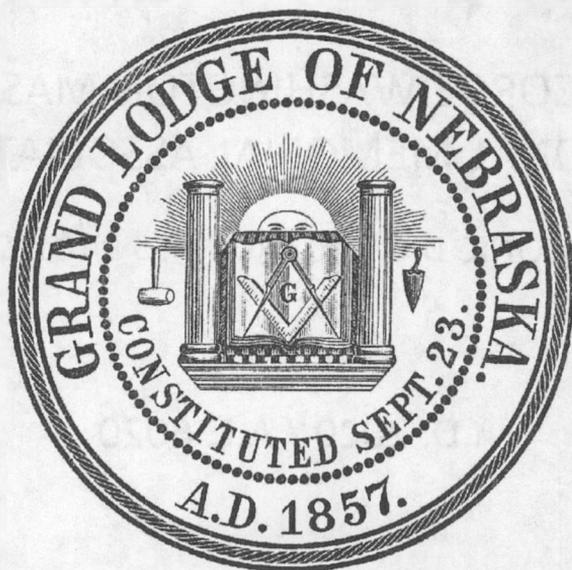


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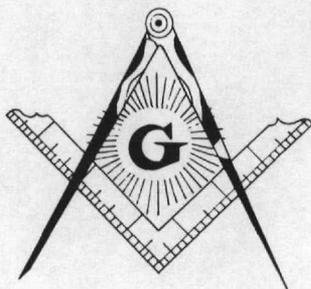
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BEVIN B. BUMP
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1983 - 1984

BEVIN B. BUMP
1983-1984 GRAND MASTER

BIOGRAPHICAL

M.:W.: Bro. Bevin B. Bump, the 118th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, was born in Chadron, Nebraska on September 7, 1926. He graduated from Chadron High School and attended and received his Bachelor of Science Degree. He attended the University of Nebraska College of Law from which he received his Juris Doctor Degree in 1952. He married Maxine Haden of Chadron, and they have three sons: Bruce, Bryce and Brett. They also have three grandsons: Benjamin, Blake and Beau. They are at home in Chadron.

PROFESSIONAL

Brother Bump has practiced law since 1952. He served as Deputy County Attorney of Dawes County from 1953 to 1959 and as county attorney of Dawes County from 1959 to 1970. He is a past president of the Nebraska County Attorneys Association. He has been active and honored among the members of the bar. He is a member of the Dawes County Bar Association, the 16th Judicial District Bar Association, Western Nebraska Bar Association, Nebraska State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He was president of the Western Nebraska Bar Association in 1978-79. He has served the Nebraska Bar Association as Chairman of its House of Delegates, a member of its House of Means and Planning, on the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law, on the County Law Library Committee, on the Special Committee on the Nebraska Court System. He has served the American Bar Association in its Section on Economics of Law Practice, Section on Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, and Section on Natural Resources. He is a member of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, a member of the American Judicature Society and a Fellow of the American College of Probate.

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Brother Bump has contributed much to his community, State and Nation. He has been a member of the Chadron Jaycees and served as president. For the Nebraska State Jaycees, he served as International Director, National Director and State Vice President. He received the Chadron Jaycee Distinguished Service Award. He has been a member of the Board of Directors and President of the Chadron Lion's Club. He has been a member of the Board of Directors and President of the Chadron Rotary Club. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Chadron Chamber of Commerce. From 1963, to the present time, he has been counsel to the Board of Trustees of the Chadron Community Hospital. From 1963, to the present time, he has been Secretary and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Chadron State College Foundation. He has served the Wyo-Braska Area Council Boy Scouts of America as District Chairman, is a member of the Board of Directors and Council Camping Chairman. In 1972, he received the Silver Beaver Distinguished Service Award.

ARMED FORCES

Brother Bump served in the U.S. Navy aboard the Carrier USS Kula Gulf during World War II, and is a Life Member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

MASONRY

Brother Bump received his degrees in Masonry at Samaritan Lodge No. 158, A.F. and A.M. of Chadron. He served as its Worshipful Master in 1964. He is a member of Occidental Chapter No. 48 and served as its High Priest in 1966. He is a member of Zerebbabel Council No. 27 and served as its Illustrious Master in 1965. He is a member of Melita Commandery No. 22 and served as its Eminent Commander in 1968. He has received the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Alliance and those of the Shrine at Tehama Temple in Hastings. He became a KYCH and Knight Companion of the Red Cross of Constantine in 1978. In 1982, he received the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He served the Grand Lodge, Ancient and Accepted Masons of Nebraska as Grand Orator from 1973 to 1978. Thereafter, he served in the chairs of the Grand Lodge, being elected Deputy Grand Master for 1982-83, and, finally, Grand Master 1983-84.

Our brother is very proud of the fact that his father, Leo T. Bump, was Worshipful Master of Samaritan Lodge No. 158 in 1943; Bevin served in 1964, and his oldest son, Bruce, served as Worshipful Master of that lodge in 1981 and 1984. Samaritan Lodge has the distinction of having three generations of the Bump family serve as Worshipful Master.

During his year as Grand Master, Brother Bump has provided the kind of leadership we have needed. He has been vigorous, progressive, inventive, and inspirational. In addition to providing us with our needs, he has also provided us with some frosting on the cake — a great sense of humor, and a developing sense of pride in our being Masons.

Our brother is continuing his work on important committees. We are fortunate to have him.

MASONIC HISTORY

of

Grand Master Elect

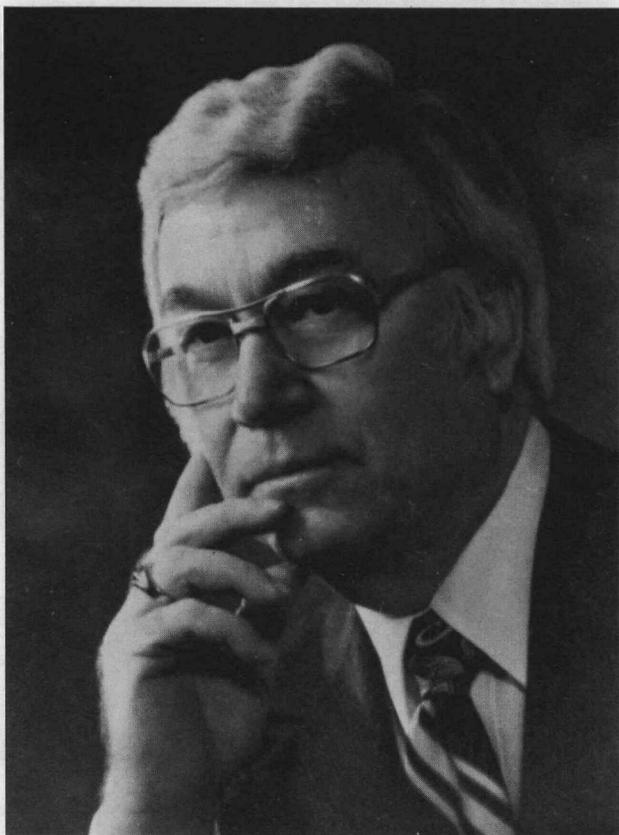
ROBERT A. METCALF

On April 7, 1958, Bob received his Entered Apprentice Degree, passed to the degree as a Fellowcraft Mason on May 12, 1958, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 16, 1958. All degrees were received in East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. Bob served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1969.

He also is a member of Lincoln Chapter No. 148, Order of the Eastern Star, serving his Chapter as Worthy Patron in 1960. In 1970-1971, he was privileged to serve the Grand Chapter of Nebraska as Worthy Grand Patron.

In 1959, Bob joined the Scottish Rite, Lincoln Valley. He was coroneted as a Knight Commander Court of Honor on October 20, 1975. On December 12, 1981, he was invested with 33rd degree honorary.

MWB T. Leo Stines appointed Bob Grand Marshal in 1976. He was reappointed to this office by Most Worshipful Brothers A. B. Saum and Jack H. Hendrix. Most Worshipful Brother Warren D. Lichty appointed him to the Office of Grand Junior Deacon.



ROBERT A. METCALF
GRAND MASTER - ELECT OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1984-1985

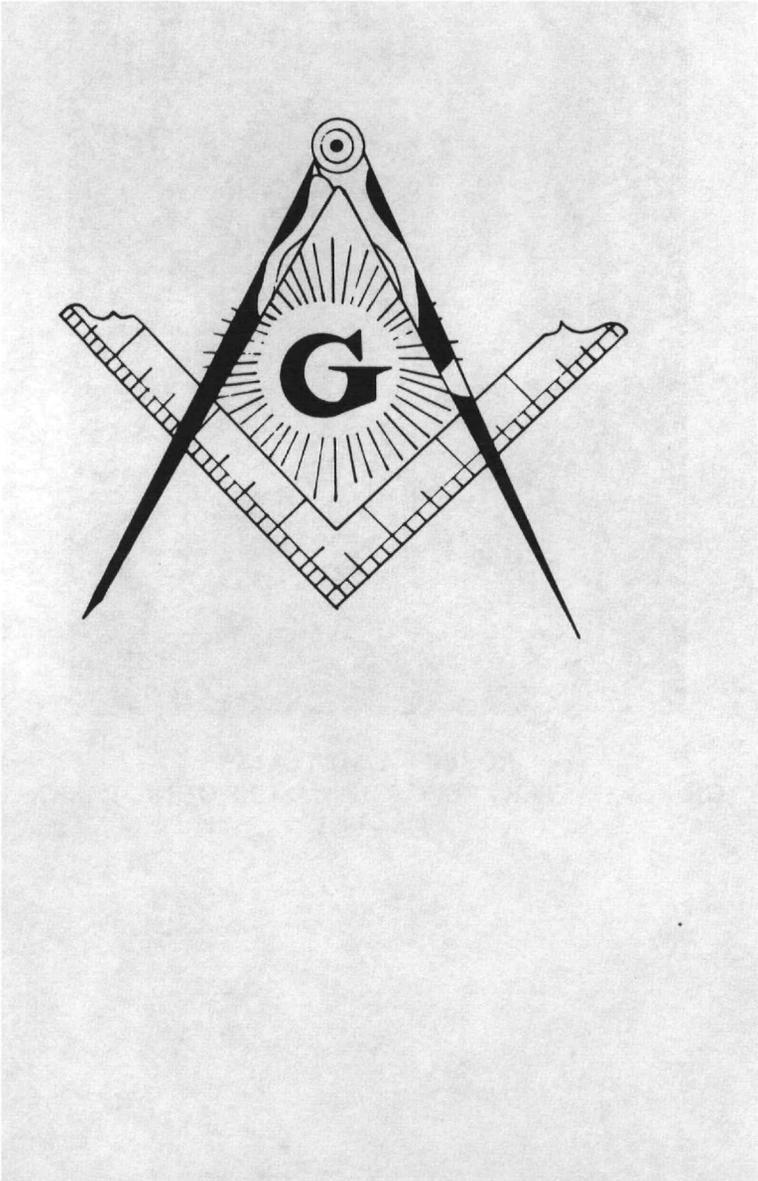


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*Holiday Inn
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June 8 and 9, 1984*



1984

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred twenty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Kearney, Nebraska, June 8 and 9, 1984, and printed under my discretion.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska this day, June 30, 1984.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph W. Gerry".

Ralph W. Gerry
GRAND SECRETARY

1984 PROCEEDINGS

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Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable
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*ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVENTH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

Held in Kearney June 8 and 9, 1984

FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

Friday, June 8, 1984

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 A.D. 1984 A.L. 5984.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

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

Promptly at 8:30 a.m., a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by Samaritan Lodge No. 158, A : F. : & A : M. :

M : W. : Bevin B. Bump, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M : W. : Jack H. Hendrix, 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 127th Annual Communication of The 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. : G. Richard Myers to the altar for the purpose of prayer.

MASONIC TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES WILEY F. SMITH, GRAND MASTER OF IDAHO

God gave to this Nation, a Flag with intricate designs to instill deep and lasting impressions upon the minds of its people.

Freemasonry is embedded deep in this emblem, for I can see Geometry, the first and noblest of sciences, used in many forms to create the patterns in this Flag.

The contrasting red and white colors exemplify the differences in each man's ideas. Then, as Masonry is applied, it teaches the high morals from God's Book of Revelations and men's passions and prejudices begin to mellow, and their thoughts, like the stripes, tend to parallel one another.

Where the right angle of the blue comes down into the Flag, I am reminded of the Masonic square by which we are taught to meet our brothers on the level and by the square of virtue.

The red symbolizes the lives given and lost, and the hearts broken, as men fought to protect the freedom in this nation for each of us.

I look at the white and can see the purity of a new nation filled with good people believing in God and displaying high morals and ambitions to raise their children by.

The white also reminds us of the pure and spotless surface of the Mason's lambskin apron and the Great White Throne where the Supreme Grand Master forever presides.

The blue is a favored color in Masonry, and reminds me of the 15,354 Blue Lodges in Masonry in the United States of American, whose responsibility it is to accept good men and make them better men.

The three brilliant colors should remind us of the 24 inch gauge by which we are taught to divide our day into three equal parts. The one part which we must never forget is to give our service to God and mankind.

The three colors are also emblematical of the Three Great Lights of Masonry, the Holy Bible, square and compasses; and the Three Great Pillars, denominated as Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, which are ever present in this vast land. The three colors should refresh our memory of the three principal rounds of Jacob's Ladder which are Faith, Hope and Charity.

The way our Flag waves freely in the gentle autumn breeze displays the freedom of movement and political and religious choices in all aspects of the lives of those who dwell under its banner.

God had a hand in the design of the great emblem; and, in the uppermost part, I can see the star-decked heavens over which God presides and to which all Masons hope to travel when their time on earth shall be no more.

I read in II Corinthians, 3rd Chapter, 17th Verse, that "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty".

It is an honor to present The Flag of the United States of America, a Nation under God.

MASONIC TRIBUTE TO THE CANADIAN FLAG

**A. H. SANDY FORBES,
PAST SENIOR GRAND DEACON, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Brethren of Nebraska, Visiting Dignitaries, I present the Canadian Flag, the symbol of Unity and Sovereignty. Between the Bars of red on the field of white, a Canadian Maple Leaf blazes forth in all its solemn glory. To Freemasons, red symbolizes the dauntless courage of our forefathers, whom we emulate. The white, that blameless purity of life and conduct which we inspire; and the points of the Maple Leaf remind us of the knightly virtues of patriotism to which we are all dedicated. The emblem forcibly reminds us that the confederation was founded on those moral qualities; and, on their preservation, our future greatness depends. All may it ware, so mote it be.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

The Grand Master directed the Grand Senior Deacon to conduct the following Past Grand Masters to the East, and appropriate Grand Honors were accorded all:

M.: W.:	Benjamin F. Eyre	(81st).....	1946
M.: W.:	Thomas J. Aron	(86th)	1951
M.: W.:	Merle M. Hale.....	(91st).....	1956
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	(101th).....	1966
M.: W.:	Hugh W. Eisenhart.....	(104th).....	1969
M.: W.:	Russell L. Fickes	(106th).....	1971
M.: W.:	Frank J. Mattoon	(108th).....	1973
M.: W.:	Donald R. Swanson	(109th).....	1974
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.:	Harold C. Wurdeman.....	(116th)..	1981
M.: W.:	Paul R. Pierce	(117th).....	1982
M.: W.:	Carl R. Greisen	(Honorary).....	1966

Past Grand Master Joseph C. Tye was unable to be present because of illness.

RESPONSE

JACK H. HENDRIX, PAST GRAND MASTER

It is now my privilege to respond to the welcome of our Grand Master. On behalf of the Past Grand Masters, and more extensively, on behalf of all of the brethren, I would like to tell you about an old grizzled Sergeant that was in my unit back in World War II days. He had obviously lived life to its hilt

and he had a saying: "I have known every experience of humankind except the pains of childbirth and the comforts of religion." In some ways, this old Sergeant's saying reminds me of our Grand Master. Not because of his vast experience with life, but because he has practiced every virtue except that of humility. His theme song, which we have enjoyed this year, immensely, has been, as most of you know, "It Is Hard To Be Humble, When You Are Perfect In Every Way." I am afraid I have to report to our Grand Master that he has failed to be perfect. But, I can report to you and to him on behalf of all of us, that he has accomplished the next best thing. He has created an exciting, stimulating year with innovation and with practices that have improved Masonry in Nebraska, immeasurably. We are proud to have been a part of his magnificent year, and we are going to be proud of being a part of this Communication. I think that the visible signs of his leadership here today will be enough to remind us of the work and effort that he has put forth, which, combined with his intelligence, his understanding of humankind and his good nature, has helped us through the year. For example, you need go no further than the appearance of your Grand Officers. They were fine looking gentlemen before the year started; but now you will notice their attire is exceedingly sharp; and, in their everyday work with the lodge, I appreciate their attire. It is just an outward symbol of the work that is being done by these fine officers. The Past Grand Masters, you will notice, are wearing their jewels with a new collar. The result of the Past Grand Masters' work. You will notice seated here, visiting dignitaries, many more than we have had in my memory. This didn't come just because he sent out some engraved invitations. This came because our Grand Master and Maxine attended their lodges and worked with them. That is the sign today of the work that has been done. The Masters and Wardens of our own lodges, who are present, is the outward and visible sign of the esteem with which they hold our Grand Master and the work that they are doing, in part, inspired by the Grand Lodge. So, just these few outward visible signs are enough to convince us; and, I am sure that those of us that delve into the inner workings will find even greater accomplishments, not as visible, but, perhaps, more lasting in the business affairs of the lodges and the contact in education for Masonic work, and in many other ways. It has been a real privilege for the Past Grand Masters, and the other brethren, to work with you M.:W.: Sir; and we certainly have appreciated the fact that you, through great sacrifice of your own work and time, have made these things possible. If any of you have tried to call his law office, you know that he has given to us what he might have given to his own personal needs. So, thank you, M.:W.: Sir.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Grand Masters and Personal Representatives of Grand Masters of other Grand Jurisdictions.

- M.:W.: Ernest J. Goppert, Grand Master.....Wyoming
- M.:W.: Curtis N. Lancaster, Past Grand Master.....Utah
- M.:W.: Donald G. Hines, Grand Master Nevada
- M.:W.: Alyn N. Dull, Past Grand Master.....Minnesota
- M.:W.: Richard A. Porter, Past Grand Master..... Kansas
- M.:W.: C Glenn Brown, Grand Master.....Iowa

- M.: W.: Wiley F. Smith, Grand Master Idaho
- M.: W.: R. Keith Mulheim, Grand MasterColorado
- M.: W.: John C. Ingram, Past Grand MasterAlaska
- V.: W.: A. H. "Sandy" Forbes, Senior Grand Deacon..... British Columbia
- W.: Terry L. Soots, Deputy Grand Master Illinois
- R.: W.: Arris M. Johnson, Deputy Grand Master.. Kansas
- W.: William D. Cummings, Grand Pursuivant.....Montana
- R.: W.: Wesley P. Jarman, Deputy Grand Master South Dakota
- M.: W.: Bill S. Baker, Past Grand Master Utah

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

- W.: Norman L. Hoff, Jr , Junior Grand WardenColorado
- W.: Alan A. Arney, Past Grand Orator and
 Past International Master Councilor..Order of DeMolay
- R.: W.: Tom Eggleston, Grand Secretary Iowa
- R.: W.: Albert O Arnold, Jr., Grand Secretary Kansas
- R.: W.: Frank A. Arnold, Grand Secretary Missouri
- W.: Charles H. Moore, Jr., Junior Grand Deacon Wyoming

LEADERS OF YORK RITE

- M.:E.: Bert C. KeithGrand High Priest,
 Grand Chapter,
 R.: A :M.: of Nebraska
- M.:I.: Robert C. FranklinGrand Master, Grand Council,
 Cryptic Masons in Nebraska
- R.:E.: Adolph J. SchlamanGrand Commander,
 Grand Commandery,
 K.: T.: of Nebraska
- Brother Floyd R. McKenzie.....Grand Secretary-Recorder
 Grand York Rite of Nebraska

SHRINE POTENTATES

- Illustrious Brother John D. VerMaas Lincoln
- Gene L. BurmeisterHastings
- Harlan M. Nelson Omaha

**KNIGHTS OF THE RED CROSS
OF CONSTANTINE IN NEBRASKA**

- Brother Donald R. Swanson.....Pursuant Intendant General

SCOTTISH RITE

- Illustrious Herbert A. Ronin33° degree Lieutenant
 Grand Commander
 of the Supreme Council
 of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
 of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction
 of the United States of America

OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

- Brother Walter MillerExecutive Officer
in Nebraska
Member of the Supreme Council International
Order of DeMolay
- Fran Crowe Worthy Grand Patron,
Order of the Eastern Star
- Major Charles A. FolsonNational President Elect
of the National Sojourners

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

1984-1985

- Application for Reinstatement:** W.: Donald R. White, 327, Chairman; W.: Kenneth P. Lott, 184; W.: Amos H. Campbell, 1984;
- Appropriations Committee:** W.: Robert A. Carhart, 120, (1986), Chairman; W.: John D. VerMaas, 256 (1989); W.: Walter E. Truex, 55, (1985); W.: Ben D. Fussell, 79, (1987); Thomas A. Woodward, (1988);
- Finance Committee:** James N. DeMoss, 325, (1989), Chairman; W.: Charles Godwin, 210 (1988); W.: Gary L. Powell, 19, (1987); W.: David E. Menck, 15, (1986); W.: Murlyn Ronk, 328, (1985),
- Fraternal Dead Committee:** W.: Albert A. Wise, 79, Chairman; V. W.: G. Richard Myers, 158; W.: Steven W. Olson, 229;
- Fraternal Relations:** R.:W.: Ralph W. Gerry, 281, Chairman; W.: Kay Ramsey, 290; W.: Lawrence J. Zwart, 11;
- George Washington National Memorial Committee;** M.:W.: Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314, Chairman; W.: Gayle Angus, 261; W.: Orval W. Cooley, 323;
- Grand Lodge Office Committee:** M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump, 158 (1989), Chairman; W.: James L. Eatmon, 294, (1988); W.: Donald Lee Andrews, 15, (1987); M.:W.: Jack Hendrix, 174, (1986); M.:W.: Thomas J. Aron, 37, (1985);
- Grand Lodge Membership Committee:** R.:W.: Charles W. Amidon, 281, Chairman; W.: Robert E. Kyes, 36.; W.: Bruce L. Bump, 158; W.: Morton P. Steyer, 281;
- Grand Trustees:** W.: Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1, (1987), Chairman; M.:W.: Harold Hultman, 39, (1986); W.: George T. Harris, 302, (1985); W.: Donald J. Schonberg II, (1988); M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump, 158, (1989);
- Masonic/Eastern Star Student Fund:** Bernard Paden, 119, Chairman, Sanford H. Nelson, 210; Donald E. Rasmussen, 135;
- Masonic Education:** R.:W.: Charles W. Amidon, 281, (1985), Chairman; R.:W.: Wayne G. Lueningborg, 39, (1985); W.: Paul R. Eveland, 119, (1986); W.: Thomas W. Tye, 46, (1986); W.: John M. McHenry, 19, (1987);
- Masonic Relief Committee:** W.: Paul L. Toombs, 290, (1987), Chairman; W.: Steven F. Mattoon, 75, (1989); W.: Robert E. Kyes, 36, (1985); W.: Joe P. Gonnerman, 126, (1986); W.: Melvin E. Hatfield, 54, (1988);
- Nebraska Work:** M.:W.: Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1987), Chairman; M.:W.: Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, (1985); M.:W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150, (1986);
- Public Relations Committee:** W.: Ervin Siemonet, 127, (1989), Chairman; Les Mann, 158, (1988); W.: Don C. Bottorf, 49, (1986); W.: Alex Swatek, 314, (1987); W.: Donald W. Madsen, 11, (1985);

- Temple Advisory Committee:** M.:W.: Harold C. Wurdeman, 323, (1985), Chairman; W.: Herman O. Hansen, 3, (1987); W.: Donald C. Hafer, 306, (1986);
- Lodge Advisory Committee:** M.:W.: Byron C. Jenkins, 325, (1985), Chairman; M.:W.: Herbert A. Ronin, 210, (1987); M.:W.: Frank Mattoon, 75, (1986);
- Youth Committee:** W.: William G. Hurst, 54, Chairman; W.: Halsey Phillips, 325, W.: Ivan G. Abdouch, 302; W.: Byron E. Lee, 89; W.: James C. Gathman, 327;
- Statue of Liberty Centennial Committee:** M.:W.: Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; Charles A. Folsom, 15; James N. DeMoss, 325; Albert A. Wise, 79; Bruce L. Bump, 158;; Mark C. Johnson, 119; Alex Swatek, 314;
- Special Grand Lodge Building Committee:** W.: Thomas W. Tye, 46, Chairman; W.: John D. VerMaas, 256; W.: James L. Eatmon, 294; Thomas Woodward; Earl Stewart, 314; M.:W.: Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (Ex Officio); M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump, 158, (Ex Officio)

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

My Brethren:

I welcome all of you to this 127th Annual Communication.

As I stand before you, as the 118th Grand Master of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, I must first tell you all, that this past year has been one of the most memorable; and I thank you all for the honor you have extended to me and for the opportunity to serve Nebraska Freemasonry in this capacity.

I have been asked by our Constitution to say a few words this morning and to present at this Annual Communication, a written address, therein setting forth all my official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction and recommending such legislation as I may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Fraternity.

NECROLOGY

During this year, the Grand Lodge and Nebraska Freemasons were deeply saddened by the deaths of two of our distinguished Past Grand Masters, and the Holder of the Gold Jordan Medal M.:W.: John A. Bottorf, Grand Master, June 7, 1967 to June 4, 1968, died in Sutton, Nebraska on February 21, 1984. M.:W.: Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master, June 6, 1968 to June 3, 1969, died in Waco, Texas on March 1, 1984. Bro. Wilmer R. Blackett, the Holder of the Gold Jordan Medal, died at the age of 102, in Omaha, Nebraska, on March 9, 1984.

The total number of deaths in the jurisdiction of Nebraska during this past year was 850. The Committee on Fraternal Dead, under the Chairmanship of W.: Albert Wise, will present a special memorial service to the memory of all of our deceased brethren on Friday afternoon during this communication.

CENTENNIALS

The following lodges celebrated their 100th anniversary during this year:

- Oakland Lodge No. 91Oakland
- Beaver City Lodge No. 93Beaver City
- Bennett Lodge No. 94Bennett
- Garfield Lodge No. 95O'Neill
- Utica Lodge No. 96.....Utica
- Euclid Lodge No. 97Weeping Water
- Republican City Lodge No. 98.....Republican City
- Ord Lodge No. 103Ord
- Stella Lodge No 105..... Stella
- Porter Lodge No. 106.....Loup City
- Pomegranate Lodge No. 110..... Ashland
- Superior Lodge No. 121Superior

During these celebrations, each lodge held a centennial dinner and invited their members and wives, together with other lodges, Grand Lodge Officers and their wives and many non-Masons from their communities. After the dinner, the Grand Lodge presented a Centennial Certificate to all lodges. Fifty-year and Sixty-year presentations were made at some of these centennials, and some lodges used the occasion as a Friendship dinner and to promote Freemasonry in their own community. Those attended by the Grand Master and Maxine are shown in the Grand Master's Itinerary. I congratulate all of the above lodges.

There were some lodges who were eligible to hold such a celebration, but have not as yet, and I assume they are making plans to do so in the near future.

CORNERSTONES AND DEDICATIONS

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| Nov. 19, 1983 | Dedication Ceremony, Masonic Temple, Utica Lodge No. 96, Utica. Orations by W.: James N. DeMoss, Grand Orator. |
| May 11, 1984 | Cornerstone and Dedication Ceremony, Masonic Temple, Nelson Lodge No. 77, Nelson. Both orations by M.: W.: Paul R. Pierce, PGM |
| May 12, 1984 | Cornerstone and Dedication Ceremony, Masonic Temple, Friendship Lodge No. 239, Chapman. Both orations by W.: James N. DeMoss, Grand Orator. |
| May 13, 1984 | Cornerstone Ceremony, Walnut Junior High School in Grand Island. Oration by W.: James N. DeMoss, Grand Orator. |
| May 18, 1984 | Cornerstone Ceremony, Masonic Temple, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney. Oration by W.: James N. DeMoss, Grand Orator. |
| June 3, 1984 | Cornerstone Ceremony, Activity Center Building, Chadron State College, Chadron. Oration by W.: James N. DeMoss, Grand Orator. |

These special public ceremonies are very important because they give us, as Masons, an opportunity to demonstrate our Fraternity to the Community. The exposure that the Grand Lodge received by the TV news coverage and broadcast over the Lincoln and Grand Island TV stations of the cornerstone ceremony on Sunday, May 13, during two separate newscasts, was exceptional. The cornerstone ceremony in Sidney for the new Temple of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 was broadcast live over the Sidney radio station and taped for future rebroadcast.

I congratulate the officers and brethren of the following lodges for making these special events possible: Utica Lodge No. 96, Nelson Lodge No. 77, Friendship Lodge No. 239, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, and Samaritan Lodge No. 158.

The Craftsmen have truly done their duty.

I must also thank those Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Margaret Fickes, Elfie Stunes, W.: Murlyn Ronk, Job's Daughters, Rainbow

Girls, DeMolay, and any other brothers, and the sisters of the Order of Eastern Star, who all participated in and helped to make these special events the success that they were.

A special thanks from the heart goes to Dr. Edwin C. Nelson, President of Chadron State College, and Brother Keith Kemper, President of the Board of Trustees, for their vision and years of planning to obtain and construct a new Activity Center Building on the campus of Chadron State College, and in particular, for giving the opportunity to this Grand Master to lay the Cornerstone in his home town and on the campus of his Alma Mater.

GRAND MASTER TRAVELS

During this past year, your Grand Master and his lady, Maxine, have driven some 30,000 miles by automobile and have flown 9,000 miles in the promotion of Nebraska Freemasonry. As your representative, we attended the Annual Grand Lodge Communications of Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Illinois, Nevada, Colorado, Utah and Kansas. Also, as your representative, we attended the Grand Master's Conferences in Dallas, Texas, and Seattle, Washington; the White South Dakota Annual Table Lodge; Scottish Rite Reunion; Grand York Rite Session; the Potentate Ball of the Potentate's of Tehama, Tangier, and Sesostris; the Scottish Rite Workshop in Des Moines, Iowa; and the Four-State Officers Meeting held in Sterling, Colorado.

During these travels, your Grand Master had the pleasure and honor of being the after-dinner speaker at Masonic banquets held in Dallas, Texas; Great Falls, Montana; White, South Dakota; Lincoln, Nebraska; Las Vegas, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; and McCook, Nebraska.

Your Grand Master was ably represented by personal representatives to other Annual Communications of Grand Lodges as follows: M.:W.: Louis V Sylvester, PGM at North Dakota; R.:W.: Robert A. Metcalf, DGM at Iowa; R.:W.: Wayne G. Lueningborg, GJW at Missouri; and M.:W.: Byron C. Jenkins, PGM at Alaska.

Other Grand Lodge Officers who attended Annual Communications of other Grand Jurisdictions are as follows: Ralph W. Gerry, Grand Secretary, at South Dakota; Ralph W. Gerry, Grand Secretary, Albert T. Reddish, Grand Historian, and James L. Eatmon, Grand Tyler, at Wyoming; Wayne G. Lueningborg, Grand Junior Warden, at Idaho; Ralph W. Gerry, Grand Secretary, at Iowa and Illinois; James L. Eatmon, Grand Tyler, at Nevada; Robert A. Metcalf, Deputy Grand Master, Wayne G. Lueningborg, Grand Junior Warden, Albert T. Reddish, Grand Historian, Thomas W. Tye, Grand Junior Deacon, and James L. Eatmon, Grand Tyler, at Colorado; and Ralph W. Gerry, Grand Secretary, and Paul R. Eveland, Grand Senior Deacon, at Kansas.

We were also honored by personal invitations to attend the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts in December; but, due to inclement weather, we were unable to attend. Other invitations came from Canada, New York; Midwest Grand Master's Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and a Grand Master's Conference in Tampa, Florida with the Imperial Potentate.

We were unable to attend these meetings because of our schedule and lack of time. While visiting other Grand Jurisdictions, your Grand Master, or his personal representative, presented to the host Grand Master, the Certificate of Commission from the Governor's office as an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska. It was well received; and, I am sure, will become a Nebraska tradition, continued by the Grand Masters in the future

I was extremely proud of your Grand Lodge Officers as they attended the meetings in the other jurisdictions. They truly represented Nebraska well.

Your Grand Master is looking forward to this Communication, because we will be honored by the presence of twenty five distinguished guests from our sister jurisdictions, which will include 5 Grand Masters, and 5 Past Grand Masters, who were Grand Masters during the term of your Grand Master. We will also be honored by the presence of three Potentates of Nebraska, the distinguished leaders of York Rite Masonry in Nebraska, and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Nebraska.

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

1983-84

JUNE

- 11 Installed as Grand Master, Kearney, Nebraska
- 11 Grand Lodge Officers' meeting, Holiday Inn, Kearney
- 11 Grand Master's Dinner for Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, distinguished guests, family and friends
- 12 Drive to Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- 13 South Dakota Grand Lodge, Sioux Falls
- 14 South Dakota Grand Lodge
- 15 Meeting with Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge Office, Omaha
- 16 Kansas City, Missouri
- 17 Kansas City, Missouri
- 18 Bennett Lodge No. 94, Centennial Celebration, Lincoln
- 19 Beaver City Lodge No. 93, Centennial Celebration, Beaver City
- 20 Chadron
- 21 Rapid City, South Dakota
- 22 Billings, Montana
- 23 Montana Grand Lodge, Great Falls
- 24 Banquet Speaker at Montana Grand Lodge
- 25 Sheridan, Wyoming
- 26 Wyoming KYCH meeting, Casper, Wyoming. Acted as Installing Officer and Installed M.:W.: Frank M. Hartung as Prior
- 27 Chadron

JULY

- 9 Grand Lodge Officers' meeting with Wyoming Grand Lodge Officers, Wheatland, Wyoming
- 9 Open-air Lodge meeting, Kennedy Ranch, near Laramie Peak, Wyoming
- 18 Kearney, Nebraska
- 19 Board of Trustees' meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Children's Home, Fremont

- 19 Annual Shareholders' meeting, Fremont
- 20 Meeting with Tom Tye, Chairman Special Committee, Grand Lodge office and building, Kearney
- 23 Received in Mitchell Lodge No. 263, Open-air meeting, Yount Ranch
- 29 State DeMolay Conclave, Chadron
- 30 State DeMolay Conclave, Chadron
- 31 State DeMolay Conclave, Chadron

AUGUST

- 7 Wyoming Grand Lodge, Casper, Wyoming
- 8 Wyoming Grand Lodge, Casper, Wyoming
- 9 Wyoming Grand Lodge, Casper, Wyoming
- 13 Grand Lodge Officers' meeting, Chadron
- 14 Reception for Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers at Samaritan No. 158, Chadron

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Garfield No. 95, Centennial Celebration, O'Neill
- 12 Riverton, Wyoming
- 13 Pocatello, Idaho
- 14 Idaho Grand Lodge, Burley, Idaho
- 15 Idaho Grand Lodge, Burley, Idaho
- 16 Idaho Grand Lodge, Burley, Idaho
- 17 Wyoming Grand York Rite, Riverton, Wyoming
- 18 Chadron
- 19 Kearney, Nebraska
- 20 Geneva No. 79, Friendship Night, Fairmont
- 21 York, Nebraska
- 22 Lincoln, Nebraska
- 23 Meeting with Deputy Grand Master in Lincoln
- 24 Chadron
- 29 Reception for Grand Lodge Officers and Deputy Grand Custodians in Holiday Inn, Grand Island
- 30 Deputy Grand Custodians' School/Grand Lodge Officers' meeting
- 30 Dinner speaker for Deputy Grand Custodians' School

OCTOBER

- 1 Grand Lodge Officers' meeting, Grand Island
- 3 Received in Kimball Lodge No. 294, Kimball, Nebraska
- 4 Meeting with Deputy Grand Master, Lincoln
- 5 Hannibal, Missouri
- 6 Illinois Grand Lodge, Springfield, Illinois
- 7 Illinois Grand Lodge, Springfield, Illinois
- 8 Hannibal, Missouri, Mark Twain Boat Dinner
- 9 Meeting with Deputy Grand Master, Chairman of Education Committee, Lincoln
- 10 Visitation to Lincoln VA Hospital
- 10 Visitation to Omaha VA Hospital
- 11 Meeting with Board of Masonic Home — Plattsmouth
- 12 Chadron
- 15 Past Master Dinner/Received by Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering
- 17 Meeting with Committee Chairman, Kearney, Nebraska

- 18 Meeting with Grand Trustees, Omaha
- 19 Meeting with Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge Office, Omaha
- 20 Meeting with Special Computer Committee, Grand Lodge Office, Omaha
- 21 After-dinner speaker, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha
- 22 Wayne No. 120, Centennial Celebration, Wayne
- 23 Chadron
- 26 Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Speaker at Friendship night, Sidney
- 28 Norfolk, Nebraska
- 29 Annual Table Lodge, White, South Dakota, speaker at banquet
- 30 Chadron

NOVEMBER

- 3 Received by Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron, Nebraska
- 4 Porter No. 106, Centennial Celebration at Loup City
- 5 Rob Morris No. 46, Friendship Night at Kearney
- 6 Chadron
- 10 Denver, Colorado
- 11 Nevada Grand Lodge, Las Vegas, Nevada
- 12 Nevada Grand Lodge, Las Vegas, Nevada
- 13 Nevada Grand Lodge, Las Vegas, Nevada
- 14 Banquet speaker at Nevada Grand Lodge
- 15 Kimball, Nebraska
- 16 Meeting with Special Committee Chairman Tye, Kearney
- 17 Meeting with Deputy Grand Master, Lincoln
- 18 Banquet speaker, Scottish Rite Reunion in Lincoln
- 19 Grand Lodge Officers meeting, York
- 19 Utica Lodge No. 96, Dedication Ceremony, Utica
- 19 Utica Lodge No. 96, Centennial Celebration
- 20 Superior No. 121, Centennial Celebration, Superior
- 21 Culbertson No. 174, Friendship Night, Culbertson
- 22 Drive to Chadron in blizzard
- 24 Thanksgiving Day in Chadron

1984**JANUARY**

- 7 Install Officers of Scottsbluff No. 201, Gering
- 14 Install Officers of Samaritan No. 158, Chadron
- 21 Install Officers of Frank Welch No. 75, Sidney
- 22 Colorado Grand Lodge, Denver
- 23 Colorado Grand Lodge, Denver
- 24 Colorado Grand Lodge, Denver
- 25 Chadron
- 27 Denver
- 28 Utah Red Cross of Constantine meeting
- 29 Utah Grand Lodge, Salt Lake City
- 30 Utah Grand Lodge, Banquet Speaker
- 31 Utah Grand Lodge

FEBRUARY

- 1 Meeting with Special Committee Chairman Tye, Kearney, Nebraska
- 2 Meeting with Deputy Grand Master, Lincoln

- 3 Luncheon with State Senators, Lincoln
- 4 Grand Lodge Officers meeting
- 5 Chadron
- 17 Kimball, Nebraska
- 18 Grand Master's Conference, Seattle, Washington
- 19 Grand Master's Conference, Seattle, Washington
- 20 Grand Master's Conference, Seattle, Washington
- 21 Grand Master's Conference, Seattle, Washington
- 22 Grand Master's Conference, Seattle, Washington
- 23 Denver
- 24 Chadron

MARCH

- 9 Meeting with Deputy Grand Master, Lincoln
- 10 Grand Lodge Officers' meeting in Lincoln
- 10 Tehama Temple Potentate's Ball, Hastings
- 11 Shrine breakfast, Hastings
- 11 Meeting with Grand Historian, Alliance
- 14 Meeting with Special Committee Chairman Tye, Kearney
- 15 Kansas Grand Lodge, Wichita, Kansas
- 16 Kansas Grand Lodge, Wichita, Kansas
- 17 Tangier Shrine, Potentate's Ball, Omaha
- 18 Shrine Breakfast
- 18 Miloma Lodge No. 328, Chili dinner, Omaha
- 18 Meeting with DeMolay Foundation Board, Lincoln
- 19 Meeting with Deputy Grand Master, Lincoln
- 30 Meeting with Special Committee Chairman Tye, Kearney
- 31 Meeting with Deputy Grand Master, Lincoln

APRIL

- 1 Scottish Rite Foundation meeting in Lincoln
- 2 Grand Lodge Officers' meeting
- 2 Dinner meeting and presentation of Bronze Jordan Medal, Shiloh No. 327, Omaha
- 3 Meeting with Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge Office, Omaha
- 3 Received by Craftsmen No. 314
- 4 KYCH meeting, McCook
- 5 Received by Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska, McCook
- 6 Received by Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, McCook
- 6 York Rite Banquet speaker
- 7 Red Cross of Constantine breakfast
- 7 Received by Grand Commandary of Knight Templar of Nebraska, McCook
- 7 Sesostris Shrine, Potentate's Ball, Lincoln
- 8 Shrine breakfast
- 14 Received by Golden Rod No. 306, Lodgepole
- 15 Palm Sunday Breakfast speaker, Lodgepole
- 15 Presentation of 50-Year Plaques for Certification, Oasis Lodge No. 271, Morrill
- 16 Chadron
- 24 Lincoln

- 25 Meeting with various Committee Chairmen, Lincoln
- 26 Scottish Rite Dinner, Des Moines, Iowa
- 27 Scottish Rite Workshop, Des Moines
- 28 Bridgeton Lodge No. 80, Missouri Fraternal Visit to Fremont Lodge No. 15
- 28 Received by Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- 29 Meeting with Deputy Grand Master in Lincoln
- 30 Meeting with Budget and Appropriations Committee in Lincoln
- 30 Gold Jordan Medal presentation, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha

MAY

- 1 Received by Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha
- 2 Meeting with Holiday Inn Convention Staff, Kearney
- 3 Chadron
- 10 Meeting with Holiday Inn, preparation for Annual Communication, Kearney
- 11 Received by Nelson Lodge No. 77
- 11 Cornerstone and Dedication ceremony, Nelson Lodge No. 77, Nelson
- 12 Grand Lodge Officers' meeting in Grand Island
- 12 Received by Friendship Lodge No. 239, Chapman
- 12 Cornerstone and Dedication ceremony, Friendship Lodge No. 239
- 13 Received by Grand Island No. 318, Lunch with Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and Grand Island Lodge No. 318
- 13 Cornerstone Ceremony, Walnut Jr. High School, Grand Island
- 14 Preparations for Grand Lodge, Kearney
- 15 Chadron
- 18 Received by Frank Welch Lodge No. 75
- 18 Cornerstone Ceremony for New Temple, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75
- 19 Four-State Grand Lodge Officers' Meeting, Sterling, Colorado

JUNE

- 3 Received by Samaritan Lodge No 158, Chadron
- 3 Cornerstone Ceremony, Chadron State College Campus, Activity Center Building Site
- 5 Meeting with Holiday Inn, final preparation for Grand Lodge, Kearney
- 6 Preparation for 127th Annual Communication, Kearney
- 7 Grand Lodge Officers' meeting/ Masters' and Wardens' meeting
- 7 Grand Master's Dinner
- 8 127th Annual Communication/Grand Lodge Banquet
- 9 127th Annual Communication Closes

JORDAN MEDALS

Several Jordan Medals were presented during the year, but the memories of some are more vivid than the rest. One of the first requests your Grand Master received for a Decision was from the Secretary of Cement Lodge No. 211, asking for a ruling on which brother of the Lodge should be entitled to wear the Bronze Jordan Medal, where both brothers had identical Masonic records. After deciding that both should wear the Medal, and Les Mann, Editor of the FREEMASON, published the story as a first, we were informed that Comet Lodge No. 229, in Ceresco, also had simultaneous Jordan Medal

holders since 1975; and, then, the letter from dear friend M.:W.: Ben Eyre, PGM, informing us that he had the same matter presented to him while he was Grand Master.

On April 2, 1984, your Grand Master and Maxine drove from Lincoln to Omaha, in a heavy rain, to attend a dinner meeting of Shiloh Lodge No. 327, where I had the honor and pleasure of presenting the Bronze Jordan Medal to Bro. John Rickerson, who thereby became the youngest-oldest living Master Mason in Nebraska. On April 30, 1984, we again returned to Omaha to present the Gold Jordan Medal to the dinner meeting of Capitol Lodge No. 3, and it was indeed an honor and pleasure to present the Gold Jordan Medal to Samuel Friedman, 100 years young.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

During the year, your Grand Master recommended the following Master Masons to be commissioned as Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near Nebraska. They are as follows: Bevin B. Bump — Idaho; Robert A. Metcalf — Missouri; Thomas W. Tye — Louisiana; Albert T. Reddish — Indiana; James L. Eatmon — Arkansas; G. Richard Myers — North Carolina; Bruce L. Bump — Saskatchewan and Steve Mattoon — Argentina.

The following were Commissioned to be Grand Representatives to Nebraska: Vartan Barceghian — Argentina; Kenneth Harold Worth — Western Australia; Rigoberto Jamett — Chile; Thomas L. Reese — Georgia; and Ralph P. Faulkner — Arizona.

CUSTODIANS

One of my first official acts and pleasures as Grand Master was to name as Deputy Grand Custodian Emeriti, Gerald V. Inslee, 158, of Chadron, Nebraska, who had been a Deputy Grand Custodian since 1968. Ole has been a long-time friend, and I had served as his Junior Warden when he was Worshipful Master of Samaritan Lodge No. 158.

For the first time in the past eleven years, all the Deputy Grand Custodians attended the opening of the annual Deputy Grand Custodian School. This year, the school was held in Grand Island, on September 30, 1983, under the direction of the Grand Custodian, W.: Bro. Mannie O. Hansen. While the Deputy Grand Custodians were practicing, the Grand Lodge Officers adjourned to another lodge room to practice the Dedication Ceremony, and then met again with the Deputy Grand Custodians during the annual dinner. It was a memorable meeting, which gave an opportunity for all the Grand Lodge Officers to meet the Deputy Grand Custodians; and it is my hope that this becomes an annual custom of the Grand Lodge Officers.

All the Grand Lodge Officers were each assigned to attend one, or more, of the Schools of Instruction held by the Grand Custodian throughout the jurisdiction during the year; and, there, to be received as the personal representative of the Grand Master. This program was well received and should be continued by the Grand Lodge Officers. Both of these programs were part of the Grand Master's overall program of making the Grand Lodge Officers more visible and approachable to the Masons of Nebraska.

During the Annual Communications, your Grand Master will commission Wayne E. Beatty, 126, Stromsburg as a Deputy Grand Custodian, and plans to name at least one other Deputy Grand Custodian Emeriti.

CONSOLIDATIONS

During the year, four Consolidations were approved: Harlan Lodge No. 116, Alma, with Melrose Lodge No. 60, Orleans; Hardy Lodge No. 117, Hardy, with Superior Lodge No. 121, Superior; Merna Lodge No. 171, Merna, with Custer Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow; Crofton Lodge No. 273, Crofton, with Wausa Lodge No. 251, Wausa.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

During the year, your Grand Master approved 24 Bylaw amendments submitted by the lodges in this jurisdiction. Fifteen involved changes in dues and/or fees; 5 changing the regular meeting place, time or day; one setting out the Chaplain as an Officer; one revising the duties of the Worshipful Master; one deleting a section wherein Sr. Warden is Chairman of Committee of Censors; and one to renumber a code section.

REINSTATEMENTS

Thirty nine applications for Reinstatements were approved during the year. One was rejected.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

During the year, two matters have been referred to the Grand Master for the attention of Trial Commissions. Both matters are still pending, at the present time.

GENERAL CONSENTS AND APPROVALS

- 1 The Grand Master's consent was granted to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 to enter a Masonic float in the community parade.
2. The Grand Master's approval and consent were granted to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to solicit the lodges within approximately 100 miles of Grand Island to participate with the lodge in its annual Food Truck to the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and to send copies of a circular letter to the Secretary, or the Committee Chairman, of such lodges, to be mailed to the membership.
- 3 The Grand Master's approval was granted to the request of Harlan M. Nelson, Chief Rabban, Tangier Temple, for him to contact the secretaries of the respective lodges in the Sandhills area to advise them of a Scottish Rite team and Shrine Mason team to be in O'Neill, Nebraska, on June 22 and 23, 1984, to put on Scottish Rite degree work and Shrine Mason work.
4. The Grand Master's consent and approval were granted to Fremont Lodge No. 15 to host a Fraternal Visit by Bridgeton Lodge No. 80, St. John, Missouri, on April 28, 1984, at which time Bridgeton Lodge would confer the Degree of Master Mason on its own proficient

Fellowcraft in the Fremont Lodge Hall, using Missouri ritual.

5. Having been informed that M.:W.: Grand Master, Robert J. Crede, Missouri, had given his consent, the Grand Master granted the request of Bridgeton Lodge No. 80 to make a Fraternal Visit to Fremont Lodge No. 15, on April 28, 1984, to confer the Degree of Master Mason on its own proficient Fellowcraft in the Hall of Fremont Lodge, using Missouri ritual.
6. The Grand Master's consent was granted to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to enter a Masonic float in the Nebraskaland Days Parade in North Platte.
7. The Grand Master's consent was granted to Keystone Lodge No. 62 to enter a Masonic float in the community parade of Phillips.
8. The Grand Master's consent was granted to Wayne Lodge No. 120 to enter a Masonic float in the several parades, during the centennial celebration in Wayne, from August 29 to September 3, 1984.
9. The Grand Master's consent was granted to Upright Lodge No. 137 to enter a Masonic float in any centennial parades in Burchard.
10. Pending the approval of the M.:W.: Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, the Grand Master's consent and approval were granted to Fremont Lodge No. 15, to travel to Bridgeton Lodge No. 80, St. John, Missouri, and to there confer the Degree of Master Mason on its own candidate, using the Nebraska ritualistic work, on August 11, 1984, and to further issue invitations to any area lodges to join with Fremont Lodge No. 15 in such visitation.

PERMISSIONS TO MOVE CHARTERS

The following named lodges were granted permission to move their Charters as set out: Mitchell Lodge No. 263 to a site on the Charles Wm Yount Ranch for the purpose of conferring a Master Mason Degree in an Open-air Lodge; Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 to the Chapel of the Nebraska Masonic Home, to confer a Fellowcraft Degree; Potter Lodge No. 313 to the United Methodist Church in Potter, until the stairway, damaged by an accident, has been replaced; Friendship Lodge No. 239 to the New Masonic Temple in Chapman; Nelson Lodge No. 77 to the New Masonic Temple in Nelson; Miloma Lodge No. 328 to Papillion Lodge No. 39 Masonic Temple for public installation of Officers; York Lodge No. 56 to an outdoor site to hold an Open-air Lodge, and to open and close in the Master Mason Degree, and conduct a regular meeting on its regular meeting date; and Samaritan Lodge No. 158 to the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska, to open and close a Master Mason's Lodge during the 127th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

During the year, your Grand Master approved fifteen dispensations. Six were granted to elect officers at a time other than the regular period; and, for good cause shown, the requirement of the fees as provided in Sec. 2-312 was waived for all except one; and the \$10 fee was collected, as provided by said section. Five dispensations were granted for those lodges to install officers at

other times than required; and, for good cause shown, the requirement of the fee was waived in four of the petitions; and a fee of \$10 collected for the other.

Four dispensations were granted to confer Degrees in less than the prescribed period. In one request, where the dispensation was made necessary by reason of the candidate being called to the military service of the U.S., the requirement of the fees, as provided in Sec. 2-1208, and the requirement of proficiency, as required by Sec. 2-402, were waived. A total of \$50 was collected in fees; \$10 for each degree, as provided in Sec. 2-1208, from the other three lodges requesting such dispensation.

DECISIONS

1. After reviewing the Request for Waiver of Jurisdiction from Landmark Lodge No. 103 A.:F.: & A.:M.:, Sioux City, Iowa, forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.:F.: & A.:M.:, a waiver of jurisdiction was granted to enable such lodge to act upon the petition of Thomas E. Schuur of 1411 Orchard St., Omaha, Nebraska.
2. A request was received from the Secretary of Cement Lodge No. 211, asking for a ruling on which a brother of the lodge should be entitled to wear the Bronze Jordan Medal, based on the following facts. It appeared that the two oldest members of the lodge were Darrel H. Alberts and Willard E. Lorenzen, both 72 years old, and with identical Masonic records. The Petitions of each had been received by the Lodge on the same date, March 10, 1933; and, thereafter, each was elected, initiated, passed, raised and presented 50-Year pins on identical dates. It was ruled that both W.: Bro. Alberts and Bro. Lorenzen shall both be entitled to wear the Bronze Jordan Medal during their lifetime, while a member of Cement Lodge No. 211; and that, further, at such time as the first brother shall die or become ineligible to wear the medal, it shall be returned to the Grand Lodge.
3. A request was received from the Worshipful Master of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, asking for permission to have the Middle Chamber lecture of the Fellowcraft Degree given to the candidate on the outside steps and entryway of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Permission had previously been given to move the Charter of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 to the Nebraska Masonic Home for the purpose of opening and closing a Fellowcraft Lodge and to confer a Fellowcraft Degree in the Chapel of the Nebraska Masonic Home. After reviewing the request, together with a description of the surrounding area, and pictures showing the outside steps and area, the request was denied for the reason that it appeared there would be no way to tile the area where the Worshipful Master wished to present the Lecture.
4. The Worshipful Master of Wymore Lodge No. 104 requested an opinion in regard to the request of a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of a Past Worshipful Master of the Lodge, who desired to become a member of the Lodge. He was advised that, since the son is not a resident of Wymore, Nebraska, but is a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, he could not meet the residency requirements contained within the petition; there-

fore, it would be necessary for him to petition a lodge in Ohio, where he resides. After his acceptance, the Ohio lodge could then have the work conferred by the Wymore Lodge, as a courtesy; and he could then take dual membership and belong to the Wymore Lodge, along with the Ohio lodge. If he only wants to belong to the Wymore Lodge, he could then end his dual membership with a demit from the Ohio Lodge, if that is his desire.

5. After reviewing the Request for Waiver of Jurisdiction from Tyrian Lodge No. 508 A.:F.: & A.:M.:, Sioux City, Iowa, forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.:F.: & A.:M.:, a waiver of jurisdiction was granted to enable such lodge to act upon the Petition of Jack James Wisner of 429 E. 32nd St., South Sioux City, Nebraska.
6. After reviewing the Request for Waiver of Jurisdiction from Triangle Lodge No. 643 A.:F.: & A.:M.:, Sioux City, Iowa, forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.:F.: & A.:M.:, a waiver of jurisdiction was granted to enable such lodge to act upon the Petition of James P. Miller of 517 E. 33rd St., South Sioux City, Nebraska.
7. After reviewing the Request for Waiver of Jurisdiction from Triangle Lodge No. 643 A.:F.: & A.:M.:, Sioux City, Iowa, forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.:F.: & A.:M.:, a waiver of jurisdiction was granted to enable such lodge to act upon the Petition of Douglas C. Augustine, 436 E. 27th St., South Sioux City, Nebraska.
8. After reviewing the Request for Waiver of Jurisdiction from Landmark Lodge No. 103 A.:F.: & A.:M.:, Sioux City, Iowa, forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.:F.: & A.:M.:, a waiver of jurisdiction was granted to enable such lodge to act upon the Petition of Bryson David Bartels, Box 238, Homer, Nebraska.

GENERAL CONDITION OF MASONRY IN NEBRASKA

Grand Lodge Officers:

Your Grand Master is now completing his eleventh year as a Grand Lodge Officer. I have undoubtedly learned more about being a Grand Lodge Officer in this, my final year, as Grand Master, than I did in all ten of the previous years, as Grand Lodge Officer; and this is not as it should be. To help remedy this situation, eleven Grand Lodge Officers' meetings were held throughout the year, monthly, except for December. These meetings were conducted with a planned agenda, which included leadership training, program development, becoming familiar with Grand Lodge laws, and long range planning for the growth and development of Masonry in Nebraska. All of these meetings were held at a time when the Grand Lodge Officers were taking part in another Grand Lodge function. These meetings were well attended and the Officers worked many hours for Nebraska Masonry. Without a doubt, Nebraska is blessed with the finest corp of Grand Lodge Officers

there is anywhere. They are sharp, well-informed, friendly, dedicated and enthusiastic about Masonry, and willing to work hard for the benefit of the craft. The leadership of Nebraska Masonry is in good hands.

A Grand Master could not have asked for a better Deputy Grand Master than R.:W.: Robert A. Metcalf. We were in constant and immediate communication with each other at all times. He was the Chairman of the Masonic Education Committee, which set up and conducted 33 area Masters' and Wardens' Workshops. He acted as my personal representative to the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, Shrine functions, many other Masonic functions, and at such times as I was traveling in other jurisdictions. He accompanied me to many meetings, including other Grand Lodge Communications, Centennials; Friendship Nights, lodge visitations, Committee meetings, Children's Home Board meetings, the Grand Masters Conference in Seattle, the Scottish Rite Workshop in Des Moines and the Four-States Meeting in Sterling, Colorado. He was my strong, right arm, and will be a great Grand Master. If Bob was my strong, right arm, then, the two Grand Wardens were my strong, left arm; for they, too, made my job as Grand Master happier and easier.

R.:W.: Charles W. Amidon, Grand Senior Warden, was my able, personal representative to the Board and annual meetings of the Masonic Home. He was Chairman of the Membership Committee, which again promoted the Friendship Nights in the lodges throughout the jurisdiction. He gave of himself tirelessly to this most important project, and attended many Friendship Dinners, as speaker, in his efforts to stimulate new growth in our Fraternity. He was my companion whenever I was in Omaha, and accompanied me to many meetings and Masonic functions. He, too, will be a great Grand Master.

The Grand Junior Warden, R.:W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg, was my companion in the middle of the jurisdiction and accompanied me to many meetings in Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, and Idaho, and acted as my personal representative to Missouri. His willingness to go anywhere, his ability to meet the craft with friendship, and his enthusiasm for Nebraska Freemasonry demonstrates to me, that he, too, will be a great Grand Master.

I am proud of all our Grand Lodge Officers; for, when we started the year, I informed them that there were no honorary positions in the Nebraska Grand Lodge, and they have proven me right. They have all attended Schools of Instruction, conducted Workshops, spoken at Friendship Dinners and centennials and worked at Cornerstone and Lodge Dedication Ceremonies. All of them have attended meetings in other jurisdictions. Three attended Kansas Grand Lodge; four went to Wyoming Grand Lodge; six appeared at the Colorado Grand Lodge; and ten Grand Lodge Officers attended the Four-State Grand Lodge Officers' Meeting in Sterling, Colorado. YES, the leadership of Nebraska Masonry is truly in good hands.

Grand Lodge Programs, Committees and Other:

If you were to ask me: "During what period of time in Nebraska Masonry would be the best time to be a Master Mason, Blue Lodge Officer, a member of the Grand Lodge, a Grand Lodge Committeeman, a Masonic Board member, or a Grand Lodge Officer?", I would have to say: "Now." For these are interesting times in Nebraska Freemasonry, and the next several years will be exciting. If you were to ask me: "Which of the Grand Lodge

programs promoted by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers during this year were the best and should be continued?", I would have to say: "All." For it is just the beginning, as there was not enough time in this one, fast-moving year to develop all of the ideas that have been stimulated by your Grand Lodge Officers during their meetings and long-range planning sessions.

The Grand Lodge Officers' meetings have been most helpful to your Grand Master and your Grand Lodge Officers. They are the necessary vehicle for your Officers to become better acquainted with each other, to learn more about Masonry, to build confidence, and to become better leaders for the benefit of the Craft. It also brings them together at times when more Masonic functions can be planned to give more visibility to the lodges, their local communities and the public, in general; for, more public awareness of the Nebraska Mason is needed to ensure the growth of our Fraternity.

The encouragement of the Grand Lodge Officers, and other Master Masons, to travel and visit with other lodges within the jurisdiction and to attend the meetings of other Grand jurisdictions, and interstate meetings, has been stimulating and rewarding. The meeting of the Grand Lodge Officers from Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming, held in Colorado, this year, was a beginning; and Nebraska should host this meeting this coming year. The formation of the Midwest Grand Master's Conference, consisting of eleven Grand Jurisdictions, held, this year, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was a first; and Nebraska should continue to participate in this Grand Master's and Deputy Grand Master's conference, as well as the Midwest Educational Committee meetings. Masonic communication and the exchange of ideas and thoughts, projects and programs, and their successes or failures, between lodges and Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, are essential to ensure the growth of our Fraternity.

During the year, Grand Lodge Officers were assigned to, and were received as, the Grand Master's personal representative at the Grand Custodian's Schools of Instruction held throughout the State. The Masters' and Wardens' Workshops, developed and planned by the Grand Master and the Masonic Education Committee, under the direction of the Deputy Grand Master, were taken to every lodge in the jurisdiction. Again, this was accomplished by assigning the Grand Lodge Officers to 33 area meetings held during March, April and May. It was an opportunity for the Grand Lodge Officers to meet with the leaders of the Blue Lodges in the field, to conduct a leadership-training program, together with information about this year's Grand Lodge programs. There are some who might think this is a new program; but, if you look back, you will find that these Masters' and Wardens "Conferences" were conducted by the Grand Lodge Officers, under the direction of the Masonic Education Committee and the 108th Grand Master, during the years 1973-74, but never continued, until this year. These programs were highly successful, and will be continued by this Grand Master's successors; as, it has been demonstrated that they are most beneficial to the growth of our Fraternity.

Again, during this Grand Lodge year, the Friendship Dinner program was given a high priority. The Membership Committee, under the leadership of our Grand Senior Warden, continues to promote this most important

Masonic function throughout the jurisdiction. The inviting of non-Masons to a dinner with the Masonic brethren and a program informing them and their ladies about Freemasonry continues to be one of our most useful tools in attracting new petitions for membership in the Masonic Fraternity. At the Friendship Dinners I attended this year, I was pleased to see so many young men and ladies in attendance. This program should continue, for it is most important for the continued growth of our Fraternity.

This year, the first project undertaken by the Grand Historian was to conduct cassette sound and video tape interviews of the Grand Masters. As these tapes are completed, they can be reviewed and edited for historical, educational and promotional purposes; and the video tapes can be preserved in the archives for future Masons to have available a visual study of the Grand Masters who have served Masonry in Nebraska. This is a very energetic project, and the Grand Historian is a very dedicated Mason. It will take some time, I know, and many hours of diligent work, to update our history from the year 1957; but, I am confident that the recording of and the "chronologization" of Nebraska Masonic history is in good hands with W. Bro. Albert T. Reddish (183), Grand Historian. The publication of our history, in print, together with actual sounds and visual pictures of the same, will be most beneficial to the growth of our Fraternity.

The "new" Nebraska FREEMASON was an unexpected bonus, and Lester Mann (158) the Editor, was a "real find". Ten years ago, the Grand Master announced that there was a committee established to study the feasibility of a statewide publication, to reach all members. Five years ago, the Grand Master started the Nebraska FREEMASON and recommended that it be published six times a year, and he was allowed four. This year, the Nebraska FREEMASON became of age, a viable State Masonic newspaper, read by everyone who sees it, Mason and non-Mason alike. It has been published every two months, and will continue to be so. The challenge, now, is to make sure that it reaches all Nebraska Masons and all other Grand Lodge jurisdictions. This can only be done by updating the mailing list, which we have found, this year, to be disappointing; since, the list contains deceased members, some of whom have been deceased for years, and does not contain some of our newer Master Masons, who have been such for several years. It is vitally important that every lodge secretary within this jurisdiction keep the Grand Lodge office currently informed as to the deaths of members and the initiation of new members. The publication and delivery of the Nebraska FREEMASON is a must to ensure the growth of our Fraternity.

Five years ago, the Grand Master recommended to this Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge Office Committee investigate the possibility of acquiring a computer for the Grand Lodge offices, and report back at the next Communication. This year, your Grand Master appointed a Special Computer Committee, Chaired by Don Andrews (15) with the request that they report their recommendations by October 1983; so that the same might be referred to the Office Committee, now Chaired by Don Andrews; the Budget and Appropriations Committee; Grand Lodge Officers; and Grand Master. These Committees worked diligently, together with the assistance of the Grand Secretary, and I am most pleased to report that the Grand Lodge now has a computer. This computer can do everything that the Grand Master of five

years ago envisioned, and more. Having our own in-house computer, capable of printing our mailing lists, and the availability of keeping them current, will take care of the challenge of the delivery of the Nebraska FREEMASON to all members, and further provide immediate mailing lists for all Grand Lodge mailings for much less cost than we are now paying. A complete report on the computer will be covered by the Office Committee Report during this Communication. The Grand Secretary and the Office Committee are exhibiting their leadership by looking to purchase a modern photocopier, wats line telephone service, and the hiring of trained, computer personnel for the office. The obtaining of the computer, with its many functions, together with obtaining modern equipment, telephone service and trained personnel, is the first step in updating the Grand Lodge offices to keep pace with the fast-moving future, and is extremely necessary for the growth of our Fraternity.

Last year, at this time, this Grand Lodge recommended to this Grand Master that a special committee be appointed to study all aspects of moving the Grand Lodge offices from its present location, and to report its finding to the Grand Master and this Communication of the Grand Lodge. This, I did, and the Committee, chaired by Grand Junior Deacon, W. : Thomas W. Tye (46), is listed in the first recommendation submitted in this address. If you have not already done so, you should read the written report of this committee and examine the exhibits contained in a three-ring notebook attached thereto. This report is a visual demonstration of the many hours, days, and weeks spent by this committee and its able chairman in performance of the task assigned to them. The committee has recommended that the Grand Lodge build a Grand Lodge Building in Lincoln, Nebraska, in a location set out by certain criteria.

This Grand Master visualizes a building dedicated to Freemasonry. Not just a mere office building, but one that we would be proud to exhibit to the world as the front door of Masonry in Nebraska, located near the center of our State Government Buildings. This building should be built for the future, and not for the past. It should contain sufficient room for offices, library, museum and visitors' area. I can see this building, not only used by the Grand Lodge offices, but also by Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Lodge Committees, Past Grand Masters, Lodge Officers, Masons, non-Masons, students and visitors from Nebraska and other jurisdictions. This building is an absolute necessity for the future growth of our Fraternity.

The Craft:

In traveling this jurisdiction, I have been most pleased with the leadership and enthusiasm demonstrated and exhibited by the Worshipful Masters who are serving Freemasonry at the same time as it is my pleasure to be your Grand Master. I have selected a team of Worshipful Masters from throughout the jurisdiction representing all the Worshipful Masters, to act as the Opening and Closing Master Mason Lodge at this Communication, under the Charter of Samaritan Lodge No. 158, my home lodge, whose Worshipful Master, this year, is my oldest son, Bruce L. Bump.

I have been impressed with the officers' line in the many lodges that I have visited this year; and, in particular, the youth of them. This indicates to me a potential for growth. The Grand Lodge Officers have further reported to me that in their many travels to Schools of Instruction and Masters' and

Wardens' Workshops, these lodge officers are eager and willing to work for the promotion of Freemasonry in their communities and Nebraska. Therefore, the Grand Lodge, through its leadership, must provide the proper projects, programs and tools, with which these lodge officers can do their work.

I am proud of our Nebraska lodges and their many and varied activities. They have: held centennial celebrations; conducted Master Mason lodges in the open-air; promoted Friendship Dinners, inviting many non-Masons; placed Masonic signs at the entrance of their towns; built new Masonic Temples; exhibited the Square and Compass on their existing Temples; attended Schools of Instruction; certified their lodges; entered Masonic floats in community parades; initiated, passed and raised many new Masons; honored Past Masters; recognized the widows; contributed to the Masonic Home; sponsored a food truck, or participated in the same, for the Masonic Home; given to the Masonic-Eastern Star Children's Home; visited other lodges; received Grand Lodge Officers; presented 50-year, 60-year pins and Bronze Jordan Medals; sent in news articles and pictures to the Nebraska FREEMASON; held ladies'-night dinners, chili suppers and pancake feeds; sponsored DeMolay Chapters; supported Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls; written letters to the Grand Master; held public installation of officers; attended Masters' and Wardens' workshops; requested lodge dedication ceremonies; traveled to out-of-state open-air lodge meetings; invited Grand Lodge Officers to various functions and dinners; asked for changes in the bylaws so they may sponsor Little League Ball teams; arranged for the laying of cornerstones for public schools; set up the laying of cornerstones for new Temples; held Masonic picnics; cooked Palm Sunday breakfast; published monthly newsletters; put their membership list on computer; mailed their annual returns to the Grand Secretary on time; hosted a fraternal visit from an out-of-state lodge, returned a fraternal visit to an out-of-state lodge; exhibited friendship and brotherly love; made their communities aware that Freemasonry exists; and honored your Grand Master in many, many ways.

With strong leadership, youth, and the continuance of many and various projects and programs by the Nebraska Lodges, Freemasonry will continue to grow in Nebraska.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I.

Upon the recommendation of the 126th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, as Grand Master, I appointed a special committee to study all aspects of moving the Grand Lodge offices from their present location, and to report its findings to the Grand Master and the 127th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. The committee consisted of:

Thomas W. Tye, No. 46, Kearney, Chairman, and current Grand Junior Deacon;

James L. Eatmon, No. 294, Kimball, current Grand Tyler,

Robert A. Carhart, No. 120, Wayne, Chair of Appropriations Committee;

Thomas A. Woodward, No. 25, Omaha, and

John D. VerMaas, No. 256, Lincoln, and current Potentate of Sesostris Temple.

The comprehensive, detailed, illustrated and written report of the com-

mittee, as well as an oral report by its chairman, will be made available to the Jurisprudence Committee, and all other Grand Lodge members, on June 7, 1984. After reading the complete report of the committee and reviewing the same with the committee chairman, in complete agreement and in harmony with its report, the following recommendations are hereby made:

1. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska should build a Grand Lodge Office facility containing not only sufficient space for its offices, but also containing adequate space for a library, museum, as well as committee-meeting space, in Lincoln, Nebraska. That such building be constructed in Lincoln, Nebraska, at a location set forth in the criteria as recommended by the Committee report.
2. The special committee continue to meet at the pleasure of the Grand Master, together with such others as the Grand Master may appoint, to report at the 128th Annual Communication as to the specific design of the building to be constructed, the actual cost, and the method of payment.
3. The Grand Master, together with the special committee and the Office Committee, proceed to interview and obtain the services of an architect to prepare such drawings and plans as are necessary to implement this recommendation.

II.

At the 1979 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the 113th Grand Master recommended that the word "subordinate", in designating the lodges, be changed to the term "constituent"; and, being mindful of the number of changes required in the bylaws, recommended that this matter be referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law, and voted upon at a subsequent communication. This recommendation was not approved by the Grand Lodge.

It is my understanding that, in order to replenish our supply of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge, it will be necessary that the same be reprinted in the very near future. If this be so, it is most convenient to make such a change at the time of reprinting. I have long wondered why the lodges of this jurisdiction should be called subordinate lodges when I have heard them repeatedly referred to as constituent lodges. Other jurisdictions call their lodges constituent lodges. As Grand Master, I found it difficult in referring to the lodge as a subordinate lodge; particularly, when speaking to the members of such lodge. Other Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters have also advised me that they found it difficult and prefer to use the word constituent rather than the word subordinate. If we do not like the word, find it difficult to use and "demeaning", then why not change it? What a perfect opportunity to do so when reprinting the Constitution and Bylaws. I have been advised that one of the reasons for using the word subordinate is that the lodges are subordinate to the Grand Lodge. If this be the reason, then why not change the word subordinate, wherever it appears in the Constitution and Bylaws, to constituent, and then adopt one additional section, which simply provides: "That all constituent lodges are subordinate to the Grand Lodge".

The following recommendations are hereby made:

1. That at such time as the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge be reprinted, such Constitution and Bylaws be amended to substitute the wording "constituent lodge" or "constituent lodges" wherever the same now appear in the Constitution and Bylaws as "subordinate lodge" or "subordinate lodges".
2. That Article XII of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by the adoption of Section 5, which shall read as follows:
"Sec 5. All constituent lodges are subordinate to the Grand Lodge."
3. That these recommendations be submitted to the Committee on Codification of the Law for its preparation of the proper, proposed amendments to be presented at this Annual Communication, to be entered upon the Minutes, and submitted to the several chartered lodges for their approval or rejection, as provided in Article XIII of the Constitution insofar as any amendments to such Constitution and in regard to any amendments to the bylaws, and to present them pursuant to Section 1-502.

III.

Section 2-609, which prevents expenditures of Lodge funds for non-Masonic purposes, still causes frequent problems to the lodges in Nebraska. It is my understanding that this Section of the Code was broadened by the Grand Lodge in 1962, upon the recommendation of the 96th Grand Master, to permit lodge funds to be used for the "support of Order of DeMolay, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters". In 1980, the 114th Grand Master recommended that this section be amended to permit the lodges to use their funds for "worthy non-Masonic charitable purpose", using as his reasoning, that we talk about Masons being charitable; but, when not allowed to participate in community charities, the community does not see us as "being charitable". This recommendation was not approved by the Grand Lodge.

In 1984, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB891, which limits the property tax exemptions of education, religious, charitable or cemetery organizations, and provides new definitions for educational, religious and charitable, among others. Now, more than ever, I believe it is imperative that lodges be able to participate in non-Masonic charities, and that they be encouraged to do so. The Grand Lodge should do all that is necessary to help the lodges maintain their tax exempt status for lodge property; and it would appear that it would be much easier for a lodge to show the County Assessor that the Masonic fraternity indeed fits the definition of a charitable organization if the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge provide that lodge funds may be used for charitable purposes, and that the lodge has also participated in local community charities, other than Masonic.

I have further had input and suggestions from young Masons that lodges should be able to sponsor youth groups other than Masonic; and, in particular, little league teams, softball, and singing groups. I am told that, in some communities, this would further improve our image and provide community service and be good public relations for the fraternity. I believe that, in this area, the local lodge is capable of making its own decisions and should be permitted to do so. Because of all this, the following recommenda-

tions are hereby made:

1. That Sec. 2-609 Bylaws of the Grand Lodge be amended to provide that lodge funds may be used for charitable purposes and other community youth programs.
2. That after trying to add such language to the existing Section, it becomes cumbersome and complicated; the last sentence repeats the same requirement in regard to the Treasurer as the previous Sec. 2-608 and is therefore unnecessary and redundant, that Sec. 2-609 should be completely rewritten in permissive language which is easier to understand than the present restrictive language.
3. That the following is a suggested redrafting of such Section.

"Sec. 2-609. USE OF LODGE FUNDS — Lodge funds are to be used to operate the Lodge for the good of Masonry and may be used for charitable purposes and to support Order of DeMolay, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters and other community youth programs. No Lodge funds shall be paid out and no indebtedness shall be incurred on behalf of the Lodge without approval of the members of the Lodge at any regular meeting pursuant to the Bylaws or Resolutions of the Lodge."

IV.

During the 1980 Grand Lodge Communication, the Grand Master recommended that Sec. 2-1204 be amended to permit the laying of a cornerstone of a building with Masonic ceremonies on Sunday, which was approved by the Grand Lodge, and such Section so amended.

Since that time, while attending cornerstone ceremonies for lodges who also ask for a Dedication of their Masonic Temple at the same time, the Grand Lodge Officers and officers of such lodges have wondered and discussed why the Grand Lodge did not also include the Dedication of Masonic Temple in such Section so the dedication ceremonies for the Masonic Temple could follow the cornerstone ceremony on Sunday. Some have suggested that Sunday afternoon is an ideal time for such ceremonies; that larger public attendance might be on hand; and that it would be convenient for the Grand Lodge to be able to conduct such ceremonies on the weekends, whereby both Saturday and Sunday could be used for back-to-back ceremonies, should the occasion arise. For example, this year, such ceremonies will be had at Nelson and Chapman on Friday and Saturday. Friday, being a workday, is not as convenient for some as Sunday would be. Public Masonic ceremonies should be encouraged, and particularly, at such times as are convenient for more of the public to attend. Many lodges have asked why it would not be a good thing to be able to have their public installation of officers on Sunday afternoon when more of the public could attend. Both of these public Masonic ceremonies should be added to Section 2-1204.

The following recommendations are hereby made:

1. That open installation of lodge officers, and the Dedications of Masonic Temples with Masonic ceremonies should be permitted on Sunday.
2. That Sec. 2-1204 be amended to read as follows:

"Sec 2-1204. WORK ON SUNDAY — Except to conduct a funeral, open installation of lodge officers, the Dedication of Masonic Temples with Masonic ceremonies, or for the laying of a cornerstone with Masonic ceremonies, no meeting of a subordinate lodge shall be held on Sunday."

V.

At the 1981 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge adopted an amendment to Sec. 2-709, which provided that effective with the adoption of the bylaw in 1981, the Past Grand Master's Jewels would be and remain the property of the Grand Lodge and be returned to the Grand Lodge upon the death of the wearer, provided that the name of each wearer be perpetuated on said jewel. The Grand Master who recommended the change recommended that all jewels presented by the Grand Lodge remain the property of the Grand Lodge and be returned upon the death of the wearer. The Jurisprudence Committee approved the recommendation, provided such change become effective upon adoption, which was subsequently approved by the Grand Lodge and the bylaws changed at that Communication.

Sometimes, what appears to be a good idea when the rock is tossed in the pond, later on may not seem to be so, when reflected upon as the ripples disappear. The idea was born when widows of deceased Past Grand Masters voluntarily presented their husband's Past Grand Master's Jewel to the Grand Lodge so that the same could be refurbished. The deceased Past Grand Master's name was removed from the front thereof and engraved on the back, and the name of the Past Grand Master to whom it was presented was placed on the front jewel, together with the years indicating the term of office. Such presentation was truly laudable and much appreciated by the Grand Lodge. I am informed that the jeweler who refurbishes such jewels is not sure how many times such jewel can be refurbished because of the thinness of the metal, which is 14 carat gold. The Grand Lodge office came up with a dilemma this year when it discovered that there was no Past Grand Master's jewel to refurbish; and, since no Past Grand Master's jewel had been made for some time, no one was quite sure that the original die could be found. Conversations were had as to who was the proper person to approach which widow, to ask for her deceased husband's jewel. A very uncomfortable task for any Master Mason. It also appeared that it might be some time before any Past Grand Master's jewel might be presented to the Grand Lodge in this manner; and, if so, whether it could be refurbished, depending on how many times such jewel was ground down. It further appeared that it was now necessary that the Grand Lodge have a die made, which it would own, to be used for the manufacture of Past Grand Master's jewel, patterned like those worn by the present Past Grand Masters.

The Section set out above, as amended in 1981, does not apply to all Past Grand Masters as a class, but only those who became Past Grand Masters after the year 1981. Such Section is not in the form originally recommended by the Grand Master. As it now stands, the widow or family of any deceased Past Grand Master, who was presented such jewel by the Grand Lodge, after he had served a term as the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, prior to 1981, could voluntarily present such jewel to the Grand Lodge for

reuse. Those Grand Masters who have served this Grand Lodge, as such, after the year 1981, are required to return the Past Grand Master's Jewel presented to them by this Grand Lodge, upon their death.

After reflecting upon the above Code section, one wonders if it is practical and accomplishes the original intention of the original idea. It could be quite some time before such jewels could be returned, pursuant to the above Section. It will still be necessary for the Grand Lodge to have such jewels made for presentation to its Past Grand Masters if the practice is to be continued. The policy of presenting a Past Grand Master's Jewel to the Grand Lodge for its refurbishing and reuse should be voluntary; and, particularly, not voluntary for some and mandatory for others. Someone once said that all Past Grand Masters should be treated equally. To have a mandatory requirement for a Past Grand Master is one thing; but, when such mandatory requirement is not directed to the Past Grand Master, but to his bereaved widow or his family, is another.

The Gold Jordan Medal is an entirely different matter altogether, for there is only one. It is truly a traveling medal, to be worn by the oldest-living Mason in Nebraska; and, upon the wearer's death, to be returned to the Grand Lodge and re-awarded to the subsequent oldest-living Mason in Nebraska. The names of the wearers are inscribed on an Honor Roll and nothing is done to the medal itself.

The following recommendations are hereby made:

1. That all reference to the Past Grand Master's jewels be removed from Sec. 2-709, Bylaws of the Grand Lodge.
2. That Sec. 2-709, Bylaws of the Grand Lodge be amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 2-709. GOLD JORDAN MEDAL — The Gold Jordan Medal shall be and remain the property of the Grand Lodge, to be awarded to, and worn by, the oldest living Mason in Nebraska, and upon the wearer's death shall be returned to the Grand Lodge and re-awarded, as above."

VI.

After one becomes a Grand Master, one becomes more aware: that the term of the Grand Master and the other elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers have been from the June Annual Communication to the next June Annual Communication; that the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge is from May 1 to April 30; that the annual returns are on a calendar-year basis with each lodge to pay its per capita tax and initiation fees to the Grand Lodge on or before April 10 each year; that lodge officers are elected in December, and installed in January, to serve a term until the next installation in January, that lodge dues for each Mason is assessed and payable on January 1 of each year for the calendar year; that lodge programs are usually designed to fill the calendar year; that the Secretary's Desk Book, which is published by the Grand Lodge, is for the calendar year; and, by the time it is received by the lodges and others, the information contained therein relative to the Grand Lodge and the list of Grand Lodge Officers and their addresses become a year old, since this information changes again in June; that Grand Lodge programs, by rea-

son of the Grand Master's term of office, extend over the last half of a lodge's yearly program and the first half of the lodge's next year's program, with the Grand Lodge officers working with two different Worshipful Masters in each lodge, and the Worshipful Masters in each lodge working with two different Grand Masters; and the Deputy Grand Master does not really know that he will be elected the Grand Master until the Annual Communication, at which time, if he is elected, he is immediately installed and left with the responsibility of the Grand Lodge and all of the above, until the Saturday following the second Friday of June in the next year.

Many of you have heard my views on how I believe that the Grand Master's term of office should closely parallel that of the lodge officer's term and the lodge's calendar year. When one begins to think how this might be accomplished, we immediately think that the thing to do is to change the date of the Annual Communication to a time that would correspond with the calendar year; but, who would want to do that, for June really is a good month to hold the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

There are some highly successful organizations that elect their top officer at their annual meeting, but then do not install him until a later date, sometimes as long as a year later. During this time, he is the President-Elect until installed as President; and for this period, knowing that he has been elected, can make Committee assignments, and plan the program for the year he serves as President. In the Grand Lodge, there is a time when every Grand Master has been a Grand Master-Elect; that time being between his election and his installation. Why couldn't the Grand Master be elected in June, and then installed in December, to serve a term of one year until the next elected Grand Master is installed the following December? Between June and December, the Grand Master-Elect, knowing he has been elected, can make his Committee assignments and plan his Grand Lodge program, still acting as Deputy Grand Master, if he has been installed as such. The installation of the Grand Lodge Officers could be held on a date in December, and at such location as the Grand Master-Elect should select, and could become another annual Grand Lodge Masonic celebration, which could include the public installation ceremonies, a reception and banquet. After installation, the Grand Lodge program could then parallel the calendar-year program of the lodges. There would need to be no changes in our present Constitution and Bylaws, and the Grand Lodge fiscal year would remain the same, with the annual reports of the lodges and payment of the initiation and per capita tax remaining the same, with the Grand Lodge Communication still being held in the month of June. The only change is the date of the installation of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers, and the Grand Master's term of office would then closely parallel with all the lodge officers' term and the lodges' calendar year.

Realizing that an incoming Grand Master might not wish or be prepared to serve a term of one year and six months as Grand Master, prior to such a change, perhaps two incoming Grand Masters would consent to splitting the six month period of service. The first one serving from June to September of the year following, and the second serving from such September to December of the year following.

The following recommendations are hereby made:

1. That the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers elected by the Grand Lodge and those Grand Lodge Officers appointed by the Grand Master-Elect, during the 128th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held in June of the year 1985, be installed during the month of September, 1985 on a day, at a time and place selected by the Grand Master-Elect; and that, after installation, such Grand Lodge Officers to serve as such, until such time as their successors have been elected, appointed and installed.
2. That the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers elected by the Grand Lodge, and those Grand Lodge Officers appointed by the Grand Master-Elect, during the 129th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held in June of the year 1986, be installed during the month of December, 1986, on a day, at a time and place selected by the Grand Master-Elect; and that, after installation, such Grand Lodge Officers to serve as such, until such time as their successors have been elected, appointed and installed.
3. That, commencing with the 130th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held in June, 1987, and at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held in June of each year thereafter, the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers appointed by the Grand Master-Elect during such Annual Communication, be installed during the month of December of the year of such Annual Communication on a day, and at a time and place selected by the Grand Master-Elect; and, after such installation, such Grand Lodge Officers have to serve as such until such time as their successors have been elected, appointed and installed.

I am sure you can tell by the Recommendations herein submitted that I have spent some time giving these matters thoughtful consideration. As Grand Master, I have many ideas regarding the Fraternity, since I have devoted a good deal of my time being Grand Master. Some of these ideas we have been able to put into practice this year. Others we have not, because there just is not enough time, and that may be as it should be.

These Recommendations are not all my original ideas. Someone once said, there are no original ideas, they come from our heritage, environment, education and experience. This, I believe. This year, I have studied the Recommendations in the Proceedings of all the living Past Grand Masters, and some who are deceased. I have had the advantage of our many Masonic discussions during my 11 years as a Grand Lodge Officer. The many discussions that I have had with many of you this year have been most helpful in stimulating the thoughts, ideas and planning needed to make the Recommendations submitted herein. Each of you will find a little piece of you somewhere among them. These Recommendations I have submitted, are those which I deem necessary and expedient for the welfare of the Fraternity.

CONCLUSION

And so you ask me: "How goes the Craft?", and I say: "It goes well."

It goes well because of Past Grand Masters, who can remember what it was like to be a Grand Master and to carry the weight of responsibility and Constitutional power between Grand Lodge Sessions

It goes well because of visiting Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, who bring us greetings and brotherly love and friendship from our brothers who live outside Nebraska.

It goes well because the leadership of the York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine in Nebraska, all recognize that we are all one Masonic family.

It goes well because our ladies remind us, that this is our Fraternity, and they support us in all we do.

It goes well because of Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, and Delegates to Grand Lodge Communications, who have had the vision and courage to try new things, within the framework of our Fraternity, to further promote Freemasonry in Nebraska.

It goes well because of you, my brethren, because you are, Freemasonry.

May God Bless each and every one of you.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

HERBERT A. RONIN, CHAIRMAN

The 65th Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association was held on February 20, 1984 at Seattle, Washington. M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump, Grand Master; R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Robert A. Metcalf; and W.: Brother James L. Eatmon, Grand Tyler, were present and were also in attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America which was in Session at that time. M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump served on the Education and Publication Committee.

Forty-five of our Grand Jurisdictions are members of the Masonic Service Association. The premiere showing of the new film of the MSA, "When the Band Stops Playing", was shown at the Annual Meeting. The film is informative and features the Hospital Visitation Program with an address by our M.:W.: Tom Daugherty, Director of Hospital Visitation. It is available for use. See our Grand Secretary who has it. We now have representation in 13 of 44 State Veterans Homes. Brother Robert Adamsheck is our fine Field Agent at Lincoln, and Brother Robert May is our Omaha Field Agent. Each of these Field Agents are daily servicing the needs of our brethren, and other patients in these facilities, all to the credit of Free Masonry.

I accompanied Grand Master Bevin, Deputy Grand Master Bob, and Past Grand Master Duke Lichty on a tour, a year ago, of the Lincoln Medical Center. Our pictures were taken by W.: Brother Jack Youngs, and a write-up of our visitation and our pictures were included in a "Hospital Visitor" which is a publication of the Masonic Service Association. Our Masonic Service Association is appreciative of the vigorous support given it by Grand Master Bevin B. Bump. An attractive plaque expressing its gratitude was sent to me to present to M.:W.: Brother Bevin, and I am both honored and pleased to present it to him at his Session of our Grand Lodge.

Our Director, M.:W.: Tom Daugherty, recently stated that, last year, more than one-half million hours were spent by M.S.A. Hospital Visitors in our V.A. Medical Centers and Homes, and there were more than 100,000 bedside visits. It was of great interest to me to know that when M.:W.: Harry

Truman was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, he donated half of his expense money paid him to the M.S A.

Our Executive Secretary, Ill., Stewart M. L. Pollard, and his office staff, are busy with many commitments. Our monthly "Short Talks Bulletins" continue to be very popular, the "Hospital Visitor" issues, Stu's innovative "Emessay Notes," and Digests all require time; and the mail continues to be heavy, ordering various publications and responding to questions about Masonry Last September, a digest on the recent survey on what each Grand Lodge considered our "Landmarks of Masonry" was enlightening as to the differences held by our Grand Lodges in this regard.

Masons are indeed fortunate to be able to have this, truly, service organization, our Masonic Service Association, which actively performs our Golden Tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY

RALPH W. GERRY

REGRETS

For some unknown reason, presentation of the Rock Maul was not recorded at the Banquet on the 126th Annual Communication, and thereby omitted in the proceedings.

The honor of receiving the Rock Maul for best all around subordinate lodge at the 126th Annual Communication was gratefully received by

Culbertson Lodge No. 174

RETURNS

Most all lodge Secretaries were very prompt and accurate with their Annual Returns; but I would be shirking my duty, as your Grand Secretary, if I did not report the complete disregard of the Grand Lodge Law concerning reports and returns for the following lodges:

Barneston No. 165

Granite No. 189

CONSOLIDATIONS

Four lodges were consolidated by the Grand Master, this past year, even though all attempts were made to keep them solvent:

Merna No. 171, Merna, with Custer No. 148, Broken Bow;

Harlan No. 116, Alma with Melrose No. 60, Orleans;

Hardy No. 117, Hardy with Superior No. 121, Superior;

Crofton No. 273, Crofton with Wausa No. 251, Wausa.

All charters and seals have been returned for cancellation.

HONOR AWARDS

One hundred sixty one 50-year pins; one hundred forty two 60-year pins and seven 70-year pins have been awarded this past year Congratulations from your Grand Lodge, Brethren.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Wilmer R. Blackett, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, holder of the Gold Jordan Medal, passed from this life, March 9, 1984.

Samuel Friedman, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason May 27, 1907. On April 30, 1984, Capitol Lodge No. 3 hosted a lovely dinner at Skyline Manor, Omaha, with twenty friends and brethren present, including the Grand Master, Bevin B. Bump, and several Grand Lodge Officers. M.: W.: Bevin B. Bump, Grand Master, presented Brother Friedman the Gold Jordan Medal and a Seventy-year pin. Samuel Friedman was born July 22, 1883, which will make him 101 years this year. He is still in good health, both in body and mind.

SECRETARIES CONFERENCE

Your Grand Secretary has been having Secretaries' Conferences when possible; but, he would like to have many more. Due to the workload in the office, with new computer coming on line, it has limited my activities. I intend to do more with the Secretaries next year.

CHARTERED LODGES

The following lodges have 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:

Harvard Lodge No. 44, Harvard;
Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Brock;
Robert Burns Lodge No. 173, Stratton;
Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthull

APPRECIATION

Once again, my heartfelt thanks to all employees in the Grand Lodge Office. Without them my job would be impossible.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS**

Per Capita @ \$7.00 per member.....	\$214,498.00
Initiations @ \$10.00 each	5,050.00
Bond Premiums.....	1,002 33
Liability Insurance Premiums.....	1,229.52
Sale of Supplies	8,646.62
George Washington Masonic National Memorial @ \$5.00.....	1,830 00
Custodian Fees	795 00
Dispensation Fees	70.00
Miscellaneous Income	4,267 78
Reinstatements	880 00
Re-imburement from the Nebraska Masonic Home	10,000.00
General Fund Interest Received (Stocks & Bonds) .	91,410 00
Sale of Banquet Tickets	3,193 50
Bank Interest	1,763 43
Total	\$344,636.18

DISBURSEMENTS

Liability Insurance & Bond Premiums	1,956 00
George Washington Masonic National Memorial	1,365.00
Supply Account.....	6,226 00
Masonic O.E.S. Home for Children	-----
1983-84 General Budget.....	195,117.87
The Nebraska Masonic Home @ \$2.00.....	61,242.00
Total	\$265,907.07

RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges last year	230
Number of Lodges Chartered this year	0
Lodges Consolidated..	4
Number Initiated	504
Number Passed.....	381
Number Raised	363
Affiliations	108
Dual Membership by Affiliation.....	35
Reinstated.....	182
Consolidated	120
Other Causes	10
Total Increase	818
Number Demitted	147
Deaths	850
Suspended NPD	624
Expulsions.	0
Other causes including consolidations.....	188
Total Loss	1,809
Net Loss for year ending December 31, 1983	991
Number Master Masons on Rolls, December 31, 1982 ..	30,621
Number Master Masons on Rolls, December 31, 1983.....	29,630

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. F. C.																MASTER MASONS																Lodge No
	NO	Initiated					Membership Dec 31, 1982					GAIN					LOSS					On Rolls Dec 31, 1983											
		On Rolls Dec 31, 1983		Passed	On Rolls Dec 31, 1983		Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demittd	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes	Total Loss														
		On	Rolls		On	Rolls														On	Rolls		On	Rolls									
Nebraska	1	8	11	7	9	568	8	1	1	4	0	0	582	1	20	1	0	1	23	559	1												
Western Star	2	11	10	7	6	227	5	1	0	0	0	0	233	1	4	4	0	0	9	224	2												
Capitol	3	4	8	2	0	325	3	1	1	9	0	0	339	1	14	3	0	0	23	316	3												
Nemaha Valley	4	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	1	3	2	0	0	6	50	4												
Omaha	5	1	5	1	1	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	0	1	0	0	1	86	5												
Plattsmouth	6	7	4	7	2	292	7	1	0	0	0	0	300	6	7	7	0	0	20	280	6												
Falls City	9	3	6	3	0	146	5	0	2	0	0	0	153	0	3	0	0	0	3	150	9												
Solomon	10	3	2	6	3	89	4	1	0	0	0	0	94	0	2	0	0	0	2	92	10												
Covert	11	15	4	13	0	1063	12	1	1	7	0	0	1084	3	25	39	0	0	68	1016	11												
Orient	13	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	13												
Peru	14	0	0	0	0	68	1	1	0	0	0	0	70	0	2	0	0	0	2	68	14												
Fremont	15	8	12	6	1	522	6	0	1	5	0	0	534	3	15	6	0	0	24	510	15												
Tecumseh	17	0	0	0	0	123	0	0	0	6	0	0	129	0	5	6	0	0	11	118	17												
Lincoln	19	12	7	9	3	502	11	0	2	0	0	0	515	4	20	29	0	1	54	461	19												
Washington	21	2	7	3	5	124	3	1	1	1	0	0	130	0	4	0	0	0	4	126	21												
Pawnee	23	0	4	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	0	4	1	0	0	5	86	23												
St Johns	25	4	0	4	0	493	4	0	0	5	0	1	503	1	17	0	0	0	18	485	25												
Beatrice	26	8	6	8	5	328	4	5	0	2	0	0	339	0	12	9	0	0	21	318	26												
Jordan	27	1	1	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	27												
Blue River	30	1	1	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	30												
Tekamah	31	0	6	1	2	185	0	0	1	0	0	0	186	0	6	1	0	0	6	180	31												
Platte Valley	32	1	43	4	4	460	3	0	0	5	0	0	468	1	19	8	0	0	28	440	32												
Ashlar	33	7	12	2	7	345	1	0	0	3	0	0	349	2	13	1	0	1	17	332	33												
Acacia	34	1	1	0	0	137	0	1	0	0	0	0	138	0	6	0	0	1	4	131	34												
Fairbury	35	5	4	4	4	150	2	1	0	0	0	0	153	0	4	3	0	0	7	146	35												
Lone Tree	36	2	3	0	0	134	0	0	1	0	0	0	135	1	4	4	0	0	9	126	36												
Crete	37	0	1	0	0	153	1	1	0	0	0	0	155	1	4	1	0	0	6	149	37												
Oliver	38	1	1	1	0	94	1	0	0	2	0	1	98	1	7	3	0	0	11	87	38												
Papillon	39	11	10	8	5	328	6	3	0	0	0	0	337	0	2	5	0	1	8	329	39												
Humboldt	40	0	0	1	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	3	1	0	0	4	63	40												
Northern Light	41	3	5	3	1	77	4	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	41												
Hebron	43	1	1	2	1	86	1	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	3	2	0	0	5	82	43												
Harvard	44	1	1	0	1	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	1	0	0	1	61	44												
Rob Morris	46	6	16	3	0	303	4	1	2	0	0	0	310	0	8	15	0	0	23	287	46												
Fairmont	48	0	0	2	3	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	48												
Evening Star	49	0	3	1	1	74	1	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	1	1	74	49												
Hastings	30	13	19	7	2	348	7	0	0	1	0	0	356	3	11	4	0	0	18	338	50												
Fidelity	51	2	2	2	1	91	1	0	0	0	0	0	92	0	2	2	0	0	4	88	51												
Hiram	52	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	0	0	0	1	66	52												
Charity	53	2	2	2	1	117	1	0	0	0	0	0	118	1	5	1	0	0	7	111	53												
Lancaster	54	18	46	12	5	788	10	3	0	2	0	0	803	9	20	17	0	1	47	756	54												
Mosaic	55	2	13	1	0	225	3	1	0	5	0	0	234	2	7	4	0	1	14	220	55												
York	56	2	9	2	0	212	2	0	0	3	0	0	217	1	4	6	0	0	11	206	56												
Mt Moriah	57	7	6	2	3	76	0	1	0	0	0	0	77	0	3	4	0	0	7	70	57												
Wahoo	59	2	1	1	0	186	1	1	0	2	0	0	190	3	7	7	0	1	18	172	59												
Melrose	60	6	6	1	0	57	1	1	0	0	60	0	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	60												
Thistle	61	3	7	3	1	172	4	0	0	1	0	0	177	0	4	3	0	0	7	170	61												
Keystone	62	0	1	0	0	87	2	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	2	6	0	0	8	81	62												
Blue Valley	64	0	2	0	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	0	69	0	2	2	0	0	4	65	64												
Osceola	65	2	2	1	1	71	2	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	1	0	0	3	70	65												

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							Ratings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demittd	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions			Other Causes			
																					Total Loss		
Edgar	67	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	3	0	0	3	48	67
Aurora	68	0	2	1	0	97	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	100	1	4	0	0	0	5	95	68
Trowel	71	2	3	2	2	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	0	7	0	0	0	7	102	71
Hooper	72	5	4	3	2	81	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	4	0	0	4	80	72
Friend	73	0	4	0	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	73
Frank Welch	75	4	3	2	1	163	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	169	0	4	1	0	0	5	164	75
Nelson	77	0	3	0	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	1	4	0	0	5	100	77
Albion	78	1	2	0	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	2	0	0	0	2	72	78
Geneva	79	2	2	2	1	150	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	157	0	1	2	0	0	3	154	79
Composite	81	0	1	0	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	1	2	0	0	0	3	64	81
St Paul	82	0	1	0	0	121	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	0	7	4	0	0	11	111	82
Corinthian	83	0	4	0	1	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	4	4	52	83
Ionic	87	5	6	1	1	66	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	3	0	0	0	3	64	87
Cedar River	89	4	1	4	3	76	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	4	0	0	0	4	73	89
Oakland	91	0	2	0	0	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	0	6	4	0	0	10	97	91
Beaver City	93	1	2	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	4	1	0	0	5	60	93
Bennett	94	2	1	1	0	61	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	63	0	3	0	0	0	3	60	94
Garfield	95	0	2	0	0	88	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	2	1	2	0	0	5	85	95
Utca	96	0	1	1	1	59	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	96
Euclid	97	1	5	1	0	99	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	0	3	1	0	0	4	99	97
Republican	98	2	4	0	1	39	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	1	0	0	2	39	98
Shelton	99	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	2	1	0	0	3	38	99
Ponca	101	0	2	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	3	0	0	3	46	101
Waterloo	102	5	3	3	3	152	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	157	1	5	3	0	1	10	147	102
Ord	103	0	4	0	1	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	4	3	0	0	7	81	103
Wymore	104	2	2	1	1	113	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	114	1	5	0	0	0	6	108	104
Stella	105	0	1	0	0	35	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	4	0	0	0	4	33	105
Porter	106	1	1	1	0	43	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	46	0	2	2	0	0	4	42	106
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	26	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	1	0	0	0	1	26	108
Pomegranate	110	2	9	1	1	163	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	169	0	2	6	0	0	8	161	110
DeWitt	111	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	1	2	0	0	3	28	111
Springfield	112	2	5	2	0	73	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	112
Globe	113	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	2	0	0	0	2	48	113
Wisner	114	3	2	2	1	85	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	2	0	0	0	2	84	114
Harlan	116	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	60	60	0	116
Hardy	117	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	3	2	0	0	23	28	0	117
North Bend	119	3	1	6	2	87	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	0	4	0	0	0	4	88	119
Wayne	120	0	3	0	0	150	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	0	3	3	0	0	6	146	120
Superior	121	7	3	6	2	128	4	0	2	0	23	0	0	0	157	0	6	3	0	0	9	148	121
Auburn	124	0	5	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	4	1	0	0	5	88	124
Mt Nebo	125	1	0	1	0	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	125
Stromsburg	126	5	5	5	2	133	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	138	1	2	0	0	0	3	135	126
Minden	127	4	4	1	2	73	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	3	0	0	0	3	71	127
Gude Rock	128	1	1	0	0	73	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	74	1	0	1	0	0	2	72	128
Scribner	132	2	2	1	1	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	1	1	0	0	0	2	32	132
Solar	134	3	2	1	0	43	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	44	134
McCook	135	3	8	2	1	235	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	240	1	15	0	0	0	16	224	135
Long Pine	136	0	4	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	1	0	4	0	0	5	31	136
Upright	137	0	0	0	0	38	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	39	137
Rawalt	138	1	4	0	2	60	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	1	0	0	0	2	59	138

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. A. F. C. C.											MASTER MASONS											Lodge No	
	NO	Initiated	On Rolls Dec 31, 1983			Membership Dec 31, 1982	GAIN						TOTAL	LOSS					On Rolls Dec 31, 1983					
			Passed	On Rolls Dec 31, 1983	Membership Dec 31, 1982		Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes		Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes		Total Loss				
																					On Rolls Dec 31, 1983	Membership Dec 31, 1982		Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes	Total Loss
Clay Center	139	0	0	0	0	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	74	139
Western	140	1	3	1	1	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	140
Crescent	143	0	1	0	1	24	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	23	143
Jachn	146	3	4	3	2	153	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	157	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	155	146
Siloam	147	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	16	147
Custer	148	2	3	2	1	153	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	188	4	5	1	0	2	12	176	148	
Cambridge	150	0	0	0	1	64	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	65	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	61	150
Evergreen	153	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	153
Lily	154	0	4	1	2	43	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	154
Samartan	158	8	3	5	1	179	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	186	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	179	158
Ogalalla	159	4	5	1	1	142	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	143	1	2	2	0	0	0	5	138	159
Zeredatha	160	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	18	160
Mt Zion	161	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	31	161
Threstle Board	162	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	55	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	51	162
Unity	163	1	1	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	53	0	3	0	0	0	3	6	47	163
Atkinson	164	0	0	1	0	51	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	164
Barneston	165	1	4	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	30	165
Elwood	167	2	1	2	2	60	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	167
Curtis	168	2	3	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	42	168
Amity	169	1	0	1	0	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	1	2	8	0	0	0	11	42	169
Mason City	170	2	3	2	1	38	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	40	170
Merna	171	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	1	0	0	0	32	33	0	171
Robert Burns	173	2	2	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	173
Culbertson	174	2	2	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	174
Hay Springs	177	1	2	0	3	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	76	177
Justice	180	4	7	1	0	94	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	1	2	0	0	1	4	92	180	
Faith	181	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	45	181
Alliance	183	2	9	2	3	288	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	292	0	9	6	0	0	0	15	277	183
Bee Hive	184	2	65	1	48	629	3	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	639	4	21	18	0	0	0	43	596	184
Boaz	185	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	33	185
Meridian	188	1	1	0	0	111	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	108	188
Granite	189	0	2	0	0	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	50	189
Crystal	191	0	1	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	39	191
Minnekadusa	192	0	3	2	0	123	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	1	2	8	0	0	0	11	115	192
Highland	194	3	4	1	1	45	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	50	194
Arcana	195	3	2	1	0	101	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	104	0	2	0	0	2	4	100	195	
Purity	198	0	4	1	0	83	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	81	198
Gavel	199	0	4	0	1	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	199
Blazing Star	200	2	0	2	0	51	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	51	200
Scotts Bluff	201	8	12	3	1	135	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138	1	3	1	0	0	0	5	133	201
Golden Sheaf	202	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	202
Plainview	204	0	0	0	3	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	129	1	8	0	0	0	0	9	120	204
Golden Fleece	205	0	1	1	0	120	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	124	2	3	1	0	0	0	6	118	205
Paran	207	2	3	0	0	39	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	40	1	4	0	0	2	7	33	207	
Canopy	209	0	5	1	2	68	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	70	209
East Lincoln	210	13	13	8	4	766	6	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	781	3	13	34	0	0	0	50	731	210
Cement	211	1	0	1	0	56	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	54	211
Occidental	215	1	0	1	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	40	215
Palsade	216	1	4	0	0	77	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	80	1	3	1	0	0	0	5	75	216
Wau नेता	217	0	1	0	2	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	32	217

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			On Rolls	Passed			Ratings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Renstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended				Expulsions	Other Causes	
Bloomfield	218	0	2	1	1	68	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	1	71	218
Relief	219	3	3	1	0	71	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	73	1	2	2	0	0	5	68	219
Magnolia	220	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	1	0	0	0	0	1	33	220
Wood Lake	221	1	0	1	1	74	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	2	0	0	0	2	73	221
Landmark	222	2	1	2	0	87	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	1	6	1	0	0	8	81	222
Silver Cord	224	3	9	0	3	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	0	3	0	0	0	3	104	224
Cable	225	0	0	0	0	73	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	75	0	5	1	0	0	6	69	225
North Star	227	5	19	5	3	299	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	305	3	7	28	0	0	38	267	227
Bartley	228	0	1	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	228
Comet	229	1	2	0	1	102	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	105	4	2	5	0	0	11	94	229
John S Bowen	232	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	1	0	0	0	1	42	232
Gilead	233	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	2	0	0	2	35	233
Zion	234	1	1	1	1	77	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	2	0	0	0	2	77	234
Fraternity	235	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	30	3	0	3	0	0	6	24	235
Golden Rule	236	2	1	1	1	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	3	0	0	0	3	38	236
Friendship	239	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	49	0	1	1	0	0	2	47	239
Pilot	240	8	6	5	3	151	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	156	0	6	4	0	0	10	146	240
George Armstrong	241	2	2	2	0	45	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	1	0	0	0	1	46	241
Hampton	245	0	1	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	1	1	0	0	2	28	245
Nehawka	246	1	3	0	1	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	1	0	0	0	1	72	246
Laurel	248	0	0	1	2	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	1	2	0	0	0	3	59	248
Gothenburg	249	0	3	0	2	108	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	109	0	3	0	0	0	3	106	249
George Washington	250	1	12	2	0	227	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	232	1	6	8	0	0	15	217	250
Wausa	251	1	6	1	5	47	1	0	0	0	15	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	251
Bassett	254	1	2	0	2	56	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	1	1	0	0	0	2	55	254
Hichman	256	2	9	2	2	103	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	109	2	1	7	0	0	10	99	256
Anselmo	258	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	2	0	0	2	59	258
Ornan	261	0	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	67	0	1	0	0	0	1	66	261
Endeavor	262	2	0	2	0	67	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	1	0	0	0	1	68	262
Mitchell	263	2	4	1	1	127	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	130	0	5	1	0	0	6	124	263
Franklin	264	3	9	2	0	78	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	81	1	4	1	0	8	14	67	264
Robert W Furnas	265	1	9	1	7	339	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	341	1	12	1	0	0	14	327	265
Silver	266	0	1	2	1	45	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	1	45	266
James A Tulleys	267	1	1	1	0	68	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	2	1	0	0	3	67	267
George W Lammger	268	5	0	5	0	238	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	243	0	9	7	0	0	16	227	268
Oasis	271	2	3	1	0	144	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	146	0	5	5	0	0	10	136	271
Lee P Gillette	272	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	2	0	0	0	2	42	272
Crofton	273	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	273
Olive Branch	274	0	5	0	0	123	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	124	0	3	0	0	0	3	121	274
Sioux	277	2	2	0	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	277
Wallace	279	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	1	35	279
Swastika	280	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	280
Florence	281	6	3	6	1	561	6	4	2	5	0	0	0	578	7	11	13	0	0	31	547	281
Mullen	282	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	1	0	0	2	36	282
Seneca	284	1	1	1	1	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	1	43	284
Camp Clarke	285	0	0	0	0	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	2	0	0	0	2	99	285
Oshkosh	286	2	7	0	1	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	3	0	0	0	3	85	286
Union	287	4	7	5	4	70	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	76	1	2	0	0	0	3	73	287
Omaha	288	3	4	2	2	249	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	252	1	6	5	0	0	12	240	288
Lotus	289	2	1	2	3	101	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	0	2	0	0	0	2	100	289

**REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN
MANNIE O HANSEN**

This year your Grand Custodian has concentrated his efforts where he felt instruction was most needed; the second section of the Master Masons degree, not so much for the wording, but to concentrate on the floor movements.

There is still a keen interest in our ritual and ceremony of the Three Degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry among those who avail themselves of these Grand Lodge Central Schools, and it is particularly gratifying to see our younger brethren attending and participating in these schools.

The program of having a Grand Lodge Officer received as M.:W.: Brother Bevin B. Bump's personal representative at the Grand Lodge Schools was well received and very favorable comment was expressed about it.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

Harry N. Ahl, 112	1959
Lloyd I. Edwards, 110.....	1960
Stanley E. Brunton, 222.....	1961
Arthur S. Dye, 317.....	1964
Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258.....	1966
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65.....	1967
Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	1967
Frank R. Harris, 77	1967
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
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
Leshe G. Weber, 204	1979
Kenneth G. Fleming, 75.....	1980
Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	1981
Justin F. Fauss, 55	1982
Vincent Rosenberger, 183.....	1982

Augustus W. Clark, 318.....	1982
David E. Menck, 15.....	1982
Wayne E. Beatty, 126.....	1984
Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210.....	1984

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

Austine 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	Arnold F Mans, 15
Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Harold A. Tilton, 71
Sebert A. Stover, 281	Alton S. Mote, 183
Clifford D. Webster, 321	Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9
Frank H. Smith, 301	Walter S. Cork, 75
W. Upton Dawson, 135	Paul D. Fleming, 93
Curtis J. Griess, 49	Gerald V. Inslee, 158
Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	Mannie O. Hansen, 1

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Twenty One Grand Lodge Central Schools were held this year in the following towns:

Wilbur, Davenport, Ravenna, McCook, Alliance, Syracuse, Franklin, Oakland, Mullen, Central City, Scottsbluff, Chappell, Pawnee City, Kearney, Shelby, Ogallala, Chadron, Kimball, North Platte, Lincoln (4 Schools), Omaha (4 Schools)

Attendance was nearly the same as in previous years. The influx of newly raised brethren and the number of younger brethren, and the enthusiasm displayed at the Schools, indicate that we are slowly gaining in our quest for a more learned and better informed brethren of our beloved Fraternity.

CERTIFIED LODGES

One Hundred and Ten Lodges received certificates of proficiency for the 1983 Masonic year. The following Lodges failed to recertify for the 1983 Masonic year; some due to blizzard conditions and snowstorms, others for unknown reasons.

Oliver Lodge	No. 38	Failed to Certify after	1	year
Wayne Lodge	No. 120	Failed to Certify after	14	years
Unity Lodge	No. 163	Failed to Certify after	27	years
Atkinson Lodge	No. 164	Failed to Certify after	5	years
Canopy Lodge	No. 209	Failed to Certify after	2	years
Bassett Lodge	No. 254	Failed to Certify after	6	years
Silver Lodge	No. 266	Failed to Certify after	7	years
Perkins Lodge	No. 308	Failed to Certify after	2	years

Congratulations to the following Lodges who regained their proficiency certificates:

Robert Burns Lodge	No. 173	After Missing	1 year
Right Angle Lodge	No. 303	After Missing	2 years
Harmony Lodge	No. 321	After Missing	12 years

I am certain some other Lodges could, with a little more effort and assistance, become proficient and be added to the list of certified lodges in our jurisdiction.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

Individual proficiency cards have been issued to 523 Brethren, including the following who certified for the first time.

Frank Veverka	No. 15	Mal Minshall	No. 75
Vernon R O'Neal	No. 54	Ronald E. Bonar	No. 281
Dale E. Walters	No. 54	Gordon L. Carley	No. 321
Norman D. Aurich	No. 321	V. Kaye Ramsey	No. 290
Albert Allen Wise	No. 79	Roy E. Way	No. 210
Donald P. Bush	No. 328		

Thank you Brethren; your Grand Lodge is extremely proud of your accomplishments.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Herewith is a list of Brethren who have completed 20 years of service as certified men during the 1983-84 Masonic year.

Gary L. Powell	No. 19	Lewis Badger Halsey	No. 48
Frank Straka	No. 48	Donald H. Olson	No. 62
D. Wayne Erickson (D G.C.)	No. 146	George R. Osborn	No. 210
R. Bruce Ormesher	No. 221	Theodore A. Bulling	No. 229
Gary L. Beamon	No. 229	Carl Holm	No. 266
Andrew Beltz, Jr.	No. 300	Ralph E. Townsend	No. 301
Wade E. Sheppard	No. 303	Chester E. Anderson	No. 317
David C. Jones	No. 325		

50-YEAR CERTIFIED BRETHREN

Benjamin F. Eyre, P.G.M.	No. 1	60	Years
Henry E. Schemmel	No. 2	59	Years
Paul C. Holmberg	No. 318	59	Years
Glendon B. Roshon	No. 19	58	Years
Austin W. Whitmore, D.G.C. Em.	No. 75	57	Years
Harry A. Spencer, P.G.M.	No. 227	53	Years
George S. Schwab, D.G.C. Em.	No. 49	53	Years
Bernard B. Harris	No. 265	53	Years
Carroll C. Raymer, D.G.C. Em.	No. 164	53	Years
Samuel R. Youds	No. 104	53	Years
Harold D. Weddel, D.G.C. Em.	No. 61	53	Years
Frank H. Newton	No. 30	52	Years
Charles H. Fueston	No. 5	52	Years
James A. Scott	No. 317	51	Years

Edward H. Lockwood	No. 265	50	Years
Arthur W. Kaman	No. 271	50	Years
Carl Thomas	No. 271	50	Years

Our sincere thanks for your many years of devoted service to the Fraternity. God Bless you all

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

One new Deputy Grand Custodian was appointed and commissioned during the past year. W.: Brother Wayne E. Beatty of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, Commission No. 202, will be formally commissioned in Kearney, at the Grand Masters workshop for the Masters and Wardens on June 7th, 1984.

We are sorry to report the retirement of W.: Brother Robert E. Kyes of Central City, who, for personal reasons, tendered his resignation. He has been a dedicated and devoted brother and will be missed by the Brethren.

APPRENTICE CUSTODIANS

One Apprentice Custodian was appointed this year. Brother Frances Penry of Atkinson Lodge No. 164, who will be assisting W.: Brother Richard L. Mauch.

All Deputy Grand Custodians are fulfilling their duties and are hard at work serving the Lodges on behalf of the craft, and are to be commended for their fine efforts.

IN MEMORIUM

W.: Brother Gordon Chard, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus of Pilot Lodge No. 240, Commission No. 130, September 6, 1962. Born July 15, 1905, departed this life December 12, 1983. He is missed by all who knew and loved him.

IN CONCLUSION

Most Worshipful Sir: We thank you for the honor of our appointments; and sincerely hope we have met with your approval and that of the Craft.

At this time, I would like to thank all the brethren throughout the Grand Lodge Jurisdiction for the kindnesses and consideration, as well as the many courtesies, extended to Virginia and me over the past three years. There is no finer group of Masons anywhere.

My thanks to our Grand Secretary, R.: W.: Ralph W. Gerry, and the Committee on Work, M.: W.: Lewis V. Sylvester, M.: W.: Lewis R. "Dick" Ricketts; and, last but not least, M.: W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart, who made my labors a lot easier.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

by ALLAN A. ARNEY, PAST GRAND ORATOR OF COLORADO

M.: W.: Grand Master Bump, Distinguished Grand Masters and Distinguished Guests, and, importantly, my fellow Master Masons. As your Grand Master said, he had invited me to say a few words about what it means

to be a 22-year-old-Mason; but, before I do that, I would like to say a few thank you's. The first thank you is to your Grand Master, Bevin Bump. He stated it was two years ago at Dallas, Texas, we had the opportunity to first meet. That was when I was International Master Councilor of DeMolay; and, then, we saw each other six months ago in Colorado at the Grand Lodge. I would like to thank your Grand Master for inviting me to come to the State of Nebraska. Firstly, because, see I am a Senior at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and that is exactly the reception I thought I would get. Believe it or not, we do have a football team at the University of Colorado, and we beat Colorado State last year; but it is my chance to get even, for 16 straight losses to the Nebraska Cornhuskers. So, I would like to tell you first a little joke about an attorney and a farmer. How fitting that is for the State of Nebraska. You see this attorney sitting in this court room and says: "Old man farmer, how can you be in this court room suing my client when you told the officer at the scene of the accident that you were fine?" The farmer says: "Now, wait a minute, I got to tell you the story. It is like this. One day, I was driving down the road in my pickup and I had a cow in the trailer. We were just driving down the road, and all of a sudden, WHAM, this young kid came and ran us off the road. There I was in a ditch on one side of the road. There was my poor cow in the ditch on the other side. Pretty soon, two State Patrolmen came along, and they pulled up to the scene of the accident and walked over to the ditch with my cow. One of them says, "My God, would you look at that cow, he is in agony." The other patrolman pulls out his pistol and shoots it. Then, they walked over to the old farmer, said: "How are you doing?" The farmer says: "Fine." Now, I feel like I have gotten even for 16 straight losses.

Seriously, you know, last October, the folks and I came to Lincoln for the game and I bought this hat. I can't wear this in Colorado, but Grand Master, thank you for inviting me to Grand Lodge. I feel safer wearing this hat here. Probably, the most important reason why I would like to say "thank you" to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, you see my father, Dennis Arney of Lakewood, will next year be a 30-year, dues-paying member of the North Platte Lodge. Even though we have lived in Colorado for the last 20 years, I know that my father is first and foremost, in Nebraska, a Mason. Probably, most of the reason why I became a Master Mason at the age of 21 is because I always knew that my father was a Mason. My father took the time to tell me that Masonry was a Mason, and that Masonry was good, and Masonry represented the beliefs of friendships, morality and brotherly love. He also took the time to say: "I want you to become a Mason", and that is all he said. Another reason why I became a Mason, because the Masons of Colorado made an investment in me when I was International Master Councilor of DeMolay. The Masons of Colorado raised over \$12,000, and presented a check to me the night shortly after I was installed as the International Master Councilor of DeMolay. So, here I stand before you as a 22-year-old-Mason, just a one-year-old Mason in a room filled with thousands of years of Masonry. I am sure you are asking yourself, what can a one-year-old Mason tell us about Masonry?

You know, I really can't tell you what Masonry means to me, because, as I said, I have just been in for 18 months. Maybe, 20, 30, 40 years down the road, I can tell you what Masonry is all about, but I have just began to get my feet buried in the Masonic Fraternity; but I have made a few observations.

One of those observations is also told by someone else, a Nebraskan. It happens to be a woman by the name of Willa Cather. I am sure that name is familiar to many of you. Willa Cather lived here in the State of Nebraska back around the turn of the century. She was a graduate of the University of Nebraska, and I share with you from one of her books, "My Antonia". She is talking about life in a small Nebraska town, and, this is how the passage goes: "We were talking of what it is like to spend one's childhood in a little town like this, buried in wheat and corn under stifling extremes of climate. Burning summers when the world is green and billowy beneath the brilliant sky when one is fairly stifled in vegetation, in the color and smell of weeds and heavy harvest. Blustery winters with little snow, when the whole country is stripped bare and gray as sheet iron. We agreed that one who grew up in a prairie town could know anything about it. It was a kind of Masonry, we said." Now what exactly did Willa Cather mean by: "It was a kind of Freemasonry?" Surely she didn't mean that Freemasonry had to do with burning summer skies, Nebraska corn harvest. You know, I interpret this passage to say that, when she was talking about life in that small Nebraska town, she was talking about it being a certain way of life, a certain style of life, and only those who lived in that town knew about it.

You know after a year in Freemasonry, I found that the Masonic Fraternity is a lot like that. Only you and I know what Freemasonry is. People can drive down the road and can see our Masonic Temples. They can hear about our Masonic Temples burning in downtown Denver, but how many people really know what Freemasonry is all about? How many people know we profess ideals such as friendship, morality and brotherly love? How many people know how much this great Nation means to all of us as men and Masons? You know that, probably, the most important thing Freemasonry has impressed upon me, after a year in the Fraternity, is the importance that each of us needs to go out and tell the story, to talk about Freemasonry; because you know, if we don't, we may not be around. It is going to be in the year 2011 that I will be 50 years old. That is 30 years from now. I don't want to be alone in Kearney, Nebraska at the Grand Lodge 30 years from now. It is up to each of us, as Members of the Masonic Fraternity, to go out and tell the story; because, it is each of us who own the Masonic Fraternity right now. And I leave you with another quote from Willa Cather. It goes like this: "We come and go, but the land is always here, the people who love it and understand it are the people who own it for a little while." You each own Freemasonry right now, but it is for a little while. So take that investment in a 22-year-old man, and together, we will see that the Masonic Fraternity is here forever God Bless you and thank you.

COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

KENNETH D. BEEBE, CHAIRMAN

M.:W.: Grand Master and Grand Officers and Distinguished Guests and Brethren, this is the report on the Committee of Doings of Grand Officers, it is brief so I will read it.

This year's report represents a departure from previous reports in that only the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian will be reviewed. The report of the Grand Master will be reviewed subsequent to this

annual communication.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Committee recommends that the report of the Grand Secretary 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 wish to thank the Grand Secretary for his cooperation and for his continued efforts for the betterment of the Craft, and recommend that all matters not specifically referred to committee be approved.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

The Committee recommends that the entire report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work. W. J. Brother Hansen's work as Grand Custodian during the last three years reflects his devotion to the Fraternity and his interest in improving our ritualistic proficiency. Our gratitude goes to the many Deputies for their efforts also.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

ROBERT A. CARHART, CHAIRMAN

The accompanying Preliminary Appropriations Report has been prepared by using last year's actual expenditures as a basis for anticipating the less variable Grand Lodge expenses; by receiving the benefit of the thought of the current incoming elective officers regarding the planned level of activity requiring financial support; and by obtaining the opinion of the full-time administrative staff of the office and of the office committee regarding needed adjustments from prior year expenditure levels for office operations.

The committee believes that the current, more aggressive, proposed appropriation reflects an increase in the leadership of Grand Lodge Masonry to the Freemasonry practiced across Nebraska; more conversation and communication between Masons concerning the condition of Masonry; and increased evidence that the public will be aware that Freemasonry is alive and well in Nebraska.

It is worthy of note that 1983-84 expenditures were 22.9 percent under the appropriation passed last year at Grand Lodge. The primary reason for this was that the need to pay for an office computer did not occur during the 1983-84 fiscal year. This item will be in the 1984-85 appropriation. Disregarding the computer, expenditures were under appropriations by 12.3 percent. If the 1983-84 and the 1984-85 budgets are viewed as one, regarding the computer purchase, the net result is that income and expenditures are at a break-even level. This is remarkable, considering the purchase of a major

capital asset. With the computer carrying over into the 1984-85 budget, we can reasonably expect the deficit of income to appropriations.

Some clerical expense connected with the computerization of the office accounts; an anticipated increase in Annual Communication activities; a continuation of the increase in communications to Master Masons in Nebraska; increased support of appendant youth organizations; and an increase in support for the activity of our principal elective officers, account for the primary areas of change in the Preliminary Appropriations request.

The members of the Appropriations Committee wish to thank the Grand Lodge Officers for their effort to inform the committee with respect to the details of the work planned in the next year and its impact on appropriations. We want to thank the office committee for their assistance in the establishment of a basis for administrative salaries and computer-related expenses. The members want also to thank those committee chairmen who responded to our request for information regarding planned activity for the year, in order that this activity might properly be accommodated in the planned appropriation.

We recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the Preliminary Appropriations Report.

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA
1984-1985

PRELIMINARY APPROPRIATIONS

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Payroll	15,300.00	
G.M. Dinner	2,250 00	
Proceedings	10,000.00	*1
Grand Lodge Banquet	9,650.00	*2
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests.....	3,600 00	
Ladies Program (n).....	500 00	
Programs & Incidentals.....	1,200.00	
	42,500.00	

COMMITTEES

Education.....	5,000.00	
Relief	2,000.00	
Trial Commissions	750.00	
Grand Trustees	4,200.00	
Appropriations.....	150.00	
Grand Lodge Office.....	150.00	
Student Fund O.E.S.....	100.00	
Finance	150.00	
Nebraska Work.....	150 00	
Grand Historian	2,500.00	
Public Relations.....	1,500.00	
Youth Committee.....	2,100.00	
Temple Advisory	500.00	
Freemason	11,000.00	
Lodge Advisory.....	200.00	
Membership.....	750.00	
Statue of Liberty Centennial (n).....	2,000.00	
	33,200.00	

TRAVEL EXPENSE

Grand Master.....	9,500.00	
Grand Secretary.....	4,500.00	
Grand Custodian's Department.....	18,000.00	*3
Officers directed by G.M.	6,500.00	
DGM Conference Expense.....	2,000 00	
Conference Expense.....	1,000.00	
	41,500.00	

SALARIES

Grand Secretary.....	21,000.00	
Grand Custodian.....	2,000 00	*4
Clerical Staff.....	48,000 00	*5
Social Security.....	5,000.00	
Federal Unemployment.....	350.00	
State Unemployment.....	350.00	
	76,700.00	

FIXED EXPENSE

Rent	20,000.00	
Library.....	100.00	

Office Expense	16,000.00	
Secretary's Desk Book.....	2,500.00	
Grand Master Apron, Jewel and Collar.....	2,000.00	*6
Supply Account	12,000.00	
Retirement CRG	4,646.40	
Retirement Mrs. NWL.....	3,940.00	*7
Grand Master Office Expense	1,800.00	
Retirement Program	3,713.00	
Chain Collars for PGM Jewels (n)	2,000.00	*8
	68,700.00	
COMPUTER EXPENSE		
Computer, Programs and Supplies	50,000.00	*9
	50,000.00	
INSURANCE		
Workmen's Compensation.....	225.00	
Relief Association Dues	350.00	
Employees Hospital Insurance	7,000.00	
Surety Bond G.L. Officers	100.00	
Auto Insurance Officer.....	100.00	
Comprehensive Liability Lodges & Bond Office	2,500.00	
Fire Insurance Office.....	400.00	
	10,675.00	
MASONIC PROMOTION		
Masonic Service Association Dues	2,000.00	
Geo. Washington Memorial	2,000.00	
MSA Hospital.....	2,500.00	
Nebraska DeMolay.. ..	3,500.00	
50-60 Year Pins	1,000.00	
50-60 Year Booklets	1,000.00	
Grand Lodge Pins (n)	1,500.00	
	13,500.00	
CONTRIBUTIONS		
The Nebraska Masonic Home	60,000.00	
	60,000.00	
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$396,775.00	

*1 Makes provision for printing of two years proceeding — 1983-1984

*2 Expense will be about \$3,600; ticket sales will reimburse the balance

*3 Includes \$6,000 for GC car allowance — no salary in 1984-85; \$12,00 for Dept and Grand Custodian functions

*4 Balance for salary due to finish year for 1983-84 Custodian

*5 Includes one new employee

*6 Includes \$750 for die and \$250 for design (one time costs); \$250 for apron and \$750 for jewel

*7 Benefit program had been structured to cover Mrs Lallman due to the death of Norris

*8 One time cost to provide chain collars for PGM jewels presently in use; funding from tour tickets

*9 One-time expense for hardware, software and some installation expense; forms will be a continuing expense

(n)Indicates a new item

**REPORT OF THE
GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE
DONALD L. ANDREWS, CHAIRMAN**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren all:

This committee is committed to enhancing the effectiveness of the Grand Lodge office and to broaden it's services. This past year, our aim has been to modernize and introduce office automation. We are pleased to report that a new computer system has been installed, and work will begin soon to mechanize thousands of our records. This system will set the stage for offering many new services to the local Lodges, e.g., rosters, mailing lists and detailed membership records. This endeavor has been two years in the planning and development. Without the leadership and support of M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump and M.:W.: Paul R. Pierce, implementation would not have been accomplished.

During the year, this committee met and worked with W.: Thomas W. Tye and his Grand Lodge Building and Long Range Planning Committee. We defined and provided information related to the size and type of facilities that would be required to house the records and the business office of the Grand Lodge.

On April 23, 1984, the Office Committee met at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island, Nebraska for it's annual business meeting. A proposed budget for those expenditures under the jurisdiction of this committee were reviewed. A recommended budget for fiscal year 1984-1985 has been submitted to the Appropriations Committee. Principal items included: replacement of the office copier, one typewriter and a new calculator. In lieu of salary increases, the Grand Secretary and the office staff will receive bonuses payable July 1, 1984. The pension annuity paid to Norris W. Lallman was continued and made payable to his widow. A new office position was established to mechanize our records and to handle computer operations. A new budget item for computer-related expenses was also set up. Funds for 50-60 year pins and booklets were also allocated. Mileage allowance to the Grand Lodge Communication was retained at 20¢ per mile (one way).

We commend the Grand Secretary for the way he has executed the duties of his office and we express our appreciation to the office staff for a job well done.

The Grand Lodge Office Committee pledges, not only to an effective and efficient office operation; but in addition, to serve the local Lodges to the utmost. The Grand Secretary, along with the members of this committee, invite and welcome comments from any of the Brethren.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP
CHARLES W. AMIDON, CHAIRMAN**

Since the Grand Lodge Communication in June of 1983 and the time of this report in early April of 1984, we have a record of seventeen lodges which held "Friendship Dinners", to which were invited a total of 300, plus, guests. An expenditure of \$1,325 was made at an average reimbursement of \$4.24 per guest.

To dispel any misconception, only a small part of these funds came from your Grand Lodge, which budgets an amount each year for use by the Masonic Promotion Committee. The Omaha Valley of the Scottish Rite, Grand York Rite, Tangier Temple of Omaha and Tehama Temple from Hastings have contributed far more support for several years. This is truly a combined effort of all branches of Masonry throughout the State.

Although literature is available to help any lodge organize a "Friendship Dinner", it is interesting to note the format of each dinner varies from a simple coffee and doughnut get-together in the lodge's dining hall to elaborate steak and shrimp "sit down" dinners at the best restaurants in town. However it is done doesn't seem to make much difference. The important benefit in each case is new members.

Plenty of men, good men, are in abundance, who have a favorable opinion about our fraternity, but are laboring under the misconception that someday they will be selected and asked to join. If we would make concentrated efforts to search out these men and give them an opportunity to learn what masonry is all about, show them some genuine fellowship, and answer their questions, we would never have to worry about an abundance of voluntary petitions.

We can only pray for the souls of those members we have lost through death, as unfortunate as it may be.

We don't have to pray for new members! We simply have to use the good sense we were born with and put it to good use.

It is not the intention of the Masonic Promotion Committee to continue subsidizing "Friendship Dinners" forever! In addition to the lodges mentioned above, a like number have been holding dinners which we never hear about and have elected to do it entirely on their own, which is the way it should be. The Committee wishes to act as a catalyst only until such time as the lodges are convinced of the positive benefits they can obtain through their own efforts without outside gratuities.

If "Friendship Dinners" were viewed only in the light of economics, it doesn't take a student of the fourth science to realize the gain of only one new member will pay for the cost of a dozen complimentary dinners for the rest of the guests.

Think about it!

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

ROBERT A. METCALF, CHAIRMAN

The format of the Masonic Education Committee was changed this year with the idea that the Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens needed more individual training to make them understand their responsibility better; consequently, a more efficient officer. This year, the meetings were entitled "Masters and Wardens Workshops." They were informal, with all sitting around a table. The meetings started at 7:30 p.m. and lasted for at least two and one half hours. Officers in attendance became so interested in the discussions, they continued individual discussions after the meetings were closed.

Printed material from the Grand Lodge was distributed to those in attendance, i.e: "Looking to the East", "Table Lodge", "One Hundred Questions about Freemasonry" and "The Investigating Committee".

The Committee, this year, was composed of the Grand Lodge Officers, plus the assistance of M.:W.: Paul R. Pierce. They were held during the months of March and April. Each member of the Committee was assigned areas taken from the Deputy Grand Custodians' assignments. All two hundred and thirty lodges were scheduled and attendance was excellent. Participation in the discussion was very good.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

A. H. "SANDY" FORBES, PAST GRAND SENIOR DEACON

M.:W.: Grand Master, Brethren, Grand Masters from other Jurisdictions of the United States, Distinguished Guests, but especially the brethren from Nebraska, I bring you fraternal greetings from my M.:W.: Grand Master, Robert A. Kitchen. I had the distinguished pleasure of meeting your Grand Master quite a few times this past couple of years, and brethren, he has made a wonderful, wonderful mark in Freemasonry on other Jurisdictions, other than Nebraska; but I can tell you, what he has done for Nebraska will pay dividends for many, many years to come.

As I looked around after our Distinguished Past Grand Orator from Colorado, our 22-year-old spoke, I don't think there were too many dry eyes. In fact, I had quite a time not taking my glasses off and wiping my eyes. You see, I have feelings, too. My oldest son has been a Mason for quite a few years. He is busy raising a family and he didn't feel that he had time to go through the chairs. When he joined, he followed me up to the office of Senior Deacon; but, by that time, his boys were getting up into the age where they needed a father more than the father needed Masonry. I think a lot of us have been in that position. Before my Dad passed away, we were three sitting in Lodge. My Dad was the Chaplain of Euclid No. 158 and I see that M.:W.: Grand Master's son is also the Master of 158, but not Euclid; however, we have something in common. My Dad was Chaplain, I was the Senior Deacon and my oldest son was the Junior Deacon. After my Dad passed away, he gave me his ring. I gave one to my oldest son, to my youngest son who is still not a Mason, he is 30 years old. Now that is our baby of our family, I have a son-in-law that joined the Masons, and he said that he would love a Masonic ring. I said I would love to give him my father's but I still have one boy that is not in the Masons. I asked him to see what he thought, so I propositioned him. I told him: "I have your Grandfather's ring. Your brother-in-law has asked for this ring; and, if you do not want it, I will present it to him." He said: "Dad, don't be in too big a hurry, I am still young " So, hopefully, I still have the ring. We learned many, many questions in Freemasonry; and, believe me, the more you learn, the less you know. It spreads out on you, keeps growing, keeps moving, slowly but surely it moves I don't want to take too much time, so I'll just tell you that I much appreciate the hospitality that the Masons of Nebraska have extended to me and my wife. I love the Fraternity, I love the brotherhood, and Masonry is not outward, my brethren, it is in here. (pointing to his heart)

GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS
TERRY L. SOOTS, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

M.: W.: Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Grand Lodge Officers, Brethren all; I am representing Illinois for our Grand Master, E. Gene Ross and greetings from Illinois. You are very privileged to have a Grand Master like Bevin Bump. I met him a year ago in Illinois, quite an impression he puts on the mind. He really caught me off guard, because I am not much of a speaker like this young man down here. But, I want to say that it has been a pleasure to come to Nebraska. Got more than one reason, I have family here. My brother is Senior Warden in Nebraska, Bellevue Lodge, and I want to say "thank you" for the hospitality and the opportunity to represent Illinois at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN
ALBERT T. REDDISH

M.: W.: Grand Master and Brethren:

After reviewing the centennial history of Masonry in Nebraska by Bro. George Rosenlof, I reviewed with our Grand Master possible projects for me to undertake.

We settled on the project of conducting cassette and videotape interviews of Past Grand Masters.

We hoped, through these interviews, to develop in-depth reports from the Past Grand Masters, which would provide a permanent source of historical data; events; personalities; unusual or amusing anecdotes or vignettes; programs; conflicts; issues; problems; and solutions, either proposed, tried, or suggested, after reflection.

We hoped that the Grand Master's report to the Annual Communication would serve only as a starting point, and that the interviews would develop much more depth than the "dry-as-dust" recitation of facts and statistics from the report to the Grand Lodge.

We hoped, through the videotape interviews, to present the diverse background of our Grand Masters; brief commentary on personal reminiscence; programs; problems; issues; and solutions, proposed, tried, or suggested, after reflection.

Transcripts of the cassette tapes would be provided to the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, as they have been edited for accuracy, for review and use by the Grand Master in office as he deems appropriate, or referral to an appropriate committee.

In addition, the transcripts of the cassette interviews, along with the original cassettes where the quality of recording is adequate, could be maintained in the archives.

As videotapes are completed, the Grand Historian can review them for elaboration on matters developed in the cassette interviews. The tapes can be edited for historical, educational and promotional purposes, and the

videotapes can be preserved in the archives for future Masons to gain a visual study of the Grand Masters who have served Masonry in Nebraska

To date, I have conducted cassette interviews with 15 of the Past Grand Masters and videotape with 10.

The Grand Lodge has set aside a room for videotape interviews and review during the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Kearney; at which time, we hope to complete cassette and videotape interviews with those Past Grand Masters who have not yet been interviewed by one or both forms of recording.

I was fortunate to obtain both a cassette and videotape interview with M.: W.: Norris Lallman and a cassette interview only with M.: W.: John Bottorf before the death of each.

The interviews have ranged from what might be classed "good" to the stupendous.

It is impossible to list in this report very many of the highlights of the interviews. An extremely limited number, however, would include Ben Eyre's recollection of the report to him of the origination of the Jordan Medal, Lou Sylvester's amusing recollection of his successful efforts to retrieve the cornerstone and casket at the time the old City Hall in Omaha was demolished; John Bottorf's recounting of a poignant response by a suspended member as to the reason for his suspension and his finding of brotherly love through Alcoholics Anonymous; and the suggestion of Dick Ricketts' father-in-law to be which prompted Dick to petition in Masonry.

In addition to the interviews I conducted as Grand Historian, as a Grand Lodge Officer, I attended the various meetings of officers; served as representative of the Grand Master at schools of instruction in Ogallala, Mullen, Chadron and Alliance; conducted masters' and wardens' workshops in Hyannis and Broken Bow; to date, participated in cornerstone layings of new Masonic Temples at Nelson, Chapman and Sidney, and of Walnut Junior High in Grand Island, with a cornerstone laying ceremony now scheduled for the new activity center at Chadron State College following the writing of this report; participated in dedications of Masonic Temples at Utica, Chapman and Nelson; attended a conference of Grand Lodge Officers of Nebraska in Colorado, Wyoming and Kansas; and attended Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of Wyoming and Colorado.

In addition, I consulted with members of the Grand Lodge Office Location Committee to urge that any new structure contain adequate facilities for the comprehensive, well-catalogued and administered Masonic library and, for a museum for artifacts, memorabilia and documents of Masonry in Nebraska.

REPORT OF RELIEF COMMITTEE

PAUL L. TOOMBS, CHAIRMAN

Your Committee has had more than the usual requests for aid, this year, and our total expenditure has been more than other years. As we told the Budget and Finance Committee, we never know in advance just how much we will need. The amount expended is in line with the circumstances as we see them at this end of the line. We do not throw money away, intentionally; nor,

do we scale requests down to comply with the budget. In three cases, this past year, we have needed to get to the recipient, immediately; and, in some cases, we have been reimbursed by the lodge later:

- \$ 300.00 - Regular annuitant, Zelda Meed
 - 600.00 - For Crete Lodge No. 37, for the benefit of Joe Zukavoty, who we have helped before, and who died October 31, 1983.
 - 200.00 - For John J. Mercer Lodge No 290
 - 250.00 - For Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, for James A. Pritt. The Lodge sent some money to Liberal, Kansas, directly to the Pritts. These folks were in a trailer camp, and their mobile home burned. We received a nice thank you from the Pritts. We sent our money to a Deputy Grand Master, who lived in Kansas, and he distributed it.
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- \$ 1,575.00 - Total Expenditures - May 1, 1983 to May 1, 1984
 - \$ 100.00 - Received from Omaha Scottish Rite Almoner's Fund on Joe Zukavoty
 - 100.00 - Received from John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
 - 100.00 - Received from Blazing Star Lodge No. 200
 - \$ 300.00 - Total Receipts
 - \$ 1,275.00 - Net Expenditure

GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
WARREN D. LICHTY, JR., CHAIRMAN

Thank you, M.: W.: Grand Master, Brother Masons: It is a pleasure to be able to say just a few words about your George Washington Masonic National Memorial. On December 3, 1983, a new room was dedicated in the Memorial, King Solomon's Chamber. It is the representation of King Solomon's Throne Room, and it was in the area that belongs to The Tall Cedars of Lebanon. That organization was responsible for this new display.

I am happy to report that most Grand Jurisdictions have now passed the \$5.00 one-time, life-time contribution for new Master Masons, which we did several years ago. This increased revenue has aided with the doing of several needed improvements, such as the replacement of a bulging wall in one of the lodge rooms, not the replica lodge room nor the one that is used by Alexander Washington Lodge; but this was a repair that needed to be done. Also, a new sign and entrance has been completed in the grounds with steps leading up to the portico. Wrought-iron fence is erected, and landscaping has been done. It is fortunate that this was able to be done at this time; because, the Knights Templar are no longer allowed to have their Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington, as they have done for these many years. So, that beautiful, moving service has been transferred to the grounds of our George Washington Masonic National Memorial. While the \$5.00 increase has been beneficial, the organization is still not fully endowed; so, if any of you are inclined to

make tax exempt gifts to the Organization, any contribution is much appreciated. You should know that there are sustaining memberships for \$100.00; life membership for \$250; and Bicentennial Membership for \$1000.00. Life and Bicentennial members have a vote in the Association.

Now, we don't want you to think of this as a pitch for money, but as a report on your memorial. I think, that in part, includes the type of memberships that are available, and the address is in the report. You can find how to send that to the Secretary-Treasurer in Washington by looking at the next proceedings.

ADDRESS

by MARIE RASMUSSEN, WORTHY GRAND MATRON, OES

Grand Master, M.: W.: Brother Bevin, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished guests and members of the Masonic Fraternity. It is an honor and certainly a pleasure for me to bring greetings on behalf of the more than 29,000 members of the Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Nebraska. As members of the Order, we value highly our ties with the Grand Lodge, and we do pledge our support to you in all of your endeavors. The spirit of cooperation has existed for many, many years, and I would like to believe that it is still in its infancy. Our Order joins the Masonic Fraternity to practice more zealously the lessons we teach, so that the Brotherhood of Man, Fraternal Love, Peace and the Golden Rule may become reality. We should go hand in hand. No one should ever go his way alone.

This may seem a long time away, but I would like to invite to attend our Grand Chapter Session next May 14 - 16 at Lincoln. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron plan to be with us. It will be very important and a very busy session for us, so please be with us. Our session will be known as the Acacia session; and I am sure, being Masons, you all know what Acacia is and how much it means in our lives. The theme of our Grand Chapter year is "Faith". We must have faith in our Orders, it would be well for all of us to stop and remember, together, the purposes for which our Orders were founded. It is to these purposes that we must rededicate ourselves; and with faith in God, faith in our purposes and faith in ourselves, we will accomplish the goals that have been set before us. Our watchwords this year are, "Believe, Belong and Build". We would like for you to join with us and live these watchwords. For, only when we believe wholeheartedly in the principles of our Order, and truly belong by dedicating our energy to these principles, will we help to build and strengthen our Order. Grand Master, Bevin, I am very happy that our terms have overlapped this year, I am sure it was from the furthest of our minds, some 20 years ago, when we lived in Chadron, that we would be serving these Orders. He paid me to say that; but, I am sure we never, never, ever dreamt that we would be serving our Orders in this position. We have truly enjoyed renewing our friendships with you. I would like to present to you one of our butterflies This doesn't mean you can fly away; but, this is our emblem this year, one of our emblems this year, and you know the butterfly is an emblem of growth, change and renewal. We wish for both our Orders this same rebirth.

I would like to thank you and the Grand Lodge for all the courtesies you have extended to me. I have truly enjoyed being with you and it was a joy

to be at your Grand Master's Dinner and enjoy the fun and fellowship with everyone that attended. It was a fabulous affair. To our Deputy Grand Master, Brother Bob, I hope you know how much you and Sister Dorothy mean to me. I look forward to working with you, and I am sure our Orders will have a close relationship again this year. May the bonds which link us together become stronger as the years go, and may God continue to bestow on all of us, the harmony that we have enjoyed in our earnest endeavors to serve him and all humanity.

I would like to close with this thought, that, I believe, emphasizes our mutual relationship. Hand in hand, our Orders will go along life's toilsome road; both lending aid to weary ones who falter neath their load; both giving help to Pilgrims weak when traveling from afar; the one by compasses led straight, the other following the star. Thank you, and May God Bless you.

ADDRESS

by FRAN M. CROWE, WORTHY GRAND PATRON, OES

M.:W.: Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests and Brothers. I am really glad that my Worthy Matron is here this morning. Marie, in case you don't know it, I was introduced as the Worthy Grand Matron. In case there is some confusion, I am the Worthy Grand Patron.

All Master Masons promise to help, aid and provide assistance to poor, distressed, worthy brother Master Masons, widows and orphans. We of the Eastern Star are not that much different, because we practice much the same philosophy. One of the lessons that we practice is that of extending generous aid to the victim of poverty and distress, for those that are less fortunate than ourselves. With that in mind, it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of all the Eastern Star Chapters in the State of Nebraska, and our 29,000 members, to present a check to you, Grand Master, in the amount of \$2500. This money comes from our annual gatherings and is to be used for your special projects; but, more especially, the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. We know that it will be used for those less fortunate than ourselves. Please use it with our best wishes. Thank you.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS

SHELLY WARRICK, GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN

M.:W.: Grand Master, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests and members of the Masonic Fraternity. I would like to start out with a few words taken from the ceremony used when I was installed as Grand Bethel Honored Queen. We read within the Holy Book that God created man. He made the sun, the moon and stars according to His plan. To man, He gave the virtue of 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 the Cross, a Friendship ring denotes our faith in God. This friendship, we all should keep, as on through life we trod, a friendship circle bound with love, a prayer, a song, a smile, a faith to trust in our friends and make our life worthwhile. These words are special and they carry so many symbolic ideas. They contain the theme for our Grand Bethel on the local and State level and

National level they have all been.

Thank you so much for belonging to such a wonderful organization. We wish you a very successful session, and you all return home safely. If you want something, pray about it; if it will be, it will be, and if not, then there is always better down the road. God Bless you all in your organization. Thank you.

RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

MARSHA DONLEY, PAST GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR

M.: W.: Grand Master, members of Grand Lodge and friends I am delighted to bring greetings from Nebraska Grand Assembly. Our Grand Worthy Advisor, Roxanne McDonald, and our Supreme Deputy, Berneice Breland, send their regrets for not being able to attend. They are busy today preparing for Grand Assembly, which opens tomorrow. Two years ago, I was busy with practicing and preparation involved, for it was then I was Grand Worthy Advisor; so, today, I am grateful that I am able to attend and bring greetings and best wishes from Grand Assembly.

The Grand Lodge of Masons is a special organization to Rainbow For Girls. We treasure our Masonic Heritage, and appreciate the support and inspiration we receive from you.

Thank you for the scholarship you present to the outstanding Rainbow Girl and also for the gift you present toward the education loan fund. It helps girls in higher education to achieve their goals. The name of our wonderful organization and emblem was chosen by a Masonic founder, W.: Mark Sexson. The Rainbow was used on some of the oldest Masonic charts in connection with Fraternal life; so we love our organization and our Masonic Heritage. There are many Rainbows visible today, on mugs, stickers and posters, but these are not the Rainbow we think of as representing our Order. Our Rainbows are the colors with red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet, each with their special meaning and lesson. All the Rainbows have an inner edge of violet, which represents service, the core of our organization. Rainbow for Girls is a character-building organization for teen-age girls from the Masonic-Eastern Star Home, or for friends of Rainbow Girls. All petitions are recommended by a Mason or an Eastern Star. When I joined, I was a friend of a Rainbow Girl. Since then, my father has joined the Masons, and my mother, the Eastern Star. They are both very active in their organizations.

Today, I am an Eastern Star and here with my husband, who is a Mason. Rainbow has meant a lot to me. I have grown through it. I truly appreciate all the support we receive from you. It is a wonderful thing. Thank you for inviting me here today and for the courtesies extended. Thank you for asking me to speak. I hope to see several of you at our Grand Assembly this week end. Thank you.

DeMOLAY

CLAREY CASTNER, STATE MASTER COUNCILOR

M.: W.: Grand Master and Senior DeMolay, Distinguished Guests and Visitors. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be with members of an organization who sponsors DeMolay Chapters throughout the State of

Nebraska and also sponsors the Nebraska State Chapter for DeMolay. You know, when someone comes up and inquires about the Order of DeMolay, almost automatically, the first thing that comes out of my mouth is: "Well, it is an organization for young men sponsored by the Masons." "Oh, the Masons, yes, yes. Aren't they the guys that have something to do with the guys that wear funny hats and dress up like clowns?" I say: "Well, they have something to do with that. That is close." We are very happy that we have the ties with the Masonic Organizations and we are very thankful for their support.

I was recently at the International DeMolay Congress in Sarasota, Florida; and, every year at the International DeMolay Congress, something comes up about, should we let non-Masonic fathers into our meeting. I don't know how many of you know about DeMolay; but, right now, only those people who are DeMolay or Masons can come to the meetings. Well, I was very pleased when a majority of people there were against having non-Masonic fathers in the meeting simply for the fact that they were afraid that these ties that we have had with the Masons for 50 years will be severed. So, like I said, we are thankful for these ties. I am very proud to be a member of DeMolay in Nebraska, and Nebraska has a very strong chapter. Two years ago, we had the International DeMolay of the year; and, this past year, we had International Office in Nebraska. I don't know how many of you were aware of this. Also, we have had several DeMolay of Nebraska attend the Military Academy. Last year's Scribe is now at Annapolis at the Naval Academy; so, he was obviously very active in DeMolay throughout the State, and it is great that he had the opportunity to go on to Annapolis. These are just some of the examples of the products of Nebraska DeMolay; but there are thousands of more young men throughout the State who are sharing through experiences of other DeMolays and gaining from their DeMolay organizations. I would like to thank you for letting me have this opportunity to speak today and wish you the best of luck in the rest of the session.

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**Held in Kearney June 8 and 9, 1984**FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION**Friday, June 8, 1984***MOZART RECITAL**

by DR. KENT MYERS

Thank you very much, M.:W.: Sir. On behalf of our M.:W.: Grand Master, I have been asked to play something for you. Something special today, but for a purpose beyond entertainment. About a year ago, a symphony was played, for the very first time, one hundred and ninety two years after the death of the composer. It was found, hand written, on the back of some old painting, and it was composed by Brother Master Mason Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Mozart belonged to a Lodge in Vienna, that was a cultural lighthouse, at a time when Christian denominations were bitterly divided and brotherly love and culture were both rather scarce. This Lodge was called "Newly Crowned Hope." It featured several, large, public auditoriums, laboratories, scientific work, great library, many works of art, and its membership included Romans, Counts and the Roman Prince. Membership also included men skilled in the arts, men like Mozart and his very close friend Joseph Haydn. Mozart was deeply influenced by Masons. He wrote a number of Masonic pieces, funeral pieces, cantatas and hymns. His most famous Masonic work is an Opera with a magic flute. This opera was actually composed, in its entirety, over the course of several days; and, in fact, the book of records still regards Mozart as the world's fastest composer. The opera was written for and about Masonry.

Mozart died about four months after that. He died at age 35, one month before his 36th birthday. He was buried in an unmarked, pauper's grave. Masonic historians tell us Mozart wrote a lot of music for the Lodge. He wrote music for the opening and closing ceremonies, music for the installation of officers; and we know, from the musical literature, he wrote Fellowcraft. He wrote that to commemorate his father's attaining the degree of Fellowcraft Mason. Most of what Mozart wrote is not available — not labeled as such, anyway. Masonry is spread by word of mouth, but Mozart wrote for his lodge, maybe lost forever, even to us Masons. However, we hope that, by sharing with you this story of Mozart's missing Masonic music, perhaps someday, some brother will discover yet another dear painting with

music on the back. Or, perhaps, some brother will find himself in the dusty archives of the lodge and have something there. Until we discover Masonic History, we make history in the world of music; but, for today, Mozart's music will again be heard in lodge on behalf of our M.:W.: Grand Master and Brother Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart., I am deeply honored to present Mozart's piano sonata in D major the first movement.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

RALPH W. GERRY, GRAND SECRETARY

The following lodges have not been represented. 5, 52, 53, 65, 72, 73, 83, 91, 95, 101, 125, 128, 134, 137, 143, 147, 154, 161, 165, 168, 169, 181, 185, 189, 198, 202, 205, 211, 220, 235, 236, 240, 249, 258, 262, 280, 285, 298, 305, 308, 324 and 293.

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS

MAJOR CHARLES A FOLSON, PRESIDENT-ELECT

M.:W.: Sir, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, Lodge Masters, Brethren all. I bring you greetings from our World-Wide Military Masonic Order of National Sojourners, which, in the 43 states we have active Chapters, serve as the principle conduit for those professional Military men who should be Masons into Masonry. As a Military man, I can't let it slide, M.:W.: Sir, when that list of Grand Lodge Officers who hadn't registered was read, I immediately thought that you have a leadership problem, Sir.

M.:W.: Brother Bevin is a member of our Chapter at Omaha, as is almost the entire Grand Line. We have a good thing going. Now, I have a gift for you also, but I am not going to give it to you now, because you can't wear it. It is a pin that says "Heroes of 76" or the "Spirit of 76." "Heroes of 76" is a fund organization which several people here know about. You have traveled across the burning sands, but you haven't crossed the Delaware yet. It is an interesting experience, so you come. We will be glad to give you the pin. We will be better able to do it, because at that time, you will be like John, whose greetings I also bring you. He will then, two weeks from now, be the Junior "has been" also. I asked to speak because I am a native, Nebraska-born-and-raised, and part of me never wanted, in the 31 years of active service, to live anyplace but in Nebraska. When W.: Brother Alan spoke of Willa Cather, I am sure there were few dry eyes. That made me doubly proud of being a Nebraskan. But, I have been proud this whole year, because I have had the opportunity to go to a number of Grand Lodge Communications, other conferences, Grand Master's Conference in Seattle; and, brethren, we have a Grand Master who made anyone who saw him proud to be a Nebraskan, because he is tremendously well respected and well-known wherever you go. May this little, bitty, million-and-a-half-strong State be better known in Masonic circles because of his presence and because of our football. It was a proud thing to be where he was.

I heard a story along the line, I should tell you, about Lawyers. You know, there was a balloonist that was about to enter a fog, and he kind of sat down, looking for some directions from the ground. He finally went across this tall hill, and there was a man standing on top of it. He said: "Where are

we?" The man looked up and said: "You are up in the air in a hot-air balloon." The one balloonist looked at the other and said: "Just our luck to ask an Attorney for directions." The other one said: "How do you know he was an Attorney?" He said: "Well, it is very simple. His information is factually correct and absolutely worthless."

Now, I should tell you one more thing about this Grand Master and how well known he is. This same "Heroes of 76" is a fun organization,. One that put on the flag ceremony, last year, to open Grand Lodge, has a degree and we initiated, had the recruits, two of them, active duty, Air Force. One was a member of the Grand Lodge of Montana, and one of the Grand Lodge of Texas. In the course of the interrogations, we asked them, individually, several things, including who was the Grand Master. The Young Airman from Montana knew that, and I hope that you will carry this word back, M.:W.: Sir, for this W.: Brother Bill Brace, who is also a Sojourner, the one from Texas, was very embarrassed because he didn't know his Grand Master. Then, he had a stroke of inspiration, and said: "Well, I know who our Grand Master in Nebraska is." He said: "It is M.:W.: Brother Bevin B. Bumpkin."

THEODORE FUJIKI
PAST GRAND MASTER OF IDAHO

M.:W.: Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, Brethren all. How pleasant it is being here with you. I am not representing anybody. The Grand Master down there has to represent Idaho. I am representing myself. M.:W.: Grand Master, I would like to express my appreciation for the courtesies and the hospitality extended to me and my wife. The invitation received from you gives me an opportunity to see the wonderful brethren of this State, to be again with my counterparts that I met on my trip in my year in the East. Brethren, I have had the opportunity to meet your Grand Master on many occasions. No matter where he went, he brightened the corner where he was. He is a great asset to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Brethren, this is the second time I have been to your wonderful State. My previous visit here was 40 years ago, at the request of the U.S. Government, on my way to assignment on the East Coast. How much nicer it is this time. Brethren, as we rode down through your State, I thought of how remarkably similar it was to the country where I resided. We saw some of your rolling hills in the western part, the flat land, much the same terrain that we have in southern Idaho. I am a humble dirt farmer, the Grand Master had said, and one of our principle working tools is that soil. Of course, we are only custodians for awhile. I envied some of those pumps that are on your ground, pumping that gold.

In Idaho, we pump nothing but water. Brethren, if you were given an absolute choice between water and that black gold, I believe I know what you would take. But, besides the water you have here, perhaps the black gold and the black farming ground, I found in Nebraska something more valuable. These other things are temporary; because, after I have used it and have to move on, I'll have to leave it to somebody else. But today, I found something here more valuable, and that is the brotherly love in the Masonic spirit that you exhibit here in Nebraska. Thank you, Brethren.

GRAND LODGE OF UTAH
CURTIS N. LANCASTER, PAST GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. It is a great pleasure for me to be here and enjoy this communication with you, for a number of reasons. First, I bring you greetings from M.:W.: Brother W. Thuren Odendahl, Grand Master of Masons in Utah, and am representing him on this occasion. Also, thank you, M.:W.: Sir, for the personal invitation that you sent me. I want to thank all of you brethren, as well as the Grand Lodge Officers, for the courtesies and hospitality that you have extended to my wife and me. I have looked forward to this ever since your Grand Master came and visited us in January. I want to thank you again, publicly, for you accepting our invitation and being the speaker at our Communication Banquet. You have made many friends in Utah and I bring you their personal greetings. In my travels, since then, many of our brethren come up and remind me of some of the humorous remarks that you offered our Grand Lodge while you were there.

I also want to thank you for the Commission in the Nebraska Navy that you presented us. I think it is going to come in very handy. If you have been listening to the news, the Great Salt Lake is now at the highest level that it has been in over 100 years. It is spreading out and covering areas that haven't been covered in many, many years. I think there are some folks starting to build arks. So, I may have an opportunity to use that Commission. Every speaker that has been up, so far, and I know the ones that will come, have remarked on the great friendship that we all share for your Grand Master. I have come to know him over the last three years. I know him, first, as a very dedicated Mason, and, certainly, as an ambassador for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. We all enjoy his humor and, as he has reminded us, his great humility. I think I can speak for all of us who have traveled with him, that he has certainly become a legend in his own mind.

I think all of you know there is a very serious side to M.:W.: Brother Bevin. He, being an attorney, of course, is interested in books and takes great pride in his library. I was very sorry to hear that you had somewhat of a crisis at your home recently, a small fire. I understand that fortunately, it was contained, and there was not too much damage. I understand it destroyed your library, both books. Maxine tells me that you are very disheartened because you hadn't finished coloring one of them.

We have enjoyed this friendly exchange for the last several years and it seems that we who have the opportunity to speak, those who get a chance, those who speak first, take advantage of that. We know what is coming later. Just a serious thought for a moment. Last year, when we attended the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, M.:W.: Brother John Ingram made a remark that I thought was most appropriate, and one that I have thought about many many times since then. His comment was, "that it seems to be a popular pastime, when speakers get up these days, to expound on what is wrong with Masonry." The fact is, as Brother John stated: "There is nothing wrong with Masonry. It has stood the tests of time. The only problem we have in this Fraternity, is some of the members who call themselves Masons." I think one of the basic problems we have — we talk about these things that continue to plague us, membership, attendance and go right down the line — can be

traced to the image or example we, as Masons, exhibit to the outside world. We are all examples of Masonry. We are either good examples or bad examples, or we are indifferent; but, those who know us to be Masons are going to get one of those three images from the way we live and the way we act. I am sure many of you heard the story that R.:W.: Brother Ray Noah, Grand Secretary of Wyoming, has told; but, at the risk of being repetitious, I would like to repeat it. It is an example. There was this young man who had moved to a new city to take employment. He was walking down the street one day and happened to walk past a pawn shop. He stopped and looked in the window and saw the proprietor standing inside. He had a square and compass on his lapel. This young man thought a minute, and walked in and introduced himself and said: "I am new in this city. I am a member of the lodge, but I am having kind of a difficult time getting started. I would like to borrow \$50.00 from you, just for a couple of weeks, until I get my feet on the ground." The proprietor looked him over, didn't say much, then went to the cash register, got out \$50.00 and gave it to him. The young man went away. In two weeks, he came back, gave back the \$50.00, and left. He got to thinking about that, and he was not a Mason; but, he petitioned a lodge. At the conclusion of his degrees, they had a special banquet for a number of newly-raised Masons, when they had all the class as guests. He looked around and saw the proprietor of that pawn shop as one of the class. He was baffled. About that time, the proprietor noticed him in the class. He was very embarrassed. Soon as the proceedings were over, he got up and quickly tried to make his way to the door, and the young man stopped him. He said: "You know, I have a confession to make. When I came in your store, that day, and said I was a Mason, and borrowed the money, I really wasn't; but, I had always heard about the character of Masons, how they helped each other, and I thought I would put it to a test. You loaned me that money. It convinced me that there was something to what I had heard about Masonry, and it prompted me to come down and put my petition into this lodge; and that is why I am here tonight." The proprietor said: "Well, I guess I owe you an apology also. When you came in my shop, that day, I was not a Mason either; but, I had taken this pin in, among some other jewelry, and it was such an attractive pin, I just put it in my lapel. After you came in and borrowed the \$50.00, I quickly took it off, but I got to thinking also. You came back in and repaid that money. It brought to mind, to me also, the bond and the brotherhood and character of a Mason; so, I too, petitioned to join this lodge." The example of that story, of course, is that we have influence on people that we probably aren't even aware of. But, I think any of us could say, and I know for myself, the greatest tribute that could be paid to me, is that sometime in some future year, some brother would say: "I became a Mason because of Brother Lancaster." I think that is the challenge we have. We have to exhibit an image that is going to attract men and young men to our Fraternity. I had the privilege of being an Executive Officer of DeMolay in Utah. I attended the last two DeMolay Congresses, and I am inspired by the caliber of the young men, young leaders in the DeMolay organization. You evidenced that by the balloting on him of your own State Councilor. The new International Master Councilor, from Idaho is a brand new Master Mason. All three State Councilors in Idaho are Masons. In my own jurisdiction, our State Master Councilor is a Master Mason. Last year, we had 11 active DeMolay become Master Masons. Does

my heart good to see these young men being attracted to our Fraternity. Someone is giving us the proper image. Brethren, I think that is the challenge we have as Masons, to preserve that heritage that has been handed down to us. Thank you very much.

**GRAND LODGE OF NEVADA
DON HINES, GRAND MASTER**

My brethren, it is an honor and pleasure to be here at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska I would like to thank, M.:W.: Bevin, and his lady for the hospitality that they and the Grand Lodge have extended to me. It really makes you appreciate it when you get out in the other Grand Jurisdictions to exchange ideas, and to hear some of the things that, possibly, we have been thinking of. There are a few things that I am definitely concerned about in Masonry. I think it is time that we took a look. I have been accused of maybe speaking negatively about Masonry, but, my intent is not to speak negatively. What I have to say, I intend to, possibly, make you think and make you discuss some of the problems, or whatever you would like to call it. I think that some of our brethren say that we don't have problems, but I happen to disagree with that. I think everybody has problems someplace along the line. I think you have to have the ability to recognize these problems before you can solve them. We have a lot of our brothers that try to solve the problem before they know what it is. One of the things that I think a lot of us take for granted, today, is the fact that we are Masons, but did you ever stop to think about the privilege that you have been given.

You know that if you were in early Europe, early part of this Country, Revolutionary War, very few of the men in this room would have had the privilege of being a Mason. Did you ever think about that? Because, you had to have status and had to have money. Working-type individuals back in those days, could not be Masons; and it is even so in most of your European Countries today. You have been given the opportunity to be a Mason because you live in one of the greatest countries in the world today. You have been given the opportunity to be a member of the greatest fraternal organization in the history of the world. This didn't come accidentally, my brethren. Think about those things. We get so caught up in ritual work that, sometimes, we don't sit down to look at ourselves. Really, figure the sacrifice that has brought Masonry up to the point that it is today.

You hear the talk of loss of membership, the concern about it, and rightfully so. Every Grand Jurisdiction, I think, this year, lost members, but I think there is some areas we need to take a look at, my brothers. Possibly, maybe we, ourselves, are part of the problem. We become concerned about our Brothers that have been out of our lodges for three to five years. We spend a lot of time trying to get them back into the lodge. In most cases, with a few exceptions, our success is very small. We take a brother, we give him his first degree, then his proficiency, second degree, then his proficiency, third degree and proficiency. Then, we take this newly raised Master Mason and we set him over in this part of the lodge, close to the door. You will never watch a newly raised Mason, in most cases. He will sit over close to that door where the Tyler sits. Do you think about that? Why does he do this? I have. I have come to the conclusion that it is because he does not feel sure of his

position in lodge. He does not feel that he has really been accepted, for some strange reason. You have taken this brother up to the highest high, probably, that he has ever been in his life. Then, you take him and set him over here on the sidelme, he thinking to himself, there has got to be more to Masonry than this. They have brought me up to this point and I am ready to go, and nothing happens. The officers of the Lodge become concerned with their own problems, learning the ritual and various other things, committee work, etc ; and that brother sits over there. Pretty soon, he starts to miss; and, after a few weeks, he gets so he doesn't come at all. Nobody misses him until he has been absent for a number of months.

It is possible that we are looking up here for part of our problems when the problem is here, that we are losing Masons out the bottom of the bucket. You know how many E.A.'s, F.C.'s and newly raised Masons we drop from our rolls every year? Did you ever think about that? My brother, I think it is something that we really need to be concerned with. We are worrying about getting members and the brother that has been out for 5 years. We can't even hold the new ones. They are coming in the front door Think about that. These brothers are already here. I believe there is something that ought to be done in this area. A Worshipful Master of one of the lodges in Nevada, last year in September, and I were discussing various problems I thought about this for a long time. To put our newly Master Masons to work. He, and three or four of his Master Masons from his lodge, were at the visitation for M.:W.: Dewayne Lawback of Indian Springs. Going back to Las Vegas that night, they decided to put this thing together and suggested you break the Second Degree lecture down to sections. So, they invited us, one month from that day, over to see the lecture put together as they had interpreted. We got in, and they brought the brother. The first man gave his part, second man gave his part, the third man gave his part, fourth man gave his part, fifth man gave his part, sixth man gave his part, seventh man gave his part, of the Second Degree lecture. I sat there astonished, because I was looking, possibly, for four. Can you imagine seven men giving the Second Degree lecture? Never heard of in the history of Nevada. Unheard of, my brothers, never done before. You know the thing that I overlooked in this whole thing? It was the most interesting Second Degree lecture that I had ever heard since I have been in Masonry. For the simple reason that you listened to each one of these brothers as he gave his part. They have broken it down into about three or four pages. They didn't lay the whole lecture on these brethren, they broke it down into parts. After these brethren give this lecture twice, they swapped and exchanged parts. One of the brothers, within six months, had learned the whole Second Degree lecture. Can you imagine, in you lodges today, of having seven men to give the second lecture? Unheard of in Nevada. If you have one, and maybe two, you are lucky. Think about this Seven men that have been put to work that normally wouldn't be working. Five of these young men were Master Masons less than one year. They have given the lecture in almost every lodge in the southern part of the State. I have brothers from my own lodge come up and tell me: "I have heard that lecture a hundred times, but that is the first time I ever listened to it." These are things we have to do, my brothers. We have to put that newly-raised Master Mason to work. We have to be sure he doesn't get out the door. Have to give him something to do and let him perform it, to make him feel he is a part of Masonry, he is a

part of your lodge. Just like your ten-year-old boy, you brought him up pretty nicely until he was ten. Then, all at once, you shut him off into a room by himself, gave him just enough food to exist on, didn't talk to him, slap him around a little bit. He would feel, after a period of time, that he was no longer a part of your family.

That is what you do to these newly raised Master Masons, my brethren. Give that man something to do, keep him going, think about this. As soon as the newly Master Mason gives his Third Degree proficiency, we give him a round of applause; and the Master of that lodge says: "Now, my brother, here is your next part." I have had brothers say: "He won't learn it." You didn't ask him if he wanted to give the First Degree of proficiency, Second Degree, Third, you told him he would. What makes you think he won't learn it? We are already doing it in the State of Nevada, and they are taking notes and learning them just like that, my brethren; because, the Masters in those lodges are making things happen. That is what has to happen. The Masters in our lodges have to make things happen today. We cannot continue to do business as usual. Sometimes, we become so concerned with ritual work, we forget there is more to Masonry than ritual. Ritual is important, don't get me wrong; but, the other part of Masonry has to be there too. We have to feel and teach our brothers that Masonry comes from the heart. I believe that, if you don't have Masonry in your heart and speak from your heart, when you speak about Masonry, it really means very little. I hear a lot of brothers speak a lot of words, but they don't speak from the heart. I think that what we have to do today, my brother, is speak from the heart about Masonry, be concerned, be sincere in what we do; but don't ever let that newly raised Master Mason get out that door. I will guarantee that, if you educate him properly, make him a part of your lodge, and let him perform, it won't make any difference if he goes in the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, he will still be tied to the Blue Lodge

There is one other area that I am concerned about, my brothers, and that is the inflation we have today. The cost of operating our lodges, and everything, is going up. I am sure that it is the same here in Nebraska as in Nevada, that in the next two or three years, every lodge is going to have to raise their dues and, possibly, their fees, due to inflation. Always, when I make this statement, a brother tells me later: "There he is, he is trying to get in our pocketbook." I think your lodges have to be solvent, strong, ready for situations that come up — air condition unit goes out, fire, various other things that can happen. You don't start to get ready for those things after they happen, my brother. You start before. If you fall off the deck of a ship, you better start hollering when you go over the side, or you are not going to be rescued. We have to be ready, keep our buildings up in good shape, keep our square and compasses on the outside where people can see them. We must keep our lodges in good shape.

A lot of our brothers think the electricity in their lodges comes cheaper than it does in our homes. I am sure your electricity bill is up in your homes, your gas bill, your grocery bill, unless you live in a different place than I do. What makes you think that it doesn't cost more for your lodge to operate? A lot of our brothers expect the lodges to operate as they did 50 years ago, but I will guarantee this: if you operated your business and your home as you

expect your Blue Lodges to operate, my brother, you would be in Chapter 11 today Think about that. Where is our priority in Masonry? I have seen brothers of various organizations go out on the town and spend \$100 or \$200 a night. I have seen these same brothers come back into our Blue Lodges and vote down a \$5.00 a year dues raise. You think about that. Where is this brother's priority? You know you don't make Master Masons in York Rite, Scottish Rite or the Shrine, you make them in Blue Lodge. There is no other place that you can make Master Masons except in the Blue Lodges. If we don't make them in the Blue Lodge, the appendant bodies will die on the vine. That is a fact. Think about that, my brothers. The priorities should be in the Blue Lodge This is where Master Masons are made.

I am sure that the dues, probably, in the State of Nevada, will average around \$25.00 or \$30.00, someplace in that area. Let me ask you this, if I gave you \$50.00 a year, would you get out of Masonry? Would get out for \$50.00? That is almost twice of what your dues are. Some of our brothers holler about what they have to pay for dues. Would get out for \$100, \$500? What is Masonry really worth to you? Did you ever think how much money you would take to get out of it, put a price on it. I had some brothers in southern Nevada tell me: "You better be careful, M.:W.:, you are getting awful close to my price." I don't know what your price is, my brother. How much would they have to put out there in front of you, to have you resign and get out of the greatest fraternal organization in the history of the world? Most of us have never looked at Masonry from that side of it; but, I figure, basically, you think it is worth at least \$500. When it comes time for your Blue Lodge to increase their dues and fees, take a look at it, give them a fair shake, become concerned, my brothers; because, like I said, Master Masons are made only in the Blue Lodge. No other place. Thank you, M.:W.: Sir, it has been an honor and a pleasure to be here today.

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

PAUL R. PIERCE, CHAIRMAN

M.:W.: Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests and Friends. The Jurisprudence Committee is made up, this year, of 20 Past Grand Masters. We met yesterday afternoon for several hours. We range in experience as a Past Grand Master from one year to thirty two. The intent of the Jurisprudence Committee is to offer the experiences of these brethren for the good of the Fraternity. We deal with two things: first, with the decisions beginning on page 11 of your Address of the Grand Master. The first decision has to do with a Waiver of Jurisdiction. We have several of these, and we try to accommodate our sister jurisdictions, and especially, with Iowa. Iowa comes into our South Sioux City area and Omaha goes into their Council Bluffs area, so it is a trade.

When we get down to the second decision, this Grand Master took the wisdom of Solomon here. Instead of dividing the baby, he doubled the number of Bronze Jordan Medals available; because, two brothers were initiated the same evening, and they were the oldest two in point of Masonic service in the lodge. Perhaps, not all of you know it, but down at Plattsmouth at our Masonic Home, the steps on the side of the entrance to the Home have three, five and seven steps. Request was made to initiate a Fellowcraft in that

location, but the Grand Master decided against it because it could not be tiled. Another decision had to do with residency, and the other decisions all fall within the category of Jurisdiction.

R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, it is the decision of the Jurisprudence Committee that we accept all of these decisions. I move that all 8 decisions be approved.

If you will turn to page 18, these are the recommendations. Some of these we approved; some, partial approval; some disapproval; and some recommendations. On the first one, which has to do with the moving of the Grand Lodge Office to Lincoln, Nebraska; to have a special committee continue at the pleasure of the Grand Master; and that the Grand Master get together with his Special Committee and the Office Committee and proceed to interview and proceed with the work at hand. Those of you who were here, yesterday, with the Worshipful Masters and Wardens had a very excellent explanation of this presented to you as we did in our Jurisprudence Committee. The Jurisprudence Committee gives 100% approval to item No. I. Nos. I, III, IV, V approved.

The second one has to do with the word "subordinate" and "constituent". We ran into something on the Nebraska statutes, not of Nebraska Grand Lodge, but of the Statutes of the State of Nebraska, which defines subordinate lodges, and which has some advantages of being a nonprofit organization. We are included with the Odd Fellows, Knight Templar, etc. We think it is risky to change this; but, it was almost the universal opinion that, if we want to call each other "constituents" instead of "subordinates", we do it anyway. That is just fine, but we better leave it, as far as the State of Nebraska Statutes are concerned, that we are subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Therefore we recommend that this not be approved. I think it is the opinion of the Committee that we are going through a period in which there are some changes in our legislative laws, and we would not want to jeopardize our tax-free status.

No. III has to do with the inclusion of lodge funds for charitable purposes and for other community-use programs. We discussed this for some time, and we believe that we are taking in too much territory when we say "use for charitable purposes". We do have lodges that do not have Job's Daughters, DeMolay or Rainbow for Girls. We can understand again, with this law coming up, that Youth Community programs might be advisable, and some would choose to do that. But, there was some contention that what might be charitable to one person within the lodge might not be charitable to another, just as we do not discuss religion or politics. So, we would like to do this — we would like to approve this subject to the deletion of "for charitable purposes and", but leave in "other community programs". Approved. There was some concern about how much financing we have within each of our subordinate lodges, and that much of our work being done in charity, is done by individuals or by group action.

Jurisprudence Committee recommendation lost.

Grand Master's recommendation carried.

Recommendation No. IV, has to do with whether or not we should have dedication of Masonic Temples on Sunday. It is the recommendation that we

do have, because there are times when we might be called upon to lay a cornerstone on Sunday for a Masonic Temple. Within our recollection, we have not laid a Masonic cornerstone on Sunday. We have laid cornerstones for schools and the like. This would include, according to his recommendation, the dedication as well as laying a cornerstone for a Masonic Temple on Sunday. The Jurisprudence Committee approves that.

Recommendation No. V, has to do with the Jordan Medals. The recommendations made all reference to the Past Grand Master's jewel be removed from Section 2-709, Bylaws of the Grand Lodge. This part has been approved by the Jurisprudence Committee. Part 1 approved. On the second part, we had some problems.

Section 2-709 Gold Jordan Medal. The Gold Jordan Medal shall be and remain the property of the Grand Lodge to be awarded to and worn by the oldest living Mason in Nebraska; and, upon the wearer's death, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge and reawarded, as above.

Last year, I made a recommendation for a complete new section. It was referred to the Codification Committee, and they will report on that today. This part however, was not approved; because, here it states that it is to be given to the oldest living Mason. It has to be in terms of years of service.

Recommendation VI has to do with changing from June to January, the term of the Grand Officers. There are merits to that. We could find several disadvantages. It is not clear cut. It is recommended that a Committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to study and come up with a recommendation for our next Grand Lodge meeting.

Several items were brought up — changing in budgeting, finance, constitution and some experience in other nonprofit organizations, that have attempted to change their period of fiscal year, and are still in trouble after several years with the IRS.

Recommendation No. VI approved.

Motion was made that the incoming Grand Master make it one of his first orders of business to see that the outgoing Grand Master be provided with a suitable Grand Master jewel.

Carried.

GRAND LODGE OF KANSAS

RICHARD A. PORTER, GRAND MASTER

Thank you, brethren. Sorry the organist doesn't know "Home on the Range". I thought that song was known by every organist in the world. Thank you, M.:W.: Sir, and Distinguished Guests, Past Grand Masters: It is a real pleasure for me to be here. I came in and spoke, yesterday, to the Masters and Wardens, kicked off their meeting; and, at that time, your Grand Master made some rather discouraging remarks about the city of Wichita in the State of Kansas. My only comment to him is, "Where the hell is Chadron, Nebraska?" You know, I try to memorize things by association and kept getting Chadron and cesspool confused. My wife worked on me all the way up here; and, finally, I got where I could say Chadron, Nebraska. It is a pleasure to be here and I told you all the serious things I know and love yesterday If you didn't

hear it, you are probably lucky. If you heard it and want a copy, I have a few copies available.

I am a little different. I have been a professional Mason, starting in December, for 20 years, and I just want to talk to you about some of the things that happen that I think you might enjoy. You have heard all the seriousness today, and that way I can kinda go with the format of Bevin's meeting. It won't make sense, but it will be fun.

As I say, I have been a professional Mason. I have been Secretary for the Scottish Rite for almost 20 years, and I am going to retire one of these days. All the membership hopes I do, anyway. When I do, my retirement program is already laid out, and I am going to write a book on "Odd and Funny Funerals I Have Attended". That sounds like a hell of a story and it is. Let me tell you a few things that have happened to me. I was sitting in my office one afternoon at 2:20, and the phone rang. I picked it up, and a mortician by the name of McHugh, the mortuary was just two blocks from our offices, said: "Are you busy?" I said; "No, not real busy, why?" "God, I need you to help, I am in a jam." "What can I do?" He said: "Get your funeral book. I am sending a boy out the door right now to pick you up." I said: "Who is this?" He said: "I haven't got time to explain it. Get your book and your bible, and he will be there in just a minute." So, I went in and got my funeral book and bible, and stood out on the steps, and a guy came by and picked me up. I said: "What are we doing?" He said: "I don't know. My only instructions were to pick you up." I said: "Where are we going?" He said: "We're going to the mortuary." So, he let me out in front of the mortuary, and I buzzed in there. Here was McHugh waiting for me, the casket in the center of the aisle, and I said: "What are we doing?" He said: "Well, I don't have a whole lot of time to explain, but here is the situation. The Chaplain of the Air Base is supposed to do this at 2:00. It is now 2:25, and we can't find him." He said: "You're the Chaplain from the Air Base. Nobody will know the difference."

He said: "Here is the man's obituary we made up for you. You lead in. I will follow you with the casket, and the organist will play a long hymn while you figure out what in the hell you are going to say about this guy." He said: "One other thing, the family is right in front of you. They are not in the family room. There really is only one heir and that is a daughter. So, in we went, me and the casket and the funeral director. I sat down, and the organist played a long hymn. She sat in the back; and, pretty soon, she waved at me like, "It is your turn Mack, I am through", and on I went. Well, I started out, and the one thing that McHugh had failed to tell me, was that the deceased's only survivor was a girl of about 25 years old, who was a "Go-Go" girl in a night club; and, apparently, she was going directly from the funeral to work. She was dressed accordingly.

Now, I want to tell you. If you never prayed under those conditions, you ain't lived very well.

One other, quickly, I will tell you, I got a call one day from a mortuary. They said: "We have a member that died and the family has requested that you do the service. You are to do all of it, the whole thing." I said: "Okay, that is fine. I will bring my stuff and I will do the minister's part; and, then, we have a little three-man service that we do in our Consistory. I bring Ray Brown, Paul Simons and Bob Davis with me." He said: "How do you want us

to show you on the little funeral folder? Do you want it to read: 'The Reverend Richard Porter' presiding?" I said: "Hell, no, I don't want that " I said: "If I am going to do that, I want my full title and I want it to read, 'The Right Reverend Monsignor Richard Porter.' Ray Brown, Paul Simon and Bob Davis will be helping me." We went to the mortuary the next day; and, as we walked in, we were given these little folders. We went on into the little room, put on our robes, and got ready to go in. I opened this folder, and it said: "Presiding at this funeral will be the Wrong Reverend Porter and his three disciples, Ray, Paul and Bob." I came out of that room like a cannon and found out that those were the only ones they had printed. Thank God!

We had an old newspaperman die, and they called and said: "Dick, the family wants you to hold Dick's funeral." Well, they went on to tell me that Dick had left in his will that he had deposited enough money at the bar at the "Old Cow Town" for everybody to have a drink on him following the funeral. When you go into a funeral and you know that, ten minutes after it is over, everybody is going to be drunk, you kinda have to figure out a different kind of service. So I did, and I said: "I am not going to stand here and mourn over old Dick." I said: "We are going to talk about the fun times we have had", so we did. I gave a funeral service; and, as soon as the service was over, naturally, everybody was in a hurry to leave to get to the bar. There I was by myself, and I came out of the mortuary and went to the parking lot to get my car. There was a man sitting in a car over there and he honked. He said: "Come here, Dick." I went over there, and he said: "You know, that is the best, damn funeral I have ever been to in my life." He said: "I want a funeral just like that when I die." He said: "I am going straight home and tell old Mary, that when I conk off, she is to call you; and I want you to do the same service for me. Will you do it?" I reached in my pocket and I got a calendar, and I said, "Dale, when would you like to book it?" He said, "I don't want you around."

Brethren, it is great to be here. You have a great Grand Lodge, and I compliment you on following the Grand Master's recommendation and helping him along. I think your Lodge and your constituent lodges — did you notice how I used that word — are in for great successes, and I wish you all the success and all the happiness in the world. Thank you, my brethren.

GRAND LODGE OF ALASKA

JOHN INGRAM, PAST GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests and Grand Lodge officers. M.:W.: Sir, I do bring you fraternal greetings from our Grand Master. Because of prior commitments, he ordered me to show up here in Nebraska. Happily, I obeyed that order. I came for more reasons than some of the other visitors. I came in appreciation of what the Grand Lodge of Nebraska offered to the Grand Lodge of Alaska, when M.:W.: Byron Jenkins, was your Grand Master. When we decided that we would form our own Grand Lodge, we didn't have the blessings of the Grand Lodge we belonged to at that time; but the Grand Master of Nebraska got up and he said: "You have recognition from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska." That got us on the move. Happily, today, all Grand Lodges in our beautiful country of North America, and several throughout the world, recognize us, a total of 96

recognitions, but it was started by Nebraska.

Years ago, I was Master of a lodge in a little old town Alaska calls Seward. Seward, Alaska. Gee, that is a long ways from here; but, it wasn't very far for some very nice kind folks in Seward, Nebraska to send up a basketball team, and accept them as their sister city. What kind of nice folks would take money out of their own pockets and send a bunch of kids to Seward, Alaska? I might add, brothers, it has been transferred back and forth every year. The people of Seward, Nebraska love the people from Seward, Alaska. I got the chance to go to the building where Oliver Lodge No. 38 holds their meetings — haven't had a chance to visit the lodge there. Believe me, we have a strong attachment in Alaska for the Masons of Nebraska. We in Alaska have a very dedicated member that lives in Fairbanks. Last year, he was Master of his lodge, an outstanding Master of his Blue Lodge. He so happened to be a practicing attorney in Fairbanks. His name is Dennis Bump. We have got that facing us. You can hardly know the difference by looking at them. I hope that I can talk you, M.:W.: Sir, into accepting the offer of our Grand Master to address his Grand Lodge session next February in Anchorage, and meet face to face another Bump. We get two Bumps together, I don't know what we are going to have; but, he is about the same type of character, very distinguished. I had the pleasure of traveling around the country many times with M.:W.: B. B. Bump. You know, up in Massachusetts, clear up in the northeastern part of the State, we attended the 250th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Got a chance to see some of the sights up there, and went away firmly convinced that the Continental Army will come back again, but the British are still coming up there. You go down in California where all the fruit, nuts come from, he is there. You go down in the southern part, down where they think the south arises into the town of Miami, you know about Miami. You travel around and go clear on up the west coast. It gets cold in Nebraska. Well, it stays cold in Alaska. Travel around many times with him, then when I do get him up there, I hope he gets a chance to see the tremendous herd of caribou that we have. See the 275,000 animals — that sounds like a lot of animals. What in the world did your ancestors do with 50,000,000 buffalo that used to be here? What is the secret? Anyway, we hope that we do get the privilege of him coming up to our session in February.

I have some associates — we have a presentation we would like to make to your Grand Master to show some of the appreciation for what he has done in inviting us to be in his company. If M.:W.: Bill Baker from Utah and the Grand Master of Idaho, Wiley Smith, and, probably, Curt Lancaster, come up here, please brethren. Assist me with this presentation. Two more things before I sit down. I have heard of the decline in membership throughout the Country we are very interested in. I notice I was very proud that you received the officers and dignitaries from concordant bodies here at your Grand Lodge session. I wish all Grand Lodges would do it. Some Grand Lodges don't know that the York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine exist. Crippled children know it. Some of our very learned brothers that are running our Blue Lodges know that the Rites are here with the teaching they get. I don't like to hear people knocking our concordant bodies. Bless their hearts. They are dedicated and devoted to it. I love every part of Masonry, and I like to hear people say what is wrong with Masonry. There is nothing wrong with

Masonry, I know. I love it, same as you brethren. I respect the hard work that the brothers are giving to the various degrees of Rites and those brothers who wear their fez, Shriners and other organizations related to our Blue Lodges.

At the Conference of Grand Masters, most recent one in Seattle, I attended the meeting they had on this problem with organizations. They had four meetings going at one time, and this meeting was standing room only. So, let's, here in Nebraska, join with the others or assist the brothers in the concordant bodies, instead of knocking them, like some of them do. Let's assist all of our brothers. Last year, I am happy to say, the newest of all Grand Lodges showed an increase of 27 memberships. How many Grand Lodges showed an increase? Look at the drop that Nebraska had. Twenty seven is a good start. We have one brand new lodge up there in that part of the Country. Never been one there before. Some people recalled there were several lodges that remained with the Grand Lodge of Washington, for they knew we couldn't form one, we couldn't operate; but, we heard little rumbles now that, perhaps, three of the lodges would be joining with the other lodges in Alaska. We have no problems in Alaska as far as Masonry goes, Brethren are working hard. We certainly appreciate the many courtesies extended to us as we traveled around the Country. I have a medallion commemorating the 3rd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Alaska. I know the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has the one previous to this. Grand Master, I am going to leave this here in your hands to see that it gets among the archives of Nebraska. My brethren, as I step down, I leave you with something that we all remember. We have heard, many times, things in Masonry repeated, repeated. We heard Mozart work repeated again. We enjoyed it, but the one I think most of daily is a good example of your Grand Master, something I am going to continue to live for.

Let me live, O Mighty Master, such a life that man should know
Tasting triumph and disaster, joy but not too much of woe,
Let me run through fields of clover, let me fight, love, laugh
And when I am beneath that clover, let this be my epitaph.

Here lies one who took his chances in the world of busy men
Battle, luck and circumstances, fought and fell but fought again
Won sometimes but did no crowing, lost some of the time but did not wail
Took his beating, kept on going, never let his courage fail.
Yet, he was fallible and human, therefore loved and understood
By his fellowmen or women be it good or not so good, but kept
His spirit undiminished, never fall to any friend, he played
the game until it finished. He was a brother to the end.

With that, M.:W.: Sir, my tribute to you and thanks for all your courtesies.

REPORT OF FRATERNAL DEAD COMMITTEE ALBERT WISE, CHAIRMAN

M.:W.: Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Visiting Grand Lodge Officers and brethren all. Once again, it has come time to memorialize our departed brethren, who have laid down their working tools of life, and have met the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and who have heard those great

and good words: "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter Thou into the joy of Thy Lord."

Each year we all gather at various cemeteries, across the Country, and attend memorial services for our departed loved ones. This gathering also reunites us with other family members; and, even, friends we haven't seen in months or, even, years. So you see, even our departed loved ones make this day a day of happiness and a time of rejoicing

So should we, as Masons, make this a time, not a few sad minutes, but a time of remembering and rejoicing in how our departed brothers touched each one of us in his own special way.

We, as Masons, must remember that our departed brothers were placed here among us by the Grand Architect of the Universe, to be a useful part in His great and vast plan for all mankind. As His plan is carried out by all human beings, we, as Masons, have a greater part and responsibility in His great plan, as our Masonic teachings reveal "the soul is immortal and life is eternal." This, we must remember. When remembering our departed brothers, we must remember some of their accomplishments here on earth.

1. Each brother was given a certain plan for his life here on earth by the Grand Architect of the Universe to perform and carry out this plan.
2. Each brother has this responsibility, not only to himself, but to his God, his family and to all mankind, to complete his assigned plan.
3. Each brother has left his mark behind of his accomplishments for all to see. This mark may have been very small or very large, but at least he has left his mark.
4. We must remember all the trials and burdens each brother has endured, during his busy days here on earth, carrying out His plan.
5. We must remember the happy and sad moments each brother shared with those he dearly loved.
6. Lastly, but not leastly, we must remember those who were left behind; who shared all the brother's accomplishments; who loved him dearly. May the blessing of God be with them through the remainder of their life journey.

Brethren let us pray: Brother Grand Chaplain

Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for this very special moment, that we might stop for a few moments in our busy lives and labors, to remember and pay our respects to our departed Brothers. May your blessing continue to reign upon us. May you continue to guide us, and teach us. We ask this in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

There were reported to the office of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the deaths of 24 Past Grand Masters and 1 Grand Lodge Officer from other Grand Jurisdictions. Five of which were outside the boundaries of the United States. The total number of deaths of Masons in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for the year 1983-84, as of April 15, was 850 Brethren, including 2 Past Grand Masters.

The reading of the Masonic Roll of M.:W.: John A. Bottorf

M.:W.: Norris W. Lallman

M.:W.: Wilmer R. Blackett

JOHN A. BOTTORF**Grand Master****June 8, 1967 to June 4, 1968**

Born: April 6, 1913
 Jewell City, Kansas

Died: February 21, 1984
 Sutton, Nebraska

MASONIC RECORD

LODGE: Initiated April 16, passed July 24, raised August 21, 1947, in Evening Star Lodge No. 49; and served as Worshipful Master in 1952. He was the Secretary for 11 years.

GRAND LODGE: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in June, 1962, by M.:W.: Ernest O. Van Wey, advancing through the line, and was elected and installed M.:W.: Grand Master June 7, 1967. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in Nebraska by M.:W.: Roy I. Babbitt, on February 24, 1958.

CHAPTER: Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, October 23, 1962; and Royal Arch Mason, October 23, 1962, in Hastings Chapter No. 21.

COMMANDERY: Order of the Red Cross and Malta, October 26, 1962; and Order of the Temple, October 24, 1962, in Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11.

OTHER MASONIC BODIES: Scottish Rite, Valley of Hastings, April, 1949, Tehama Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., May 5, 1949; Sutton Chapter No. 54, O.E.S., June 1, 1965.

HONORARY: Past Grand Master of South Dakota and Kansas

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS: Honorary Legion of Honor, International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, June 7, 1967.

It seems that each man who serves as Grand Master, in his own particular way, gives to our Grand Lodge and Masonry, as a whole, something good and worthwhile.

M.:W.: John A. Bottorf served as Grand Master with enthusiasm and distinction. He gave of himself, so that Masons in Nebraska, and in all other Jurisdictions he visited, would be inspired to do more for Masonry and be better Masons. The Reobligation Ceremony that he gave to our Lodges should be a ceremony that will be used for the good of each lodge and every Mason.

M.:W.: Bottorf's interest and concern about suspension for non-payment of dues is another project that will be a great help to Masonry in Nebraska.

Masonry is grateful for men of high morals and deep integrity, and M.:W.: Brother Bottorf was a Grand Master who put both of these characteristics to full use and practice as he fulfilled the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska. He definitely wore the Grand Master's apron with pleasure to himself and honor to the Fraternity.

NORRIS W. LALLMAN
Grand Master
June 6, 1968 to June 3, 1969

Born: July 19, 1911
 Fontenelle, Nebraska

Died: March 1, 1984
 Waco, Texas

MASONIC RECORD

LODGE: Initiated September 16, passed October 15, raised November 12, 1937, in Hooper Lodge No. 72, and served as Worshipful Master in 1943. He was Secretary of Hooper Lodge No. 72 for 20 years.

GRAND LODGE: Appointed Grand Marshal in June 1958 by M.:W.: John E. Beaver, appointed Grand Junior Deacon in 1963 by M.:W.: Ralph M. Carhart, advancing through the line, and was elected and installed Grand Master June 6, 1968. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in Nebraska by M.:W.: John E. Beaver on May 21, 1959, elected and installed Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.:F.: & A.:M.: on June 4, 1969.

CHAPTER: Mark Master and Past Master September 18, 1963, and Most Excellent Master, September 25, 1963. Royal Arch Mason, October 2, 1963, in Signet Chapter No 8, Fremont, Nebraska.

COMMANDERY: Order of the Red Cross and Malta, October 30, 1963; and Order of the Temple, November 6, 1963, in Mt. Tabor Commandery No. 9, Fremont, Nebraska

OTHER MASONIC BODIES: Scottish Rite, Valley of Omaha, 1953; Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S, 1953; and Red Cross of Constantine, Couer De Lion Conclave; and Nebraska Veterans Freemasons Association; and Order of Eastern Star, 1946, and Worthy Patron, Friendship Chapter No. 122, Hooper, 1952; and Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter O.E.S. of Nebraska, 1955; and DeMolay, Lewis M. Keene Chapter, Fremont, Nebraska.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS: Honorary Past Grand Master of South Dakota and Kansas; Legion of Honor; International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay 1957.

Members and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

In his service as Grand Master, our Most Worshipful Brother has fully demonstrated those abilities and talents which were expected of him as he approached that exalted station. His faithfulness, devotion and dedication not only have assured him a place in the ranks of the great leaders of our Craft; but, is in itself, a memorial to Most Worshipful Ralph M. Carhart, who, years ago, recognized his capabilities, and gave him his first appointment in the Grand Lodge line. His training as Secretary of his Lodge has enabled him to assess critically the foibles and errors of his brethren; his many years of devoted service in the Church of which he is a member has given him the proper reverential perspective for the Craft; and his unwearied activity in all phases of Masonry has given him a broad foundation upon which he has erected a structure of accomplishment and beauty, which will cause him to be well remembered by his brethren.

WILMER R. BLACKETT
Master Mason
A Very Special Mason

Born: September 8, 1881
Detroit, Michigan

Died: March 9, 1984
Omaha, Nebraska

MASONIC RECORD

LODGE: Initiated November 27, 1905, passed January 22, 1906, raised February 5, 1906 in Landmark Lodge No. 103, Sioux City, Iowa. He later demitted to Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.

OTHER MASONIC HONORS: Bronze Jordan Medal, March 24, 1970; Gold Jordan Medal, May 13, 1981, which was presented by then Grand Secretary, M.:W.: Norris W. Lallman. On September 8, 1981, Nebraska Lodge No. 1 hosted a 100th Birthday party where Brother Blackett received a written letter from President Reagan. Senator Dave Newell, presented Brother Blackett with an Admiralship in the Nebraska Navy.

Brother Blackett was the oldest, living Mason in Nebraska at the time of his death. He died at the age of 102 and served the Fraternity for 78 years.

Brother Blackett, as a teenager, joined a circus and traveled throughout the United States, returning to the Omaha area in 1899 to learn the barber trade. It was in the Spring of 1899 that Wilmer Blackett, at the age of 17, too young to be doing what he was doing, stood before the U.S. Army recruiter at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and lied, raising his age to 21. To convince the recruiter, still skeptical, Brother Blackett called on the braggadocio of youth. "Look", he said, "I was born in the woods of Michigan and raised on the plains of Kansas and Nebraska, and I can stand anything you can throw at me." That was how Brother Blackett talked his way into Nebraska's 16th Infantry Regiment, onto a boat that took him and 5,000 other men to the Philippines and into the Spanish American War.

He was the last Spanish American War Veteran in Nebraska. In the Philippines, he survived combat and cholera. He returned to Omaha in 1902. He re-enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving as a recruiter and supply sergeant during World War I. He retired in 1930. After that, he kept busy with jobs at the Federal Reserve Bank and the Omaha Athletic Club. He retired for good in 1952. He served the Fraternity well and will be greatly missed.

My brethren all of these departed brothers have left us but we have not forgotten them. We have remembered them by this Memorial Service, and now it is time to rejoice by opening our hearts and voices and join in the singing of a mighty and joyous song. "The Gospel."

Thus, my brethren it is most appropriate, suitable, and very thoughtful, for this Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons to pause in its regular labors, and set aside the business and duties of the institution to devote a quiet moment to the memory of these departed brethren. We are so hurried under the pressure, strain and stress of responsibilities, that we are inclined to lose sight of some of the deeper significances of the teachings and

tenets of our institution.

In this quiet moment we would permit our thoughts to wander back over the years and revive memories which have almost given way to the pressure of present problems and the recurring responsibilities connected with the life we live. In this moment of Memorial, we would seek to divest our minds of superfluous wanderings and occupations and think of the worshipful and honorable brethren whose years have gone by; and who have laid aside their working tools of this life, during the past Masonic year, who have given a final account of their labors to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and are now clothed upon high with Celestial Garments of Everlasting Life.

We, thus, come to the end of another Memorial Service; but, before I close, I would like to recite a poem from the selected poems of Edgar A. Guest, entitled "Eulogy."

This was the way of him, ministers, say of him,
 Only the simplest of praises about him.
 Flatter him not today, it is enough to say,
 Care will be just a bit harder without him.
 Friends to us all was he, soonest to call was he,
 Hearing the word that our hearts were in sorrow.
 This is enough to say, now that he's gone away,
 Grief will be just a bit harder tomorrow.
 Now that he's gone away, we who still living stay,
 Missing his smile, and his hand at our shoulder.
 As the days come and go, against all storms that blow,
 Stronger we'll have to be, truer and bolder.

Brethren, let us pray: Brother Grand Chaplain.

We give them back to Thee, Dear God, who gavest them to us. Yet, as Thou didn't not lose them in giving, so we have not lost them in their return. For life is eternal and love is immortal, and death is the horizon where the earth meets the wondrous down curve of Heaven, beautiful because it is not life's ending, but the promise of life eternal. Amen.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

The Rock Maul Award was presented to Scottsbluff Lodge No. 201 and Fremont Lodge No. 15.

ORATION

JAMES N. DEMOSS, GRAND ORATOR

Those of you who were present a year ago may recall that I closed my Oration with a quotation from Dean Roscoe Pound's "Lectures on the Philosophy of Freemasonry". It was this quotation: "Every world-organization, hitherto, has been wrecked ultimately upon its own dogmatism." It has taken the dogmas, these 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."

Keeping Brother Pound's philosophy in mind, let us explore a few things. If I was to take an ordinary wooden plank, say 12 inches wide, and place it on the floor here in front of this table, I doubt that there is an individual in the banquet room tonight who could not come up here and walk that plank from one end to the other without falling off. However, if I were to take that same plank, place it on top of two poles thirty feet in the air, I doubt that there is an individual in this room who would even attempt to walk it. Why? It is the same plank. It is the same path to follow. What is different about it? I'll tell you what is different about it — it is our image of ourselves and our abilities. We wouldn't attempt to make the journey down that plank because we are afraid. We are afraid that we might fall. Still in all, it is the same plank isn't it?

Now, let's change that plank just a little bit. We will leave it on those poles, but let's construct a hand rail along one side. Now most of us would probably be willing to try it. We have just added to it a little bit. It needn't be a permanent addition, just one for us to use while we practice and become proficient in our travel down that plank. In time — if we don't forget that the railing is not a permanent part of the plank — it can and should be removed. Yet, at a certain point in time, that railing gives us the faith to hold on. Faith to believe that we can complete the task we are about to undertake. It gives us a feeling of a more firm foundation.

In all of our daily living, and, especially, in our Masonic activities, we need to have a feeling of a strong foundation. We need faith and courage to hold on.

Many years ago I heard the story of a young boy named Sammy who lived with his parents near the rim of the Grand Canyon. Sammy's family didn't have much in the way of worldly wealth, and Sammy used to like to hang around all of the tourists as they would come to view that magnificent natural wonder. From time to time, he was able to pick up a little money in tips from some of the tourists, as he would run errands for them, take their pictures for them, or whatever it was they wanted him to do. One day a woman called Sammy over and pointed out to him a plant that was growing out of the canyon wall several feet down from the rim. She told Sammy that she was a collector of various plant life and she really wanted that particular

plant for her collection. She asked Sammy if he would be willing, for a 50¢ tip, to let the woman's husband tie a rope around Sammy and lower him to where he could get the plant for her. Sammy looked over the rim at the plant, back at the woman and her husband, and replied that he didn't really think that he wanted to do what she asked. "Oh, now, Sammy," said the woman, "it isn't really that far down and will only take a couple of minutes. My husband will have a good grip on the rope; and, once you have the plant, we will pull you right up." "In fact", she said, "I'll give you a whole dollar for the favor." Again, Sammy looked over the rim and back at the woman and her husband, but he remained adamant that he didn't want to do what she was asking. Finally, the woman started to become impatient. She stamped her foot and asked Sammy — "All right, how much money do you want to get that plant for me?" Sammy looked right back at her and replied, "Oh, Lady, it ain't the money. That doesn't bother me a bit. I'll go down there and get that plant for nuthin' if you'll get my Dad to hold the rope!" If Sammy was going to risk going over the edge of that canyon he wanted to be sure that his rope was fastened to a firm foundation in which he had faith.

You and I need such faith in our daily lives. We need a faith to hold on to. We need a faith, to ground ourselves in, which is not cluttered with extraneous materials. We can find at least a path to that faith through Freemasonry.

Remember, though that Dean Pound, in his philosophy, pointed out that we don't want to tack on to something that which is not necessary. We have made some changes in this Grand Lodge at this Communication. There hasn't been unanimity on all of those changes. Yet, if we don't change, if we don't try new things, how are we going to know whether or not the world is passing us by as we rest serene in the ruts made by our own beliefs?

If we need to, as we make changes — as we move that plank from the floor to the top of the poles — we can add to or take from what we have changed. We may find that we need to add that railing. We may find that it is not necessary. To do nothing, however, in the way of change, because it is not the way we did it before, can be fatal. We may find ourselves like the rustic who camped beside a river, which he needed to cross to continue his journey, and waited for eternity for that river to run dry so he could cross. We cannot wait for the rivers to run dry. We need to continue building bridges so we can go on!

Even with a firm foundation and faith our journey may not always be as safe and comfortable as we would have it be. We may find ourselves like the poor fellow who was hiking one dark night and stepped off a cliff. As he was hurtling to what he felt would be his final doom, his hand happened to close on a limb of a tree which was growing out of the side of the cliff. He grabbed hold of the limb and hung on for dear life. Once his head had cleared a bit, he started hollering for help. It was dark and he could see nothing, but he knew that he needed help. Finally, his plea for help was answered by an unseen voice from above which asked — "John, do you believe?" "Oh my yes, I do believe" answered John. "Now get me some help and get me down from here." Again the voice asked, "John, do you really believe?" Again John answered, "Yes, I really believe. Now get me some help." Back came the voice saying, "John, if you really believe — let go." John peered through the

darkness to where he imagined the voice was coming from and asked, "Is there anyone else up there I can talk to?"

Not only do we have to have faith to ground ourselves on — there comes a time when we have to have the faith and the courage to let go. Courage to put away and put behind us that which is not needed so we can strive forward to reach our goals. The only thing we can do after we pass through a gate is to reach behind us and close that gate. We cannot erase the fact that we have gone through the gate. Constant progress means constantly going forward, and that means constant change. If we spend too much time evaluating the next step we are about to take, we may never have the chance to take that step.

If, however, we are truly founded in faith, then we needn't really worry about holding on for the next step or letting go for the next. It will lead us to a type of life I like to summarize as follows:

You should live each day to the fullest. Get the most from each hour, each day and each age of your life. Then, you can look forward with confidence and back without regrets. Be yourself, but be your best self. Dare to be different. Follow your own star — and don't be afraid to be happy. Enjoy what is beautiful. Love with all your heart and soul. Believe that those you love, love you. Forget what you have done for your friends and remember what they have done for you. Disregard what the world owes you. Concentrate on what you owe the world. When you are faced with a decision, make that decision as wisely as possible and forget it. The moment of absolute certainty never arrives. Above all, remember that God helps those who help themselves. Act as if everything depended upon you and pray as if everything depended upon God.

So mote it be.

1984 PROCEEDINGS*of the*

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*ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVENTH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**Held in Kearney June 8 and 9, 1984**SECOND DAY — MORNING SESSION**Saturday, June 9, 1984***DEMOLAY**

WALTER MILLER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

M.: W.: Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Past Grand Masters and brethren all. Youth is one heck of an age to have. Some of us can't remember Others have just passed it by a few years ago. But youth is important, because we are today and they are tomorrow.

Tomorrow is for Masonry we hope still exists. We have a great well to draw from, but are letting the well fill in with debris and not using it. I am talking about the Order of DeMolay. This is the 127th Communication of this Grand Lodge; and, for 63 of those years, the Order of DeMolay in the State of Nebraska has walked behind. For too many years, Masonry walked its way and never looked back to see what was following. Brethren, we talk about loss of Membership. We are in baseball season right now and every major baseball team has a farm team. While they do get players out of the farm system, most of them come from where they have trained them. My brethren, the Order of DeMolay is the farm system for Masonry. You saw an example of it just yesterday when two fine young men stood up here and talked to you. They are samples of outstanding examples of DeMolay. We have had another young man talking to you all of yesterday, last night and today. When the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, our M.: W.: Grand Master, was a kid in a DeMolay Chapter, I am sure the Masons of that particular day had no thought of him becoming Grand Master. Yes, brethren, we laugh, and we should. You know, that is one of the great things that happened here this weekend. There has been laughter in the Grand Lodge, and it was a kid from DeMolay that caused it.

Now, DeMolay has been an important part of Nebraska and Nebraska has been an important part of DeMolay. The Order was founded in 1919 in Kansas City, as a club, one man and nine boys. My vote doesn't count, I am nobody. One Master Mason stood up and he formed a club. In 1920, the second chapter in Omaha, Nebraska, Chapter No. 2, still exists The DeMolay took its first great step in becoming the National-International Organization here in Nebraska. In 1970, the Supreme Council held its 50th Annual meeting

in Omaha. They granted the Masons of Canada to become second supreme council in the world. So, DeMolay has a great part here in the State of Nebraska. It became a National Organization here in Nebraska, and a truly International Organization here in Nebraska. Masonry walked its long way and never looked back. Young men of the Order of DeMolay today are the same young men that you were. They have the same problem, the same growing up. I had an experience one time. A young man was conferring degrees, and, somehow, he had two left feet instead of the left and right. He tripped as he walked the floor, and a couple of our good, elderly Masons poked each other and said: "Look at that dummy, stumbling all over." He was 6 foot 6 inches tall, and I said to these brethren, when the meeting was finished: "You know how old that boy is?" "No, but he is a big goof." I said: "Yes he is, he is a big goof of 15 years of age." They expected him to have on his shoulders, the head of a man of 60. The Order of DeMolay for young men is exactly that. These young men are learning the things that you know. We talk about the "Brotherhood of Man" and the "Fatherhood of God". Let me tell you what DeMolay calls it. They call it "love of God, love of country and love of home". Learning the great thing of charity by participating in the activities of the Home for Children and the Plattsmouth Home. Oh, you don't hear about that. You pick up the paper and you read about youngsters being into drugs, etc., but you forget to look in the Masonic Temple and see those young men down there who are not into it. Young men who want to follow your trail. My brethren, you are not making tracks they can follow. Open the Temple, open your hearts, take that right hand of fellowship and reach back and grasp the hand of that young man behind you, pull him up and say: "Son, let's you and I walk the road together." If we do, Masonry has a future.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

RALPH W. GERRY, CHAIRMAN

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska:

This report contains excerpts from the Commission of Information for Recognition of the Conference of the Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

CUBA

The Grand Lodge of Cuba in Havana continues to operate as usual with no governmental interference.

The Grand Lodge DeCuba, in Miami, Florida, seems to be clandestine, and is encroaching on exclusive territory of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

GABON

Your Grand Secretary is in possession of correspondence from Grande Loge Du Gabon, Grand Secretary Andre G. Laroche, requesting recognition and exchange of representatives. The Commission on Recognition recommends recognition.

Most Worshipful Sir: Your Committee now moves that this Grand Lodge recognize the Grande Loge Du Gabon, Africa and that the Grand Secretary so notify them of our action.

Carried.

REPORT OF LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BYRON C. JENKINS, CHAIRMAN

The Committee submits as its report, that it contacted 26 Lodges that appeared to be having problems. Seventeen of these Lodges responded to the Committee. Two of the Lodges contacted have been consolidated. Visits to several of these Lodges were made. It is only hoped that they have been helpful. The same problems as in years past have been reported. The biggest of these problems is lack of leadership.

This is the Committee report; but, before I move for its adoption, permit me this personal note. When, year after year, 10% to 15% of our Lodges are having trouble, a better method must be found than asking a Committee, limited in funds and time of its members, to help these Lodges out. It might well be that a hired trouble-shooter would work much better, and may pay worthwhile dividends in stronger, more viable Lodges

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON THE STATUE OF LIBERTY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
BYRON C. JENKINS, CHAIRMAN

Your incoming Grand Master has appointed the new Committee for this Grand Lodge. It is a Committee on the Statue of Liberty Centennial Celebration.

On July 4, 1986, the Statue of Liberty Centennial will be celebrated. As most of you know, it is in bad need of repair, which is just under way. It will take about two years to do that job. It is a costly undertaking. You have heard many appeals, from many sources, for funds. Many of you are now thinking, what has that to do with us Masons? It has a great deal to do with us Masons. Let us go back to the summer evening in the year 1865, when a group of people, Frenchmen, met. Among them were Oscar and Edmund Lafayette, grandsons of the Illustrious General Lafayette, Masonic Brother of George Washington; Brother Henry Martin, Historian; and Brother, and Artist, Frederic Auguste Bartholdi. It was at this meeting that an idea of a lasting memorial, as a gift from France to America, came into being. The idea lay dormant through the autocratic rule of Napoleon III, but was revived in 1871, with the hope of presenting a memorial to America, on its Centennial in July 4, 1876. Delays ensued, but work was started with fund raising by Brother Henry Martin, design and construction under Brother Bartholdi.

In 1874, work was progressing on the pedestal on which the statue would rest. In 1884, cornerstone was laid by the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New York. On October 28, 1886, the Statue was dedicated. Again with many Masons taking part. Thus, from the original idea to the completion of the work, Masons were in the forefront of the undertaking on both sides of the Atlantic. Now, it is time again for Masons to step forward and do their part. The Grand Lodge Committee has been appointed; and, in cooperation with all of the Grand Lodges of the United States, we are going to do our part. Our goal is a \$1.00 donation per member. Your Committee has established a goal of 30,000 dollars from this Grand Jurisdiction to be undertaken.

There will be, of course, some who do not take part. Some who cannot take part, so others of us must do more than our part. Plans will be forthcoming in late summer, or early fall, to your lodge. Every brother who contributes will have his name inscribed in the memorial book which will be presented to the Statue Foundation. For contributors of \$5 00, you will receive a bumper sticker that has the Statue of Liberty on one side and Square and Compass on the other, and the words "Statue of Liberty Centennial." For contributions of \$15.00, or more, you will receive a lapel pin, of which I am presently wearing. It is a map of the United States. On the Eastern Seaboard is the Statue of Liberty; and, on the western states, the Square and Compass.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS BEN D. FUSSELL, CHAIRMAN

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

We, your committee on Charters and Dispensations, have met with the representatives of the four lodges cited to appear at this Annual Communication: Harvard Lodge No. 44, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Robert Burns Lodge No. 173, and Olive Branch Lodge No. 274.

All representatives indicated that the current crisis in farm operations, due to excessive moisture and unfavorable farming conditions, have made it impossible for a number of their elected officers to take the time away from their work to attend Grand Lodge.

The responsibility of the Past Masters of all Lodges was called to their attention. As the backbone of the individual lodges, their support of the officers for many functions of the lodge, including attendance at Grand Lodge was necessary.

It is the decision of the Committee to recommend to the Grand Lodge that no further action be taken, at this time, relative to these four Lodges.

TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAROLD C. WORDEMAN, CHAIRMAN

M.:W.: Sir; During this past year the Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone for and dedicated new temples for Nelson No. 77, Nelson; Friendship No. 239, Chapman; dedicated a temple for Utca No. 96 at Utca; Laid the cornerstone for a new temple for Frank Welch No. 75, Sidney; Osceola No. 65, Osceola has moved into the remodeled store building and plan for dedication ceremonies later this year. Florence No. 281, Omaha, submitted plans to remodel their present temple. Golden Rule No. 236, Allen, submitted plans for remodeling a building which they are buying. Falls City No. 9, Falls City, continues to look for a suitable building to buy and remodel. Just last night I talked to a member of the Aurora No. 68, in that they have some problems we want to consider.

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT WILLIAM G. HURST, CHAIRMAN

Most Worshipful Sir: It was Brother Benjamin Franklin who observed "When the Well's Dry, We Know the Worth of Water." Although the membership in our Youth Organization is not to the point that we would say

the well is dry, it is time that we begin to consider the worth of the water.

That water with which we work and to which we have access, Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay, is dwindling slowly in supply, but not in quality. Interestingly enough, there is a corresponding decrease in quality water workers, or Master Masons, involved in developing this natural resource and workers.

The only thing between us and a long dry spell is a handful of dedicated, hard-working and unthanked workers. Whether or not we have had that dry spell is in the hands of you Master Masons in this Grand Lodge — not next year, or in 1990, but TODAY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

FRANK J. MATTOON, CHAIRMAN

The Committee on Grievances met at the direction of the Grand Master. There were no Trial Commissions appointed by the Grand Master for the Masonic year 1983 to 1984.

However, two cases presented to the One Hundred Twenty-sixth Annual Communication held on June 10 and 11, 1983, were deferred, pending the expiration of the time for appeal and the decisions of the Trial Commissions appointed with respect to such cases. The committee has reviewed said cases and submits this report and recommends:

1. The decision of the Trial Commission in the case of the charges of Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, dated May 4, 1983, and the penalty of indefinite suspension be approved.
2. The decision of the Trial Commission in the case of the charges of Florence Lodge No. 281, dated April 19, 1983 and the penalty of expulsion be approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR REINSTATEMENT

RALPH W. GERRY, GRAND SECRETARY

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 39 applications. This is a decrease of ten over the prior year.

These came from twenty-seven different lodges throughout the State of Nebraska.

It is very enjoyable and rewarding to see so many brethren return to the Fraternity.

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

I wish to thank the other members of the Committee: W.: Brother Amos Campbell and Brother Kenneth P. Lott for their support and help this past year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

The Committee on Lodge Returns, Brothers Sebert A. Stover, 281, Edward C. Reynolds, 268; and Sidney W. Irwin, 302, have reviewed all the reports and find them to be in good shape, with a few exceptions. Namely, no Lodge Seal, only one signature in place of two, and nothing shown for Jordan Medal.

We compliment the office personnel for the excellent manner the records are kept and the cooperation of the Grand Lodge Officers.

**REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR
HOME FOR CHILDREN**

BEN HARVEY, ADMINISTRATOR

M.:W.: Grand Master and brethren. It is a pleasure to be before you this morning to talk about The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. I have a written report to submit, but I will keep my remarks brief. It is indeed an opportunity to be able to thank you, the Masonic Lodges of Nebraska, for the things that you have done for the Children's Home in the past, presently, and what you will be doing in the future. Please carry that back to your lodges with you. I have had an opportunity, at this Communication, to answer many questions about our Children's Home at Fremont. I am very glad to be able to do that. I am available to any of you at just about any time to come out to your lodges and give programs about the Home. All you need to do is contact me at my office in Fremont. We will arrange a program for you. Working with children is a very youthful experience. It is hard to keep up with kids, like they say. We try to do a lot of things for the kids in Fremont. The house parents and the staff are always giving counsel to the children, we have a psychologist on a part-time basis. I, myself, am involved in the process. Just about the time you think you are really making some successes, the kids come back to let you know that we are indeed humble in our counsel to them. Jake White is one of the boys at the Home, came back one evening, after a dance, and he had two or three hickies on his neck. I don't like hickies very well, so I had him in the office and I talked to him. The house parents talked to him about this and about his actions. I felt real good about it when he left. I told him: "Jake, you know if you walk around with those things on your neck, there is another step further, and you may have some girl pregnant". I thought he understood everything. I meant what I said. About a week later, one of the staff members, who drives a van, takes the kids to school on days when we have bad weather, came back and he said: "Ben, do you know what all the kids in the home think that you know about girls?" I says. "No, I don't." He said: "They are all talking about you. You think you can get a girl pregnant by giving her hickies." A couple things about the home — these are enjoyable stories I think. We have a very good 4H program, and many of the calves that are in that program, lambs, goats are donated by Masonic Organizations. Last year, we were able to take five calves to the State Fair. The kids showed them and one of those calves, donated from a member of the lodge up at Norfolk, won a purple ribbon in the carcass judging. In February, one of the girls was elected by DeMolay Chapter in Fremont as their Chapter Sweetheart. We are very proud of Tammy Harmons. We are very proud of Tammy, and all of the kids at the

Home are. She is looking forward to being out to the State Meeting shortly. That is a real good success story for the kids at the Home. I will do one final thing with you. A couple of months ago, we had a little project where we asked all of the children to write down a few things they were thankful for. Of course, some of the boys wrote down girls. Some of the girls wrote down boys. Some of the kids wrote down friends, and younger boys would write down a bicycle; but one of the boys wrote down, the Masons. I thought that was just a pretty good thing for him to put down. I think the kids do appreciate what the Stars and Lodges are doing for them.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
HARRY A. SPENCER, PRESIDENT

R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Past Grand Masters, Brethren: Like Walter Miller, my youth is in the dim corridors of distant past. This session, I would like to say, has been pretty well dedicated to youth. I am up here today to remind you that you also have a responsibility to those who are in their twilight years, and my report will be about their welfare.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren:

It is my extreme pleasure to appear before you to render an accounting of our stewardship of the trustees of your Masonic Home. I do so, however, with a heavy heart; because, I am replacing Worshipful Brother William F. Patterson, who has been giving this report for the past 28 years. Brother Patterson passed to his eternal reward August 14, 1983. Those of you who knew Worshipful Brother Patterson knew that, over that entire span, his consuming interest was the welfare of the Nebraska Masonic Home. To him, it was the way to fulfill his Masonic obligations.

While I appear here in my capacity as President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, I am making this report on behalf of all of our 15 trustees who are, with the year they came on the Board, the following.

- M.: W.: Brother Merle M. Hale1940
- Your Home Board President1941
- M.: W.: Brother Lewis R. Ricketts1949
- M.: W.: Brother Louis V Sylvester1968
- M.: W.: Brother John F. Futcher1968
- M.: W.: Brother Harold Hultman.....1969
- Brother Charles A. Rasmussen1969
- Brother Frank V. Lawson, Jr.1973
- W.: Brother William A. Pettengill.....1975
- W.: Brother George S. Holman1978
- W.: Brother James N. DeMoss.....1978
- M.: W.: Brother Warren D. Lichty, Jr.1980
- M.: W.: Brother Byron C. Jenkins1981
- M.: W.: Brother T. Leo Stunes.....1982

and Worshipful Brother Arthur R. Sharp, who was appointed in January to the vacancy created by the death of Brother William F. Patterson.

Our Board meetings are held once a month. Additionally, each trustee serves on two, or more, committees. They receive no expenses of any nature.

The expense they incur for mileage, postage, phone calls, etc , come out of their own pockets. Very few of you realize the hours they are required to spend to carry out their duties as trustees. They are a talented and dedicated group and deserve your commendation for their uncompensated devotion to their task. I am very grateful to them.

The Nebraska Masonic Home has been serving Masonry for the past 81 years. During the 43 years I have been a member of the Board of Trustees, I have frequently wondered how much the average Nebraska Mason knows about the Home. I do tell you, you should. I promise you, if you do, you will understand our pride of accomplishment in maintaining the finest home of its kind in the Country.

Our budget continues to rise. Fuel, medical costs, labor and materials are essential services and supplies over which we have little control. When you think about your own problems with these items during the past year, you can appreciate what we are up against. Our budget for 1983-1984, for the first time, exceed one million dollars. It was \$1,089,890.00. For 1984-1985, it will be \$1,187,850.00. I wonder how many Nebraska Masons who, through their dues, contribute \$2.00 annually to the support of the Nebraska Masonic Home, realize this source raises less than \$70,000 and funds less than 6 percent of our 1984 budget. No other Grand Lodge funds are used in the operation of the Home. This means we are required to raise more than one million dollars, annually, from sources other than the Grand Lodge. Our endowment fund is the reason we can continue to operate at our present level. We must keep the endowment fund growing.

Several years ago, we broadened our eligibility requirements to make daughters and sisters, as well as mothers, wives and widows of Nebraska Masons, eligible for admission to the Home. At that time, we eliminated eligibility by virtue of an Eastern Star membership because we wanted to limit our facilities to the female relatives of Nebraska Masons. In doing so, we did not deprive any Eastern Star member of admission to a Masonic Home. Those who became members of the Eastern Star on a non-Nebraska membership are eligible for admission to the Masonic Home in the jurisdiction of the relative upon whose membership their eligibility was based. By broadening our admission requirement, we made all of the female relatives of Nebraska Masons eligible for admission to the Home.

The demand on our facilities is growing. We are in an increasing cycle. Nebraskans are taking utmost advantage of the good life; and, consequently, are living longer. As of December 31, 1982, we had 77 guests. Of that number, 43 were regular guests and 34 were partial pay. As of December, 1983, we had 90 guests in the Home, 47 regular, and 34 partial pay. I should observe that several of our partial-pay guests are in our infirmary. As I prepare this report, the total number of our guests has grown to 104 of whom 64 are bedfast. Our apartments for partial-pay guests are now completely full, and we have a waiting list. Our Superintendent, Raymond Evers, advises me that we are getting calls about these apartments, daily.

So there can be no misunderstanding, I emphasize. Our Home is primarily for those who are unable to pay for their care. It was established to take care of the indigent. These are the ones I refer to as our regular guests, as distinguished from our partial-paying guests. There is no waiting list for our

regular guests. We are still a charitable institution. Those who come to the Home in the regular way get exactly the same care they always have. The Home was built for them, and they pay nothing for their care. Their well-being will always be our first consideration.

Now to explain what I mean by partial pay. We are living in an era of rapid and continual change. As a result of Social Security and Medicare, the number of our members who were seeking admission in the regular way had been diminishing. At the same time, a real need was being experienced by some of our elderly members who were able to pay for their care. We revised our program to meet the situation. We are now taking care of these guests in apartments and in our infirmary. To avoid any possibility of a tax liability, and to maintain our status as a nonprofit institution, we keep the charge for their cost under our actual costs; so, we consider them partial-pay guests. I emphasize that, when we made this change, it was done with the full understanding that those coming in the regular way would always take precedence over our partial-pay guests.

We have a very dedicated staff and a very efficient operation. It is my understanding that the average hospital has two-and-one-half employees for each patient. In contrast, we average less than one for every two guests. We have been getting along with a nursing staff of 22 - two registered nurses, 4 licensed, practical nurses and 16 nurse's aides. We are making provisions in the upcoming budget to add two more registered nurses. We commend our nursing staff for their dedication and the excellent job they are doing.

I am sure you can understand how our infirmary patients can easily tax their patience and their strength.

On a more somber note, our Seal Fund, started in 1961, is beginning to lag. Last year, it produced \$33,537,80 which was \$3,136 less than the year before. Our recent Easter Seal campaign has fallen off considerably over last year. We are working on ways to stimulate our Seal program. This worthwhile project has been very helpful over the past 23 years. It is one of the ways Nebraska Masons can supplement their \$2.00 dues assessment for the support of the Home. We solicit your continued support.

I am happy to report that we have been extremely fortunate, the past year, in the additions made to our Endowment Fund. These additions totaled \$390,053.52. It is particularly important for our continued growth that those of our members who are able to do so, remember the Nebraska Masonic Home in their wills. In this manner, they can continue the work of Masonry long after they have laid down their earthly, working tools. Remember, unless you specify otherwise in your will, we use only the interest on the money added to our Endowment Fund for the maintenance of the Home.

For the past 35 years, the Masons in the central Nebraska area have sent a food truck to the Home. It is now known as the "Robert W. Boon Memorial Food Truck", in memory of the assistant custodian who organized and promoted the project. I now salute Brother Adolph Schlaman, who took over when Worshipful Brother Boon left us. We are very grateful to Brother Schlaman for the work he is doing.

For many years, we also received a truck of fresh food from the Scottsbluff and northwestern Nebraska area. Three years ago, the principal

organizers laid down their working tools, and no one in the area has seen fit to pick them up. These contributions have been a real help on our food budget over the years. We hope some dedicated brother will find a way to revitalize this wonderful project.

I am sure all of you realize our facilities grow older, along with our guests. We are constantly faced with problems of replacements and repairs. As your wives may have observed, on occasion, when you have been forced to replace an appliance, nothing lasts forever. During the past year, we installed a completely new stainless-steel kitchen. This project involved considerable inconvenience for everyone in the Home. They were most cooperative. So far as I know, there were no serious complaints during the entire installation period.

Incidentally, our Sunshine Bus, about which Brother Patterson has told you in the past, is approaching obsolescence. It was furnished to our residents, several years ago, by the Mobil-Nobles of Tangier Temple. Because it has seen its best days, we are in need of a replacement. Any individual or group looking for a worthy project could not find a more satisfying one.

I commend our Superintendent, Worshipful Brother Raymond F. Evers, for the job he is doing. He has appeared before several Masonic and Eastern Star groups to talk about and show slides of the Home. He will be happy to bring a program on the Home to any interested lodge or chapter.

Our Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Ralph W. Gerry, and his staff, also deserve our commendation. Right Worshipful Brother Ralph is ever-willing to be helpful. He has been most cooperative with me during this period of transition and I am grateful to him.

Brethren, in conclusion, I am going to be very blunt. Other than the occasional relief your own lodges may dole out, the Nebraska Masonic Home is your only Nebraska Masonic Charity. As I told you, your dues contribution of \$2.00 is approximately \$70,000 per year, or less than six percent of the annual budget of the Nebraska Masonic Home. The Nebraska Masonic Home is fulfilling the pledges you made at the Masonic Altar. It is the personification of Brotherly Love and Relief or Charity in action. I am asking you to help your trustees to provide for your brothers and their mothers, wives, widows, sisters and daughters. Brethren, it is your Masonic Home. We, as trustees, act only as your representatives. To continue this great philanthropy, we need the cooperation and support of every Nebraska Mason. I urge you to visit the Home. You may find it to be a very satisfying experience.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, CHAIRMAN

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

Again this year, as has been the case in the past several years, the Committee on Work, is pleased to advise that no matters of a controversial nature, relative to the standard esoteric and/or floor work of the three degrees as adopted by this Grand Lodge, have been brought to our attention for a decision. So far as the Committee is concerned, these two phases of our work

is being followed by our lodges; and, with few exceptions, the degree work remains at a point of high proficiency. This condition is the result of the continued dedication and devotion of the Grand Custodian. We can only once more express, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, our sincere thanks to these dedicated Brethren.

The Annual Report of the Grand Custodian has been submitted to the Committee, which report reflects the continued dedication and service of the Grand Custodian and the Deputies. We note, particularly, that most of the State was again covered by Central Schools. Thus, with these schools and the individual schools conducted by the Deputies, the promulgation of the standard work has been made available to all concerned lodges and members.

Agreeable to the rules adopted by the Committee, the Grand Custodian was examined and found to be very proficient in both the esoteric and floor work of the three degrees. The Chairman of the Committee was present at the Annual School and examination of the Deputies held in Grand Island, and here again, witnessed exceptional work in the degrees.

The Committee did not examine vouchers of the Grand Custodians department, this matter being left to the Grand Master.

Upon recommendation of the Grand Custodian, your Committee concurred in and recommended to the Grand Master the commissioning of Brother Wayne E. Beatty, Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, as a Deputy Custodian. Brother Wayne has long been a dedicated and devoted ritualist and will make a fine addition to the group of Deputies.

We note with regret the retirement of Brother Robert E. Kyes, who, for a number of years, served the fraternity as Deputy in District 20. We shall miss his dedicated service.

Your Committee and all Custodians mourn the loss of Brother Gordon Chard, Deputy Custodian Emeritus, who passed to his eternal reward December 12, 1983. For almost 22 years, Brother Gordon gave of his time and talent, particularly to the Brethren in District 5, and he will be deeply missed.

The Grand Custodian has requested the same appropriation as requested a year ago, for expenses of his department, in the total amount of \$12,900. The Committee recommends approval to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Committee on Work continues to oppose any effort to change the Law, which, in effect, would allow for a cipher, pony or key to our adopted standard work.

On June 7, 1950, this Grand Lodge adopted a resolution presented by the Committee on Work, standardizing our Preston-Webb Work. The wisdom of the Grand Lodge has proven itself over this period of time. To now provide for the elimination, as a Masonic offense, the possession of any key, cipher or printed matter, is, in our opinion, nothing but a subterfuge to accomplish that which the Grand Lodge has denied for the past several years. To wit, the publishing of the Work of Ancient Craft Masonry, either in the nature of a key, cipher or any printed matter.

The Committee on Work, therefore, feels that, as delegates to this Grand Lodge, you should again defeat this resolution, safeguarding the method by which we confer and teach the three degrees of Masonry.

GRAND LODGE OF COLORADO
KEITH MILHEIM, GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and brethren. Today is the day of contrast. Yesterday, you saw the jokers. Today, we get down to the serious side. First, let me express to you my deep appreciation for your hospitality. I find that the hospitality of Nebraska has not changed over the years.

I was impressed by the comment that the Rev. Dr. Peek made at the Vesper Service regarding a vision and youth. I saw the vision when I first came to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and I visualized exactly what happened. I see youth today, in the lodge officers of Nebraska, that I did not see on my first visit. I compliment you, brethren, on your achievement. I see a vision for much expansion in Masonry throughout the U.S. and I compliment you; because, I believe you are several steps ahead of some of the rest of us. I don't know exactly where it started, or how it started, but you should take pride in managing as well as you have.

Nebraska is a second home to me, as some of you know. My first stop here was in 1941, and there has been a lot said about the Nebraska Navy. Brethren, it is my pleasure, as part of the United States Navy, to reinforce that great organization, with many Nebraskans having served on both sides of the State, as a Navy Recruiter at the beginning of World War II. I returned then, in 1948, to share some of the experiences in your great university. Not to be out done, I returned again in 1950, where I was a Representative; or, as some of my closer friends call it, I was a drug pusher in western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming. I can tell you that the hospitality then, and the warm reception, was as good then as it is now. I recall your Grand Organist on the streets of Scottsbluff in 1941 when he was playing some of those same melodies as they floated out over the city. It is good to see you, Brother Ed.

I compliment you for your renewed interest in Masonry. This is one of the goals that we have selected in Colorado, this year. I compliment you on your leadership, the motivation I see in your officers. This happens to be another category which we have selected as a goal for this year. Our No. 1 priority in Colorado has been one of change of attitude, and I see the attitude here, is precisely what we want to achieve. Our second priority was to improve our public image. Brethren, we thought we had a good image in Colorado, relatively untarnished, over the years, by a great fraternity. A friend of ours, however, called to our attention that it was not nearly so good as we had thought. A random selection of 170 business calls throughout the State revealed that less than 70 of those leaders recognized the existence of Masonry.

I cannot help but feel, as a statistician, or one who is interested in statistics, that that same relative situation exists in Nebraska. I call it to your attention in the event that you might want to choose a direction in which you would reinforce your public awareness as to this great Fraternity. I think you are doing it, obviously. Our No. 2 priority is to give recognition, and I compliment the M.:W.: Grand Master for his presentation this past evening. I don't know if it is a result of our close association that he has developed this, but I can tell you that some of those we have utilized was received with a

great deal of impact, both emotionally as well as acceptance by the media

One of the other areas in which we plan to approve our public image is through a strong scholarship program that we enjoy in Colorado where we have approximately 100 college students on a full, four-year scholarship basis. We have really enforced it this year with an educational grant program, which again has generated us much publicity in the public. A step which we feel is the move to improve our public image. We have a great deal of respect for Nebraska, because it was 127 years ago that you came into the world of Masonry. Through wagon trains, 123 years ago, we received Masonry in Colorado. You were four years ahead of us then. You, probably, are four years ahead of us now, but I can tell you it is our intent to close the gap. We want to do precisely what you are doing. Regretfully, we don't have a Bill Graham to help us, lead us along the way. But, I can tell you, we do have a lot of respect for someone who takes the initiative to be a leader, and one who can laugh along the way; because, we feel that the time has arrived when we must adjust to society. We feel that we can have fun and consider the serious business of Masonry. Your Grand Master this year, I think, has promoted a lot of innovations, as someone has said. A lot of new ideas — perhaps, some untried ones. We too face this very same trail, and I remind the brethren in Colorado that there are seven disciplines that influence. Some of them will say: "Well, we never done it this way, and I think all of you have heard that. Others say: "We are not ready for it yet." There are those who say: "We are doing okay without it." There are those who say: "We tried it once and it didn't work"; and there are those who say: "It costs too much." Brethren, I can tell you: if we don't utilize some of these, it would cost us a great deal more.

There are those who say: "It is not our responsibility"; and, as I tell our Craft, I don't know of anyone who makes a financial contribution, with a few exceptions, that support Masonry. We are the only ones whose responsibility is to present Masonry to the world. Then, of course, there are always a few, a very few, fortunately, who say that it won't work. We challenge them in this regard. We feel, in fairness to the Fraternity, they should spend as much time proving that it will work as proving that it won't. Of course, Brethren, I think most of you recognize that those are the seven steps to stagnation. It is my contention that we have been influenced by stagnation since 1960. Whether we chose to be part of the age of "me" or the age of "self-indulgence", is beside the point. We can not exist in a society where there is so much negative attitude on the part of citizens of the U.S. that we couldn't help being influenced. I think you recognize that that era has passed, and that is where the vision comes. I think you will agree, we have patriotism today that we haven't enjoyed for the past 20 years. We see a dedication of our youth, today, which is exceptionally good. Of course, our Past Grand Orator is an example of that. They know where they are going. They know what they want to accomplish. They are impatient, and I thank them for that impatience. We want them to move as rapidly as they can. We are taught in our lessons, at least in the Colorado Jurisdiction, to step aside and let the youth push us off the stage of action. Some of us hang on with the death grip because of the great love we have for the Fraternity, forgetting the great heritage that we have been given by our predecessors. The wagon train that took Masonry to Colorado was a tough trip. It certainly isn't a tough trip today to fly to Kearney, or drive in our limousines. I think we need to constantly renew

ourselves of the dedication we should contribute to this great Fraternity, so that these young men that I see in this room, can enjoy in the same way that we have enjoyed it.

M.: W. : Grand Master, you certainly, in my estimation, indicate a true leader in Masonry; and, in recognition of that, Colorado Masons would like to give you a little presentation.

It says, "M.: W. : Grand Lodge of Colorado, A.:F. : & A.:M. : , whereas noteworthy personal contributions to society are praiseworthy, and whereas, outstanding dedication and service to Mankind are worthy of recognition. Therefore, be it known that the award of excellence is bestowed upon Bevin B. Bump, in recognition of the lasting contribution to Masonic Leadership in Nebraska."

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA GLENN BROWN, GRAND MASTER

M.: W. : Grand Master and my brethren. It is indeed a pleasure to have the privilege of addressing you this morning because I have very strong ties to your State. I remember visiting here, visiting relatives just 30 miles northwest of where we are, around Miller. I have returned many times, in later years, and traveled these highways and bounced over your sandhills in pickups to look at cattle and to buy cattle. I have grown to have a great deal of respect for the integrity of the people of Nebraska. Before I go any farther, I want to say that we deeply appreciate the hospitality that you have shown us. You have been most cordial and made us feel very welcome. I particularly appreciated seeing the flag of my State flying in the East.

I know that you have a water problem in eastern Nebraska You are getting an excess of rain. I have followed your Grand Master from Dallas, Texas to Seattle, Washington; and I have watched him confer the honor of being an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy on many, many people, with the stipulation that you bring your own water, and I believe that, maybe, that stipulation is part of the problem. I think I see people running up and down the Interstate, dumping out buckets of water, in order to bring water to Nebraska; but, that is a serious subject, and I feel for you. I have had the same problem in the past. I want to relate to you, on this occasion, something that has impressed me. It impressed me because this is the week of the 40th Anniversary of the invasion of Europe June 6 was, of course, "D Day", and those of us old enough to remember that, probably remember even where we were and what we were doing. I don't think I ever had a more meaningful lesson in universality of Freemasonry than I did in Dallas, Texas, and Bevin was there. When all the Grand Masters of North America, some from Europe, gathered to meet, I saw the Grand Master of France come to the podium and speak to us. Now, those of you that remember the march back into Paris, after the overthrow of the German Reich back in 1944, remember that a civilian walked beside DeGaul He was the leader of the French Army Underground. That man is now the Grand Master of France.

What made it particularly significant was that the man who followed him to the podium was the Grand Master of Germany. He addressed us. I

couldn't help but think, what a unique and wonderful organization we belong to. Where Grand Masters of countries that fought on opposite sides could meet in the United States on a common ground of Freemasonry. That was very meaningful to me, I wanted to remind you of that this week, on the occasion of that great event in our history I bring you warmest fraternal greetings from the 60,000 Masons in the state of Iowa, we wish you well. We have had very warm and cordial relations with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as long as I have been around in Freemasonry, and that has been quite awhile. We know that will continue. We respect and admire you, and we thank you for your hospitality.

GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA
ALYN N. DULL, PAST GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Grand Master, Brethren all: First, I would like to bring you greetings M.:W.: Grand Master; and, through you, to the brethren of the Nebraska Grand Lodge. Greetings from our M.:W.: Grand Master, Charles J. Wilson. He would have very much liked to be here, but he knew that I wanted to come, so he sent me as his personal representative. Some of you know that I started out for Nebraska, last year, and got about 80 miles from home, and was bumped off the road by a little old lady in tennis shoes, and we limped back home. This year, we had another incident on the way down. We came as far as Vermillion, S.D., the first day, and stopped over. Later on we played golf. My wife beat me and we almost went home. You mention the "dull year". We played upon that name all year long. By the way, the name is "Dull", and one of the TV stations in Minneapolis came up with a commercial that helped me out, considerably, during the year. Gave me a lot of publicity. If you can picture yourself in your living room, right now, looking at the TV, you see a man walk up to the podium. There is a sign up in front in big letters, "Dull Anonymous". The gentleman steps up to the mike and he says: "I am Rodney, I am dull. My whole life is dull. I eat dull food. I listen to dull music, and so on and so on." Everywhere I went in Minnesota, people had seen that commercial and it was good for me. I don't want to take a lot of your time. One of our last speakers mentioned that the jokers were on yesterday, the serious today. Well, you know what my part is — the dull part.

I would like to thank the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for allowing me to be here and for the hospitality; and, I would like to thank the people of Kearney for something else, just about a year ago, we hired away from your State College, the President of Kearney State, and he is now my boss at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, and we thank you for that. He is really a fine man. I can't understand why you didn't get him in the Masonry when you had him here. We are trying. I hope we can, he would make a fine Mason. M.:W.: Grand Master, you mentioned that you did not want reports read during this Grand Lodge session and you didn't read your Grand Master address and you also mentioned that you were new at the job. A few months ago I was new at my job of running a Grand Lodge session and I read my Grand Master's address, but I only read it once, would you mind if I read it again? I have spent considerable time in the quarries of St. Cloud, most of you know that we have granite quarries in and around St. Cloud, I rough in the

quarrys for quite a while and came up with this piece of granite that I have in my hand, and M.:W.: Grand Master, if you would have been at my Grand Lodge session, you would have received one of these as a table favor and I would like to present this to you now, and it is made of St. Cloud granite and I hope that you will tuck it away among the archives.

I asked the Grand Master if he would mind if I read my annual message. I know how he feels about that, so I am not going to do that. I am going to read a portion of it. During the year, in researching for material for talks, I made extensive use of the "Short Talk Bulletins." The bulletin that is published by the Masonic Service Association of the United States. It is an excellent source for programs for your Lodge; and, in looking through this material, I came across a poem that develops one aspect of Masonry. It is very important to us. The author is not listed. It is a very short poem. I finished my Grand Master's address with this poem, and I would like to present this to you at this time. Title of the poem is "I See You Traveled Some".

Wherever you may chance to be
 Wherever you may roam,
 Far away in Foreign lands
 Or just at Home Sweet Home,
 It always gives you pleasure
 It makes your heart strings hum
 Just to hear the words of cheer,
 "I see you have traveled some."

When you get the brother's greetings
 As he takes you by the hand,
 It thrills you with a feeling
 That you cannot understand.
 You feel a bond of brotherhood
 That aid that is sure to come
 When you hear him say in a friendly way
 "I see you have traveled some."

If you are a stranger, in a strange land
 All alone, if fate has left you stranded
 dead broke and far from home,
 Oh, its a grand and glorious feeling,
 It thrills you, makes you dumb,
 When he says, with the grip of fellowship
 "I see you have traveled some."

And when your final summons comes
 To take a last, long trip, adorned
 with lamb skin apron white and gems
 of fellowship, the Tyler at the Golden
 Gate with square and rule and plumb
 Will size up your pin and say, "Walk in,
 I see you have traveled some."

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
WESLEY P. JARMAN, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers all, Distinguished Guests and Brethren.

It is indeed a pleasure and a privilege to be here in this Grand Jurisdiction and to bring you greetings from the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, M.:W.: Ray Baker as Grand Master, and from the nearly 13,000 Master Masons in our Jurisdiction. Now, I know that my Grand Master would have liked to have been here today, because he is a personal friend of your Grand Master; but somebody had to stay home and take care of those chores in preparation for our Grand Lodge session, so, he did this. Now, I heard, previously, that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska might be held in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. Your Grand Master was thinking about that, but having the type of Governor that we have in the Great State of South Dakota, Bill Janklow, Bill would not go along with having the 5th face put on the Mt. Rushmore Memorial. So, Bevin stayed within his Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, but we hope that someday, Bevin, the time may come when the 5th face may be carved upon the granite in the Black Hills of South Dakota. I want to thank you, M.:W.: Sir, for the courtesies extended to my wife, Lorraine, and myself. It has been a deep pleasure to be here and have fellowship. I have met so many new friends and made acquaintances, and with a lot of the brethren I have met, previously. I have heard a lot said, today, about our image. The State of South Dakota is going to hear a lot about that this next year, about our image. Our personal image, our image of our own lodges. A lot of you have heard this little thing about the district people or those outside of the local lodges coming into town to visit. You go to that little filling station — you have heard this many times — and you drive up and you ask: "Where is the Masonic Hall?" The man looks at you: "Hall, is that a dance that you are talking about?" So you say: "Well, where is the Masonic Temple?" "Oh, a church". "No, this is not a religion. Where is the Masonic Building?" Wouldn't it be nice if we could drive up and say: "Where do the Masons meet?" The man would come up and extend the right hand of fellowship: "Oh, you are looking for the men who meet upon the level and put on the square." Wouldn't that be nice if we could do this? We shall strive to try to get this thing going within our Grand Jurisdiction this next year. Thank you, M.:W.:, for the honor of coming up and extending greetings from South Dakota.

GRAND LODGE OF KANSAS
ARRIS M. JOHNSON, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Sir, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, my fellow brethren. It is a pleasure for me to bring greetings from the Grand Master of Kansas, Brother Larry Wingardner, and also from the 65,000 Masons of Kansas. Brother Bump, the Masons of Nebraska, we thank you for your hospitality. We were here two years ago and we had a good time. Our brother Larry Wingardner's loss is our gain. We are glad to be here. It is a pleasure to be

here always. I have a little poem that I would like to read to you. About a month ago, we were in Milwaukee. There was a Master there who had almost, single-handedly, revived one of the lodges in Wisconsin, and he shared with us a little poem that I would like to share with you, I think it has a message for all of us Masons. Far as I know, Brother Wes Jarman is the only one here who has heard this little poem. Give this a little thought.

In the beginning, there was man
Thinking, laughing, smoking, stronger
Than dirt. He decided it was he who
Had created the Heavens and the Earth
And all the hosts therein.
But the World was without several things
So the spirit of man moved over the face
The meteors.
And man said, let there be light, and it was so
Neon light, florescent light, flashlight, spot-
Light, glazer light, mercury vapor light, General
Electric, Sylvania, Westinghouse, all blinking off
And on at the will of Man.
Man saw the abundant light and said to the host
Assembled in aught, "live better electrically"
And man called the light, Commonwealth
And the dark he called power outage. The man
Said, let the earth bring forth green things and
It was so, for man tilled the ground and seeded
The clouds and man beheld the great bumper crops
Which he made, and he said, "Ho Ho, I am the Jolly
Green Giant", and it was good. And man split the
Atom, assembled computers and concorded the Heaven
And man called the Heaven "space" and called the
Earth, "ground control". But man gazed into his space
And saying let there be voices to sing my praises
And it was so. For there became Tel-Star, Early Bird,
And Lunar orbitor and man said, the voices that you
Have made were good and he nodded "A OKAY." Then man
Said, let us make God in our own image after our
Likeness, and let him have dominion over an hour -
On Sundays, and it was so. God was made white
Naturally, not a little like a doting father and
Definitely on our side. Man congratulated himself
For this success and his wisdom in all things, in
Fact he drank a toast from his thermos. He put God
On the shelf, returned to his meteors and blew himself
To Hell. In the end there was God whose sign was too
Deep for words.

GRAND LODGE OF MONTANA**WILLIAM D. CUMMINGS, GRAND PURSUIVANT**

M.:W.: Grand Master, brethren of Nebraska Grand Lodge. As your Grand Master could not reiterate my official title. It is called Pursuivant. That is what they call messenger; and my Grand Master informed me that, as his messenger, I would come down and bring you greetings from the Sky State of Montana. He knew that he was sending me to a place that I would enjoy very much. I would like to bring you greetings from M.:W.: Brother Bill Brass, Grand Master of Masons of Montana. We meet, this year in Kalispell, up in the rock country, and we are glad that your Grand Master will be with us to enjoy the scenery. You noticed, when I walked up here, that I have one of your aprons on. When I got here, I remembered that I did forget my apron and beautiful jewel that I have, that I wear. I didn't think you Nebraskans would mind, but I don't dare to tell Montana that I came down here and had to wear a paper apron. Remembering things is something that comes with age, or not remembering things I heard three people discussing what part of the faculties we missed the most. One brother said: "Well, when your hearing goes, you have had it, you can't hear nothing. It is bad." The other brother said "No, hearing is rough; but, if you lose your sight, you are out of luck. You can't observe things going on around you." The third brother said: "No, you both are wrong. Losing your memory is what is really rough in this life. The other night, I was having an argument with my wife. It was honey this, and honey that. She was giving me what-for, talking a mile a minute. I didn't get a word in edgewise; and, suddenly she stopped to take a breath. There was my chance, and then I forgot what we were arguing about. So, I said: "Well, let's go upstairs and have some fun." She says: "Hon, you have had it." — I don't remember.

I would like to thank the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for treating me so splendidly. I mean, of course, I am rather new. I am on the second step of my way to becoming a Grand Master, maybe; so, I have got about ten more years to go in Montana. We are trained and well, if we live long enough, but I am really enjoying this. I traveled to one other jurisdiction, and this is the first time I have been able to represent my Grand Master. I am really enjoying it. I really enjoyed yesterday. I have been a couple of places where your Grand Master has been and watched his performance. He was a speaker, by the way, last year, in Montana We enjoyed him very much and his reference to people, and I did enjoy yesterday when the brothers twelve put him in his place. But, I would also like to add that your Grand Master is a Mason, and I really enjoy him. Thank you.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE**JAMES L. EATMON, MEMBER**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren all:

This committee is committed to enhancing the effectiveness of the Grand Lodge Office and to broaden its services. This past year, our aim has been to modernize and introduce office automation. We are pleased to report that a new computer system has been installed and work will begin soon to

mechanize thousands of our records. This system will set the stage for offering many new services to the local lodges, e.g., rosters, mailing lists and detailed membership records. This endeavor has been two years in the planning and development. Without the leadership and support of M.: W.: Bevin B. Bump and M.: W.: Paul R. Pierce, implementation would not have been accomplished.

During the year this committee met and worked with W.: Thomas W. Tye and his Grand Lodge Building and Long Range Planning Committee. We defined and provided information related to the size and type of facilities that would be required to house the records and the business office of the Grand Lodge.

On April 23, 1984, the office committee met at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island, Nebraska, for its annual business meeting. A proposed budget for those expenditures, under the jurisdiction of this committee, were reviewed. A recommended budget for fiscal year 1984-85 has been submitted to the Appropriations Committee. Principal items included: Replacement of the office copier, one typewriter and a new calculator; In lieu of salary increases, the Grand Secretary and the office staff will receive bonuses, payable July 1, 1984; The pension annuity paid to Norris W. Lallman was continued and made payable to his widow; A new office position was established to mechanize our records and to handle computer operations; A new budget item for computer-related expenses was also set up; Funds for 50-60-year pins and booklets were also allocated; Mileage allowance to the Grand Lodge Communication was retained at 20¢ per mile (one way).

We commend the Grand Secretary for the way he has executed the duties of his office, and we express our appreciation to the office staff for a job well done.

The Grand Lodge Office Committee pledges, not only to an effective and efficient office operation, but in addition, to serve the local lodges to the utmost. The Grand Secretary, along with the members of this committee, invite and welcome comments from any of the Brethren.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DAVID MENCK

The Finance Committee met at the Grand Lodge Office at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 22, 1984, 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, Lawrence J. Zwart; Sidney W. Irwin; David E. Menck; Edwin G. Mortensen and Floyd A. Sterns. We found the books in order and up-to-date.

Two items were over budget: Federal Unemployment Tax, by \$43.26; and State Unemployment Tax by \$12.92. Amount budgeted but unspent was \$76,172.00.

The Committee is thankful for the cooperation of both Brother Vince Keerbs, the office accountant and the Grand Secretary, Ralph W. Gerry, in providing information and courtesy.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES
HAROLD HULTMAN, PAST GRAND MASTER

M.: W.: Grand Master, Visiting Dignitaries, Past Grand Masters, Brethren all: I bring you the report of the Grand Trustees of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1984. The Grand Trustees are charged with the management of the funds of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home. The annual audit report of these funds by DeLoitte, Haskins & Sells, covers the years activities in detail. Copies are on file, or will be on file, with the Grand Secretary, I don't know whether he has received yours. I have received mine, so you will get yours tomorrow.

Salient, selected figures from these reports are shown below. For the Grand Lodge, for the year ended April 30, 1984, the total revenue was 340,891 00 versus 285,079.00 in 1983. Total expenses 264,719 versus 243,325.

Book value for the end of the year for Grand Lodge is 1,298,850 versus 1,258,970. The total revenue above is starred to the extent that it is exclusive of a restricted donation which I will explain a little bit later.

For the Nebraska Masonic Home General fund, the total revenue before transfers from the Endowment Fund was 704,224 versus 668,471. Total expenses were 1,149,039 versus 1,023,591. According deficit was 444,815 versus 355,120. This was made up by transfers from the Endowment & Bequest Fund of 595,085 versus 305,000 in 1983. The book value of the General Fund is 1,326,052 versus 1,175,867. For the Endowment & Bequest Fund, the investment income net of safekeeping expenses for 1984, was 1,130,511 versus 1,042,988. The gain or loss of sale of investments was 150,113 in 1984, versus a deficit of 44,036 in 1983. Endowment 7 Bequest received 1984 was 356,379 versus 195,614. The book value at the year end in 1984 of the Endowment & Bequests Fund is 14,471,681 versus 13,518,680 in 1983. This year, several brief comments appear in order. This was the first year of the increased dues, receipts of which were up 62.8% Grand Lodge expenses were up 8.08%. Dues collected for the Nebraska Masonic Home are down 3.4% to 61,242 and contributed only 5.3% of the Home's 1,149,039 of their operating expenses. When I say the receipts are down 3.4%, that relates exactly to the cost of our membership rolls, down the same proportion. The Home expenses were up 12.3%. The Home revenues before transfers from the Endowment & Bequests were up 5.3%. The Home deficit was up 25.3%, which deficit of course, was covered from the Endowment Fund. The Endowment investment income was up 8.3%. The Endowment Fund Equity was up 7%.

The asterisk that I said I would come back to refers to the Emick Scholarship Fund. In 1982, the lodge received from a Glen Emick, a gift of 58,194 plus, which fund was restricted by the donor for the purpose of funding certain scholarships. During the year, the provision of granting scholarships was broadened to include members of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont; The Nebraska DeMolay; The Nebraska Rainbow; Nebraska Job's Daughters; and the alumni of all of the above. It was further provided that the recipient of scholarships will attend one of the

four Nebraska State Colleges. Six, \$1,000 scholarships were granted in fiscal 1984. Selected figures for the Emick Scholarship Fund appear below. For the year ended April 30, the investment income for 1984 was 4,225.00 versus 5,989.00, the year before. This year, there were 6,000 scholarships disbursed, as against none last year, and none the year before because this was in the process of being set up.

The book value of this fund for the period ending in April, 1984, is 68,035.00 versus 69,810 00, a year ago.

**REPORT OF EMICK MASONIC YOUTH
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
DON DESELMs, CHAIRMAN**

The Emick Masonic Youth Scholarships, financed by the generous contributions from Glenn O. and the late Evelyn F. Emick, were awarded for the first time for the 1983-84 college year.

Brother Glenn O. Emick is a 68-year member of Samaritan Lodge No. 158 at Chadron, Nebraska, having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 12, 1916. He was presented his 50-year pin February 12, 1966, from the Grand Lodge, and is also a 50-year member of all three York Rite bodies located at Chadron.

Prior to coming to Chadron, he received a country-school education and spent several years working on his father's farm in Ohio. He then worked on a ranch in Buffalo Gap, South Dakota and on some farms in the Scottsbluff area. In 1914, he decided to go back to school, and made an arrangement with the President of the three-year-old college at Chadron to take courses in the Training School, and to work at the college for his board and room. He was 23 at the time.

Glenn had completed prep school and was in college when he took time out to serve in the army during World War I. Following the war, he finished college, graduating with the class of 1920, from what is now Chadron State College.

From Chadron, he went to Wyoming for a year, where he earned a degree in Political Science. After teaching school, he entered the University of Michigan and graduated in 1924 with a Master's Degree in Education. He returned to Chadron as an instructor for one year, and then went to the Chicago area where he taught school and attended the University of Chicago part-time. He graduated from the University of Chicago with a Master's Degree in Business in 1931; and, then, attended the Indiana University, graduating with a Doctor's Degree in Education in 1935.

After finishing at Indiana, he was an educational advisor in the Civilian Conservation Corps program until 1942, when he entered the Air Force during World War II. Returning from the Air Force with the rank of Colonel, he re-entered government service as a civilian, Dean of the Air Force University at Wright Field.

While stationed at Mobile, Alabama, Glenn had met Evelyn Bennett, who was a foreign language instructor for the Air Force; and they were married in New Orleans in 1942. Evelyn passed away in 1969.

Chadron State College awarded Dr. Emick it's "Distinguished Service Award" in 1969. Other awards he has received include 50-year-membership certificate from Phi Delta Kappa; Air Force "Certificate of Meritorious Service; Air Force Commendation Medal; and the Air Force "Decoration for Exceptional Service."

When Brother Emick originally set up the scholarship fund with the Grand Lodge, he had thought that it would provide scholarships for former residents of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home, who would be, or were, attending one of the four State Colleges, and studying biology, pre-medicine, science, medical research, or teaching. When it was discovered that more scholarships could be given if more students were permitted to apply, the scholarship was broadened to include students who had been, or were, members of DeMolay, Job's Daughters or Rainbow.

For the 1983-84 term, six \$1,000.00 scholarships were awarded to the following:

Julie Colburn, a junior at Chadron State College, majoring in business, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Arave of Chadron. She is a past Junior Princess of Bethel No. 11 in Chadron, and represented her Bethel in the Mill Job's Daughter pageant in 1980. She is also a past DeMolay Sweetheart of the Chadron Chapter.

Lore Ann Dorsey, a freshman at Peru State College, majoring in speech and drama, the daughter of R. V. Dorsey, Jr. She is the past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 53. She represented her Bethel in the Miss Job's Daughter pageant and was chapter Sweetheart for the Carl A. Swanson DeMolay Chapter. She is now a member of the Eastern Star Chapter 114 of Papillion, Nebraska.

Amy Drager, a freshman at Chadron State College, majoring in speech, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Drager of Chadron. She is the past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 11 in Chadron and was Fifth Messenger for the Grand Bethel of Nebraska. She remains active in Bethel 11, Chadron.

Kristi Fuller, a senior at Kearney State College, majoring in elementary education, the daughter of Eldon Fuller of McCook. She is a graduate of McCook High School and McCook Community College. She is a majority Rainbow Girl, having served as Worthy Advisor in the summer of 1980. She was Grand Representative to the State of Iowa and to the State of Arkansas.

Roxanne McDonald, a sophomore at Wayne State College, majoring in home economics education, the daughter of Dixie L. Mueling of Valley, Nebraska. She is the Past Worthy Advisor of Valley Assembly No. 3 Order of Rainbow Girls. She serves as Grand Patriotism for Nebraska and received the Grand Cross of Color at the recent Grand Assembly. She is the current Grand Advisor for Rainbow Girls.

Cheryl Peters, a freshman at Kearney State College, majoring in psychology, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Peters of Aurora, Nebraska. She has been active in the Rainbow Girls for seven years.

The original concept for committee members, who are members of the Masonic Lodge and employed at the various Nebraska State Colleges, was found to be less than effective, due to the great distances involved and the inability to hold meetings. Therefore, the Financial Aids officers at the four

institutions were utilized to plan procedures and to award the scholarships. These persons, Del Hussey, Chadron State; Pat McTee, Kearney State; Don Miller, Peru State; and Chuck Kay, Wayne State; were most helpful, due to their experience with many available scholarships.

The Committee would recommend a move toward letting each State College award a scholarship through its regular college scholarship committee, based on the criteria set by the Grand Lodge and monitored by a representative of the Masonic Lodge.

The Committee further feels it is important that the Emicks be given due credit for the establishment of these generous scholarships in all references in the news media or in publicity furnished to interested students.

FINAL REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS

ROBERT A. CARHART, CHAIRMAN

M.:W.: Grand Master and Brethren: Yesterday, I think all of you received a copy of the preliminary report and had the day to look at it. Yesterday afternoon, from 4:30 to 6:00, the members of the Committee were able to host two brothers who made their appearance before us and requested clarification of items. I might make reference to those items at this time. The reference had to do with the same item, and that was the item of Computer expense. The computer expense is budgeted at \$50,000. It will be completely absorbed in the year 1984-85 in the budget. Apparently, I left the impression that it would be spread over a period of 2 years. We cannot go back into last year's budget and put half of it into last year's budget and half into this year's budget. It will be absorbed, totally, in the 1984-85 budget, will produce a deficit of expense to revenues. We will have a budget that will appear in red for next year, as far as expense. The reference that we made from the podium yesterday was to the fact that the computer is an item of capital equipment, which, typically, many businesses would depreciate over a period of anywhere from three to five years. It, therefore, should be considered as an expense that would be relative to several years, rather than to one year. With that clarification, we had no further comment. At this time, I would like to ask if there was any comment from any member present.

If there is no further comment from any member present, I would like to move the adoption of this report, the final report of the Appropriations Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

BERNARD PIPHER, CHAIRMAN

M.:W.: Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Past Grand Masters, brethren all.

Your Committee on Codification of the Law respectfully submits its report relative to amendments or additions to the Constitution and Bylaws of this Grand Lodge, as enacted at this communication. This Committee was instructed by the approved report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, at the 126th Annual Communication, to research the subject and recommend modification of existing sections or adding a new chapter relative to Masonic Badges and awards.

Your Committee has studied this subject and now recommends as follows. Just a few words, parenthetically, here. We did meet. We have worked out a new chapter, following the suggestion of the Past Worshipful Grand Master. We have tried to make this correlate to, and be consistent with, other sections of the bylaws. We do not pretend that anything we propose here is, as yet, carved in stone. We present it for your action. This would appear, according to our recommendation, in Part II, which is entitled "Subordinate Lodges". It would appear as Chapter 16, which would be a new chapter, which we are entitling "Masonic Badges and Awards". The first section in this new chapter would be;

Section 1601 — DEFINITIONS. The following definition shall apply to this chapter, Subchapter A. A Master Mason in "good standing" is one who is entitled to a certificate of good standing under the provisions of Chapter 4, Section 2-403, and whose Masonic rights and privileges and benefits have not been suspended, for any reason, including, but not limited to, suspension for nonpayment of dues, not withstanding anything that is contrary contained in Chapter 7 Section 3-703.

B. Period of Membership defined. Period of membership shall be determined by computing the aggregate time a Master Mason shall have been a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction given fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge A .F.:. & A .:M.: of Nebraska if such be the case. Period of suspension or expulsion, for any reason, shall be excluded when making the aforesaid computation, and the period of dual membership shall be computed on the basis of membership in parent lodge only. All subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction shall cooperate with any Master Mason in attempting to establish his period of membership, and said lodges shall also cooperate with the Grand Lodge in all matters relating thereto.

The last definition is "Parent Lodge". For this, we simply refer to Section 2-408. It is already contained in an existing section.

Passing on, then, to the second section of this chapter.

Section 1602 — DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BADGES. All Master Masons in good standing, who have been so for a period of 50, 60, 70 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.

The third section. Section 1603 — GOLD JORDAN MEDAL — The Gold Jordan Medal shall be presented, by the Grand Lodge, to the Mason possessing all the following qualifications:

- No. 1. Resident of the State of Nebraska;
- No. 2. Master Mason in good standing in a subordinate lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction;
- No. 3. Longest period of membership;

The next section is: Section 1604 — BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL — The Bronze Jordan Medal shall be presented by the parent lodge to that member of said lodge, who shall possess all the following qualifications:

- No 1. Resident of the State of Nebraska;
- No 2. Master Mason in good standing;
- No 3. Longest period of membership;

No Mason shall be entitled to hold more than one Bronze Jordan Medal, providing, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to a person holding more than one such medal prior to June 9, 1979. This being the date that this change was made in the bylaws.

The next section would be: Section 1605 — MANNER OF PRESENTATION OF GOLD AND BRONZE JORDAN MEDALS — From, and after, the date of this bylaw shall have been enacted, physical possession of all Gold and Bronze Jordan Medals, presented in accordance herewith, shall remain in the parent lodge, with said lodge to display the same in a conspicuous and secure location, with a legend to appear at or near said location, indicating the date and station and to whom presented, and any other informative material said lodge may deem appropriate. The Mason to whom the Gold or Bronze Jordan Medal has been presented shall from, and after, the date of presentation, be designated and known as the holder of the Gold or Bronze Jordan Medal, as the case may be.

Next section: Section 1606 — PERIOD OF MEMBERSHIP — In the event that two, or more, Masons shall have identical periods of membership and each shall also be otherwise qualified, then each such person shall be entitled to be designated as the holder of the Gold or Bronze Jordan Medal as the case may be.

Then, in order to accomplish enactment of this new chapter, existing Sections 2-615 — DISTINGUISHED SERVICES BADGES AND 2-616 — JORDAN MEDALS should be repealed.

Then, because of action taken here, yesterday, in connection with one of the Grand Master's recommendations that the Past Grand Master's Jewels and the Gold Jordan Medal shall be, and remain, the property of the Grand Lodge; and, upon the death of the holder, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge, so that it may presented as set forth in Section 2-1603, then existing Section 2-709 of the bylaws should be repealed.

M.: W.: Grand Master, I move the adoption of this portion of the report.

Carried.

AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

SECTION 2-609 — USE OF LODGES FUNDS — Lodge funds may be used to operate the lodge to the good of Masonry, and may be used for charitable purposes, and to support Order of DeMolay, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and other community youth programs. No lodge funds shall be paid out and no indebtedness shall be incurred on behalf of the lodge without the approval of the

members of the lodge at any regular meeting held pursuant to the bylaws of the lodge.

Carried.

SECTION 2-1204 — WORK ON SUNDAY — Except to conduct a funeral, or for the open installation of Grand Lodge Officers, for the dedication of Masonic Temples with Masonic ceremonies and for the laying of cornerstones with Masonic ceremonies, no meeting of a subordinate lodge shall be held on Sunday.

Carried.

AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE XII, SECTION 5 — Notwithstanding any other provision or provisions of the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, in his discretion, is hereby authorized to grant special dispensation to special purposes lodge to perform certain customary, special purpose functions relating to Masonry and for the benefit of the Craft. Upon such terms and conditions may be detailed 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, Edicts of this Grand Lodge, if any would not apply such Special Purposes Lodges. If the Grand Lodge, in its discretion, approves such petition, a charter shall be issued which shall enumerate all the rights and duties of such lodge in which the lodge shall enumerate the enactable provisions of the Constitution, Laws, Edicts of this Grand Lodge. In using these provisions, any reference to "Custom" denotes only reference to customs and uses of regular ancient Craft Masonry, which has heretofore developed under the constitution, laws and edicts thereof, whether or not the same shall be codified or uncoded, and not otherwise. As so amended, the Constitution shall, no respect in particulars, be ratified, approved and confirmed.

Carried.

**REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

W. : Norris L. Rusmisell, 46, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted. Your Committee on Credentials reports that all lodges were represented except the following: 5, 52, 65, 72, 73, 83, 91, 95, 101, 110, 111, 125, 128, 134, 137, 143, 147, 154, 161, 165, 169, 181, 185, 189, 198, 202, 205, 220, 235, 236, 240, 249, 258, 262, 285, 298, 305, 308, 324.

Total number of Lodges, 226. Number of Lodges not represented, 39. Lodge not represented for two years, Fraternity Lodge No. 235 All the current Grand Lodge Officers were present, as well as all the Living Past Grand Masters except two. 20 Deputy Grand Custodians and 6 Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti and 152 nondelegates registered. 21 Grand Lodge Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions were in attendance.

LODGE	NO	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	1	Richard E Slama	Douglas L Anderson	Michael D McDermott
Western Star	2	Louis J Crunk	Richard C Carr	Cecil J Anderson
Capitol	3	Howard J Bohannon	Augustine S Scolaro*	Howard J Bohannon*
Nemaha Valley	4	Phil Walker*	Stephen Kennedy	John Sierks*
Omaha	5	—	—	—
Plattsmouth	6	Jay H Speck	Robert C Franklin	Ronald R Brandt
Falls City	9	Charles R James, Jr	Joseph E Lutz	—
Solomon	10	Clyde J Nelson	Clyde J Nelson*	Carmine Pane*
Covert	11	Eric M Rix	Don McCoy*	Edward D Phelps*
Orient	13	George I Griffiths, Jr *	—	—
Peru	14	David A Whitman	—	—
Fremont	15	Peter G Rix	Frank Veverka	Richard S Goble
Tecumseh	17	Ivan A Lamb	Ivan A Lamb*	Ivan A Lamb*
Lincoln	19	Kent A Sprague	Charles A Burk	John McHenry*
Washington	21	George Edwards	George Edwards*	George Edwards*
Pawnee	23	Kenneth W Wissler	Steven W Wissler	—
St Johns	25	Gerald A Maher	Harold McClenahan	Gary D Lee*
Beatrice	26	Kenneth W Moore	Herman W Gerberding*	DaVerne Engberg*
Jordan	27	Norbert H Meyer	Norbert H Meyer*	Norbert H Meyer*

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LODGE	NO	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Blue River	30	Gary Brhel*	Dwaine Fosler	—
Tekamah	31	Kevin D Thomas	Ronald D Grass	Charles T Goll
Platte Valley	32	Ernest G Lehmkuhler*	Robert O'Neill	Larry E Linstrom*
Ashlar	33	Wilham D Parrish	Don Beldon*	Adolph Schlaman*
Acacia	34	Donn K Bieber	Rudolph Tomes*	Harold Ladehoff
Fairbury	35	Willard Waltke*	—	—
Lone Tree	36	James F Heins	James F Heins*	James F Heins*
Crete	37	Dean W DeMoude	—	—
Oliver	38	Rollin S Rolofson	Verlon K Vrana	Rollin S Rolofson*
Papillion	39	Billy G Forrester	Forrest M Stove	Donald L Grazier
Humboldt	40	Homer H Fishwood	Homer H Fishwood*	Homer H Fishwood*
Northern Light	41	Donald L Pohlman	Maurice W Dasebrock	—
Hebron	43	Jack L McLaughlin	—	Vaughan Bowen
Harvard	44	Einer B Erickson	Warren Christensen	—
Rob Morris	46	Elmer L Wiles*	Wallace R Griss	Gary E Simpson
Fairmont	48	Lewis B Halsey	John McBride*	Robert L McCandless*
Evening Star	49	Don C Bottorf	Richard Schleicher	Wallice Bender
Hastings	50	Ronald R Fitzke	Eugene V Dean	Ronald F Boles
Fidelity	51	Dale McElravy*	Charles H Welker	—
Hiram	52	—	—	—
Charity	53	James Donley*	—	—
Lancaster	54	Vernon R O'Neal	Dale E Walters	James Buckwalter*
Mosaic	55	Justin Fauss*	Walter E Truex*	Justin Fauss*
York	56	Raymond J Rech*	Fred O Wyant	Fran Crowe*
Mount Monah	57	Paul C Phillippe	M K Schroeder*	—
Wahoo	59	Harry Berman	Robert Beaman*	Harry Berman*
Melrose	60	George Davis*	Ernest Humes*	—
Thistle	61	Dwight W Trautman	Harold D Weddel*	Dwight W Trautman*
Keystone	62	Eldon L Bish	Victor Hunt*	Eldon L Bish*
Blue Valley	64	J Stephen Aksamit*	J Stephen Aksamit*	—

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Osceola	65	—	—	—
Edgar	67	Merton P. McCartney	—	—
Aurora	68	Ward P. Andrews	—	—
Trowel	71	Norman S. Larabee	Norman S. Larabee★	Norman S. Larabee★
Hooper	72	—	—	—
Friend	73	—	—	—
Frank Welch	75	Steven F. Mattoon	Rodney Reeder	Robert L. Drierer
Nelson	77	Chester C. Hawley	Chester C. Hawley★	Chester C. Hawley★
Albion	78	Paul Bentley	Fred Linder★	John W. Williams
Geneva	79	Thomas R. Bumgarner	Robert D. Robinson	Marlin A. Domeier
Composite	81	Martin Mortensen★	—	—
St. Paul	82	James R. Putman	—	—
Corinthian	83	—	—	—
Ionic	87	Fulton R. Olson	—	Paul A. Thierolf
Cedar River	89	Larry E. Phillips	Dwight A. Walton	Arna Peterson★
Oakland	91	—	—	—
Beaver City	93	Robert J. Gardner	Robert J. Gardner★	Robert J. Gardner★
Bennett	94	Stuart B. Erickson, Sr.	Charles E. Wenz	Keith J. Herbster
Garfield	95	—	—	—
Utica	96	Arvon E. Engel	—	—
Euclid	97	Steven J. Groesser	—	Michael Saxton★
Republican	98	James E. Buttermore	Tom F. Chandler	James E. Buttermore★
Shelton	99	George H. Wyman	—	Harold Liggett★
Ponca	101	—	—	—
Waterloo	102	Herman L. Fuller, Jr.	Allan L. Rolfe	—
Ord	103	Keith D. Pelton	Wayne Clamp★	Keith D. Pelton★
Wymore	104	Robert A. Norris★	Robert A. Norris★	Robert A. Norris★
Stella	105	Edgar A. Bredmeier	—	—
Porter	106	Albert L. Smith★	—	Jack Charlton
Table Rock	108	Robert H. Pope	Lloyd F. Vrtiska★	Lloyd F. Vrtiska★

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Pomegranate	110	—	—	—
DeWitt	111	—	—	—
Springfield	112	Glen McCamley*	—	—
Globe	113	Donald L. Dover	—	—
Wisner	114	Milo Cheney*	Milo Cheney	Dean Dinklage
North Bend	119	Don A. Andrews	Ben Harvey*	Ben Harvey*
Wayne	120	James H. Sturm	James H. Sturm*	Arnold R. Marr*
Superior	121	Allen N. Miller	Merle Hayes*	Jens P. Nielsen*
Auburn	124	Claude E. Matthews*	—	—
Mount Nebo	125	—	—	—
Stromsburg	126	Wayne Beatty	—	—
Minden	127	Gerald D. Sorenson	Ervin Siemonet	Gerald D. Sorenson*
Guide Rock	128	—	—	—
Scribner	132	William Reitmeier	William Reitmeier*	William Reitmeier*
Solar	134	—	—	—
McCook	135	Donald E. Rasmussen	Francis A. Shafer	William C. Fogle
Long Pine	136	Norman Johnson*	Norman Johnson*	Norman Johnson
Upright	137	—	—	—
Rawalt	138	Carl Eman*	Robert A. Bennett*	Jud D. Nissen
Clay Center	139	Warren M. Wilson*	—	Wesley E. Keiser
Western	140	Rolland Winter*	Rolland Winter*	Rolland Winter*
Crescent	143	—	—	—
Jachin	146	William H. Greathouse	D. Wayne Erickson*	—
Siloam	147	—	—	—
Custer	148	H. Dean Joy	Alfred Peltzer*	Raymond "Jack" Watts
Cambridge	150	Charles A. Gufford	Charles A. Gufford*	Charles A. Gufford*
Evergreen	153	Rudy Turek	William B. Chilvers	Archie Lederer*
Lily	154	—	—	—
Samaritan	158	Bruce L. Bump	Lavern J. Fitzgibbon	Harry E. Waggener
Ogalalla	159	Arnold Schindler*	Arnold Schindler	Arnold Schindler*

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Zeredatha	160	August B. Hein	—	—
Mount Zion	161	—	—	—
Trestle Board	162	Robert S. Smith★	William Bohlker★	—
Unity	163	Walter Marolf★	Walter Marolf★	Walter Marolf★
Atkinson	164	Randy Stolcpart★	Randy Stolcpart	Randy Stolcpart★
Barneston	165	—	—	—
Elwood	167	W.R. Hastings, Jr.	Don Ringenberg★	—
Curtis	168	Tom Rue★	Tom Rue	Tom Rue★
Amity	169	—	—	—
Mason City	170	Eugene D. Burns	Eugene D. Burns★	—
Robert Burns	173	Paul G. Burke★	—	—
Culbertson	174	Barney Whatley	Bill Carlson	Ronald Werts
Hay Springs	177	Vernon L. Platt	Alan J. Ferrel	Bryan P. Burrows
Justice	180	Urlin G. McCartney	Donovan A. Merklin★	—
Faith	181	—	—	—
Alliance	183	Bernard L. Suprano	Ehm J. Sorensen★	—
Bee Hive	184	Noland McIntosh	Amos Campbell★	Robert Eyman, Jr.
Boaz	185	—	—	—
Meridian	188	Everett E. McNulty★	—	Everett E. McNulty
Granite	189	—	—	—
Crystal	191	Ray L. Salter	Floyd W. Thompson	—
Minnekadusa	192	Roger E. Quick	Fred G. Perrett	Roger E. Quick★
Highland	194	Albert Kriks, Sr.★	Albert Kriks, Sr.	—
Arcana	195	Charles A. Smith	—	—
Purity	198	—	—	—
Gavel	199	M.K. Brinegar★	M.K. Brinegar★	M.K. Brinegar★
Blazing Star	200	Donald R. Field	Charles W. Haskell	—
Scottsbluff	201	Byron L. Lane	William R. Zalman	Danny B. Runner
Golden Sheaf	202	—	—	—
Plainview	204	O. Kelly Hodson	—	—

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Golden Fleece	205	—	—	—
Parian	207	Nigel Sprouse	Kenneth Vollenveider	M W Edgington
Canopy	209	Ralph W Speth	—	—
East Lincoln	210	Sanford H Nelson*	Sanford H Nelson	Henry S Greenwalt
Cement	211	—	John J Carter	—
Occidental	215	Richard N Nielsen*	Richard N Nielsen*	—
Pahsade	216	Viron E Baxter*	Viron E Baxter*	Viron E Baxter*
Wauneta	217	Ted Anderson	—	—
Bloomfield	218	Leonard C Kuhl*	Everett Kuhl*	—
Relief	219	Larry G Leapley	Daniel R Pierce	Marvin Ropte*
Magnolia	220	—	—	—
Wood Lake	221	Tim Ferguson*	Tim Ferguson*	Tim Ferguson*
Landmark	222	Stanley E Brunton*	Kenneth R Jackson	Michael E Schutt
Silver Cord	224	Wilber C Saner	—	Michael E Hitchcock
Cable	225	Raymond F Koubek	Fay L Wilson	Lowell Watkins*
North Star	227	James C Gish	Dennis Mundt	C V Peterson*
Bartley	228	Lloyd H Stone	Lloyd H Stone*	Lloyd H Stone*
Comet	229	Gene F Peterson	Jerry N Niday	Gene F Peterson*
John S Bowen	232	Walter C Wrich*	Robert F Wilkins	Walter C Wrich*
Gilead	233	—	—	Max O Brown
Zion	234	Robert H Cole	Robert C Adam	John L Dubs
Fraternity	235	—	—	—
Golden Rule	236	—	—	—
Friendship	239	Robert E Comer	—	—
Pilot	240	—	—	—
George Armstrong	241	Donald Bonneau*	Donald Bonneau	Donald Donneau*
Hampton	245	Kenneth Schultz*	Kenneth Schultz*	C Denzil Jensen
Nehawka	246	Mark E Nutzman*	Deane Nutzman*	Mark E Nutzman
Laurel	248	James W Lofquist	—	—
Gothenburg	249	—	—	—

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LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
George Washington	250	Carl A. Johnson	William Keller★	John I. Hobbs★
Wausa	251	James W. Otteman★	Irvin Engelbrecht★	—
Bassett	254	Richard L. Mauch★	Richard L. Mauch★	Richard L. Mauch★
Hichman	256	Tom Trainor	Donald N. Northcott	Evertt Larson★
Anselmo	258	—	—	—
Ornan	261	Louis Klasna	—	—
Endeavor	262	—	—	—
Mitchell	263	Scott E. Lane	Rodney L. Ramig	Rodney L. Ramig★
Franklin	264	Gary E. Bennett	Ugene Blank	Ronald D. Marcellus
Robert W. Furnas	265	Sam F. Segrist★	Edward H. Lockwood★	Everett K. Dappen★
Silver	266	Dale L. Hassebrook	—	Gary A. Ferris
James A. Tulleys	267	Loyd W. Hickey	E.L. Young★	Thomas H. Neill★
George W. Lininger	268	Gregory W. Johnson	John G. West	Richard E. Gilmore
Oasis	271	Stephen V. Snyder	Kent Myers★	Stephen V. Snyder★
Lee Gillette	272	Lloyd W. Wirth	—	—
Olive Branch	274	—	Arthur Nelson	—
Sioux	277	Leo Turner★	—	—
Wallace	279	Eric J. Chrisman★	Eric J. Chrisman	Eric J. Chrisman★
Swastika	280	William W. Steen★	William W. Steen★	William W. Steen★
Florence	281	Ronald E. Bonar	F. Edward LaBreck	Merl R. Core
Mullen	282	Ernest L. Leach	Ernest L. Leach★	Ernest L. Leach★
Seneca	284	Ralph H. Eatinger★	Ralph H. Eatinger★	Ralph H. Eatinger
Camp Clarke	285	—	—	—
Oshkosh	286	Richard C. Fischer★	—	—
Union	287	Dennis H. Brydl	Bruce D. Regler	—
Omaha	288	Harold F. Loveless	Donald C. Scott	Arthur B. Jones
Lotus	289	John E. Leithoff	Verle E. Roberts	Walter R. Forrest
John J. Mercer	290	Lloyd K. Johnson	Monte K. Olmstead	Harold C. Olmstead
Diamond	291	Dale D. Greenamyre	Gordon R. Johnson	—
Monument	293	Weldon M. d'Allemand★	—	—

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Kimball	294	Randolph R Eatmon	Alva E Prietsch	Marchall C Mossberg
Minatare	295	Fred I Otte*	—	—
Cotner	297	Gregory L Shinaut	Darrel D Weers	John H Laird
Chester	298	—	—	—
Sutherland	299	Larry Schufeldt*	Larry Schufeldt	—
Liberty	300	Bruce E Merrill	Dale Strasburg*	Roger W Miner
Bayard	301	Floyd H Sauer	—	Floyd H Sauer*
Mizpah	302	Francis J Bachorski	Robert C Dreibus	—
Right Angle	303	Douglas M Mack	Douglas M Mack*	Douglas M Mack*
Newman Grove	305	—	—	—
Golden Rod	306	Horace W Quinn	Wayne L Campbell*	Gale Beers
Perkins	308	—	—	—
Victory	310	Harry G Eyestone, Jr	Harry G Eyestone, Jr *	Harry G Eyestone, Jr *
Polk	311	Robert D Brazda	Donald E Lampshire	Donald G Hudson
Potter	313	Roy Adams	Rudolph Dedic*	—
Craftsmen	314	Alexander S Swiatek	Deon D Eberly	Alvin A Grundmayer
Alpha	316	Charles E Stamps	—	—
Mid West	317	William D Morrow	Scott J Krieger	Homer C Davey*
Grand Island	318	Roger L Galusha	Earl N Hanel*	Glenn G Morrison, Jr
College View	320	Wallace L Ritchie	Wallace L Ritchie*	Lennie Kincheloe
Harmony	321	Gordon L Carley	—	Gordon L Carley*
Lebanon	323	Alvin J Lippert	Thomas M Boyer	William E Jackson
Cairo	324	—	—	—
Bellevue	325	James Jankowski	Pierre H Soots	James N DeMoss
Centennial	326	Benjamin C Whitbeck	Phillip O Edwards	Loren Loibl
Shiloh	327	Samuel A Morford	Don White*	Leslie R Hawes
Miloma	328	Murlyn Ronk	Donald Bush	Sidney H Babcock

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

It would give me a great deal of pleasure at this time now that we have adopted that Constitution amendment to give special dispensation for the creation of that Masonic Research Lodge. But I don't have the proper papers to do it here. But I encourage this formation as soon as possible and will cooperate with the new Grand Master.

I placed my suspenders on my apron because we are approaching the place on the program where you are going to hear from the last two dirty dozen that traveled the west from as far west as you just about get without getting into the ocean, in the Great State of Idaho, comes a cowboy who lives at the bottom of the highest mountain in Idaho. Just after he was installed as Grand Master, the Supreme Architect of the Universe created one of the largest earthquakes they have ever had out there. A mile from his home. It really shook him up and it really shook Idaho Masonry up and I would like to present to you at this time, my friend and yours the Grand Master of Idaho, M.: W.: Wiley G. Smith

**GRAND LODGE OF IDAHO
WILEY G. SMITH, GRAND MASTER**

M.: W.: Grand Master, Brethren; Yes, it is a pleasure to be here. We have had a fantastic time. The humor, enthusiasm, attitude, has been tremendous. That is what Masonry is about. I looked forward to coming to Nebraska, spending the time with your Grand Master. I wrote down any comments and things as he picked on these other fine brothers of mine; and I just can't see him chewing on them, and not someone chewing on him a little. My wife told me: "You better scratch some of that stuff out. It is a mixed crowd." How so, you have got Bevin Bump, and then you got all those darn nice guys in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. In Burley, we had quite a time with him, because we were concerned, many times, because of his absence at various times through the communication; and you know what we found? He was in the restroom, listening to the Nebraska fight song on his wristwatch. We did have our problems with him.

Fellows, I am frustrated. I don't know what to do with this kind of country down here. Flat, you don't even know which way is downhill. You can't tell which direction you can run faster. I thought our ground was flat when we had seven feet for 100 linear feet. That is good, flat ground. Our water, we can look at it and we know which way it is going to run, immediately. The one creek we get the water out of, comes down a pipe that hauls 1500 feet in a mile. I think you are proud of the overpasses. You sure build a lot of them. When it come right down to it, they are the highest piece of ground you have got. We drove for miles and couldn't see a thing but the trees on each side of the road, a little bit of farm ground. Come over a hump, and, man, that was fantastic, to be able to see more than 4 or 5 miles. Our country, we can see for 50 or 100 miles, see everything in between. It takes a few minutes to get on a hill and look back and down into the valley. I don't think you have even got a valley here. Those overpasses in Idaho, we don't build many, cause it would take over 100 acres to get enough soil to make one overpass. We dig underpasses much easier.

You know, coming here, I don't remember where it was, along by Lexington somewhere, one of those overpasses, they serve two purposes. Get the people back and forth; and, also, it clarifies a misconception that was left in our mind, that your Grand Master carried to us in Burley, Idaho. He said: "Nebraska was No. 1". On that overpass just as big and bold, and pretty as could be, it said "Texas No. 1". You guys better get that straightened out. Either Texas is No. 1, or Nebraska is No. 1.

Brethren, there is another problem you have here. It is the short nights. Possibly, the evil companionship, or the companionship of your Grand Master caused part of that problem; but the other one that I can see, you don't have any hills, and the sun comes early, and it is late. We don't have that problem in Idaho. It is just up a little while. You have a good, long night. The Grand Master was going to see me. I would love to have him come out to the place and have a great visit. Eat some good food, fellowship, lot of visiting, but he never showed up. The instructions are easy, to get to my place. I said: "You just look for Smith at the foot of Idaho's highest mountain. That is all you need to know. He said: "I would like to know a little bit more in detail." Highway 93 right through Idaho, leads up through Lost River Valley, and I said. "22 miles north of Mackey, and you look just off the highway and there is a wind sock right there, and you turn in to that place." I come to find out, you know why he didn't show up? He was looking for Wind Sock, Idaho. Your Grand Master is humble, very humble man, but he is an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska. He was a pirate of the old days, sunken chest and all. Probably, Ted Fujiki saw your Grand Master when he was the humblest, was in an elevator in Dallas, Texas. The elevator that carried us to the top of the highest Regency Restaurant and the Bar on the top of the ball. That pedestal of concrete went up 50 stories — nothing in between to get to that restaurant. Brother Bevin was always in front, leading. He was leading that day and he stepped on that elevator — a glass front on it. Brother Ted and I were back in the crowd of people — about 15 people on that elevator — and it took off. Bevin was taller than the other people in there, but that head went out of sight for a few minutes. Pretty quick, it came back up slowly, you know, and he was looking right out that window in front. After we got off, we found out what happened. Can you imagine how hard is is to keep a pair of pants on a funnel? That elevator took off so fast, his head went out of sight, and he was just graciously reaching very humbly for those pants and pulled them back up. Brother Bevin, that cord that Brother John gave you yesterday I think will serve the purpose to stop any more humbling experiences if you will just keep the bungy cords on.

Brother John, if you ever get Brother Bump to Alaska, I think you should treat him royally, as nice as he has treated you down here. I would insist you treat him to some new gut, one teaspoon of seal oil for everything he said about you. He will never forget it.

Brother Bevin, would you please come here? Brethren of Nebraska, it is a pleasure to present to your Grand Master this certificate from the Grand Lodge of Idaho, by Wiley G. Smith, Grand Master, to all who these presence may come, greetings. Whereas, the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, to the Grand Lodge of Idaho have agreed to cultivate with each other in more intimate and fraternal correspondence

than has heretofore existed, and to form a bond of union to draw closer to the ties of friendship and brotherly affection between them by the interchange of Grand Representatives. Now, therefore, know ye, that we proposed special trust in our Brother Bevin B. Bump, do, by these presence, nominate and appoint him to our Representative near the said Grand Lodge of Nebraska and to hold the said office and to discharge the duties as said representative, given under our hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

GRAND LODGE OF WYOMING

ERNEST J. GOPPERT, JR., GRAND MASTER

M.: W.: Grand Master, Distinguished people here that are supporting and helping tell Bevin how to run this meeting, Grand Representatives and you Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers and all you Brother Master Masons that have withstood the trials of time and are still here. I want you to know that it is a great pleasure to be in Kearney. It is a great pleasure for me to be in the great State of Nebraska. As a matter of fact, when you get to be my age, it is great to be anywhere. Those words were told to me by a great, great man as you and I all know, John Wayne. He was in Cody, Wyoming on July 4, 1976, prior to his death. He says: "It is a great pleasure to be here, anywhere at my age."

You know, we have known Bevin Bump, in Wyoming, for a number of years. He has been coming there since the days when he still had hair. I don't know if we will ever get rid of him, now that we have got him trained to come to us. You know, many, many places that we go, somewhere people got the idea that there was an alphabet; and we would talk alphabetically. Most of the places where I have been, the very first one always to be introduced is Alaska. Go through the alphabetic list of States and you come to Wyoming, at the very end. That is the way I have been treated here. You know, I am the last one. You just don't get any respect here. You said the meeting was going to be over at 11:00; and, here it is 11:20, and he finally introduces me.

I have been to several places with your Grand Master. We have attended many Grand Lodges together. He has been to Minnesota. Do you ever notice, when people say: "Will all those vote by the usual sign of Masons", when voting, you know, you almost get a reflex action to put that hand up. The Grand Tyler, here in Nebraska, and I had great difficulty in keeping from raising our hand. I want you to know that your Grand Master has voted in 19 States. Everyplace that I have been, when they say: "Would those in favor please...", I don't have any idea how many tight resolutions were passed because of his vote.

There is one other abuse I had to take early in my term as Grand Master. Nebraska has a thing called "Big Red" and in the fall of the year — I took off last August — everyplace I would go with Grand Master Bevin, he was telling us the story of Nebraska "Big Red". One of the miseries of my life, Wyoming is going to play Nebraska in football. I would like for those of you who have great memories to recall only the second half of that game, because we did beat you the second half.

Wyoming, the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, we are going to have our 110th Annual Communication here in about a month and a half. We have the

great honor of having had one of our early lodges started by you Nebraskans. A lodge was formed in South Path City in the State of Wyoming, under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, in 1869. Later, chartered by your Grand Lodge in 1870. Now, South Path City is a little, old, mining city up on top of one of those things that the Grand Master, Wiley Smith, was talking about, mountains. They had an old mining town up there and for a period of time was it quite a lively, little, old town. It was the second Masonic Lodge that was formed in the State of Wyoming; and that lodge, together with three others that were commissioned or begun by the Grand Lodge of Colorado, formed our Grand Lodge, some 110 years ago.

So, you are older than we are, but that doesn't mean you are 17 years better. I can tell you that. You might be older, but not always better. We have a great Grand Lodge, and I bring you greetings from all 10,166 Masons in Wyoming. I was going to wish that you would have a good and inspiring and educational communication; but, by now, I have to say: "I hope you had it." We are going to have a little special doings in Cody, Wyoming on August 12, 13 and 14. We are going to communicate, have our annual Grand Lodge in Wyoming. We are going to swipe a little of the thunder from the great State of Nebraska.

You had a great scout and man that made his home in North Platte. He later moved to Wyoming and founded the town in which I live. It is called Cody, and it is named after him, Buffalo Bill or William Frederick Cody. A fact that some of you might not know, and many of us in Wyoming never knew, is that Buffalo Bill was a Mason. He was initiated in a lodge that was still operating under dispensation in Nebraska — so new, still under dispensation. He was initiated, passed and raised. He was a member. He died a member of North Platte, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32. He belonged to the York Rite bodies in North Platte. He belonged to your Shrine in Omaha. He belonged to the Consistory, strange as it might seem, of the Northern Jurisdiction in the Valley of New York. He joined all four of those bodies in one day. That was a great honor, at that time, and I am sure he did not go through all the degrees that you and I might have; because they did the whole thing in one day, back in the late 100's. Buffalo Bill had a wild west show, and he had a lot of things in his life. It is interesting to piece together the way he spent his life and the way he attended his Masonic Lodge; the way he joined the Masonic Fraternity; the way he joined each of the bodies as he progressed on through all of them. We are going to spend some time in Cody, commemorating Buffalo Bill's Masonic history. We are inviting some of the North Platte members to come visit with us, at that time, because they have a large part to do with his Masonic history. Buffalo Bill, after he put on his final wild west show in the South, was on his way back to what he called home at that time, Cody, when he became ill in Denver, Colorado. He died on January 10, 1917. As the result of the request of the North Platte Lodge, he was buried with full Masonic honor on top of Lookout Mountain on May 5th, 1917 under the leadership of the Golden Valley Lodge Number 1 in Colorado, the first lodge that was formed in the State of Colorado. They did that, and I believe that history will show that was probably the largest Masonic funeral that has ever been held. Over 20,000 people were present that day, on top of that mountain, to participate in that funeral service.

Gentlemen, I want to invite any of you to come, I am not going to say I will pay any of your expenses, but I sure want to have you come on up and see us. It is a pleasure for us to be here, and it is a pleasure to enjoy the Nebraska hospitality that Bevin and his crew, and all of you too, have showered upon us while we have been here. There is something that each of us can do for our Fraternity, and I would leave you with these short words: "I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something, what I can do, that, I ought to do; and what I ought to do, that, by the Grace of God I will do." Thank you very much.

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

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska	No 1	Omaha	Douglas	February 1855	Oct 3, 1855 *1
Western Star	No 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	May 10, 1855	May 28, 1856 *2
Capitol	No 3	Omaha	Douglas	January 9, 1857	June 3, 1857 *3
Nemaha Valley	No 4	Brownville	Nemaha	December 15, 1857	June 2, 1858
Omadi	No 5	Dakota City	Dakota	January 18, 1858	June 2, 1858
Plattsmouth	No 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	January 18, 1858	June 2, 1858
Falls City	No 9	Falls City	Richardson	October 4, 1864	June 23, 1865
Solomon	No 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	August 15, 1865	June 22, 1866
Covert	No 11	Omaha	Douglas	July 24, 1865	June 22, 1866
Orient	No 13	Rulo	Richardson	June 23, 1866	June 19, 1867
Peru	No 14	Peru	Nemaha	May 23, 1867	June 19, 1867
Fremont	No 15	Fremont	Dodge	July 3, 1866	June 20, 1867
Tecumseh	No 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	December 7, 1867	Oct 28, 1868
Lincoln	No 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	May 4, 1868	June 25, 1868
Washington	No 21	Blair	Washington	February 24, 1868	June 25, 1868
Pawnee	No 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	January 4, 1869	Oct 28, 1869
St Johns	No 25	Omaha	Douglas	May 28, 1869	Oct 28, 1869
Beatrice	No 26	Beatrice	Gage	March 23, 1870	June 22, 1870
Jordan	No 27	West Point	Cummg	December 25, 1869	June 23, 1870
Blue River	No 30	Milford	Seward	April 25, 1870	June 23, 1870
Tekamah	No 31	Tekamah	Burt	August 19, 1869	June 23, 1870
Platte Valley	No 32	North Platte	Lincoln	January 15, 1870	June 23, 1870
Ashlar	No 33	Grand Island	Hall	August 11, 1870	June 22, 1871
Acacia	No 34	Schuyler	Colfax	July 18, 1870	June 19, 1872
Faithury	No 35	Faithury	Jefferson	June 30, 1871	June 19, 1872
Lone Tree	No 36	Central City	Merrick	August 9, 1871	June 19, 1872
Crete	No 37	Crete	Saline	January 8, 1872	June 19, 1872
Oliver	No 38	Seward	Seward	July 25, 1871	June 18, 1873
Papillon	No 39	Papillon	Sarpy	November 18, 1872	June 18, 1873
Humboldt	No 40	Humboldt	Richardson	December 16, 1872	June 18, 1873

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Northern Light	No	Stanton	January 20, 1873	June 18, 1873
Hebron	No	Thayer	March 10, 1873	June 18, 1873
Harvard	No	Clay	March 25, 1873	June 18, 1873
Rob Morris	No	Buffalo	February 21, 1873	June 26, 1874
Fairmont	No	Filmore	December 4, 1873	June 26, 1874
Evening Star	No	Clay	December 22, 1873	June 26, 1874
Hastings	No	Adams	January 3, 1874	June 26, 1874
Fidelity	No	Butler	January 19, 1874	June 26, 1874
Hiram	No	Washington	February 26, 1874	June 26, 1874
Charity	No	Webster	March 2, 1874	June 26, 1874
Lancaster	No	Lancaster	April 20, 1874	June 26, 1874
Mosac	No	Madison	October 1, 1874	June 23, 1875
York	No	York	October 1, 1874	June 23, 1875
Mount Moriah	No	Otoe	November 7, 1874	June 23, 1875
Wahoo	No	Saunders	January 20, 1875	June 23, 1875
Melrose	No	Harlan	March 10, 1875	June 24, 1875
Thistle	No	Dawson	May 8, 1875	June 21, 1876
Keystone	No	Hamilton	January 1, 1876	June 21, 1876
Blue Valley	No	Saline	October 6, 1876	June 20, 1877
Osceola	No	Polk	November 23, 1876	June 20, 1877
Edgar	No	Clay	February 27, 1877	June 20, 1877
Aurora	No	Hamilton	February 10, 1878	June 19, 1878
Trowel	No	Antelope	January 28, 1878	June 19, 1878
Hoopar	No	Dodge	March 19, 1878	June 25, 1879
Friend	No	Saline	May 4, 1878	June 25, 1879
Frank Welch	No	Cheyenne	December 26, 1878	June 25, 1879
Nelson	No	Nuckolls	March 15, 1879	June 23, 1880
Albion	No	Boone	August 1, 1879	June 23, 1880
Geneva	No	Filmore	November 24, 1879	June 23, 1880
Composite	No	Butler	March 20, 1880	June 22, 1881

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Samt Paul	Samt Paul	Howard	April 15, 1880	June 22, 1881
Corinthian	Wakefield	Dixon	April 22, 1880	June 22, 1881
Ionic	Niobrara	Knox	January 24, 1881	June 20, 1882
Cedar River	Fullerton	Nance	January 19, 1882	June 20, 1882
Oakland	Oakland	Burt	February 7, 1882	June 19, 1883
Beaver City	Beaver City	Furnas	May 3, 1882	June 19, 1883
Bennet	Bennet	Lancaster	May 5, 1882	June 19, 1883
Garfield	O'Neill	Holt	June 28, 1882	June 19, 1883
Utca	Utca	Seward	July 14, 1882	June 19, 1883
Euclid	Weeping Water	Cass	July 21, 1882	June 19, 1883
Republican	Republican City	Harlan	July 27, 1882	June 19, 1883
Shelton	Shelton	Buffalo	July 28, 1882	June 19, 1883
Waterloo	Waterloo	Douglas	September 7, 1882	June 19, 1883
Ord	Ord	Valley	September 14, 1882	June 19, 1883
Wymore	Wymore	Gage	November 10, 1882	June 19, 1883
Stella	Stella	Richardson	December 4, 1882	June 19, 1883
Porter	Loup City	Sherman	December 9, 1882	June 19, 1883
Table Rock	Table Rock	Pawnee	January 24, 1883	June 19, 1883
Pomegranate	Ashland	Saunders	February 13, 1883	June 19, 1883
DeWitt	DeWitt	Saline	February 28, 1883	June 19, 1883
Springfield	Springfield	Sarpy	March 30, 1883	June 19, 1883
Globe	Madison	Madison	February 16, 1882	June 24, 1884
Wisner	Wisner	Cuming	February 12, 1883	June 24, 1884
North Bend	North Bend	Dodge	September 5, 1883	June 24, 1884
Wayne	Wayne	Wayne	September 26, 1883	June 24, 1884
Supenor	Supenor	Nuckolls	November 22, 1883	June 24, 1884
Auburn	Auburn	Nemaha	December 25, 1883	June 24, 1884
Mount Nebo	Genoa	Nance	January 1, 1884	June 24, 1884
Stromsburg	Stromsburg	Polk	January 16, 1884	June 24, 1884
Minden	Minden	Kearney	January 22, 1884	June 24, 1884

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Guide Rock	No	Guide Rock	Webster	January 28, 1884	June 24, 1884
Scribner	No	Scribner	Dodge	July 9, 1884	June 24, 1885
Solar	No	Clarks	Merrick	August 8, 1884	June 24, 1885
McCook	No	McCook	Red Willow	October 6, 1884	June 24, 1885
Long Pine	No	Long Pine	Brown	October 6, 1884	June 24, 1885
Upright	No	Burchard	Pawnee	November 14, 1884	June 24, 1885
Rawl	No	Oxford	Furnas	November 15, 1884	June 24, 1885
Clay Centre	No	Clay Center	Clay	December 6, 1884	June 24, 1885
Western	No	Western	Saline	December 6, 1884	June 24, 1885
Crescent	No	Pnnrose	Boone	January 24, 1885	June 24, 1885
Jachn	No	Holdrege	Phelps	July 13, 1885	June 17, 1886
Silom	No	Stuart	Holt	August 15, 1885	June 17, 1886
Custer	No	Broken Bow	Custer	August 10, 1885	June 17, 1886
Cambridge	No	Cambridge	Furnas	March 31, 1885	June 17, 1886
Evergreen	No	Pierce	Pierce	November 27, 1885	June 17, 1886
Lily	No	Davenport	Thayer	November 28, 1885	June 17, 1886
Samanian	No	Chadron	Dawes	March 17, 1886	June 16, 1887
Ogallala	No	Ogallala	Keith	August 14, 1886	June 16, 1887
Zeredatha	No	Reynolds	Jefferson	August 21, 1886	June 16, 1887
Mount Zion	No	Shelby	Polk	August 25, 1886	June 16, 1887
Trestle Board	No	Brook	Nemaha	October 9, 1886	June 16, 1887
Unity	No	Greenwood	Cass	December 18, 1886	June 16, 1887
Atkinson	No	Atkinson	Holt	August 19, 1886	June 21, 1888
Barneston	No	Barneston	Gage	August 20, 1886	June 21, 1888
Elwood	No	Elwood	Gosper	June 21, 1887	June 21, 1888
Curtis	No	Curtis	Frontier	June 21, 1887	June 21, 1888
Amity	No	Rushville	Sheridan	July 29, 1886	June 21, 1888
Mason City	No	Mason City	Custer	August 1, 1887	June 21, 1888
Robert Burns	No	Stratton	Hitchcock	November 15, 1887	June 21, 1888
Culbertson	No	Culbertson	Hitchcock	November 16, 1887	June 21, 1888

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Hay Springs	No	Hay Springs	Sheridan	February	20, 1888
Justice	No	Benkelman	Dundy	October	8, 1888
Faith	No	Crawford	Dawes	December	13, 1888
Alliance	No	Alliance	Box Butte	January	18, 1889
Bee Hive	No	Omaha	Douglas	January	22, 1889
Boaz	No	Danbury	Red Willow	January	24, 1889
Meridian	No	Cozad	Dawson	February	4, 1889
Granite	No	Gibbon	Buffalo	February	18, 1889
Crystal	No	Scotta	Greeley	August	7, 1889
Minnekadusa	No	Valentine	Cherry	August	15, 1889
Highland	No	Cortland	Gage	September	21, 1889
Arcana	No	Gordon	Sheridan	October	17, 1889
Purity	No	Imperial	Chase	December	24, 1889
Gavel	No	Cartoon	Thayer	July	20, 1889
Blazing Star	No	Burwell	Garfield	August	5, 1890
Scouts Bluff	No	Genoa	Scouts Bluff	August	8, 1890
Golden Sheaf	No	Randolph	Cedar	August	29, 1890
Plainview	No	Plainview	Pierce	September	1, 1890
Golden Fleece	No	Chappell	Deuel	September	2, 1890
Panan	No	Callaway	Cluster	January	31, 1891
Canopy	No	Elmwood	Cass	September	4, 1891
East Lincoln	No	Lincoln	Lancaster	November	5, 1891
Cement	No	Wood River	Hall	November	27, 1891
Occidental	No	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	July	16, 1892
Palisade	No	Palisade	Hitchcock	July	18, 1892
Wauneta	No	Wauneta	Chase	December	7, 1892
Bloomfield	No	Bloomfield	Knox	January	18, 1893
Relief	No	Coleridge	Cedar	January	19, 1893
Magnolia	No	Emerson	Dixon	January	21, 1893
Wood Lake	No	Wood Lake	Cherry	September	22, 1892

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Landmark	No 222	Herman	Washington	March 1, 1893	June 21, 1894
Silver Cord	No 224	Ainsworth	Brown	October 17, 1893	June 21, 1894
Cable	No 225	Arnold	Custer	November 17, 1893	June 21, 1894
North Star	No 227	Lancola	Lancaster	July 28, 1894	June 13, 1895
Bartley	No 228	Bartley	Red Willow	November 23, 1894	June 13, 1895
Cornet	No 229	Ceresco	Saunders	December 5, 1894	June 13, 1895
John S Bowen	No 232	Kennard	Washington	February 6, 1895	June 13, 1895
Gilead	No 233	Butte	Boyd	November 22, 1894	June 10, 1896
Zion	No 234	Hyannus	Grant	July 19, 1895	June 10, 1896
Fraternity	No 235	Winside	Wayne	August 2, 1895	June 10, 1896
Golden Rule	No 236	Allen	Dixon	August 3, 1895	June 10, 1896
Friendship	No 239	Chapman	Merrick	October 7, 1895	June 10, 1896
Pilot	No 240	Lyons	Burt	November 29, 1895	June 10, 1896
George Armstrong	No 241	Craig	Burt	August 1, 1895	June 17, 1897
Hampton	No 245	Hampton	Hamilton	July 13, 1899	June 7, 1900
Nehawka	No 246	Nehawka	Cass	January 2, 1900	June 7, 1900
Laurel	No 248	Laurel	Cedar	February 12, 1900	June 7, 1900
Gothenburg	No 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	June 20, 1900	June 6, 1901
George Washington	No 250	Lancola	Lancaster	June 20, 1900	June 6, 1901
Wausa	No 251	Wausa	Knox	November 18, 1900	June 6, 1901
Bassett	No 254	Bassett	Rock	October 8, 1902	June 4, 1903
Hickman	No 256	Luncheon	Lancaster	December 7, 1903	June 9, 1904
Anselmo	No 258	Anselmo	Custer	December 10, 1904	June 7, 1905
Oman	No 261	Spencer	Boyd	March 5, 1906	June 5, 1907
Endeavor	No 262	Indianola	Red Willow	June 28, 1906	June 5, 1907
Mitchell	No 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	July 5, 1906	June 5, 1907
Franklin	No 264	Franklin	Franklin	June 11, 1907	June 10, 1908
Robert W Furnas	No 265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	June 21, 1907	June 10, 1908
Silver	No 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	June 14, 1907	June 10, 1908
James A Tulleys	No 267	Overton	Dawson	December 26, 1907	June 10, 1908

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George W Lmunger	No 268	Omaha	Douglas	February 26, 1908	June 10, 1908
Oasis	No 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	June 14, 1909	June 8, 1910
Lee P Gillette	No 272	Dunbar	Otoe	June 14, 1909	June 8, 1910
Olive Branch	No 274	Walshill	Thurston	September 20, 1909	June 8, 1910
Sioux	No 277	Harrison	Sioux	June 10, 1910	June 6, 1911
Wallace	No 279	Wallace	Lincoln	February 25, 1911	June 4, 1912
Swastika	No 280	Sargent	Custer	October 18, 1912	June 4, 1913
Florence	No 281	Omaha	Douglas	January 17, 1913	June 4, 1913
Mullen	No 282	Mullen	Hooker	July 22, 1913	June 9, 1914
Seneca	No 284	Theford	Thomas	September 29, 1913	June 9, 1914
Camp Clarke	No 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	October 16, 1913	June 9, 1914
Oshkosh	No 286	Oshkosh	Garden	November 25, 1913	June 9, 1914
Union	No 287	Palmyra	Otoe	December 15, 1913	June 8, 1915
Omaha	No 288	Omaha	Douglas	March 24, 1914	June 8, 1915
Lotus	No 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	June 11, 1914	June 8, 1915
John J Mercer	No 290	Omaha	Douglas	November 21, 1914	June 8, 1915
Diamond	No 291	Orchard	Antelope	November 23, 1914	June 8, 1915
Monument	No 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	December 18, 1914	June 8, 1915
Kimball	No 294	Kimball	Kimball	June 10, 1915	June 7, 1916
Minatare	No 295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	June 10, 1915	June 7, 1916
Couner	No 297	Lincoln	Lancaster	June 15, 1917	June 5, 1918
Chester	No 298	Chester	Thayer	June 27, 1917	June 5, 1918
Sutherland	No 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	June 23, 1917	June 5, 1918
Liberty	No 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	January 10, 1918	June 5, 1918
Bayard	No 301	Bayard	Morrill	January 19, 1918	June 5, 1918
Mizpah	No 302	Omaha	Douglas	November 12, 1918	June 4, 1919
Right Angle	No 303	Omaha	Douglas	September 24, 1919	June 9, 1920
Newman Grove	No 305	Newman Grove	Madison	January 14, 1920	June 9, 1920
Golden Rod	No 306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	August 19, 1920	June 8, 1921
Perkins	No 308	Grant	Perkins	December 1, 1920	June 8, 1921

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED	
Victory	No	310	Valley	Douglas	December 27, 1920	June 8, 1921
Polk	No	311	Polk	Polk	January 4, 1921	June 8, 1921
Potter	No	313	Potter	Cheyenne	September 10, 1921	June 7, 1922
Craftsmen	No	314	Lancaster	Lancaster	March 22, 1922	June 5, 1923
Alpha	No	316	South Sioux City	Dakota	January 27, 1925	June 10, 1925
Mid-West	No	317	Hastings	Adams	January 8, 1925	June 10, 1925
Grand Island	No	318	Grand Island	Hall	April 1, 1925	June 9, 1926
College View	No	320	Lancaster	Lancaster	July 1, 1927	June 6, 1928
Harmony	No	321	Dalton	Cheyenne	February 21, 1928	June 5, 1929
Lebanon	No	323	Columbus	Platte	November 14, 1928	June 5, 1929
Cauro	No	324	Cauro	Hall	January 16, 1936	June 8, 1937
Bellevue	No	325	Bellevue	Sarpy	March 5, 1955	June 8, 1955
Centennial	No	326	Omaha	Douglas	November 26, 1955	June 6, 1956
Shiloh	No	327	Omaha	Douglas	September 3, 1965	June 10, 1966
Miloma	No	328	Omaha	Douglas	January 19, 1972	June 28, 1972

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- FRATERNAL DEAD COMMITTEE: W.: Albert A. Wise, 79, Chairman; V.: W.: G. Richard Myers, 158; W.: Steven W. Olson, 229;
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- GRAND TRUSTEES: W.: Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1, (1987), Chairman; M.: W.: Harold Hultman, 39 (1986); W.: George T. Harris, 302, (1985); W.: Donald J. Schonberg II, (1988); M.: W.: Bevin B. Bump, 158, (1989);
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VETERAN SECRETARIES

Wayne Warden Loftus	Landmark No. 222	41 years
Merle P. Hayes	Superior No. 121	37 years
Alvin C. Groesser	Euclid No. 97	34 years
Arthur P. Starkjohann	Minnekadusa No. 192	34 years
Homer C. Davey	Midwest No. 317	33 years

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

Who Have Attended Grand Lodge
21 Years or More

Benjamin F. Eyre	60 years
Carl R. Greisen	59 years
Merle M. Hale.....	47 years
Thomas J. Aron.....	45 years
Louis V. Sylvester	44 years
Albert B. Osborn.....	40 years
Paul D. Fleming	34 years
Ralph W. Gerry	26 years
Byron C. Jenkins.....	23 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)	1860-61-62
Daniel H Wheeler	Nov 27, 1912	6	(3rd)	1863-64
Robert W Furnas	June 1, 1905	4	(4th)	1865-66
Orsamus H Irish	Jan 27, 1883	5	(5th)	1867-68
Harry P Deuel	Nov 23, 1914	11	(6th)	1869-70

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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
George B France	Aug 16 1914	56	(23rd)	1888
John J Mercer	Feb 25, 1915	4	(24th)	1889
Robert E French	Feb 16, 1927	46	(25th)	1890
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	(30th)	1895
Charles J Phelps	Aug 24, 1915	34	(31st)	1896
John B Dinsmore	Oct 6, 1915	49	(32nd)	1897
Frank H Young	Dec 24, 1917	207	(33rd)	1898
William W Keysor	Aug 17, 1922	25	(34th)	1899
Albert W Crites	Aug 23, 1915	158	(35th)	1900
Robert E Evans	July 9, 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
Zuangle M Baird	Dec 17, 1916	155	(41st)	1906
Oman 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 Chemy	June 27, 1948	100	(45th)	1910
Henry Gibbons	Aug 22, 1923	46	(46th)	1911
James R Cain, Jr	Sep 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

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR	SERVED
Edwin D Crtes	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 Fleet	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
Chaceller A Philips	Sep 12, 1968	150	(72nd)	1936
William A Robertson	July 3, 1944	6	(73rd)	1937
Walter R Raecke	Aprnl 9, 1960	36	(74th)	1938
William J Breckenrdge	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	Feb 12, 1977	148	(80th)	1944-45
Edward Huwaldt	Feb 14, 1977	318	(82nd)	1947
Elmer Magee	Mar 19, 1975	227	(83rd)	1948
Roscoe Pound	July, 1964	54	(Honorary)	1949
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	Aprnl 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 A Bottorf	Feb 21, 1984	49	(102nd)	1967
Norris W Lallman	Nov 1, 1984	72	(103rd)	1968
John H Brown	Feb 2, 1978	1	(105th)	1970
Howard J Hunter	May 6, 1975	59	(107th)	1972
Alfred B Saum	Oct 11, 1980	46	(112th)	1977

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

BENJAMIN F. EYRE, 1(81st).....	1946
Masonic Home, No. 305, Plattsmouth 68048		
THOMAS J. ARON, 37(86th).....	1951
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MERLE M. HALE, 54(91st).....	1956
1410 Kingston Rd., Lincoln 68506		
JOSEPH C. TYE, 46(94th).....	1959
Box 636, Kearney 68847		
JOHN F. FUTCHER, 302(95th).....	1960
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HERBERT A. RONIN, 210(96th).....	1961
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ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 249(97th).....	1962
Box 303, Gothenburg 69138		
HARRY A. SPENCER, 227(99th).....	1964
1500 Crestview, Lincoln 68506		
LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, 281	.....(100th).....	1965
801 S. 52nd, No. 2105, Omaha 68106		
LEWIS R. RICKETTS, 19	.....(101st).....	1966
1811 1st National Bank Bldg, Lincoln 68502		
HUGH W. EISENHART, 150	.....(104th).....	1969
Box 250, Cambridge 69022		
RUSSEL 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		

BEVIN B. BUMP, 158(118th).....1983
 P.O. Box 1140, Chadron 69337
 CARL R. GREISEN, 32(HONORARY) ..1966
 P.O. Box 1684, Sun City, AZ 85372

GRAND SECRETARIES

- * GEORGE ARMSTRONGSep. 23, 1857 to June 2, 1858
- * ROBERT W. FURNASJune 2, 1858 to June 4, 1862
- * ROBERT C. JORDAN.....June 4, 1862 to June 24, 1863
- * STEPHEN D. BANGSJune 24, 1863 to June 24, 1865
- * J. NEWTON WISEJune 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. LALLMANJune 4, 1969 to June 13, 1981
- RALPH W. GERRY.....June 13, 1981

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Brazil, Pernambuco	Milton Jorge Pereira	Caixa Postal 1415 Recife
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Ireland	Michael W Walker	Freemason's Hall, Dublin
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Japan	Frederck S Kashiwagi	Mintoku Tokyo
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Oregon	James M Shillingburg	657 So Emerald Loop Comelius 97113
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Saskatchewan	E A Snell	PO Box 246, Regina
Scotland	E Stuart Falconer	Freemason's Hall, 96 George St, Edinburgh, EH23DH
South Africa	W J Van Zyl	608-613 Nataid House, 14 Plyem St, Johannesburg
South America	Victor M Osonio	Apartado Aeres 6672 or de Bogota, Columbia
South America	Alfredo de La Cuesta	Apartado No 209, Santa Domingo Republic Dominicana
South Australia	John Moss Ward	Freemason's Hall, 254 No Terrace, Adelaide 5000
South Carolina	H Dwight McAlister	1401 Senate St, Columbia 29209
South Dakota	Raymond W Horn	Box 468, Sioux Falls 57101
Sweden	Lennart Granander	Frimurareorden Balseholmstgatan 6, Stockholm
Switzerland	Arturo Hofmann	Brunngass: 30-3000 Berne
Tamaulipas	Manuel Henandez Yanez	Fundado El 5 De Mayo De 1909, Tampico, Mexico
Tasmania	M P R Rex	44 Huntington St, Hobart
Tennessee	John R Stracener	Box 24216, Nashville 37202
Texas	Harvey C Byrd	Box 446, Waco 76703
Turkey	Nesep Aksut	Nunziya Sak No 25, Istanbul
Utah	Marven H Clayton	Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City 84102
Venezuela	Francisco Flerro Quinones	Temple Masomco Este 3 No 5, Apartado 927, Caracas
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Virginia	John P Stokes	Masonic Temple, Richmond 23261 PO Box 27345
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West Virginia	Camden C Ferrell	PO Box 2346, Charleston 25328
Wisconsin	Carl W Skoog	1123 No Astor St, Milwaukee 53202
Wyoming	Ray A Noah	Box 459, Casper 82602

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 Barneston No. 165, Barneston, 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, Ohioa with Jewel No. 149, Dubois, April 22, 1947.
- Bee No. 259, Bee with Oliver No. 38, Seward, June 13, 1947.
- Tuscan No. 130, Surprise with Composite No. 81, Rising City, Feb. 9, 1963.
- Delta No. 230, St. Edward with Albion No. 78, Albion, Jan 1, 1965
- Jewel No. 149, Dubois with Geneva No. 79, Geneva, Sep. 9, 1966.
- Valley No. 157, Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93, March 8, 1966.
- Ruskin No. 304, Ruskin with Nelson No. 77, Sep. 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, Feb. 9, 1968
Pioneer No. 322, Lyman with Oasis No. 271, Morrill, April 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, Sep. 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, March 23, 1970.
Alexandria No. 74, Alexandria with Hebron No. 43, Hebron, Sep 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, April 20, 1973.
Prudence No. 179, Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96, Utica, April 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, Feb. 14, 1974.
Sterling No. 70, Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh, March 20, 1974.
Mt. Hermon No. 231, Cook with Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh, March 15, 1974.
- Winnebago No. 309, Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274, Walthill, Dec. 3, 1974.
- Temple No. 175, Filley with Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh, March 26, 1975.
Beemer No. 253, Beemer with Wisner No. 114, Wisner, June 17, 1975.
Signet No. 193, Leigh with Northern Star No. 41, Stanton, Feb. 20, 1976.
Plumline 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 Ornan No. 261, Spencer, April 22, 1983.
Crofton No. 273, Crofton with Wausa No. 251, Wausa, April 17, 1984.
Harlan No. 116, Alma with Melrose No. 6, Orleans, April 17, 1984.
Hardy No. 117, Hardy with Superior No. 121, Superior, April 17, 1984.
Merna No. 171, Merna with Custer No. 148, Broken Bow, April 17, 1984.

EXTINCT LODGES

NAME & LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 - Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 - Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 - Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 - Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 - Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 - Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macy No. 22 - Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 - Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 - Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 - Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 - Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 - First	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 - Ulysses	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 - Waco	January 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	February 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
Isreal 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	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242 - Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244 - Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Holbrook No. 257 - Holbrook	June 11, 1959
Springview No. 260 - Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270 - Huntley	June 7, 1939
Exeter No. 283 - Exeter	December 16, 1952
Cowles No. 296 - Cowles	December 31, 1946
William E. Hill No. 307 - Otoe	December 15, 1964

REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
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
Vartan Barughian	Buenos Aires	Apr 17, 1984	Argentina	Steven F Mattoon, 75	Sidney	Apr 17, 1984
Ralph P Faulkner	Avondale	Aug 22, 1983	Arizona	Robert E Kyles, 36	Central City	Sep 3, 1976
Frank A Smith	Little Rock	Jan 27, 1958	Arkansas	James L Eatmon, 294	Kumball	Apr 17, 1984
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 Ballata de Carvalho	Val do Salvador	Sep 19, 1936	Bolivia	Irwin Osterloh, 72	Hooper	
			Brazil, Bahia	Frank I Vlasak, 119	North Bend	
Roumundo Nonato do Vale	Ceara	Sep 21, 1949	Brazil	Albert G Bates, 1	Omaha	July 6, 1072
Jose Cesano Horta	Minas Gerais	Sep 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	Stanley E Brunton, 222	Herman	June 4, 1971
Ludgard Nobre		June 26, 1974	Brazil, Matto Grasso	Gwynne L Neubauer, 258	Brewster	July 7, 1976
Francisco Bezrea Frota		Oct 25, 1973	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Robert E Richards, 205	Chappel	July 7, 1976
Oscar de Paula Assis	Rio de Janeiro	Aug 1, 1969	Brazil, Guanabaro	Harry L Scheffel, 91	Oakland	Nov 17, 1978
Ewald Helmut Langweiler	Rio Grande do Sul	Feb 18, 1965	Brazil, Para	Kenneth D Beebe, 119	North Bend	July 1, 1974
Jose Aguiar E Silva	Para	Oct 10, 1968	Brazil, Paraiba	Amos H Campbell, 184	Omaha	Feb 2, 1981
Tutomio Sato	Parana	Oct 23, 1957	Brazil, Parana	Gerald A Moller, 15	Omaha	Dec 10, 1968
Jose Aguiar E Silva	Pernambuco	Oct 22, 1968	Brazil, Pernambuco	Benjamin F Eyre, 1	Fremont	Jan 3, 1936
Lino Burgo Bez	Sao Paulo	Sep 22, 1976	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Nelson W Rittenburg, 210	Lincoln	Mar 7, 1968
Walter Punito	Brofour	Nov 14, 1951	Brnush Columbia	Manne O Hansen, 1	Omaha	June 12, 1974
Harold Wilson	Eureka	Apr 23, 1969	California	Mervin E Ransom, Sr, 65	Osceola	July 1, 1974
Kenneth N Nesbitt	Ottawa	Dec 21, 1976	Canada	Charles W Amudon, 281	Omaha	June 7, 1977
Rigoberto Jamett	Taiwan	Aug 22, 1983	Chile	Thomas J Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Dawson Kwauk	Barranquilla	June 26, 1980	China	Eugene C Sibley, 54	Lincoln	June 11, 1976
Jose Maria Serna	Montrose	July 31, 1951	Columbia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Raul R Eveland, 119	Ames	Feb 16, 1982
Jacque N Hampton	Collinsville	Apr 9, 1980	Colorado	Ben D Fussel, 79	Geneva	June 4, 1971
Vincent Vernon		Mar 18, 1969	Connecticut	John D Richardson, 50	Hastings	June 10, 1983
Carlos Miranda		Oct 22, 1968	Costa Rica	Kenneth P Lott, 184	Bellevue	Feb 3, 1981
V H F E Gracia		Nov 5, 1952	Cuba	Carl R Greisen, 32	Boone	June 23, 1943
Paul E Ellis		Jan 28, 1971	Delaware	Arnold F Mams, 15	Fremont	Dec 13, 1968
Knud Meuster		Nov 23, 1982	Denmark	Richard H Scheef, 288	Omaha	July 7, 1976
				Joseph C Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
				T Leo Stines, 36	Central City	Feb 18, 1967
				Alton S Mote, 183	Alliance	Dec 2, 1968

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H Kenneth Kingsbury	Guayaquil	Sep 24, 1982	District of Columbia	Herbert A Romm, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
F G Araya		June 17, 1953	Ecuador	Richard O Cowles, 217	Trenton	Nov 7, 1978
Lord Maus	Helsinki	Oct 22, 1976	England	Harry A Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Dec 2, 1968
Kalle Pukisto	Jacksonville	Dec 15, 1969	Finland	Sibert A Stover, 281	Omaha	Feb 9, 1968
Wm C Mitchell	Paris	June 23, 1970	Florida	John Lippert, 323	Columbus	Aug 8, 1966
Edward Jeanmonod		Sep 14, 1954	France Nat'l Grand Lodge	J Dallas Gibson, 54	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
Thomas L Reese	Aschoffenburg	Aug 22, 1983	Georgia	Raymond F Evers, 6	Plattsburgh	Aug 3, 1960
Wolfgang Durst	Athens	Sep 24, 1975	Germany	Alfred G Wurst, 59	Lincoln	July 6, 1972
Geo Sakelloruss		Apr 10, 1954	Greece	William W Steen, 280	Sargent	June 11, 1976
Angel G Guzman	Helgafell	Aug 13, 1963	Guatemala	Roger E Shullington, 180	Benckelman	June 8, 1977
Bjame Bjarnason		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 Klinc	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Idaho	Bevan B Bump, 158	Chadron	Apr 17, 1984
Herbert Newman	South Bend	Dec 4, 1974	Illinois	Gladwyn A Youngs, 210	Lincoln	May 3, 1977
H J Engineer	Bombay	Aug 7, 1963	India	Albert T Reddish, 183	Alliance	Apr 17, 1984
James E Weir	Dublin	June 19, 1970	Iran	William Hurst, 54	Lincoln	Sep 17, 1977
Yehuda Ashkenazi	Tel Aviv	Sep 22, 1981	Ireland	Joel N Lindquist, 1	Omaha	June 4, 1971
Gilberto Olivieri	Rome	Sep 22, 1976	Israel, State of	Robert E Comer, 239	Grand Island	Oct 10, 1977
Yasuhiko Ide	Topoka	Jan 6, 1964	Italy	William Grodinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Richard K Hart	Louisville	July 31, 1972	Japan	Lewis R Ricketts, 19	Lincoln	Sep 14, 1962
O J Hyde		Aug 17, 1971	Kansas	Delbert H Pukerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
John F Arnold	Bangor	Aug 30, 1976	Kentucky	Glen F Sperry, 139	Clay Center	June 11, 1976
Rene Gregonus	Winnipeg	Mar 29, 1980	Louisiana	Harold C Wurdeman, 323	Columbus	July 1, 1974
Royce G Wheeler		Dec 4, 1974	Luxemborg	Thomas W Tye, 46	Kearney	Apr 17, 1984
Joseph S Reynolds	Mexico City	Aug 8, 1969	Maine	Thomas McBride, 143	Pumrose	
John M Baker III	Mt Clemens	Feb 14, 1958	Maine	Ralph W Gerry, 281	Omaha	Aug 7, 1969
Karl O Lepisto	Hibbing	Feb 9, 1972	Manitoba	Harry N Ahl, 112	Louisville	Sep 12, 1962
George Sanfor	Aberdeen	Jan 16, 1953	Maryland	Henry L Rood, 59	Wahoo	July 6, 1972
Thomas Espey	Trenton	July 23, 1963	Massachusetts	Wade E Sheppard, 303	Omaha	June 11, 1976
Wm W Widstrand	Crete	Feb 3, 1953	Mexico York Grand Lodge	Russell L Fickes, 33	Grand Island	Apr 13, 1968
John T Brown			Michigan	Paul R Pearce, 50	Hastings	Mar 15, 1979
William R Robbins			Minnesota	Merle M Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb 14, 1952
J R P Remener			Mississippi	Louis V Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sep 8, 1953
			Missouri	Robert A Metcalf, 210	Lincoln	Apr 17, 1984
			Montana	C Harold Edwards, 105	Lincoln	Oct 12, 1965

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J F A Gravenberch	Eureka	Dec 14, 1960	Netherlands	W Upton Dawson, 135	McCook	May 6, 1965
Lee Gruswold	St John	Aug 5, 1968	Nevada	James N DeMoss, 325	Omaha	Jan 8, 1981
Kenneth Nelson	Elkus W Howard	Oct 21, 1955	New Brunswick	Frank H Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan 31, 1958
Ellys W Howard	Lutliff	June 14, 1962	New Hampshire	William Keller, 250	Luncheon	Apr 14, 1980
Robert W Emery	Old Bridge	Sep 15, 1972	New Jersey	John W McHenry, 19	Luncheon	Sep 12, 1984
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D Weddel, 61	Lexington	Oct 18, 1943
Gordon Ross Mallam	Fairlight	June 16, 1974	New South Wales	Donald R White, 327	Omaha	Feb 3, 1981
Enos A Faber	Brooklyn	Dec 29, 1982	New York	Warren D Lichty, Jr., 314	Luncheon	July 1, 1974
Raymond E Dovey		Feb 14, 1979	New Zealand	Donald R Swanson, 54	Luncheon	June 14, 1973
			Nicaragua	Paul D Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec 9, 1941
Nathaniel C Dean	Grand Forks	July 26, 1965	North Carolina	G Richard Myers, 158	Chadron	Apr 17, 1984
Calvin E Rustad	Sandeford	Sep 7, 1955	North Dakota	Hugh W Eisenhart, 150	Cambridge	Apr 28, 1965
Ivar Moe	Yamouth	Apr 24, 1975	Norway	S E Torgeson, 294	Kimball	June 14, 1973
D C Horton	Monterray	June 21, 1978	Nova Scotia	Curtis J Gress, 49	Grand Island	Dec 2, 1968
Juan L Arocha		Oct 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Doane O Trail, 135	McCook	
E L Galbraith	Guymon	Apr 23, 1969	Ohio	Darrell D Christensen, 54	Luncheon	Apr 28, 1977
Aubrey R Erhart		June 11, 1963	Oklahoma	Fredrick E Forsee, 288	Elkhorn	
Arthur E Baird	Panama	Sep 16, 1980	Oregon	Frank J Mattoon, 75	Sidney	Dec 4, 1968
Elias S Mizrahi	Luna	Jan 13, 1953	Panama	Arthur S Dye, 317	Hastings	July 28, 1965
Carlos Pena	Mamla	Sep 1, 1972	Peru	Richard L Mauch, 254	Bassett	June 4, 1971
Antomo Espinosa	Summerside	Apr 8, 1971	Philippines	Donald A Kyeckelbahn, 210	Luncheon	Aug 7, 1969
Allan C Jenkins	Fajards	Apr 1, 1981	Prince Edward Island	Donald C Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan 17, 1945
Luis S Parrilla Castro	Dorval	Nov 21, 1977	Quebec	Herman O Hansen, 3	Omaha	June 4, 1971
Gordon A Lynne	Chepachet	Feb 29, 1960	Queensland	Viron E Baxter, 216	Palisade	
W R Galley	Kennedy	Aug 11, 1978	Rhode Island	Wayne J Pauley, 19	Luncheon	July 18, 1977
Edward T Hudson	Edinburgh	June 25, 1980	Saskatchewan	Edward A Hoegland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
H Warner	Bogota	Feb 20, 1979	Scotland	Bruce L Bump, 158	Chadron	Apr 17, 1984
Wm McG Rankin	Greenville	Aug 25, 1969	So Africa	Sidney H Bliton, 263	Mitchell	June 11, 1976
David S Van de Merwe	Sioux Falls	July 6, 1971	So Am Col	Gerald V Inseele, 158	Chadron	Dec 2, 1968
Rafael F Moreno	Lunkoping	Mar 29, 1980	So Aust	Jack H Hendrx, 174	Trenton	Aug 7, 1969
M D J C Navarro		Oct 23, 1978	So Car	Harry A Tollandter, 281	Omaha	July 8, 1981
G T Bnce			So Dak	Edgar Bredemeier, 105	Stella	June 11, 1976
Rhoden D Batson			Sweden	Charles M Goodwin,	Luncheon	Nov 9, 1984
L L Kurkpatrick				U Wesley Fox, 192	Kjlgore	July 6, 1972
Olle Hellberg				Lillard S Jensen, 232	Omaha	Nov 17, 1965

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Fredrick J Pruefer	German Barrera	June 21, 1978	Aug 27, 1970	Zunch	Victoria	Switzerland	Tamlaupias	Wayne W Reese, 54	Lincoln	July 1, 1974			
S V Tilley	M D Maunung	Mar 27, 1957	Sep 14, 1981	Hobart	Chattanooga	Tasmania	Tennessee	Homert C Davey, 317	Hastings	Aug 3, 1960			
G P Stockwell	Attila Athi	Dec 10, 1977	Dec 29, 1971	Houston	Houston	Texas	Texas	Lloyd I Edwards, 110	Ashland	Sep 8, 1960			
John J Greiner	John J Greiner	Sep 10, 1959	Sep 10, 1959	Istanbul	Odgen	Turkey	Utah	George A Iverson, 15	Fremont	Apr 28, 1977			
Wendell H Chaffee	Farrn Webb	June 8, 1975	Mar 23, 1946	Burlington	Melbourne	Venezuela	Vermont	Donald A Keys, 300	Lincoln	Dec 20, 1961			
Fred Layman	Malcom L Wilkenson	Jan 3, 1983	Apr 14, 1971	Richmond	Tacoma	Virginia	Washington	Melvin E Johnson, 112	Oakdale	Aug 27, 1963			
Kenneth Harold Worth	J K Ferguson	Apr 19, 1984	Sep 28, 1961	Attadale	Milwaukee	West Aust	West Virginia	Robert L Luttie, 240	Lyons	June 11, 1976			
George J Schreiber	George J Schreiber	Mar 23, 1946	Mar 23, 1946	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wayne G Lueningborg, 39	North Platte	Sep 22, 1975			
								Wendell R Wertz, 174	Loup City	July 6, 1972			
								Ernest O Van Wey, 249	Trenton	Nov 15, 1979			
								H Gene Gustafson, 318	Gothenburg	Jan 28, 1952			
								Henry E Schermmel, 2	Grand Island	June 10, 1983			
								John S Savage II	Nebraska City	June 11, 1976			
								Harold Huhman	Omaha	Feb 6, 1981			
									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 Cam, 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 Liminger, 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	☆ Edward M Wellman, 1	1913
☆ Samuel S Whiting, 54	1910	☆ Charles A Eyre, 268	1913
☆ Walter W Wells, 192	1910	☆ Robert A Armstrong, 32	1913
☆ Ensign J Rix, 55	1910	☆ Levi Pringle, 276	1913
☆ James D. Phillips, 93	1910	☆ Earl M Bolen, 130.	1914
☆ Frederick L Wolff, 135	1910	☆ Frank L Haycock, 207	1914
☆ Ernest H James, 1	1910	☆ Geroge A Stevens, 158	1916
☆ Fred A Howe, 119	1910	☆ Harry M Jones, 46	1916
☆ Robert B Walker, 170	1912	☆ Levi D Phipps, 31	1916
☆ Frank W Farrand, 36	1913	☆ Alfred G Hunt, 33.	1916
☆ Ira C Freet	1913	☆ Harry L F Proffitt, 50	1916
☆ Benjamin Wood, 210	1913	☆ Barclay M Hickman, 38	1916

☆ Orville A Andrews, 50	1917	☆ Howard E Bradstreet, 261	1943
☆ Andrew H Viele, 55	1917	George S Schwab, 49	1946
☆ Maro C Shptherd, 15	1920	Louis V Sylvester, 281	1946
☆ Jesse Lowther, 219	1920	☆ Irving S Johnson, 148	1946
☆ Franklin C Tym, 25	1920	☆ LaVerne A Walker, 55	1946
☆ Lute M Savage, 3	1920	☆ Ernest E James, 1	1948
Frank M Johnson, 188	1920	☆ Frank A. Anderson, 17	1949
☆ Lamont L Stephens, 106	1922	☆ Robert W Cook, 33	1949
☆ Frances S Robey, 19	1922	Paul D Flemmg, 93	1949
☆ John B Lichtenwallner, 275	1923	☆ Charles M Frederick, 93	1949
☆ Harry R Belville, 146	1923	☆ Sylvester Shumard, 227	1949
☆ George R Patterson, 136	1923	☆ Ralph M Carhart, 120	1950
☆ William J Birkofer, 249	1923	☆ Morris V Balcom, 46	1950
☆ D Horace Schall, 307	1923	☆ William F Flickinger, 56	1951
☆ Stanley P Bostwick, 3	1924	☆ Forest A Lape, 183	1951
☆ William D Edson, 53	1926	Delbert H Pinkerton, 314	1954
☆ Francis B Rodwell, 224	1926	Harold M Wilkerson, 54	1954
☆ Edwin H Gerhart, 305	1926	Willard I Lewis, Jr, 9	1955
☆ William McCormack, 268.. . . .	1926	Clifford D Webster, 321	1956
☆ Harry L Mantor, 306	1927	☆ Matthias E Mauel, 173	1956
☆ John R Easley, 49	1927	Frank H Smith, 301	1957
☆ I Donald Huston, 65	1928	☆ Ward V Whitaker, 310	1957
☆ Elmer Surber, 95	1928	Richard L Ely, 128	1957
☆ John M Bennett, 19	1928	Asa J Farnham, 106	1958
☆ Earl Barnett, 146	1929	Robert B Conrad, 125	1958
☆ Jonathan Frye, 1	1929	Winston C Swanson,	1958
☆ Ernest R Reynolds, 124	1930	☆ Lyle A Van Arsdol, 210	1959
☆ Osborne P Simon, 174	1930	☆ Edmund D Shaw, 195	1959
☆ Doc L Redfern, 300	1930	Harry N Ahl, 112	1959
Austin F. Whitmire, 306..... .	1931	Alfred R Kenoyer, 148	1960
☆ Henning C Johnson, 171	1932	Lloyd I Edwards, 110	1960
Carroll C Raymer, 164	1932	T Leo Stunes, 36	1960
☆ Ward B Schrack, 46	1933	☆ Erwin J Imig, 38	1960
☆ Byron S Peterson, 25	1933	Sebert A Stover, 281	1960
☆ Raymond C Cook, 6.	1933	Stanley E Brunton, 222	1961
☆ Ray B Bottorf, 33	1933	Glenn W Binder, 23	1961
☆ Wallace E Linn, 1.	1934	☆ Richard L. Wait, 19	1962
☆ Jesse P Entriken, 295.	1934	☆ Gordon Chard, 240	1962
Harold D Weddel, 208	1937	Harold A Tilton, 71	1962
Cecil C. Gates, 227	1938	Stuart A Johnson, 169	1964
☆ Fred G Christensen, 33.	1938	Arthur S Dye, 317	1964
☆ Ross Van Sickle, 184	1938	W Upton Dawson, 135	1964
☆ S William Beck, 43	1940	Donald R Davis, 164	1964
☆ Stanley B Fryar, 139	1940	☆ Ralph I Berry, 256	1965
☆ Roy S Planck, 15	1940	Carl A Johnson, 183	1965
☆ Buren P. Wells, 315	1940	☆ Robert W Boon, 33	1965
☆ Clarence G. McNamee, 55.. . . .	1941	Augustus W Clark, 318	1965
☆ F Ray Dilts, 83...	1942	Alton S Mote, 183	1965
☆ Ernest C Purdy, 195...	1942	Ralph W Gerry, 281	1965
☆ Lewis E Baker, 135	1943	Arnold F. Mans, 15	1965

Nelson W Rittenburg, 210	1965	Ralph E McNulty, 188 .	1975
☆ Harold J Oehlerking, 159	1966	Don L McCoy, 11 .	1975
Gwynne L Neubauer, 258	1966	Everett K Dappen, 265	1975
☆ Ward L McGlashan, 180	1966	Alfred V Peltzer, 148	1975
Curtis J. Griess, 49	1966	Ben D Fussell, 79 . . .	1976
☆ Walter Brown, 1	1967	Victor D Hunt, 62 .	1976
☆ John C Nelson, 250	1967	Roger E Shillington, 180	1976
Mervin E Ransom, Sr, 65	1967	James E Cornish, 31	1976
Donald A Kyckelhahn, 210	1067	Lynn Doty, 251	1977
Howard G Whitmore, 161	1967	Marvin R Weber, 202	1977
Frank R Harris, 77	1967	W Dale Page, 15	1977
Gerald V Inslee, 158	1968	Harry L Saum, 308	1979
John C Sierks, 4	1969	DeVern A Engberg, 26	1979
Paul D Jacobsen, 171	1969	Michael L Peterson, 227	1979
David O Kipling, 281 .	1970	Albert W Wasek, 40	1979
Herman O Hansen, 3	1970	Douglas A Thomas, 183	1979
D Wayne Erickson, 146	1970	Arthur J Ferguson, 221	1979
Walter S Cork, 75	1970	Leslie G Weber, 204	1979
Richard L. Mauch, 254	1971	Kenneth G Fleming, 75	1980
O Wayne Thompson, 201	1971	Augustine S Scolaro, 3	1981
John A Brandt, 26	1971	David E Menck, 15	1982
Dale E Kube, 55	1971	Vincent Rosenberger, 183	1982
Robert E Kyes, 36	1972	Justin F Fauss, 55	1982
Mannie O Hansen, 1	1973	Augustus W Clark, 318	1982
Richard O Cowles, 217	1975	Wayne E Beatty, 126	1984
Jens P Nielsen, 121	1975	Jerry L Rittenburg, 210	1984

GRAND LECTURERS

George Armstrong, 3.....	1858-1859
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
Bryon 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

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Lee P Gillette, 2.....	1882-83, 1887-1894
Benjamin F. Rawalt, 84.....	1884-1887
James A. Tulleys, 53.....	1894-1900
Robert E. French, 46.....	1901-1927
Lute M Savage, 3.....	1927-1948
Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	1948-1965
Robert W. Cook, 33.....	1965-1967
Ralph W. Gerry, 281.....	1968-1981
Mannie O. Hansen, 1.....	1981-1984

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 current year, thus: 1984 and 4,000 — 5,984.

Royal Arch Masons — Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1984 and 530 — 2514.

Royal and Select Masters — Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1984 and 1,000 — 2,984.

Knights Templar — From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1,118 from 1984 — 866.

Order of High Priesthood — To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus: 1984 and 1913 — 3897.

Scottish Rite — Add 3,760 to the current year, thus: 1984 and 3760 — 5744.

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