967	Alfred V. Peltzer, 148	1975
☆John C. Nelson, 250	1967	Ben D. Fussell, 79	1976
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	1967	Victor D. Hunt, 62	1976
Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	1967	Roger E. Shillington, 180	1976
Howard G. Whitmore, 161	1967	James E. Cornish, 31	1976
Frank R. Harris, 77	1967	Lynn Doty, 251	1977
Gerald V. Inslee, 158	1968	Marvin R. Weber, 202	1977
John C. Sierks, 4	1969	W. Dale Page, 15	1977
Paul D. Jacobsen, 171	1969	Harry L. Saum, 308	1979
David O. Kipling, 281	1970	DeVern A. Engberg, 26	1979
Herman O. Hansen, 3	1970	Michael L. Peterson, 227	1979
D. Wayne Erickson, 146	1970	Albert W. Watsek, 40	1979
Walter S. Cork, 75	1970	Douglas A. Thomas, 183	1979
Richard L. Mauch, 254	1971	Arthur J. Ferguson, 221	1979
O. Wayne Thompson, 201	1971	Leslie G. Weber, 204	1979
John A. Brandt, 26	1971	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	1980
Dale E. Kube, 55	1971	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	1981
Robert E. Kyes, 36	1972	David E. Menck, 15	1982
Mannie O. Hansen, 1	1973	Vincent Rosenberger, 183	1982
Richard O. Cowles, 217	1975	Justin F. Fauss, 55	1982
Jens P. Nielsen, 121	1975	Augustus W. Clark, 318	1982
Ralph E. McNutty, 188	1975		

GRAND LECTURERS

George Armstrong, 3	1858-1859-1866
Lee P. Gillette, 2	1860-1861-1881
Sylvester S. Redfield, 2	1862
E. C. Adams, 6	1863
Henry Brown, 2	1864
William E. Hill, 2	1865-1866-1868-1874-1875- 1876-1877
Byron Reed, 3	1867
Charles T. Whitmore, 11	1869-1870-1871
Charles F. Catlin, 11	acting 1871
George H. Thummel, 33	1872-1873
Hiram C. Rider, 19	1877-1878-1879-1880

GRAND CUSTODIANS

Lee P. Gillette, 2	1882-1883-1887-1888-1889-1890- 1891-1892-1893-1894
Benjamin F. Rawalt, 84	1884-1885-1886-1887
James A. Tulleys, 53	1894-1895-1896-1897-1898-1899- 1900
Robert E. French, 46	1901 to 1927
Lute M. Savage, 3	1927 to 1948
Raymond C. Cook, 6	1948 to 1965
Robert W. Cook, 33	1965-1966-1967
Ralph W. Gerry, 281	1968 - 1981
Mannie O. Hansen, 1	1981

MASONIC CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons — Add 4,000 years to the current year, thus: 1982 and 4,000 — 5982.

Royal Arch Masons — Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1982 and 530-2509.

Royal and Select Masters — Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1975 and 1,000 — 2982.

Knights Templar — From the Christian era take 1,118; thus: 1,118 from 1982 — 860.

Order of High Priesthood — To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1982 — 3891.

Scottish Rite — Add 3,760 to the current year; thus 1982 and 3,760 — 5939.

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GRAND LODGE MEMBERSHIP: R.: W.: Charles W. Amidon, 281, Chairman; W.: Morton P. Steyer, 281; W.: Robert E. Kyes, 36; R.: W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39; W.: Bruce L. Bump, 158.

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MASONIC RELIEF: W.: Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1987), Chairman; W.: Kenneth G. Fleming, 75 (1984); W.: Robert E. Kyes, 36 (1985); W.: Joe P. Gunnerman, 126 (1986); W.: Melvin E. Hatfield, 54 (1988).

NEBRASKA WORK: M.: W.: Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1984), Chairman; M.: W.: Lewis R. Ricketts, 19 (1985); M.: W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 (1986).

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LODGE ADVISORY: M.·W.· Byron C. Jenkins, 325 (1985), Chairman; M.·W.· Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1984); M.·W.· Frank J. Mattoon, 75 (1986).

YOUTH: W.· William G. Hurst, 54, Chairman; W.· Halsey Phillips, 325; W.· Ivan G. Abdouch, 302; W.· Byron E. Lee, 89; W.· James C. Gathmann, 327.

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