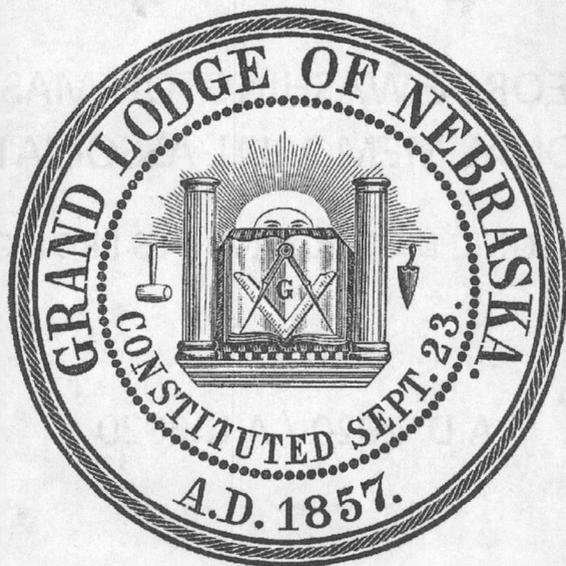


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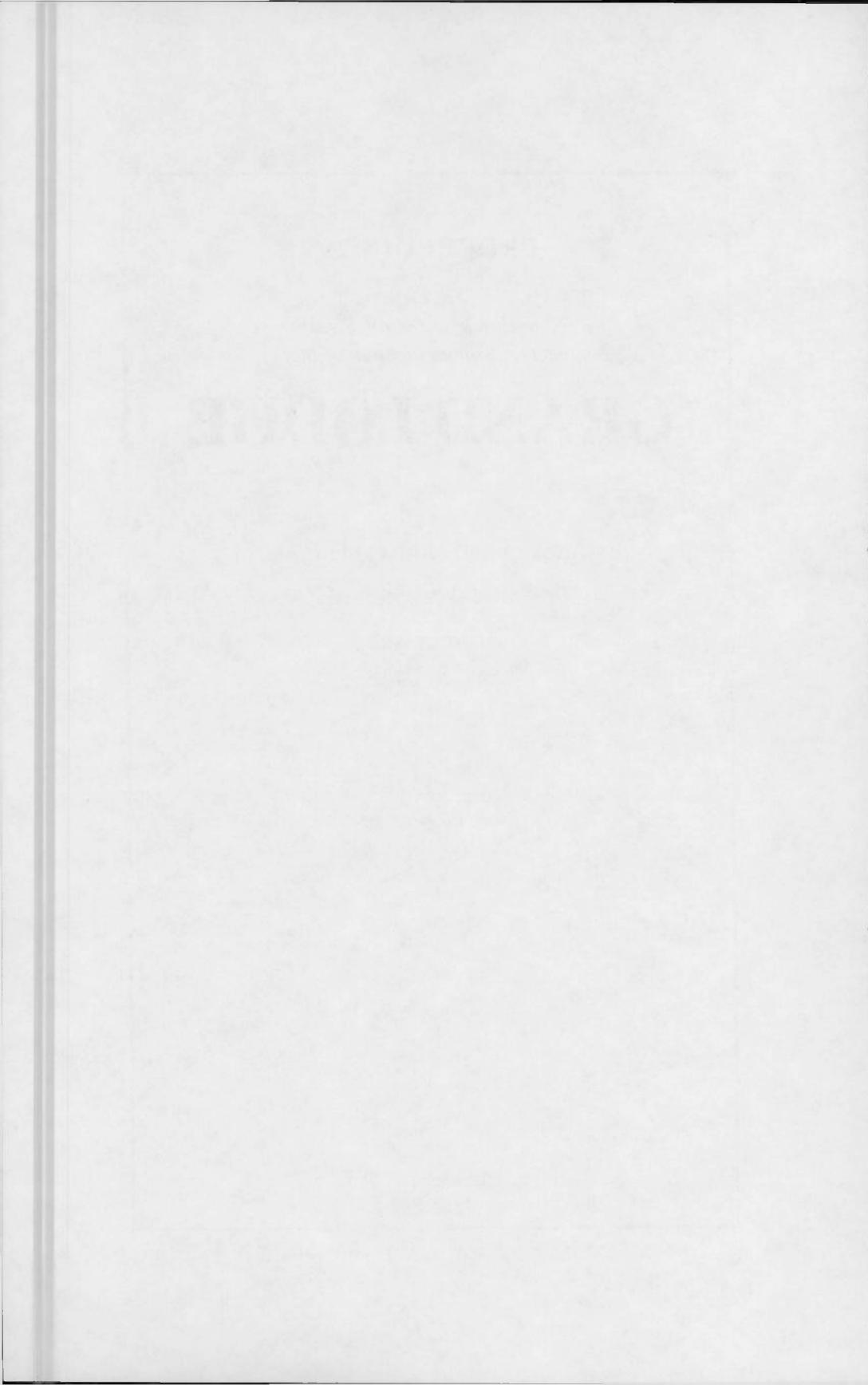
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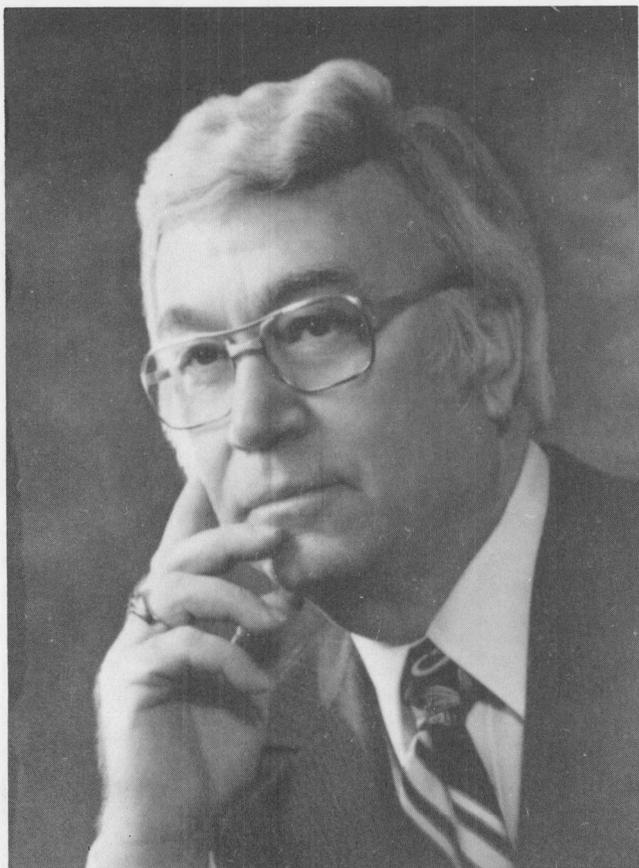
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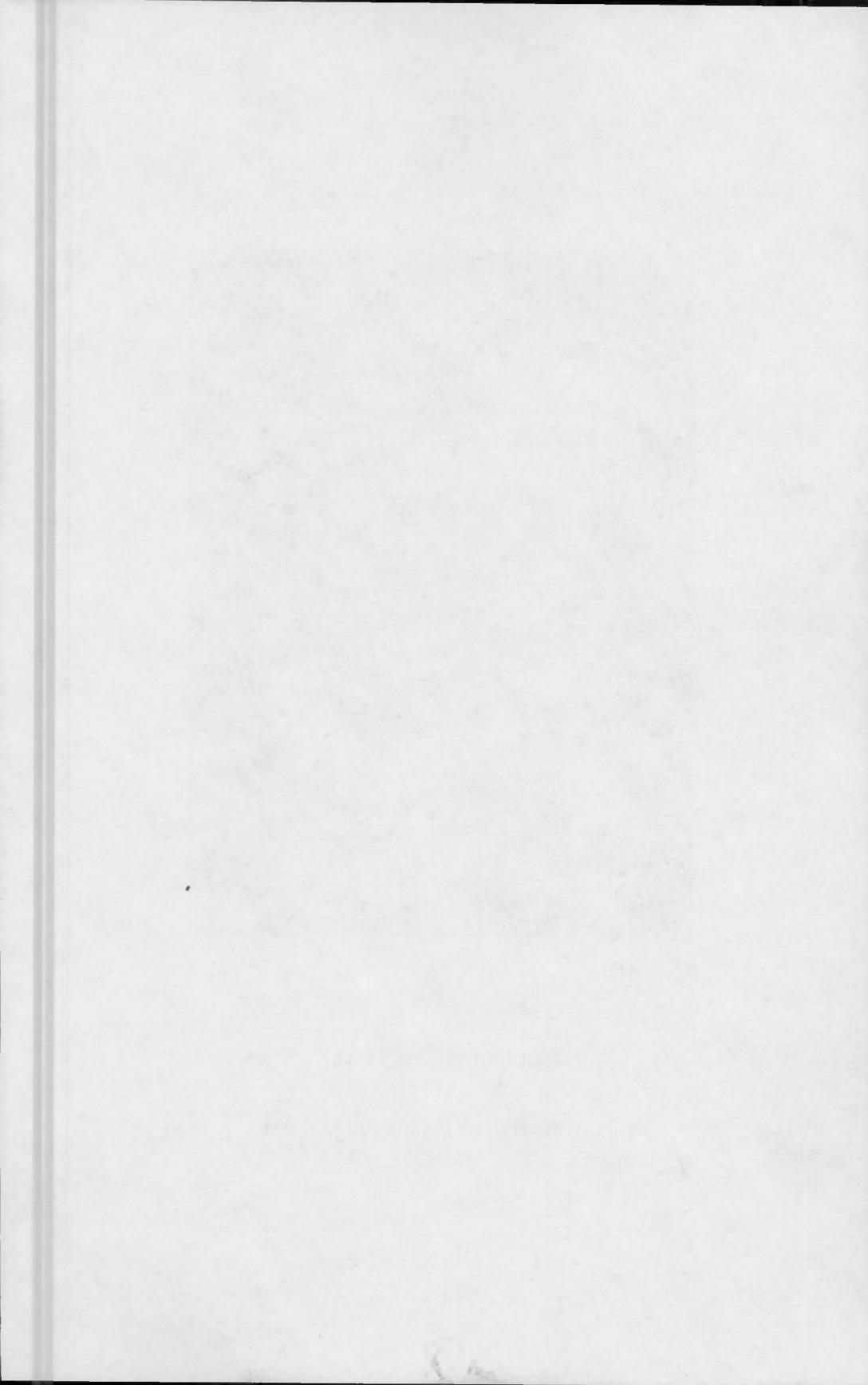
July 14 and 15, 1985





ROBERT A. METCALF

**GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1984-1985**



BIOGRAPHICAL

ROBERT A. METCALF

Robert A. Metcalf was born in Lincoln, Nebraska. He attended the Lincoln Public Schools, graduating from Lincoln High School in June, 1941.

After graduating from high school, he entered the United States Army in August, 1942. He was assigned to the 806th Tank Destroyer Medical Detachment. While serving in this unit, he saw duty in the South Pacific. In February, 1946, he was honorably discharged.

Upon his return to civilian life, he enrolled in Nebraska Wesleyan in the fall of 1946. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in June, 1950. The following December, he enrolled in the California College of Mortuary Science. Upon graduation he returned to Lincoln, Nebraska to enter the funeral service, the profession he has followed to date. On August 1, 1961, he founded the Metcalf Funeral Home, of which he is presently President.

On October 7, 1943, Bob married Dorothy I. Martin. They have two children, a son, Ross, who is a Doctor of Chiropractic in Lincoln, and a daughter, Janice, who is married to a practicing attorney here in Lincoln. Bob and Dorothy enjoy their six grandchildren.

MASONRY

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 a 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 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. In June, 1984, he was elected to and installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master.

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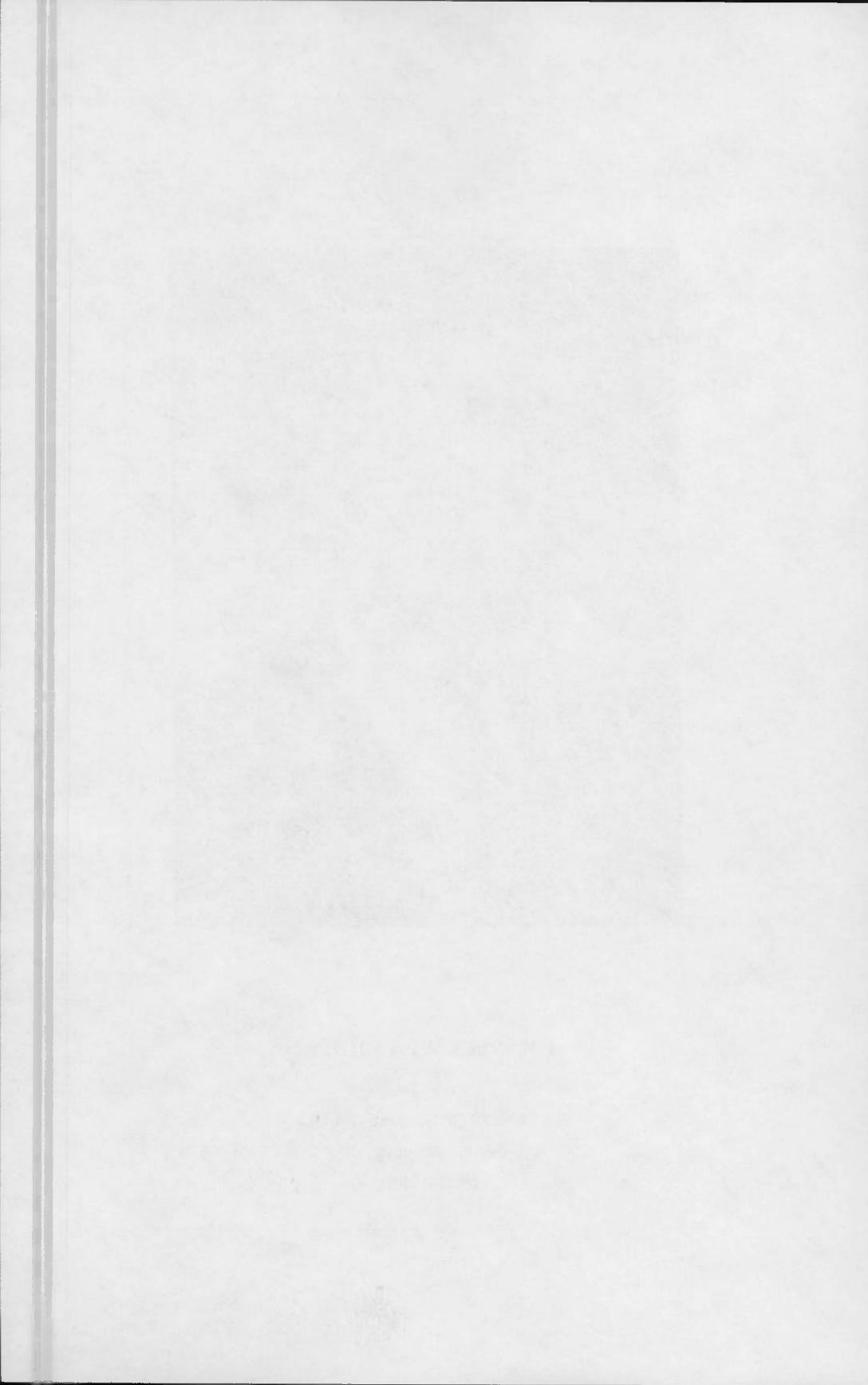


CHARLES W. AMIDON

FLORENCE LODGE #281, OMAHA

GRAND MASTER ELECT

1985-1986



PROCEEDINGS

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of Nebraska

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Lincoln, June 14 and 15, 1985

FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

Friday, June 14, 1985

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication at the Center for Continuing Education, Lincoln, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 14 A.D. 1985 A.L. 5985.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. . W. . Robert A. Metcalf, 210	Grand Master
R. . W. . Charles W. Amidon, 281	Deputy Grand Master
R. . W. . Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39	Grand Senior Warden
R. . W. . Paul R. Eveland, 119	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, 183	Grand Historian
W. . Jerry Rittenburg, 210	Grand Custodian Pro Tem
W. . James L. Eatmon, 294	Grand Marshal
W. . Thomas W. Tye, 46	Grand Senior Deacon
W. . John M. McHenry, 19	Grand Junior Deacon
W. . Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	Grand Tyler

The Lodge of Master Masons was opened at 9:00 A.M. by a selected team of Worshipful Masters of subordinate lodges. Worshipful Master Sanford Nelson, 210; Senior Warden, Jerry G. Niday, 229; Junior Warden, Donald Northcott, 256; Secretary, John G. West, 268; Chaplain, Dale E. Walters, 54; Senior Deacon, Rodney L. Reeder, 75; Junior Warden, Frank Veverka, 15; Senior Steward, Albert Kriks, 194; Junior Steward, Scott Kreiger, 317; Marshal, Francis A. Shafer, 135; and Tyler, Robert O'Neill, 32.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

The Presentation of the Flag was made by M. W. Byron C. Jenkins, Charles Folsom, National President of National Sojourners, Inc., and W. B. Gerald Verbeek, all members of Omaha Chapter #19 National Sojourners and Joseph Warren Camp Heros of 76. The Color Guard was dressed in Continental Army uniforms. They presented the Flag, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, before retiring.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Chartered Lodges. There being a constitutional number, seven lodges represented, the Grand Master declared the 128th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska opened in ample form, and directed the Grand Marshal to make proclamation thereof.

The Grand Master then directed the Grand Marshal to escort V.W. G. Richard Myers, Grand Chaplain, to the altar for the purpose of prayer.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre	(86th) — 1951
M. W. Thomas J. Aron	(87th) — 1952
M. W. Merle M. Hale	(91st) — 1956
M. W. Herbert A. Ronin	(96th) — 1961
M. W. Ernest O. VanWey	(97th) — 1962
M. W. Harry A. Spencer	(99th) — 1964
M. W. Louis V. Sylvester	(100th) — 1965
M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts	(101st) — 1966
M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart	(104th) — 1969
M. W. Frank J. Mattoon	(108th) — 1973
M. W. Harold Hultman	(110th) — 1975
M. W. Jack H. Hendrix	(113th) — 1978
M. W. Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	(114th) — 1979
M. W. Byron C. Jenkins	(115th) — 1980
M. W. Paul R. Pierce	(117th) — 1982

The Past Grand Masters were conducted to the East and given Grand Honors. The following Past Grand Masters were not in attendance because of illness: M. W. Russell L. Fickes; 1971, M. W. T. Leo Stines, 1976; M. W. Harold C. Wurdeman, 1981.

RESPONSE BY M. W. HERBERT A. RONIN

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Members of the Grand Lodge, Brethren: On behalf of the Past Grand Masters, I wish to express our appreciation for this fine reception that has been accorded us and your

warm and sincere words of welcome, Most Worshipful Grand Master. Our Past Grand Masters have a deep, abiding, and genuine interest in our Grand Lodge and this is certainly evidenced by our attendance here this morning. There are 22 living Past Grand Masters, 18 of whom are here this morning, two are in hospitals, one quite critically ill, and the other two are physically unable to be here this morning, so we are all present or accounted for. Now Most Worshipful Sir, I want to commend you on behalf of the Past Grand Masters for your impressive record of service this past year, for the courtesies that you have extended to each of us and our best wishes to you, Sir, and to the Grand Lodge for a successful and harmonious session. Thank you again for this fine reception.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

By M. .W. . LOUIS V. SYLVESTER

GRAND MASTERS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND MASTERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

M. .W. . R. Dean Metcalf, Grand Master of Iowa
 M. .W. . Arris M. Johnson, Grand Master of Kansas
 M. .W. . Vern H. Schneider, Grand Master of Missouri
 M. .W. . James Dunn, Grand Master of Colorado
 M. .W. . Glen Pruitt, Grand Master of Alaska
 M. .W. . Wesley P. Jarman, Past Grand Master of South Dakota
 M. .W. . Wiley Smith, Past Grand Master of Idaho
 R. .W. . Ovid A. Moore, Grand Junior Warden of Nevada
 W. . Darwin D. Pace, Grand Senior Steward of Wyoming

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

R. .W. . Tom Eggleston, Grand Secretary of Iowa

SCOTTISH RITE

M. .W. . Herbert A. Ronin, Lt. Grand Commander, Supreme Council,
 Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, for the
 Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America

LEADERS OF YORK RITE

Brother C. Joe Pottorff, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in
 Nebraska
 Brother Robert M. McDonald, Most Illustrious Master of Cryptic
 Masons in Nebraska
 Brother Morton P. Steyer, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand
 Commandery of Nebraska

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

M. W. Donald R. Swanson, Intendant General for Nebraska of the United Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

REIGNING POTENTATES

Illustrious David Hedges, Potentate of Sesostris Temple
 Illustrious C. C. Turner, Potentate of Tangiers Temple

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS

Brother Charles Folsom, National President of Sojourners

HOME SUPERINTENDENTS

Brother Raymond Evers, Superintendent of Masonic Home, Plattsmouth, Nebraska
 Brother Ben Harvey, Superintendent of Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont, Nebraska

DeMOLAY LEADERS

Brother Walter Miller, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Nebraska
 Brother Rob Barie, State Master Councilor of DeMolay in Nebraska

RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

M. W. Robert A. Metcalf, Grand Master, directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges. The Grand Master extended them a hearty welcome and suggested that they convey his greetings to the Grand Lodge they represent.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES
1984-1985

Application for Reinstatements: W. Donald R. White, 327, Chairman; W. Kenneth P. Lott, 184; W. Amos H. Campbell, 184.

Appropriations: W. Robert A. Carhart, 120, (1986), Chairman; W. John D. VerMaas, 256, (1984); W. Walter E. Truex, 55, (1985); W. Ben D. Fussell, 79, (1987); W. Thomas A. Woodward, 328, (1988).

Finance: W. 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: W. Albert A. Wise, 79, Chairman; W. G. Richard Myers, 158; W. Steven W. Olson, 229.

- Fraternal Relations:** R. W. Ralph W. Gerry, 281, Chairman; W. V. Kaye Ramsey, 290; W. Lawrence J. Zwart, 11.
- George Washington Masonic National Memorial:** 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 H. Hendrix, 174, (1986); M. W. Thomas J. Aron, 37, (1985).
- Grand Lodge Membership:** R. W. Charles W. Amidon, 281, Chairman; W. Robert E. Keyes, 36; W. Bruce L. Bump, 158; W. Morton P. Steyer, 281.
- Grand Trustees:** W. Frank V. Lawson, 1, (1987), Chairman; W. George T. Harris, 302, (1985); W. Donald J. Schonberg, II, 327, (1988); M. W. Harold Hultman, 39, (1986); M. W. Bevin B. Bump, 158, (1989).
- Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund:** W. Bernard Paden, 119, Chairman; W. Sanford Nelson, 210; W. Donald E. Rasmussen, 135.
- 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:** W. Erwin Siemoneit, 127, (1989), Chairman; W. Les Mann, 158, (1988); W. Don C. Bottorf, 49, (1986); W. Alex Swaitek, 314, (1987); W. Donald W. Madsen, 11, (1985).
- Temple Advisory:** M. W. Harold C. Wurdeman, 323, (1985), Chairman; W. Herman O. Hansen, 33, (1987); W. Donald C. Hafer, 306, (1986).
- Lodge Advisory:** M. W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, (1985); M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, (1987); M. W. Frank J. Matton, 75, (1986).
- Masonic Relief:** W. Melvin E. Hatfield, 54, (1988), Chairman; W. Steven F. Matton, 75, (1989); W. Robert Keyes, 36, (1985); W. Joe P. Gannerman, 126, (1986).
- Masonic Education:** R. W. Charles W. Amidon, 281, (1985), Chairman; R. W. Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39, (1985); W. Paul R. Eveland, 119, (1986); W. Thomas W. Tye, 46, (1986); W. John McHenry, 19, (1987).
- Youth:** W. William G. Hurst, 54, Chairman; W. Halsey Phillips, 325; W. Ivan G. Abdouch, 302; Byron E. Lee, 89; W. James C. Gathmann, 327.
- Statue of Liberty Centennial:** W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; W. Charles A. Folsom, 15; W. James N. DeMoss, 325; W. Albert A. Wise, 79; W. Bruce L. Bump, 158; W. Mark C. Johnson, 119; W. Alex Swaitek, 314.

Special Grand Lodge Building: W. . Thomas W. Tye, 46, Chairman; W. . Robert A. Carhart, 120; W. . John D. VerMaas, 256; W. . James L. Eatmon, 294; W. . Thomas A. Woodward, 328; M. .W. . Herbert A. Ronin, 210; M. .W. . Bevin B. Bump, 158; W. . Earl Stewart, 314.

Special Committee — Study Cypher or Key: W. . Paul R. Eveland, 119, Chairman; W. . John McHenry, 19; W. . Jerry Rittenburg, 210; W. . Marvin Ropte, 219; M. .W. . Louis V. Sylvester, 281; M. .W. . T. Leo Stines, 36; W. . James Eatmon, 294.

W. .M. . ROBERT A. METCLAF HEADS GRAND LODGE SESSION

By BEVIN BUMP
Free Mason Editor

The Nebraska Center in Lincoln, Nebraska was the site for the 128th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. .F. . & A. .M. . of Nebraska, held June 13 through June 15. M. .W. . Robert A. Metcalf, the 119th Grand Master presided over the three day session, which started Thursday afternoon with a Masters and Wardens Workshop. This was the second year for the workshop and again provided an opportunity for the delegates to review with the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers the recommendations of the Grand Master submitted to the Grand Lodge.

Also for the second year was a Vesper Service at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, under the direction of V. .W. . G. Richard Myers, Grand Chaplain, which this year was held at Faith United Methodist Church. The Grand Masters Banquet for distinguished guests, Past Grand Masters, and Grand Lodge Officers with their ladies was served in the Omaha Room at the Center.

The Annual Communication was opened by the Grand Master after a Lodge of Master Masons had been opened by a team of Worshipful Masters from eleven lodges throughout the state. The presentation of flags was this year performed by the National Sojourners, Chapter No. 19, under the direction of Past Grand Master, Byron C. Jenkins.

A major highlight of the morning was a patriotic and colorful light, sound and slide film presentation of the Statue of Liberty by R. .W. . Thomas Eggleston, Grand Secretary of Iowa.

The main business of the Communication was taken up with the receiving of committee reports, the Grand Master's recommendations and the election of officers. Distinguished guests, which included Grand Masters or their representative, from the jurisdictions of Wyoming, Idaho, South Dakota, Alaska, Colorado, Missouri, Kansas and Iowa were introduced and addressed the delegates at various times during the meeting.

After the Jurisprudence Committee report there was considerable discussion from the floor in regard to the Grand Master's recommendations. As to Recommendation I, the committee had decided that since it was necessary for Constitutional Amendments to lay over for a year, and to be approved by a majority of the lodges before being voted on by next year's Grand Lodge, that there was nothing that could be done at this year's Communication, except to accept it for such necessary action since it had been proposed also by five members and the delegates voted to take no action on this Recommendation.

The Committee had recommended approval as to Recommendations: II, By-law change so the Grand Secretary would not be a full-time employee; III, authorize the Nebraska Masonic Foundation to raise funds by way of gifts, grants or bequests and to construct the proposed Nebraska Masonic Center at a site on the southeast corner of 16th and L Streets in Lincoln, and to confirm the option granted by the property owner for 10 years; and IV, approval of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation; which were all approved by the vote of the Grand Lodge delegates. Recommendation V, was withdrawn by the Grand Master as not necessary since the proposal previously submitted that the Grand Lodge approve the use of cipher or key was defeated.

Charles W. Amidon, 281, of Omaha was elected Grand Master, and Wayne G. Lueningborg, 39, of North Platte was elected Deputy Grand Master. Elected to the offices of Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden were Paul R. Eveland, 119, of Ames and Thomas W. Tye, 46, of Kearney. Paul R. Pierce, PGM, 50, was elected as Grand Secretary.

The 128th Annual Communication became history Saturday morning as Grand Master, Robert A. Metcalf closed the Grand Lodge and turned the gavel over to W. Brother Sanford H. Nelson, Worshipful Master of 210, for him to close the Master Masons lodge with the assistance of the other members of the Grand Master's team of Worshipful Masters.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

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

My Brethern:

It is my great privilege and pleasure to welcome each of you to this 128th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska. The Grand Lodge Officers and I, particularly, want to welcome the delegates and members of the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. This is your Grand Lodge. We want you to feel at home and enter into the deliberations during the Session.

We are most pleased to have visiting dignitaries from other Grand Jurisdictions with us. We have been privileged to visit many of you in your jurisdictions. We will do our best to return the hospitality and many courtesies we received at your Annual Communication.

I am personally most grateful for the privilege of serving as Grand Master for this past year. There are times when a Grand Master has no clear-cut guidelines to govern his actions, and must rely on his own good conscience and sense of fair play to guide him. I have always endeavored to serve in that manner.

NECROLOGY

My brethren, again this year a great number of our dear friends and brothers have been called by the Grand Architect to that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. This past year 900 brethren have departed from our midst. Let us be comforted by the reflection that their memories will not be forgotten.

Later in the Session proper tribute will be paid to our departed brethren by the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

CORNERSTONES

During this past year the Grand Lodge Officers have been privileged to hold cornerstone and dedication ceremonies throughout our state. At each ceremony the attendance was outstanding. I personally believe this is one way our fraternity can receive maximum exposure.

On Saturday, June 30, 1984 the Grand Lodge Officers conducted a dedication ceremony for the remodeled and redecorated lodge room at Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha, Nebraska.

On Saturday, September 22, 1984 we conducted a cornerstone and dedication ceremony for Osceola Lodge No. 65.

October 14, 1984 cornerstone ceremonies were conducted by the Grand Lodge Officers for an addition to the David City High School.

On October 28, 1984 a cornerstone was laid for a new Boyd County Rural Water District No. 2 Building in Spencer, Nebraska, ceremonies sponsored by Ornan Lodge No. 261.

A cornerstone will be laid on June 2, 1985 for the City Museum at McCook, Nebraska.

To our Grand Marshal, James L. Eatmon, a big thank you for the outstanding manner in which the arrangements for these ceremonies were handled.

CONSOLIDATIONS

During the year, on January 10, 1985, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272 of Dunbar consolidated with Western Lodge No. 2 at Nebraska City.

On March 28, 1985 Occidental Lodge No. 215 of Cedar Bluffs consolidated with Fremont Lodge No. 15.

Other lodges have inquired about consolidating with another lodge. Investigations are being made to prevent this action.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

During the year I approved 25 by-law changes of dues or fees and 14 for other reasons.

REINSTATEMENTS

Thirty-six reinstatements were approved during the year.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

At the recommendation of our Grand Custodian, M. W. Brother T. Leo Stines, I commissioned Jerry Rittenburg of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210; Gene Sibley of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and Leslie Evert, Arcana Lodge No. 195 as Deputy Grand Custodians.

In March of 1985 M. W. Brother T. Leo Stines experienced some adverse health problems. At his request for assistance, I appointed W. B. Jerry L. Rittenburg as Grand Custodian Pro Tem.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

During my term of office I had the privilege of appointing three Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti.

W. B. Mannie O. Hansen, Nebraska Lodge No. 1

W. B. Nelson W. Rittenburg, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210

W. B. Don Kyckelhahn, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210

On behalf of all the brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction, a big thank you for the outstanding, dedicated and loyal service rendered by you.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Recommended of other Grand Jurisdictions near Nebraska:

John McHenry, New Jersey

Charles Godwin, Pennsylvania

Steven W. Olson, Vermont

Commissioned:

Thomas Epsy, Michigan

Enos A. Taber, New York

Norman F. Oslund, Alberta, Canada

GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE

The Grand Masters' Conference of North America convened in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina February 16, 1985, the emphasis being more on solutions than on problems. The main topic of discussion was the decline in membership and the various ways in which grand jurisdictions are

attempting to combat this problem. Several work shops were held. Your delegates benefited greatly from what they heard. Hopefully some of the topics discussed can be researched further and possibly adopted by our Grand Jurisdiction.

ROCK MAUL

M. W. Brother Byron C. Jenkins presented a rock maul at the 124th Annual Communication to be given by each Grand Master to the lodge he deems meets the criteria set down. The qualifications are officer leadership, attendance, ritual, enthusiasm, fellowship, temple appearance and conditions, bulletin or newsletter, secretary reports, and programs other than regular meetings. During this Annual Communication I will make this presentation. The selection will not be easy.

CENTENNIALS

Centennial celebrations were held June 16, 1984 at North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend; June 24, 1984 at Minden Lodge No. 127; July 21, 1984 at Stromsburg Lodge No. 126; September 16, 1984 at Wisner Lodge No. 114 and November 10, 1984 Rawalt lodge No. 138, Oxford, Nebraska. A most enjoyable program was presented at each and a delicious meal was served. At the conclusion of each program, the Grand Master made a few appropriate remarks and presented each lodge its centennial certificate.

VISITATIONS

I have attended the Grand Lodges of Wyoming, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Nevada, Colorado and Kansas.

After being installed as Grand Master, we attended the Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls held in Crete, Nebraska and made a scholarship presentation. This was my first official act as Grand Master.

On July 28th I attended the annual DeMolay Conclave held on the campus at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Because of schedule conflict, I was unable to attend the Grand Bethel of Jobs Daughters. However, Brother James DeMoss, Grand Orator, attended as my personal representative.

June

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| 10 | Grand Master's Reception, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 |
| 15 | Lincoln Chapter DeMolay installation |
| 16 | Centennial, North Bend Lodge |
| 24 | Centennial, Minden Lodge |
| 30 | Dedication, Florence Lodge Room |

July

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| 7 | O.E.S. Trustees' meeting at Fremont |
| 12 | Honor Men, Omaha Scottish Rite |
| 14 | Shrine Parade, David City, Nebraska |
| 15 | Jordan Medal presentation at Masonic Home,
Plattsmouth |
| 21 | Stromsburg Lodge centennial |
| 22 | Masonic Home Picnic at Plattsmouth |
| 27 | Shrine South Football Team Banquet at Crete |

28	DeMolay Conclave
31	Open Air Lodge, York, Nebraska
August	
2	Shrine North Football Team Banquet, Fremont
3	Shrine Football Banquet, Village Inn, Lincoln
4	Shrine Bowl Parade and football game
9	Arbor Vitae Chapter O.E.S., Fremont
12, 13, 14	Wyoming Grand Lodge at Cody
19	4-H Achievement Award Day, Childrens' Home, Fremont
26	Statute of Liberty Committee Meeting, Lincoln
30	York O.E.S. District Meeting, York, Nebraska
September	
7	Grand Custodians' School, Grand Island
9	50 year pin presentation, Dale Skeen, Nemaha Lodge No. 4
11	Trustees' Meeting, Grand Lodge, Omaha
11	Masonic Night, Myrtle Chapter No. 94, O.E.S., Lincoln
12	O.E.S. Board Meeting, Fremont
12	O.E.S. District Meeting, Wahoo
13	Supreme Queen Naphis Temple, Lincoln
14	Grand Lodge Special Office Committee Meeting, Lincoln
15	Benson Rainbow Assembly Installation, Omaha
16	Wisner Lodge No. 114 Centennial, Wisner
17	Masonic Night Temple Chapter No. 271, O.E.S., Lincoln
20, 21	Iowa Grand Lodge, Des Moines
22	Temple dedication and cornerstone, Osceola, Nebraska
23, 24, 25	Missouri Grand Lodge, St. Louis
27	Omaha Scottish Rite Banquet
October	
2	70 year pin presentation to Leonard Shafer, Euclid No. 97
4, 5, 6	Grand Lodge Illinois, Peoria
9	North Bend O.E.S. District Meeting, North Bend
11	O.E.S. District Meeting, Lincoln
12	Special Office Committee Meeting, Lincoln
13	DeMolay Grand Master's Class, Hasting
14	Cornerstone, David City
15	Banquet Highland Lodge No. 194, Cortland, Nebraska
16	Masonic Night Lincoln Chapter No. 148, O.E.S., Lincoln
18	Feast of Tisheri and Grand Lodge Officer Reception, Scottish Rite, Lincoln
21	Relief Committee, DeWitt Lodge No. 111, DeWitt
22	Past Masters' Night, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
23	Past Masters' Night, Craftsman Lodge No. 314, Lincoln
24	Special Office Committee Meeting, Lincoln
25	Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus presentation, Lodge 210
28	Spencer Cornerstone, Spencer, Nebraska
31	Scottish Rite Prospect Banquet, Lincoln
November	
3	Omaha Valley Scottish Rite Reunion
4	60 Year Pin Presentation, Joe Wolfe, Plattsmouth Home
6	Grand Representative Commission, John McHenry, Lodge 19
9	Capstone Chapter Royal Arch Masons Ladies Night
11, 12, 13	Nevada Grand Lodge, Las Vegas

15	Grand Lodge Officer Meeting, Lincoln Scottish Rite
15	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 Class Night
16	Master's Degree, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 by Grand Lodge Officers
17	Table Lodge and Reception of Grand Master, Comet No. 229
23	Iowa Grand Master Reception, Council Bluffs
27	Temple Board Meeting, 1635 "L" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska
29, 30	Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite
December	
1	Sesostris Temple Ceremonial
1	Annual Banquet Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco
11	Guest Night, Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne
14	Special Office Committee Meeting
15	Electa Chapter No. 8, O.E.S., Grand Master received
16	Lodge No. 210, Lincoln Chapter No. 148, O.E.S. and Capstone Chapter No. 64 joint Christmas Party
27	Table Lodge, Wahoo Lodge No. 59

1985

January	
4	Lincoln Scottish Rite Installation
5	Lodge No. 210 Installation
7	60 Year Pin Presentation, Orville Hedrick, Tabitha Home
8	Highland Lodge No. 194 Installation
10	Installation Lodges No. 19, 54 and 300
11	Lincoln Chapter DeMolay Installation
12	Fremont Lodge No. 15 Installation
14	O.E.S. Supervisors' School, Hastings
15	O.E.S. No. 148 Installation
18	Sesostris Temple Installation
18	Special Office Committee meeting
20	McCook Lodge No. 135 Installation
21	Hickman Lodge No. 256 Installation
21	Temple Chapter No. 271, O.E.S. Installation
22	Myrtle Chapter No. 94, O.E.S. Installation
25	Omaha Scottish Rite Installation
27, 28, 29	Colorado Grand Lodge, Denver
31	Lincoln Scottish Rite Committee Meeting
February	
2	Grand Lodge Office Committee Meeting
7	50 Year Pin Presentation, Harry Street, Lodge No. 210
9	Lodge No. 54 Dinner-Dance, Lincoln
16-19	Grand Masters' Conference, Myrtle Beach, So. Carolina
21	Friendship Night Lodge No. 210, Lincoln
23	Lincoln City Wide Past Matrons and Past Patrons Inst.
March	
2	Comet Lodge No. 229 Soup Supper
4	Electa Chapter No. 8, O.E.S. Charter Day Banquet
9	O.E.S. Trustees' Meeting, Fremont
12	Fellowcraft Degree, Lincoln Lodge No. 19
14, 15, 16	Kansas Grand Lodge, Wichita
17	Grand Electa O.E.S. Reception
19	Lincoln Chapter No. 148, O.E.S. Past Matrons & Patrons
20	School of Instruction, Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco
21	Scottish Rite Board Meeting

23	Sesostris Potentate's Ball
26	School of Instruction, Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha
28	School of Instruction, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
29	Special Office Committee Meeting, Lincoln Scottish Rite
30	Omaha Scottish Rite Reunion
31	Scottish Rite Foundation Meeting, Lincoln
April	
3	50 Year Pin Presentation, Bill Placek, Wahoo Lodge No. 59
4	Grand Representative Commission, Charles Godwin, Lodge No. 210
9	Masonic Night Myrtle Chapter No. 94, O.E.S.
12	Naphis Temple Daughters of Nile Installation
13	Grand York Rite, Columbus, Nebraska
19, 20, 21	Four State Officer Meeting, North Platte
23	Appropriations' Committee Meeting, Omaha
26	DeMolay 65th Anniversary Banquet, Omaha
27	Scottish Rite Banquet Reunion, Omaha
30	Masonic Education Area Meeting, Lodge NO. 210
May	
2	50 Year Pin Presentation, Dr. Wallace Lamphere, No. 210
2	Grand Representative commission, Steve Olson, No. 229
7	Visitation Lincoln and Omaha V.A. Hospitals
10	York Rite Meeting, Capstone Chapter No. 64
11	Ladies Night, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
14, 15, 16	Grand Chapter, O.E.S., Lincoln
18	Sesostris Temple Ceremonial
21	148 O.E.S. Charter Day Banquet
June	
1	McCook Centennial
2	McCook Cornerstone, Museum Building

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

The Masonic Service Association faithfully continues to render assistance to our Grand Jurisdiction. This service is due to the outstanding leadership of Stewart Pollard, Executive Secretary. The Field Agents in the Veterans Hospitals in Nebraska contribute generously of their time to our infirmed brothers. They also bring comfort to these families. A certificate of five years of service was presented to Field Agent Robert A. May of the Omaha Veterans Hospital by Grand Robert A. Metcalf on his annual tour of the facilities. Congratulation Brother Bob.

GRAND LODGE AREA EDUCATION MEETINGS

The Masonic Education Committee held its Education Meetings during the months of April and May. The Grand Lodge officer in charge of the meetings report favorable response to these meetings. The format of the meetings was changed to a Masters and Wardens work shop type meeting. The reason for this change was to assist the subordinate officers in becoming better qualified to serve as Master of their Lodge.

PERMISSION TO MOVE CHARTERS

The following named Lodges were granted permission to move their Charter as set out: Mount Zion Lodge No. 161 to the basement of their Temple during the winter months, October to April to reduce utility bills; York Lodge No. 56 to

an outdoor site to hold its annual Openaire Lodge, to open in the Master Mason degree and conduct its regular order of business; Oasis No. 271 to Charles William Yount Ranch to hold its annual meeting; Golden Rule No. 236 to another building while remodeling and redecorating; Boaz Lodge No. 185 to hold meetings in the basement of Danbury Cooperative Exchange Building from November, 1984 to April 1, 1985 to help defray expenses during the winter months, provided the basement can be properly tiled; Miloma No. 328 to move Charter to Papillion Lodge No. 39 to hold installation of Officers.

MEMBERSHIP PIN PRESENTATIONS

The Grand Master was privileged to present the following brethren their membership pins:

70 year pin to Brother Leonard Schafer, Euclid No. 97	10-2-84
60 year pin to Brother Harry Hunt, Northern Light No. 41	8-25-84
60 year pin to Brother Joe Wolfe, East Lincoln No. 210	11-4-84
60 year pin to Brother Maynard Coker, Sutherland No. 299	12-9-84
60 year pin to Brother Orval Hedrick, College View No. 320	1-7-85
50 year pin to Brother Dale Skeen, Nemaha No. 4	9-9-84
50 year pin to Brother Harry Street, East Lincoln 210	2-7-85
50 year pin to Brother William Placek, Wahoo No. 59	4-30-85
50 year pin to Brother Wallace Lamphere, East Lincoln 210	5-2-85

STATUE OF LIBERTY PROJECT

On August 4, 1984 the Grand Lodge of New York held a 100th year celebration of the laying of the cornerstone in the base of the Statute of Liberty. My schedule would not permit Dorothy and me to attend. I appointed our Deputy Grand Master Charles W. Amidon and his lady Jean to be our personal representatives to this gala affair. Charlie and Jean reported it was truly an experience they would not soon forget. This even was held in conjunction with the restoration project of the Statute. The Masons of North America pledged to raise approximately three million dollars in support of this project.

I appointed a Statute of Liberty Committee with M. W. Byron Jenkins chairman to raise money for the Grand Jurisdiction. He and his committee have sold lapel pins and bumper stickers. At last report approximately \$5,000.00 has been raised. Our goal is \$1.00 per member or approximately, 29,600.00 dollars. Contributions are tax deductible. If you haven't contributed, please do so now. A very impressive film will be shown at Grand Lodge in June entitled "The Lady", courtesy of our good brother from Iowa, Tom Eggleston.

MASONIC HOMES

Our Nebraska Home at Plattsmouth and the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont continue to be managed in a very efficient manner by Brothers Ray Evers and Ben Harvey. A big thank you to these two brethren and their staffs for supervising these homes for the needy children and our senior citizens. If you have not visited our homes, I recommend that you do. I'm sure you will be please to know that you contribute to the operation of these fine homes.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

During the year I appointed three trial commissions. All have been completed. A member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 was found guilty as charged and was expelled from the Lodge and he forfeits all rights and privileges granted to him by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted

Masons of Nebraska. A member of Fremont Lodge No. 15 was found guilty as charged and expelled from the Lodge and he forfeits all rights and privileges granted to him by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. A member of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 was found guilty as charged. The Trial Commission unanimously voted as their judgment the expulsion of said Brother from Masonry.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

During the year your Grand Master approved 21 dispensations. Five were granted to elect Officers at a time other than regular period and good cause was shown. Requirement of fees as provided in Section 2-312 was waived for all except nine and the ten dollar fee was collected as provided by said Section. Seven dispensations were granted to Lodges to install Officers at other times than required. Dispensations granted to confer degrees in less than the prescribed period were five. Requests for the dispensations were necessary by reason the candidates were being called in the military service or were already serving and were home on leave. The required fees as provided in Section 2-402 were waived.

GENERAL CONSENTS AND APPROVALS

1. Pending the approval of the Grand Master of Missouri, the Grand Master's consent and approval was granted to Fremont Lodge No. 15 to travel to Bridgeton Lodge No. 80, St. John, Missouri, at which time Fremont Lodge No. 15 would confer the Master Mason Degree on its own proficient Fellowcraft in the Bridgeton Lodge, using Nebraska Ritual.
2. The Grand Master's consent was granted to Sutherland Lodge No. 299 to have a float in a community celebration parade.
3. Permission was granted to Lebanon Lodge No. 323 to have a float in Columbus Days Celebration.
4. Permission was granted to Omaha Masters and Wardens Club to solicit all Nebraska Lodges for Christmas Gift fund for the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and Masonic Eastern Star Home at Fremont.
5. Permission granted to Albion Lodge No. 78 to have a float in Boone County Fair, 100th anniversary celebration.
6. Permission granted to Omaha Lodge No. 1 to have an "Informational" booth at the Nebraska State Fair.
7. The Grand Master granted permission to Arcana Lodge No. 195 to have a float in the Centennial parade in Gordon, Nebraska.
8. The Grand Master granted permission to DeMolay to use the Grand Lodge mailing list to promote the "Uncle" program.
9. Granted permission to Omaha Masters and Wardens Club to sell bumper stickers.

DECISIONS

1. Received letter from Potter Lodge No. 313 requesting dispensation to have an Entered Apprentice Degree conferred on their candidate by Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 because Potter Temple was not ready for use. I ruled that Sec. 2-1205 permits a Nebraska Lodge to do work for another and that no dispensation was required.
2. Received a letter from Mitchell Lodge No. 263 requesting permission to permit the Rebekah Lodge of Mitchell, Nebraska to hold its meetings in the Masonic Temple. Covenant Lodge No. 259 I.O.O.F. of Mitchell, Nebraska disbanded, leaving the Rebekah Lodge without a meeting place. I

- ruled favorably. Section 2-501, last sentence, states: "It may however be used by other orders if their principles are not unmasonic."
3. Received a letter of request from College View Lodge No. 320 to apply to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for a \$4,000.00 loan for needed repairs on their Temple. I ruled favorably using Section 2-614 for my decision.
 4. Denied request from Grand Island Lodge No. 318 to change dates of their regular meeting. Advised them dates of regular meetings are stated in their By-Laws and Grand Lodge does not have authority to act.
 5. Ordered Gothenburg Lodge No. 249 to suspend all procedures for consolidation until a thorough investigation can be made.
 6. Refused request of Brother Marvin Ropte to make a change in the second paragraph of his resolution he presented at the 126th Annual Communication.
 7. Received a letter from Falls City Lodge No. 9 "stating they had a law suit". A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Judgment was also received. Falls City Lodge owns the top half of the building they meet in. The bottom half is owned by the Nemaha Realty Company of Falls City. The Realty Company feel repairs on the building are necessary. The Board of Trustees of Falls City takes the position that all the repairs suggested by the realty company are not necessary. I advised the Lodge the dispute needs to be resolved by the two parties involved. The Grand Lodge has no authority to get involved. Suggested they obtain legal counsel to be properly represented in court.
 8. Received a letter from Harvard Lodge No. 44 asking permission to sell 76 feet of ground owned by their lodge for a house to be built. I advised Harvard Lodge No. 44 that Grand Lodge does not have to give permission to them to sell the 76 feet. The decision is theirs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I

Since the time I started through the officers positions of both my lodge and the Grand Lodge, I have had an opportunity to study, interpret, and enforce the provisions of the Grand Lodge Constitution and By-Laws. Upon reading these documents one is first struck with the fact that they are not written in layman's language and when I have sought advice of our members who are lawyers, I have found that they disagree as to the interpretation of the provisions contained in these documents. Also in utilizing the Constitution and By-Laws to solve the numerous problems presented to me as Grand Master, I have found that sometimes these documents are not clear or complete as to the proper procedure to be followed or who should have the responsibility for first addressing the problem. Finally, there is redundant and conflicting provisions contained in the By-Laws which should be deleted or harmonized so that those executing their duties and powers may do so properly.

Because of these concerns and my experience with the Constitution and By-Laws, I requested the line officers of the Grand Lodge to review and propose changes to our current Constitution and By-Laws. In their review they were asked to consider what changes, if any, could be made to streamline, clarify, delete, harmonize and write in understandable language any or all of the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws. Although there was much input by other Masons, the officers who conducted the review were:

Charles Amidon, No. 281, Omaha, Current Deputy Grand Master
 Wayne G. Luenenborg, No. 39, North Platte, current Grand Senior Warden
 Paul R. Eveland, No. 119, Ames, current Grand Junior Warden.
 Thomas W. Tye, No. 46, Kearney, Current Grand Senior Deacon.
 John M. McHenry, No. 19, Lincoln, Current Grand Junior Deacon.

The suggested changes were many and the proposed new Constitution and By-Laws will be made available to the Jurisprudence Committee and all other Grand Lodge members on June 13, 1985.

After reading the proposed new Constitution and By-Laws; reviewing the same with the line officers; and being in complete agreement with them, the following recommendations are hereby made:

1. The rewritten Constitution and By-Laws which are signed by five Grand Lodge members be entered upon the minutes of this annual communication and then submitted to the several chartered subordinate lodges for approval.
2. At the next succeeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge the rewritten Constitution of the Grand Lodge be adopted as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska and thereafter the present constitution be of no force and effect.
3. At the next succeeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge the rewritten set of By-Laws be adopted as the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska and thereafter the present set of By-Laws be of no force and effect.

II

Our present By-Laws provide that the Grand Lodge Office Committee shall prescribe the business methods to be followed by the Grand Lodge and shall have general supervision over the Grand Lodge Offices. The Grand Lodge has purchased a computer system as recommended by this committee and the business methods used by the Grand Lodge Office are being transferred to a total computerized system. This committee is also charged with the duty under our By-Laws of doing and supervising those things that are necessary to insure the efficient work of the Grand Lodge business office.

During many of the meetings this past year held by the Grand Lodge Office Committee, the Special Building Committee and the Grand Lodge Officers, a consensus developed that to fully utilize and intergrate the new computer system a change would need to be made to an office manager system. This change would insure the efficient operation of the Grand Lodge Offices. This change also gave us the unique opportunity to more effectively employ the talents and knowledge of the Grand Secretary by changing the primary duties of the Grand Secretary from that of clerical and ministerial to actively promoting masonry among the members of the Blue Lodges and to directly assist their secretaries under the direction of the Grand Master.

The opportunity to coordinate these changes came as a result of the Grand Lodge Office Committees recommendation to move the Grand Lodge Office to Lincoln, which recommendation was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge line officers and the Grand Master. With the total computerization of the Grand Lodge office and a change to an office management system, we would also be able to make the Grand Secretary's position much like what has been successfully done with the Grand Custodians position. The position would be changed from a full time paid employee of the Grand Lodge to a position of receiving a monthly automobile allowance plus actual expenses.

The following recommendations are hereby made:

1. That Section 1-201 By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:
"Sec. 1-201. GRAND SECRETARY. The Grand Secretary shall record the transactions of the Grand Lodge; shall personally

attend each communication; shall have charge of all records, supplies, jewels, certificates, documents and seal of the Grand Lodge; shall see to the receipt, deposit and strict accounting of all monies of the Grand Lodge in such accounts as designated by the Grand Trustees; shall pay out such monies on orders regularly issued and signed by the Grand Master; shall see to the drawing of orders, affixing the seal, conducting the correspondence, and preparing and authenticating diplomas as directed by the membership of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master; shall see that all diplomas are executed with the proper date, seal, given names and signatures; shall be ex-officio Fraternal Relations; shall see to the keeping of a record of all those rejected, suspended and expelled and shall publish or circulate them only as directed by the membership of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master; shall notify each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the 20th day of March of each year and shall close all accounts of subordinate lodges on the 1st day of May of each year; shall give a performance bond guaranteed by an approved surety company in an amount determined by the appropriations committee; provided that the amount is at least the sum of \$200,000.00 and the cost is paid by the Grand Lodge; shall examine and correct the annual reports of the subordinate lodges; shall make recommendations regarding the subordinate lodges; shall submit a tabular abstract of the condition of the craft; and upon the installation of his successor he shall transfer to him all books, records, accounts, supplies, jewels, certificates and documents in his charge.

The Grand Secretary shall devote such time as his duties may require for the efficient and prompt completion of the business, affairs, and programs of the Grand Lodge and the promotion of Masonry. The Grand Secretary and any full time employee shall not use the Grand Lodge Office, its facilities and equipment for the use and benefit of any organization, association, club or corporation, except the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and its subordinate lodges.

The Grand Secretary shall receive as compensation for his services such amount as determined by the Appropriations committee and approved by the membership of the Grand Lodge."

2. That Section 1-201:01 By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be repealed.

III

At the 127th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska the following Recommendation was approved.

1. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska should build a Grand Lodge Office facility containing not only 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, and actual cost and 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.

In compliance with this Recommendation and the directive contained therein as adopted by the Grand Lodge I appointed to the Special Committee the following brethren:

John D. VerMaas, Lincoln, Nebraska
 Robert A. Carhart, Wayne, Nebraska
 James L. Eatmon, Kimball, Nebraska
 Thomas Woodward, Omaha, Nebraska
 Herbert A. Ronin, Lincoln, Nebraska
 Bevin B. Bump, Chadron, Nebraska
 C. Earl Stewart, Lincoln, Nebraska
 Thomas W. Tye, Kearney, Nebraska, Chairman

I also requested that the following Grand Lodge Officers meet with the committee on an ex officio basis:

Charles Amidon, Omaha, Nebraska
 Wayne Luenenborg, North Platte, Nebraska
 Paul Eveland, Ames, Nebraska
 John M. McHenry, Lincoln, Nebraska

This committee met at least ten different times in order to meet the tasks assigned to it as set forth in the Recommendation adopted by the 127th Annual Communication. A more detailed and complete report has been made to this Grand Lodge by the committee and your Grand Master as well as your elected Grand Lodge Officers being in complete agreement and harmony with the report of the special Committee the following recommendations are hereby made:

1. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska does hereby authorize the Nebraska Masonic Foundation to proceed immediately to raise funds by way of gifts, grants or bequests to said foundation and to construct the proposed Nebraska Masonic Center upon the site located on the southeast corner of Sixteenth and L Streets in Lincoln, Nebraska.
2. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska does hereby agree to and is desirous of occupying space in the Nebraska Masonic Center for the purposes of housing the offices of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

IV

As a result of the study completed by the Special Committee to Study the Grand Lodge Offices it was the recommendation of that Committee that the proposed Grand Lodge Offices be housed in a building to be constructed by a foundation created and known as the Nebraska Masonic Foundation which instruments have been filed as required within the State of Nebraska and which Foundation will be a tax exempt entity as prescribed by the Internal Revenue code. The Nebraska Masonic Foundation requires the election of a Board of Directors which Board of Directors shall consist of the elected and acting Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden as well as three members to be elected by the members of the Foundation at their annual meeting. It is therefore recommended as follows:

That the Nebraska Masonic Foundation as constituted and filed within the State of Nebraska is hereby approved by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

V

For the last several years Amendments have been presented to the Grand Lodge to delete the prohibition of the possession of the cipher or key. After the last regular communication I formed a Cipher Committee with the specific charge of advising the Grand Master as to what recommendations should be implemented in the event the pending Amendment should gain the necessary number of votes for its passage.

I have reviewed the Committee's report and being in agreement with it, I adopt its recommendations. I therefore recommend the adoption of the pending amendment, provided, that the following recommendations are adopted for the use and control of the key or cipher:

1. The Grand Lodge Committee on Nebraska Work shall advise the Grand Master as to the corrections needed to be made to the cipher presently published by Allen Publishing Company of New York to conform it to the work authorized in Nebraska; that the only authorized cipher shall be edited and published by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and that the cipher shall be separate from and not replace the Monitor and ceremonies for Nebraska.
2. Every Master Mason may purchase the authorized cipher from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska through the Secretary of each subordinate lodge.
3. The Grand Lodge shall prepare separate ciphers of the questions and answers for each degree for use by the candidates in preparing for their proficiency examinations in each degree.
4. The cipher shall not be used or permitted in any opened lodge.
5. In the event a cipher is used in an opened lodge, that lodge shall be subject to a reprimand by the Grand Master. On the second offense during the same masonic year as the occurrence of the first offense the Grand Master and such persons as designated by him shall convene a hearing with the Officers of said lodge for the purpose of determining whether the charter of that lodge should be arrested until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge. On both the first and second offense, notification of the imposition of the penalty against a lodge shall be given to all other subordinate lodges.
6. With the availability of an authorized cipher, the installed officers of each subordinate lodge shall demonstrate to the Grand Custodian within ninety (90) days of their installation that they can open and close each degree in a proficient manner. In the event the Grand Custodian cannot certify that a lodge is proficient in opening and closing each degree, then the Grand Master shall arrest its charter; provided, that the Grand Master for good cause shown may extend the time, but not longer than the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Membership loss remains a serious problem in our Grand Jurisdiction. We are not alone. Many jurisdictions attending the Grand Masters' Conference report they are experiencing it also. A program of guest nights or friendship nights is helping to alleviate our problem. If only more lodges would sponsor such a meeting, I'm sure they would be pleased with their results.

As I traveled across our state, I am pleased to report that for the most part our temples are in good state of repair. I found them to be clean and orderly. Cleanliness is very important.

I am encouraged with the number of young Worshipful Masters and their officers. Their dedication and enthusiasm for the fraternity is heart warming.

It is with firm conviction I report to you the state of our craft is good.

APPRECIATION

It is impossible for me to adequately thank all who helped me this past year. I'm sure the word "no" does not exist in the vocabulary of our good brethren, for when I asked for assistance everyone responded "yes".

I want to thank the membership for electing me to the high office of Grand Master. My term of office has been most rewarding.

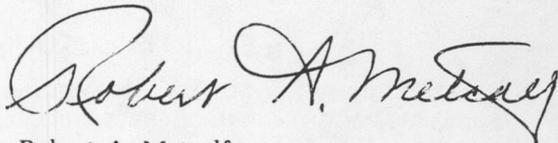
A special thank you to M.W.B. "Duke" Lichty and his lovely wife Margaret for appointing me as their Grand Junior Deacon. I sincerely hope that my year has in some degree measured up to your expectations.

To my family. This year would not have been so smooth without your loyal support. Dorothy has been a real soldier. She never refused any assignment, no matter how large or small. Thank you seems so very inadequate, but it must do for now.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to my own Blue Lodge, East Lincoln No. 210. Starting with my reception the day after my installation and throughout this masonic year, no Grand Master could have received more assistance. Thank you all for everything you have done.

Words are inadequate to express my appreciation to all the Grand Lodge Officers and their wives for the loyal support afforded Dorothy and me this past year. Their dedication and willingness to work whenever and wherever needed will always be remembered. Thank you all for making my year as Grand Master a pleasant one.

Fraternally submitted,



Robert A. Metcalf
Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

R. W. RALPH W. GERRY

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

First of all, let me say I appreciate the cooperation of most all of the Lodge Secretaries. Only a very few lodges fail to conform to the law on reports and returns. My heartfelt thanks to all Secretaries.

CONSOLIDATIONS

Lee P. Gillette No. 272, Dunbar, consolidated with Western Star No. 2, Nebraska City.

Occidental No. 215, Cedar Bluffs, consolidated with Fremont No. 15, Fremont.

Charters and seals for Lee P. Gillette No. 272 and Occidental No. 215 have been returned and cancelled by the Grand Secretary.

HONOR PINS

One hundred eleven 50-year pins; one hundred twenty-four 60-year pins and two 70-year pins were issued during the 1984-1985 Grand Lodge year. Many were sent to other Jurisdictions for presentation.

GRAND SECRETARIES CONFERENCE

Your Grand Secretary attended the Grand Secretaries Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on February 18-19, 1985. Many subjects were discussed; some may become important to this Grand Lodge someday. The use of computers is becoming more vital every year with other Jurisdictions as is evident in our Grand Lodge.

SECRETARIES CONFERENCES

This past year, as much as was possible, I held several local conferences with lodge Secretaries, which were all successful except McCook where we were rained out. This approach should be continued.

CHARTERED LODGES

Only Fraternity Lodge No. 235, Winside, was cited for failure to be represented at two consecutive Annual Communications.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Samuel Friedman, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, residing at Skyline Manor, Omaha, our Gold Jordan Medal holder, is doing nicely. Born July 22, 1883, he is now 102 years old.

APPRECIATION

At this time I wish to extend my thanks to Thelma McNeal, Secretary; Vincent E. Keerbs, Auditor; and Ann LaBreck, Records Department. They have all been fine employees and I am completely satisfied with their work.

FINANCIAL REPORT
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

Per Capita @ \$7.00 per member	\$207,795.00
Initiations @ \$10.00 each	4,700.00
Bond Premiums	995.33
Liability Insurance Premiums	1,278.24
Sale of Supplies	6,859.04
George Washington Masonic National Memorial @ \$5.00 per raising	1,835.00
Custodian Fees	690.00
Dispensation Fees	95.00
Miscellaneous Income	3,170.01
Reinstatement @ \$7.00	1,125.00
Reimbursement from The Nebraska Masonic Home . . .	10,000.00
General Fund Interest on Investments	98,001.19
Sale of Banquet Tickets	4,224.50
Bank Interest	<u>1,512.41</u>
	\$342,180.72

DISBURSEMENTS

Liability Insurance & Bond Premiums	\$ 2,263.00
George Washington Masonic National Memorial	1,900.00
Supply Account	9,670.59
Masonic OES Home for Children	0
1984-1985 General Budget	290,737.53
The Nebraska Masonic Home @ \$2.00 per member	<u>59,260.00</u>
Total	\$363,831.12

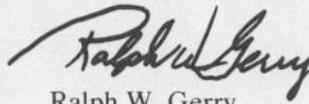
RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges	226
Number of Lodges Chartered this year	0
Lodges Consolidated	2
Number of Entered Apprentice Initiated	470
Number of Fellow Craft Passed	361
Number of Master Masons Raised	368
Affiliations	81
Dual Membership by Affiliation	54
Reinstated	153
Consolidated	77
Other Causes	<u>22</u>
Total Increase	755

Number Demitted	129
Deaths	900
Suspended NPD	652
Expulsions	2
Other Causes Including Consolidations	<u>87</u>
Total Loss	1,770

Net Loss for year ending December 31, 1984	1,015
Number of Master Masons on Rolls, December 31, 1983	29,630
Number of Master Masons on Rolls, December 31, 1984	28,615

Fraternally Submitted



Ralph W. Gerry

MEMBERSHIP and ACTIVITY of NEBRASKA LODGES for 1984

NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS																				
	NO.	INITIATED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1984	PASSED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1984	MEMBERSHIP DEC. 31, 1983	GAIN					LOSS					ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1984	LODGE NO.			
							RAISINGS	AFFILIATIONS	DUAL/ PLURAL MEMB.	REINSTATED	CONSOLIDATED	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL	DEMITTED	DEATHS	SUSPENDED			EXPULSIONS	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL LOSS
Nebraska	1	2	7	3	0	559	4	1	2	0	0	0	565	3	23	18	0	1	45	521	1
Western Star	2	2	11	1	3	224	4	0	0	1	0	0	229	0	7	6	0	0	13	216	2
Capitol	3	1	8	1	1	316	1	0	0	5	0	0	322	0	10	10	0	0	20	302	3
Nemaha Valley	4	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	51	0	2	0	0	0	2	49	4
Omaha	5	3	2	1	0	86	2	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	2	0	0	0	2	86	5
Plattsmouth	6	9	5	7	0	280	9	2	0	0	0	0	291	1	8	6	0	0	15	276	8
Falls City	9	3	7	1	0	150	1	0	1	0	0	0	152	0	5	3	0	0	8	144	9
Solomon	10	4	5	0	0	92	3	1	0	0	0	0	96	0	3	0	0	0	3	73	10
Covert	11	9	9	8	1	1016	8	0	0	6	0	5	1035	4	29	60	0	0	93	942	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	1	0	1	0	63	1	0	0	0	0	0	69	1	3	0	0	0	4	65	14
Fremont	15	3	3	4	0	52	5	1	2	1	0	0	519	3	19	8	0	1	31	488	15
Tecumseh	17	0	0	0	0	118	0	0	0	4	0	0	122	0	5	4	0	0	9	113	17
Lincoln	19	5	6	6	3	461	6	0	1	3	0	1	472	4	15	18	0	0	37	435	19
Washington	21	0	7	0	5	126	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	1	7	3	0	0	11	115	21
Pawnee	23	1	4	1	0	86	1	1	1	0	0	0	89	0	1	0	0	0	1	88	23
St. Johns	25	2	1	1	0	485	1	0	0	4	0	0	490	2	19	48	0	13	82	408	25
Beatrice	26	2	8	0	4	318	1	4	0	2	0	0	325	5	3	7	0	1	16	309	26
Jordan	27	2	2	1	1	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	1	45	27
Blue River	30	0	1	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	1	1	62	30
Tekamah	31	2	7	1	2	180	1	0	2	0	0	0	183	2	5	2	0	0	9	174	31
Platte Valley	32	5	4	4	1	440	6	1	0	1	0	0	448	1	17	18	0	1	37	411	32
Ashlar	33	3	15	2	7	332	2	1	0	0	0	0	329	1	10	9	0	0	20	319	33
Arcana	34	5	3	3	0	131	3	0	0	0	0	0	134	0	5	2	0	0	7	127	34
Fairbury	35	2	3	0	0	146	2	0	0	2	0	0	150	2	4	3	0	0	9	141	35
Lone Tree	36	2	5	3	1	126	2	0	0	0	0	0	128	0	7	0	0	0	7	121	36
Crete	37	1	1	1	1	149	0	0	0	1	0	0	150	1	12	2	0	0	15	135	37
Oliver	38	7	2	6	0	87	6	2	0	2	0	0	97	0	2	1	0	0	3	94	38
Papillion	39	13	12	9	10	324	10	2	3	0	0	0	343	5	7	8	0	0	20	323	39
Humboldt	40	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	1	0	0	0	62	0	2	0	0	0	2	63	40
Northern Light	41	4	8	1	1	81	1	0	1	0	0	0	83	0	1	0	0	0	1	82	41
Hebron	43	0	0	2	2	82	0	1	0	0	0	0	83	1	4	0	0	1	6	77	43
Harvard	44	0	0	1	1	61	1	1	0	1	0	0	64	1	0	0	0	0	1	63	44
Rob Morris	46	5	9	4	1	287	4	0	1	4	0	0	296	2	15	0	0	0	17	279	46
Fairmont	48	1	0	1	0	54	2	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	3	0	0	0	3	53	48
Evening Star	49	0	2	0	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	2	4	0	0	6	68	47
Hastings	50	6	13	7	3	338	6	1	0	1	0	0	346	0	9	0	1	0	10	336	50
Fidelity	51	2	4	0	1	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	1	4	0	0	0	5	83	51
Hiram	52	2	2	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	1	4	1	0	0	6	60	52
Charity	53	2	5	1	2	111	1	0	0	0	0	0	112	2	3	0	0	0	5	107	53
Lancaster	54	22	19	19	2	756	22	1	2	2	0	0	783	2	21	14	0	0	37	746	54
Mosaic	55	6	8	6	1	220	5	1	0	2	0	0	228	2	5	4	0	0	11	217	55
York	56	3	10	3	2	206	3	1	0	1	0	0	211	0	7	2	0	0	9	202	57
Mt. Moriah	57	0	7	1	4	70	1	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	4	1	0	0	5	66	57
Wahoo	59	4	3	2	0	172	2	0	0	2	0	0	176	0	2	1	0	0	3	173	59
Melrose	60	2	4	3	0	59	3	1	0	0	54	0	117	0	6	11	0	0	17	100	60

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							RAISINGS	AFFILIATIONS	DUAL/PLURAL MEMB.	REINSTATED	CONSOLIDATED	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL	DEMITTED	DEATHS		SUSPENDED	EXPULSIONS	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL LOSS	
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Thistle	61	2	6	0	0	170	1	0	0	1	0	0	173	0	2	3	0	0	5	168	61
Keystone	62	0	0	1	3	81	1	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	62
Blue Valley	64	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	2	0	0	0	2	63	64
Osceola	65	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	2	0	0	0	2	63	65
Edgar	67	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	2	1	0	0	3	45	67
Aurora	68	2	4	0	0	95	0	0	0	1	0	0	96	0	9	4	0	0	13	83	68
Trowel	71	0	3	0	1	102	1	0	0	0	0	0	103	0	5	7	0	0	12	91	71
Hooper	72	2	6	0	1	80	1	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	3	0	0	0	3	78	72
Friend	73	0	2	0	1	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	3	0	0	0	3	52	73
Frank Welch	75	8	5	7	2	164	5	1	1	0	0	0	171	1	2	3	0	1	7	164	75
Nelson	77	3	5	1	0	100	2	0	1	0	0	0	103	0	1	1	0	0	2	101	77
Albion	78	0	2	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	4	0	0	6	67	78
Geneva	79	3	1	4	3	154	2	0	1	1	0	0	158	0	2	4	0	0	6	152	79
Composite	81	1	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	1	0	0	0	1	63	82
St. Paul	82	0	1	0	0	111	0	0	0	0	0	1	112	1	1	5	0	0	7	105	82
Corinthian	83	1	4	0	0	52	1	0	0	1	0	0	54	0	2	0	0	0	2	52	83
Ionic	87	0	4	1	2	64	0	1	0	0	0	0	65	0	2	0	0	0	2	63	87
Cedar River	87	0	1	0	1	73	2	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	5	2	0	0	7	68	89
Oakland	91	2	3	1	0	97	1	0	0	0	0	0	98	0	2	8	0	0	10	88	91
Beaver City	93	0	2	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	0	61	0	4	0	0	0	4	57	93
Bennett	94	0	0	1	0	60	1	1	2	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	1	1	63	94
Garfield	95	3	5	0	0	85	0	1	0	0	0	0	86	0	4	0	0	0	4	82	95
Utica	96	0	2	0	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	5	0	0	0	5	55	96
Euclid	97	5	7	2	0	99	2	0	0	1	0	0	102	0	4	1	0	0	5	97	97
Republican	98	0	2	0	1	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	40	1	1	0	0	0	2	38	98
Shelton	99	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	1	37	99
Ponca	101	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	4	0	0	0	4	42	101
Waterloo	102	0	3	1	2	147	1	1	0	0	0	2	151	0	2	4	0	0	6	145	102
Ord	103	1	2	3	1	81	3	0	0	2	0	0	86	1	2	0	0	0	3	83	103
Wymore	104	5	5	0	0	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	0	6	0	0	0	6	102	104
Stella	105	3	2	1	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	1	1	0	0	2	32	105
Porter	106	0	0	1	1	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	1	3	0	0	0	4	38	106
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	1	0	0	0	1	25	108
Pomegranate	110	5	10	4	2	161	3	0	1	0	0	0	165	0	2	1	0	0	3	162	110
DeWitt	111	1	1	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	1	0	0	0	1	27	111
Springfield	112	1	6	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	1	4	0	0	0	5	70	112
Globe	113	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	1	0	0	0	1	47	113
Wisner	114	0	0	2	0	87	3	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	2	1	0	0	3	84	114
North Bend	119	2	2	1	0	88	3	1	0	0	0	0	92	0	0	2	0	0	2	90	119
Wayne	120	5	4	3	0	146	3	3	0	0	0	0	152	1	2	3	0	0	6	146	120
Superior	121	0	3	0	0	148	2	0	1	1	0	0	152	1	6	2	0	0	9	143	121
Auburn	124	0	3	2	1	88	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	0	3	3	0	0	6	84	124
Mt. Nebo	125	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	1	0	0	49	0	4	1	0	0	5	44	125
Stromsburg	126	5	5	5	2	135	6	0	0	0	0	0	141	0	2	0	0	0	2	139	126
Minden	127	1	4	1	2	71	1	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	3	0	0	0	3	69	127

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Guide Rock	128	1	2	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	2	71	128
Scribner	132	0	0	0	1	323	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	4	0	0	0	4	28	132
Solar	134	0	0	2	0	44	2	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	4	0	0	0	4	42	134
McCook	135	2	5	1	0	224	2	1	0	0	0	0	227	2	6	4	0	0	12	215	135
Long Pine	136	2	0	5	1	31	4	0	0	0	0	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	136
Upright	137	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	2	0	0	0	2	37	137
Rawalt	138	1	2	0	1	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	4	0	0	0	4	55	138
Clay Centre	139	1	1	0	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	1	2	5	0	1	9	65	139
Western	140	0	3	1	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	1	0	0	0	1	22	140
Crescent	143	0	0	0	1	23	0	0	0	1	0	0	24	0	0	2	0	0	2	22	143
Jachin	146	1	3	0	1	155	1	0	0	1	0	0	157	1	3	1	0	0	5	152	146
Siloam	147	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	1	0	0	1	2	14	147
Custer	148	0	2	0	0	204	1	1	0	0	0	0	206	1	5	0	0	28	34	172	148
Cambridge	150	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	1	0	0	62	0	3	0	0	4	7	55	150
Evergreen	153	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	4	2	0	2	8	26	153
Lily	154	1	4	2	2	44	2	0	0	0	0	0	46	1	2	0	0	1	4	42	154
Samaritan	158	2	1	3	0	179	4	0	1	0	0	3	187	1	1	4	2	0	0	180	158
Ogalalla	159	0	5	0	0	138	1	1	0	0	0	0	140	2	0	2	0	2	6	134	159
Zeredatha	160	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	2	0	0	0	2	16	160
Mt. Zion	161	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	1	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	161
Trestle Board	162	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	1	0	0	52	0	1	0	0	0	1	51	162
Unity	163	0	0	1	1	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	1	0	0	0	1	46	163
Atkinson	164	6	4	2	1	53	1	0	0	1	0	0	55	1	0	1	0	0	2	53	164
Barneston	165	0	3	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	2	0	0	0	2	28	165
Elwood	167	0	1	0	2	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	1	3	0	0	4	60	167
Curtis	168	0	1	1	1	42	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	1	0	0	0	1	42	168
Amity	169	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	43	0	2	4	0	0	6	37	169
Mason City	170	1	3	0	1	40	0	0	1	1	0	0	42	4	1	0	0	1	6	36	170
Robert Burns	173	2	3	1	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	173
Culbertson	174	2	2	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	1	2	1	0	0	4	56	174
Hay Springs	177	3	1	4	3	76	4	0	0	1	0	0	81	0	5	0	0	0	5	76	177
Justice	180	1	5	3	0	92	3	0	0	0	0	2	97	0	3	0	0	0	3	94	180
Faith	181	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	2	0	0	0	0	2	43	181
Alliance	183	3	11	1	3	277	1	0	0	2	0	0	280	0	7	6	0	0	13	267	183
Bee Hive	184	5	65	4	46	596	6	1	12	0	0	0	615	1	15	18	0	0	34	581	184
Boaz	185	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	2	0	0	0	2	31	185
Meridian	188	1	1	1	0	108	1	0	0	0	0	0	109	0	4	5	0	0	9	100	188
Granite	189	0	2	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	1	49	189
Crystal	191	0	1	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	40	0	2	0	0	0	2	38	191
Minnekadusa	192	0	5	0	1	115	0	0	0	3	0	0	118	0	3	3	0	0	6	112	192
Highland	194	5	6	3	1	50	3	6	0	0	0	0	59	0	1	1	0	0	2	57	194
Arcana	195	1	5	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	2	2	0	0	4	96	195
Purity	198	0	4	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	1	1	2	0	0	4	77	198
Gavel	199	0	4	0	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	1	0	0	0	1	32	199
Blazing Star	200	4	0	3	0	51	3	0	0	1	0	0	55	0	1	2	0	0	3	52	200

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Scotts Bluff	201	4	6	4	2	133	4	1	0	2	0	0	140	0	07	0	0	0	7	133	201
Golden Sheaf	202	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	1	0	0	0	2	39	202
Plainview	204	7	6	1	1	120	3	0	0	0	0	0	123	1	7	4	0	0	12	111	204
Golden Fleece	205	1	1	1	1	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	0	4	6	0	0	10	108	205
Parian	207	1	3	1	1	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	1	1	0	0	2	31	207
Canopy	209	0	5	0	2	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	1	2	8	0	2	13	57	209
East Lincoln	210	17	20	9	8	731	7	2	1	13	0	0	754	1	20	24	1	5	51	703	210
Cement	211	0	1	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	1	0	0	2	52	211
Occidental	215	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	1	2	38	215
Palisade	216	1	1	0	0	75	0	2	0	0	0	0	77	1	3	1	0	0	5	72	216
Wauneta	217	3	4	0	2	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	2	0	0	2	30	217
Bloomfield	218	0	0	1	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	5	0	0	0	5	67	218
Relief	219	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	1	1	0	0	0	2	66	219
Magnolia	220	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	5	0	0	0	5	28	220
Wood Lake	221	0	0	0	1	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	4	0	0	0	4	69	221
Landmark	222	1	0	2	1	81	1	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	1	4	0	0	5	77	222
Silver Cord	224	1	7	1	4	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	0	5	0	0	0	5	99	224
Cable	225	2	2	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	1	70	0	1	2	0	0	3	67	225
North Star	227	5	15	3	6	267	4	0	0	0	0	0	271	0	2	0	0	0	2	269	227
Bartley	228	1	3	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	1	34	228
Comet	229	3	4	1	0	94	1	0	0	3	0	0	98	0	2	1	0	0	3	95	229
John S. Bowen	232	1	1	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	2	1	0	0	3	39	232
Gilead	233	1	1	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	233
Zion	234	1	2	0	1	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	3	0	0	0	3	74	234
Fraternity	235	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	1	0	0	0	0	1	23	235
Golden Rule	236	0	1	1	1	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	2	0	0	0	2	37	236
Friendship	239	4	0	4	0	47	4	1	1	0	0	0	53	0	2	0	0	0	2	51	239
Pilot	240	0	5	1	2	146	2	0	0	1	0	0	149	1	4	3	0	0	8	141	240
George Armstrong	241	0	1	1	0	46	1	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	2	2	0	0	4	43	241
Hampton	245	0	1	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	245
Nehawka	246	0	2	1	0	72	1	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	248
Gothenburg	249	0	3	0	2	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	0	3	6	0	0	9	97	249
George Washington	250	2	13	1	1	217	0	1	0	2	0	0	220	1	6	0	0	0	7	213	250
Wausa	251	0	4	2	6	63	1	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	1	0	0	0	1	63	251
Bassett	254	0	2	0	2	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	1	0	0	0	1	54	254
Hickman	256	11	14	10	3	99	9	1	1	4	0	0	114	6	0	7	0	0	13	101	256
Anselmo	258	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	4	0	0	0	4	55	258
Ornan	261	0	0	0	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	0	67	1	2	1	0	1	5	62	261
Endeavor	262	0	2	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	2	3	0	0	1	6	62	262
Mitchell	263	1	5	0	1	124	0	1	0	1	0	0	126	2	1	3	0	1	7	119	263
Franklin	264	1	9	1	1	67	0	0	0	1	0	7	75	1	0	1	0	0	2	73	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	3	6	1	0	327	2	2	1	0	0	0	332	1	9	5	0	0	4	313	265
Silver	266	1	1	1	1	45	2	0	0	1	0	0	48	0	2	0	0	0	2	46	266
James A. Tulleys	267	2	2	1	0	67	1	1	0	0	0	0	61	0	2	0	0	0	2	67	267
George W. Liniger	268	6	0	6	0	227	6	1	0	2	0	0	236	0	6	0	0	0	6	230	268

MEMBERSHIP and ACTIVITY of NEBRASKA LODGES for 1984

NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS																LODGE NO.				
	NO.	INITIATED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1984	PASSED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1984	MEMBERSHIP DEC. 31, 1983	GAIN					LOSS						ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1984			
							RAISINGS	AFFILIATIONS	DUAL/PLURAL MEMB.	REINSTATED	CONSOLIDATED	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL	DEMITTED	DEATHS	SUSPENDED			EXPULSIONS	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL LOSS
Oasis	271	0	3	0	0	136	0	0	0	1	0	0	137	0	6	3	0	0	9	128	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	43	0	0	1	0	0	1	42	272
Olive Branch	274	0	5	0	0	121	0	0	0	0	0	1	122	1	4	1	0	0	6	116	274
Sioux	277	0	0	2	1	34	2	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	1	35	277
Wallace	279	0	2	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	279
Swastica	280	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	1	58	280
Florence	281	2	3	1	1	547	1	2	1	5	0	0	556	5	17	15	0	0	37	519	281
Mullen	282	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	282
Seneca	284	1	0	1	1	43	1	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	1	0	0	2	42	284
Camp Clarke	285	15	4	11	11	99	0	0	0	1	0	0	100	0	5	19	0	0	24	76	285
Oshkosh	286	0	6	1	1	85	1	0	0	0	0	0	86	2	0	0	0	0	2	84	286
Union	287	0	7	0	3	73	1	0	1	0	0	0	75	0	1	3	0	0	4	71	287
Omaha	288	3	4	2	0	240	2	0	0	1	0	0	243	0	9	5	0	1	15	228	288
Lotus	289	0	0	1	2	100	1	0	0	1	0	0	102	1	3	0	0	0	4	98	289
John L. Mercer	290	20	35	18	2	1081	16	2	0	1	0	0	1110	2	25	39	0	0	66	1044	290
Diamond	291	2	8	1	0	53	1	1	0	1	0	0	56	0	1	2	0	0	3	53	291
Monument	293	0	8	1	2	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	2	0	0	0	2	40	293
Kimball	294	4	7	1	2	138	0	0	0	0	0	0	138	0	2	1	0	1	4	134	294
Minatare	295	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	4	0	0	0	4	47	295
Cotner	297	7	5	5	2	252	7	0	1	3	0	0	263	0	11	0	0	2	13	250	297
Chester	298	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	1	0	0	45	0	2	1	0	0	3	42	298
Sutherland	299	4	6	0	1	78	2	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	2	1	0	0	3	77	299
Liberty	300	1	3	1	1	312	1	0	0	0	0	0	312	3	7	0	0	0	10	303	300
Bayard	301	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	301
Mizpah	302	5	9	2	1	668	5	1	0	5	0	0	679	3	25	21	0	0	49	630	302
Right Angle	303	0	0	0	0	267	0	0	1	2	0	0	270	1	18	5	0	0	24	246	303
Newman Grove	305	2	8	0	4	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	305
Golden Rod	306	1	0	1	1	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	1	0	0	1	52	306
Perkins	308	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	1	2	0	0	67	0	0	2	0	0	2	65	308
Victory	310	4	5	3	2	143	1	0	0	2	0	0	146	0	3	2	0	0	5	141	310
Polk	311	1	1	2	1	54	1	0	2	0	0	0	57	0	3	0	0	3	6	51	311
Potter	313	1	1	0	0	57	0	0	0	1	0	0	58	0	1	2	0	0	3	55	313
Craftsmen	314	6	10	4	0	394	4	2	0	2	0	0	402	0	14	2	0	0	16	486	314
Alpha	316	2	10	1	3	142	0	0	0	3	0	0	145	0	5	5	0	0	17	135	316
Mid West	317	2	9	5	2	520	5	3	0	3	0	0	531	3	12	13	0	2	30	501	317
Grand Island	318	3	3	6	4	253	3	0	0	3	0	0	259	0	8	1	0	0	7	250	318
College View	320	0	0	0	1	106	0	3	0	2	0	0	111	1	0	0	0	0	1	112	320
Harmony	321	0	0	0	0	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	1	0	0	1	44	321
Lebanon	323	1	4	4	2	177	3	1	0	1	0	0	182	0	5	6	0	0	11	171	323
Cairo	324	0	7	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	1	52	324
Bellevue	325	13	8	12	3	412	9	0	2	2	0	0	425	2	7	8	0	1	18	407	325
Centennial	326	9	18	6	5	315	6	1	0	1	0	0	323	2	3	1	0	0	6	317	326
Shiloh	327	5	6	4	1	121	5	2	2	3	0	0	133	1	1	5	0	0	7	126	327
Miloma	328	16	24	12	9	137	14	1	1	1	0	0	154	1	11	0	0	1	1	13	328

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

JERRY L. RITTENBURG, PRO TEM

The Annual Report of the Grand Custodian is hereby respectfully and fraternally submitted.

This year, the number of Central Schools has not been as great as in some years in the past; however, attendance and enthusiasm are at a very high level. There were 11 Central Schools conducted this year. They are as follows:

North Star	No. 227	Centennial	No. 326
Bee Hive	No. 184	Lancaster	No. 54
Lincoln	No. 19	Frank Welch	No. 75
St. Johns	No. 25	Camp Clarke	No. 285
Comet	No. 229	Robert W. Furnas .	No. 265
Papillion	No. 39		

This year, 108 lodges obtained proficiency. We have 18 lodges that have been certified for 50 or more consecutive years. Especially notable are:

Lancaster	No. 54	Sixty-three years
Plattsmouth	No. 6	Sixty-two years
Hastings	No. 50	Sixty-two years
Wahoo	No. 59	Sixty-one years
Craftsmen	No. 314	Sixty-one years
Nebraska	No. 1	Sixty-one years
Hooper	No. 72	Sixty years

This year, seven lodges certified for the first time, or following a period of failing to certify. They are:

Capitol	No. 3	John S. Bowen . . .	No. 232
Wayne	No. 120	St. John	No. 25
Northern Light . . .	No. 41	Oliver	No. 38
Cable	No. 225		

For whatever reason, seven lodges have failed to certify this year. They are:

Pawnee	No. 23	Diamond	No. 291
Bennett	No. 94	Kimball	No. 294
Alliance	No. 183	Right Angle	No. 303
Gothenburg	No. 249		

Deputy Grand Custodians in these districts will attempt to recertify these lodges in the near future.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

Newly certified men this year are as follows:

Edward I. Morrow	Tekamah Lodge	No. 31
Francis L. Penry	Atkinson Lodge	No. 164
John M. Weidner	Ashlar Lodge	No. 33
Donald H. Jones	York Lodge	No. 56
Neal Minchall	Frank Welch	No. 75

We congratulate these brethren on gaining this milestone in their Masonic careers.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Six brethren have been awarded a Certificate of Merit for twenty consecutive years of certification. They are as follows:

Arthur K. Jacobsen	Papillion Lodge	No. 39
Harold Hultman, Past Grand Master	Papillion Lodge	No. 39
Harry A. Tollander	Florence Lodge	No. 281
Richard L. Mauch, Deputy Grand Custodian	Bassett Lodge	No. 254
Paul D. Carroll	Samaritan Lodge	No. 158
Max L. Lovejoy	North Star	No. 227

Following are some distinguished certified Masons of Nebraska:

CERTIFIED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Ralph W. Gerry, Grand Secretary	Florence Lodge	No. 281
Wendell M. Chapman	Hastings Lodge	No. 50
Lester W. Aspergren	Mid-West Lodge	No. 314
Orval W. Cooley	Lebanon Lodge	No. 325
Vern R. Hagenbuck	Mt. Nebo Lodge	No. 125
Frank G. Weiss	Minatare Lodge	No. 295
Joseph P. Kucera	Acacia Lodge	No. 34
C. Edwin Paulsen	Nebraska Lodge	No. 1
LeRoy C. Sutton	Nebraska Lodge	No. 1
Kenneth Hagen	Guide Rock Lodge	No. 128

CERTIFIED THIRTY YEARS

David M. Seebald	Papillion Lodge	No. 39
Frank E. Swanson	John J. Mercer Lodge	No. 290
Harold R. Irwin	Capitol Lodge	No. 3
Oswald R. White	Shiloh Lodge	No. 327
Leonard G. Eriksen	George Armstrong	No. 241
Dean E. Taylor	Wahoo Lodge	No. 59
Milton G. Hester	East Lincoln	No. 210

Robert L. Middleswart	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54
Donald R. Swanson, Past Grand Master	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54
Arthur S. Dye, Deputy Grand Custodian	Mid-West Lodge.	No. 317
Carl J. Peterson	Ashlar Lodge	No. 33
Wayne G. Luenenborg, Grand Senior Warden	Dual Membership Papillion Lodge	No. 39
	Platte Valley Lodge	No. 32
J. Everett Denton	Robert W. Furnas Lodge	No. 265
John E. Pinkerton	Nebraska Lodge	No. 1
George E. Johnson	Omaha Lodge	No. 288
Harold P. Loveless	Omaha Lodge	No. 288

CERTIFIED THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

William H. Dohse	Papillion Lodge	No. 39
Amos H. Campbell	Bee Hive Lodge	No. 184
Henry L. Rood	Wahoo Lodge.	No. 59
Kenneth O. Smith	East Lincoln Lodge	No. 210
Clarence A. Wymore	East Lincoln Lodge	No. 210
Delbert H. Pinkerton, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus	Craftsmen Lodge	No. 314
Stanley D. Kully	Ashlar Lodge	No. 33
Lowell W. Watkins	Cable Lodge.	No. 225
Alton S. Mote	Alliance Lodge.	No. 183
Walter S. Cork, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus	Frank Welch	No. 75

CERTIFIED FORTY YEARS

Clarence E. Hagstrom	Wahoo Lodge.	No. 59
Theodore E. Spahnle	Craftsmen Lodge	No. 314
Thomas O. McFarland	Robert W. Furnas Lodge	No. 265

CERTIFIED FORTY-FIVE YEARS

Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master	East Lincoln Lodge	No. 210
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CERTIFIED FIFTY YEARS OR MORE

Benjamin E. Eyre, Past Grand Master	Nebraska Lodge	No. 1	61 Years
Henry Schemmel	Western Star Lodge	No. 2	60 Years
Paul C. Holmberg	Grand Island Lodge	No. 318	59 Years
Austin F. Whitmire, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	58 Years

Harry A. Spencer, Past Grand Master	North Star Lodge	No. 227	54 Years
James A. Scott	Mid-West Lodge	No. 317	52 Years
Edward H. Lockwood	Robt W. Furnas Lodge	No. 265	51 Years
Carl Thomas	Oasis Lodge	No. 271	51 Years
Arthur W. Kaman	Oasis Lodge	No. 271	51 Years
Merle M. Hale, Past Grand Master	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54	50 Years
Wayne W. Reese	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54	50 Years
T. Ross Magowon	Arcana Lodge	No. 195	50 Years

There were three new Deputy Grand Custodians appointed this year. They are:

Jerry L. Rittenburg	East Lincoln Lodge	No. 210
Gene Sibley	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54
Leslie Evert	Arcana Lodge	No. 195

We now have 37 active Deputy Grand Custodians. The Grand Custodian is currently serving the 20th District.

In numerical order, they are:

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Harry N. Ahl | 20 T. Leo Stines, GC |
| 2 Don L. McCoy | 21 Wayne E. Beatty |
| 3 Herman O. Hansen | 22 A. W. "Bud" Clark |
| 4 Stanley E. Brunton | 23 D. Wayne Erickson |
| 5 James E. Cornish | 24 Ralph E. McNulty |
| 6 Leslie C. Weber | 25 Richard O. Cowles |
| 7 Albert W. Watsek | 26 Arthur J. Ferguson |
| 8 John C. Sierks | 27 Alfred V. Peltzer |
| 9 Lloyd I. Edwards | 28 Vincent Rosenberger |
| 10 Jerry L. Rittenburg | 29 Leslie Evert |
| 11 Eugene C. Sibley | 30 Everett K. Dappen |
| 12 DeVern A. Engbert | 31 Kenneth G. Fleming |
| 13 Jens P. Nielsen | 32 Roger L. Shillington |
| 14 Richard L. Mauch | 33 Harry L. Saum |
| 15 Justin F. Fauss | 34 David E. Mench |
| 16 Lynn Doty | 35 A. S. "Gus" Scolaro |
| 17 Victor D. Hunt | 36 Michael L. Peterson |
| 18 Arthur S. Dye | 37 Ben D. Fussell |
| 19 Mervin E. Ransom, Sr. | 38 Frank H. Harris |

Three Deputy Grand Custodians were commissioned during this year as Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti. Combined, they have devoted 47 years to the service of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. They are:

Mannie O. Hansen	Nebraska Lodge	No. 1
Nelson W. Rittenburg	East Lincoln Lodge	No. 210
Donald A. Kycckelhahn	East Lincoln Lodge	No. 210

It would appear to me that the ritual in Nebraska Lodges is portrayed very well. At the central schools, and also when examining individual lodges, it is a pleasure to observe the efforts made to improve and perfect the work.

I wish to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the confidence he demonstrated in asking me to become the Grand Custodian Pro Tem. I could not have done it without the advice and counsel of Most Worshipful T. Leo Stines, Grand Custodian; Right Worshipful Ralph Gerry, Grand Secretary; Most Worshipful Louis V. Sylvester, Chairman of the Committee on Work; and, most of all, Worshipful Brother Nelson W. Rittenburg, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus.

This report is respectfully submitted in the hope it will meet with the approval of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge.

DEPUTY CUSTODIANS

Present at Grand Lodge Session

Harry N. Ahl	Roger L. Shillington
Lloyd I. Edwards	Lynn Doty
Arthur S. Dye	Devern A. Engberg
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr.	Albert W. Watsek
Frank Harris	Michael L. Peterson
John C. Sierks	A. S. "Gus" Scolaro
Herman O. Hansen	Justin F. Fauss
D. Wayne Erickson	Wayne E. Beatty
Ralph E. McNulty	Gene Sibley
Everett K. Dappen	Leslie Evert
Ben D. Fussell	

DEPUTY CUSTODIANS EMERITI

Present at Grand Lodge Session

Louis V. Sylvester	Nelson W. Rittenburg
W. Upton Dawson	Donald A. Kyckelhahn
Arnold F. Mains	

Fraternally

Jerry L. Rittenburg
Grand Custodian Pro Tem

**REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES FOR THE
GRAND LODGE AND THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1985**

By FRANK W. LAWSON, JR.

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

For the Grand Lodge— Years ended April 30.

	1985	1984
Total Revenues	\$ 339,194 ^{(a) (b)}	\$ 340,974 ^(a)
Total Expenses	361,933	264,802
Excess (Shortfall) of Revenue over Expenses.	(22,739)	76,172
Fund Equity, End of Year	\$ 1,277,340 ^(a)	\$ 1,298,850 ^(a)

^(a) Exclusive of Restricted Donations— See Text

^(b) Also excludes \$1,229 Capital Gain in 1985 Year.

For the Nebraska Masonic Home General Fund

Total Revenue before Transfers from Endowment Fund.	\$ 955,036	\$ 704,224
Total Expenses	1,312,510	1,149,039
(Deficit)	(357,474)	(444,815)
Transfers from E and B Fund.	405,000	595,000
Fund Equity, Year End	\$ 1,373,578	\$ 1,326,052

For the Endowment and Bequest Fund

Investment Income Net of Safekeeping Expenses	\$ 1,198,297	\$ 1,130,511
Gain on Sale of Investments	16,583	150,113
Endowments & Bequests Received	370,925	356,379
Fund Equity, Year End	\$15,652,486	\$14,471,681

Some comments seem to be in order:

Grand Lodge:

While total revenues were virtually unchanged, expenses were up 36.7%, resulting in a deficit of \$22,739. The increases for ex-

penses for computer, Grand Lodge office committee, annual meeting, and jewel and apron for retiring Grand Master were items showing significant increases. Salary for Grand Custodian was the most significant decrease of expense.

Nebraska Masonic Home:

Home Operating Expenses were up 14.2%.

Home Revenues before transfers from the Endowment Fund were up 35.6%.

Home Deficit was down 19.6%, but was still \$357,474, and was again covered by transfers from the Endowment Fund.

Endowment Fund Investment Income was up 6% and Endowment Fund Equity was up 8.2%.

Restricted Funds:

The Emick Scholarship Fund, discussed more fully in previous years, provided four \$1,000.00 scholarships this year.

In fiscal 1985, the Stephen C. Houghton Trust gave the Grand Lodge \$15,000.00 for the purpose of funding the care, maintenance and education of orphan children. Income received from the investment of these funds is being accumulated pending distribution.

Respectfully submitted
Board of Trustees

By Frank W. Lawson, Jr., Chairman

**REPORT OF
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

JAMES N. DeMOSS

The Grand Lodge Committee on Finance met at the Office of the Grand Secretary on Tuesday, May 21, 1985, at 9:00 a.m.

As required by the provisions of Section 1-318 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, the committee examined the vouchers and cash disbursement journal to reconcile proper posting and fund accounting. No significant discrepancies were noted, and it is the opinion of the committee that vouchering and fund accounting have been properly handled this past year.

The committee wishes to express their thanks to the Grand Secretary, Ralph W. Gerry, and the Office Accountant, Vince Keerbs, for their assistance.

M. . W. . James N. DeMoss, Chairman
M. . W. . Charles Godwin
M. . W. . Gary L. Powell
M. . W. . David E. Menck
M. . W. . Murlyn Ronk

**FINAL REPORT OF
THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

ROBERT A. CARHART

The Preliminary Report of the Appropriations Committee was received yesterday. We have called your attention to the fact that the right-hand column of the Preliminary Report represents the proposed appropriation for the fiscal 1985-86 year, giving the action of the Grand Lodge to change the duties of the Secretary.

At the bottom of our report, you will see a number of footnotes which reference back to the various line items within the listing of appropriations. These are provided for your information and to explain some of the changes in the list of appropriations from the prior year.

The Grand Lodge has just finished the year of 1984-1985 in which we approved appropriations which exceeded our income. We are pleased to report that we ended the year with a deficit of \$21,651.40 before audit, which amount is less of a deficit than we projected. Expenditures came in at 8.7% under the amounts appropriated. You will recall that we purchased a computer for the Grand Lodge office last year.

The committee wishes to thank those committee chairmen who took the time to respond in writing to our request for appropriation amounts for this year. We especially want to thank the committee chairmen who took the time to make their requests in person at our meeting in May. And, in particular, we want to thank the officers of the Grand Lodge who contributed their time and effort on various occasions subsequent to the May meeting to bring about an appropriations budget which reflects the needs of the Grand Lodge as it operates today.

Several brothers have offered commentary to the committee following yesterday's reception of the report. No objections were received.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move the adoption of the Final Report of the Appropriations Committee.

- W.: Robert A. Carhart, Chairman
- W.: Ben D. Fussell
- W.: John D. VerMaas
- W.: Walter E. Truex
- W.: Thomas A. Woodward

**GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA
1985-1986
FINAL APPROPRIATIONS**

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Payroll	\$ 14,300.00	_____	1
G. M. Dinner	2,635.00	_____	2
Proceedings	6,000.00	_____	3
Grand Lodge Banquet	6,000.00	_____	4
Entertainment Dist. Guests	3,600.00	_____	5
Ladies Program	1,500.00	_____	6
Grand Secretary's Breakfast (n)	400.00	_____	7
Programs, incidentals, decor	<u>2,700.00</u>	_____	8
	\$ 37,135.00		

COMMITTEES

Education	5,000.00	_____	9
Relief	2,000.00	_____	10
Trial Commissions	750.00	_____	11
Grand Trustees	4,500.00	_____	12
Appropriations	150.00	_____	13
Grand Lodge Office *1	3,750.00	_____	14
Student Fund O.E.S. *2	2,500.00	_____	15
Finance	150.00	_____	16
Nebraska Work	150.00	_____	17
Grand Historian	1,500.00	_____	18

Public Relations	1,000.00	_____	19
Youth Committee	2,350.00	_____	20
Temple Advisory	100.00	_____	21
Nebraska Freemason	11,000.00	_____	22
Lodge Advisory	200.00	_____	23
Membership Committee	750.00	_____	24
Statue of Liberty Cent. Committee	2,000.00	_____	25
Office Study Committee. *3	<u>15,000.00</u>	_____	26
	\$ 52,850.00		

TRAVEL EXPENSE

Grand Master	9,500.00	_____	27
Grand Master Auto Allowance (n)	1,200.00	_____	28
Grand Secretary Expense	4,500.00	_____	29
Grand Secretary Auto Allowance	5,250.00	_____	30
Grand Custodian's Department *4	12,000.00	_____	31
Grand Custodian Auto Allowance. *4	6,000.00	_____	32
Officers Directed by G.M.	6,500.00	_____	33
DGM Conference Expense	2,000.00	_____	34
Conference Expense	<u>1,000.00</u>	_____	35
	\$ 47,950.00		

SALARIES

Grand Secretary RWG *5	2,500.00	_____	36
Grand Custodian *6		_____	37
Clerical Staff	38,500.00	_____	38
Social Security	3,600.00	_____	39
State Unemployment	150.00	_____	40
Federal Unemployment	<u>150.00</u>	_____	41
	\$ 44,900.00		

FIXED EXPENSE

Office Rent	20,000.00	_____	42
Garage Parking Rent *7	1,149.00	_____	43
Library		_____	44
Office Expense.	16,000.00	_____	45
GM Jewel, Apron and Collar *8	4,350.00	_____	46
GM Office Expense	1,800.00	_____	47
Supply Account	10,000.00	_____	48
Retirement CRG	4,646.40	_____	49
Retirement Mrs. NWL	3,840.00	_____	50
Secretary's Desk Book	1,200.00	_____	51
Retirement Program	_____	_____	52
	\$ 62,985.40		

COMPUTER EXPENSE

Computer Expense	<u>10,000.00</u>	_____	53
	\$ 10,000.00		

INSURANCE & ASSESSMENTS

Workmen's Compensation	225.00	_____	54
Relief Association Dues	350.00	_____	55
Employee's Hospital Insurance	5,000.00	_____	56
Surety Bond G.L. Officers	100.00	_____	57
Auto Insurance G.L. Officers	100.00	_____	58
Comprehensive Liability Lodges	2,500.00	_____	59
Fire Insurance Office	400.00	_____	60
	<u>\$ 8,675.00</u>		

MASONIC PROMOTION

Masonic Service Assoc. Dues	1,800.00	_____	61
George Washington Memorial	2,000.00	_____	62
M.S.A. Hospital	2,500.00	_____	63
Nebraska DeMolay	3,500.00	_____	64
50-60 Year Pins	1,000.00	_____	65
50-60 Year Booklets	400.00	_____	66
G.L. Pins	1,000.00	_____	67
	<u>\$ 12,200.00</u>		

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Nebraska Masonic Home	58,000.00	_____	68
Masonic Eastern Star Home *9	10,000.00	_____	69
	<u>\$ 68,000.00</u>		

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$344,695.40

Footnotes:

- *1 Includes expense for moving Grand Lodge offices from Omaha to Lincoln estimated at \$3,600.00.
 - 2 Grand Lodge 50% share of Masonic Eastern Star Home student college expense.
 - 3 Estimated needs for committee expense if Grand Lodge decision is made to pursue construction of building.
 - 4 Same as 1984-1985 appropriation. Both were previously included under Grand Custodian's Department appropriation.
 - 5 Represents 1½ months of Grand Lodge Secretary salary for elected year 1984-1985 which laps over into 1985-1986 fiscal appropriation.
 - 6 The salary for the Grand Custodian was eliminated during the 1984-1985 fiscal appropriation.
 - 7 Rent for three parking stalls at the new Lincoln office.
 - 8 Includes the cost of six new jewels and one apron.
 - 9 Children's home contribution was put back into appropriations at the request of the Home Board. Increase of \$7,500.00 over the \$2,500.00 appropriation last made in 1983-1984.
- (n) Indicates a new item.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
PLATTSMOUTH, NE

M. .W. . HARRY A. SPENCER

Once again it is my privilege to appear before you to render an accounting of the stewardship of the trustees of your Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. I do so, saddened by the fact that M. .W. . Brother John F. Futcher, one of our trustees and a former trustee of the Grand Lodge, entered his eternal home since my last report. M. .W. . Brother John was a tireless worker for Grand Lodge and was certainly a valued member of our Board. W. . Brother Donald Andrews, who is with the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in the data processing department, was appointed to replace M. .W. . Brother John. W. . Brother Don is a member of the Grand Lodge Office Committee.

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. Hale	1940
M. .W. . Brother Harry A. Spencer	1941
M. .W. . Brother Lewis R. Ricketts	1949
M. .W. . Brother Louis V. Sylvester	1968
M. .W. . Brother Harold Hultman	1969
Brother Charles A. Rasmussen	1969
Brother Frank V. Lawson, Jr.	1973
W. . Brother William A. Pettengill	1975
W. . Brother George S. H. Holman	1978
W. . Brother James N. DeMoss	1978
M. .W. . Brother Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	1980
M. .W. . Brother Byron C. Jenkins	1981
M. .W. . Brother T. Leo Stines	1982
Brother Arthur R. Sharp	1983
W. . Brother Donald Andrews	1984

Our Board meetings are held once a month, and special meetings are subject to the call of the President. Additionally, each Trustee serves on two or more committees. They receive no expenses or remuneration of any nature. The expense they incur for mileage, postage, phone calls, and so forth, come out of their own pocket. 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.

Fortunately we are living in an era, and in an area, where people are living longer to enjoy the good life provided in Nebraska. This is a wonderful situation to be in. Unfortunately, however, as some of us grow older, our infirmities are such we need care and shelter. This, the Masons of Nebraska have provided through the Nebraska Masonic

Home since 1903. Freemasonry—the oldest fraternal organization in the world—is an organization dedicated to brotherly love, relief, and truth. The Nebraska Masonic Home is the main charity of Nebraska Masons. It is Masonry in action. How familiar are you with your Masonic Home? Have you ever visited it? If not, you should. This lovely home over the years has become one of the finest in the country, and we are justly proud of it. We urge you to visit your Masonic Home. Visit with the residents. I am sure when you do, you will sense the pride they exude in our Home.

Unfortunately, our Home cannot be operated on pride alone. Labor, employee benefits, materials, medicines, medical care, food, utilities, and other expenses mean a budget for the current year of \$1,352,600. I said the Masonic Home is our main charity. Every Nebraska Mason contributes \$2.00 through his dues to the support of the Home. With less than 29,000 members of the fraternity in Nebraska, this entire contribution totals less than \$58,000, which is only slightly more than 4% of our annual budget. No other Grand Lodge funds are used in the operation of the Home. This means your Trustees are required to raise approximately \$1,300,000.00 from sources other than the Grand Lodge. Our endowment fund and the generosity of interested individuals through donations and wills and bequests have permitted us to operate at our present level. The donations to the Home, of more than \$100 from this latter sources, between May 1, 1984, and April 30, 1985, totaled \$366,058.55. Our Seal Fund revenue for the same period totaled \$45,257.34, which is a substantial increase over last year. Please keep these contributions growing.

We are once again indebted to W. Bro. Adolph Schlaman of Asher Lodge #33 for his efforts in promoting the annual Robert Boon memorial food truck in central Nebraska. It arrived November 17, 1984. It was larger this year than last year. It had a total of 535 cases weighing 21,305 lbs. and a value of \$10,308.45. It represents contributions from 57 Lodges in central Nebraska, as well as Duehl Chapter #11 Royal Arch Masons, Mt. Lebanon Commandery #6, and Andrew Chapter #41 OES, as well as the following:

Kenneth Newhouse,
Don Redding,
Harry Hopkins,
Northwest National Bank

We are also very grateful to the Neal H. Powell Family for the donation of a prime beef to the Home. W. Bro. Neal is the Secretary of Platte Valley Lodge #32.

These food contributions are very important because they help with our food budget. On a negative note, I regret to report we have not yet been successful in restoring the contributions we formerly received from northwestern Nebraska. This was centered in the Scottsbluff area. It is a problem of leadership. Those who were active in the

project have passed on, and no one else has seen fit to take on the task. We are still hopeful we can find someone who can help revive this project. Possibly there is someone here who may be interested in activating his Masonic Obligation.

For several years, we have had problems with some lodges on funerals. During the year, we revised our position and now pay for the funeral service rather than making it the obligation of the Lodge who submitted the application for the deceased. We have a contract with Boyd E. Braman of Omaha, Nebraska, who is doing a very fine job in providing this service. We have contracted with him for the specific items we provide in the traditional funeral service. If anyone wants to vary these services, they may do so by making arrangements with Mr. Braman. Before making these arrangements, we contacted the Grand Master, who is in that business and visited with him about what we should expect to pay for funeral services. We believe this present arrangement will solve the little problems we have had and will promote better public relations for the Home.

As of December 31, 1983, we had 90 guests in the Home. That total increased to 100 as of December 31, 1984, and there are several on a waiting list. Of these 100, 73 receive some type of infirmary care. The demands of our infirmary facilities are expanding to the point where additional facilities have become a necessity. To meet this need, we are considering the addition of a new wing to the Home which will house a 150-unit infirmary. Our present thought is the necessary funds, which will be in the neighborhood of \$2,500,000.00, must be raised without depleting our endowment fund, the income from which is necessary for our present operation. We do not, in any way, want to encroach upon the drive to raise the necessary funds for the Grand Lodge office building. We do, however, want you to have in mind contributions by way of donations, wills, and bequests to permit us to amortize this necessary addition to our Home over a 5- to 7-year period. I am not appealing for funds today, but I want you to be aware of our immediate need and to keep us in mind in your immediate and future charitable contributions.

I commend our Superintendent W. . Brother Raymond F. Evers; his assistant, Brother Harold Flockhart; and the entire staff at the home for the job they are doing. Incidentally, if any of your lodges are interested in a program on the Home, W. . Brother Raymond will be happy to talk about and to show slides of the Home. He is always available to bring a program on the Home to any interested Lodge or Chapter.

I am also grateful to R. . W. . Brother Ralph W. Gerry and his staff for the help they have given me during the past year. R. . W. . Brother Ralph is ever willing to be helpful.

In conclusion, Brethren, I remind you that the Nebraska Masonic Home is your home. We, as its trustees, act only as your representa-

tives. To continue this great philanthropy, we need the cooperation and the support of every Nebraska Mason. I urge you to visit and to support your Home. You will find it to be a very satisfying experience.

M. W. Brother Harry A. Spencer, Chairman

**MASONIC EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN
ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE PRESIDENT – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

PAUL R. EVELAND

For the first time in many years, a new person is being called upon to make the annual President's Report. After the retirement of Joe Lindquist, who had served as President of the Board for 11 years, I was elected to serve as President this past year. It was like being asked to follow a legend. The reminder of his great leadership abilities served to keep one very humble.

In retrospect, the year has passed very quickly. Benjiman Harvey is a very capable Superintendent. His administration of the Home and public relations work on our behalf make any board look good and reduce our work load. He is assisted by some very capable staff members. One of our "premier" housemothers, Wanda Liehs, moved to Colorado this year and it has taken some time to return that house to a smooth operation. At this time I believe that our whole staff, from top to bottom, is the strongest in my experience with the Home. We intend to keep it that way and build from there. Beautiful buildings and grounds make for an attractive setting of which we are all proud, but a children's home is actually the people who work with the children. Our main thrust is now toward having people who can do that job, training them and doing those things necessary to keep them happy and well satisfied. We want people who will consider this more of a calling than a job. Some of our goals have not yet been reached, but we are moving in a sure way toward their attainment.

The Board was organized so that no member served on more than one standing committee. We instituted a special long-range planning committee, whose charge was to develop goals and objectives and define our mission to guide our operations for the rest of this century. They were to objectively question all of our present operational modes to see if we were, indeed, filling a need and if changes might be required to better fulfill the needs of the very children we want to help. The work of this committee is not finished. I hope that it never shall be. We need to be constantly reviewing where we are and where we need to be to best serve our children. Also, we must make sure that our endeavors are for the good of the children, for the good of our Grand Bodies, and a service to humanity. As of this date, the committee

believes that there are more children who are in need of help than ever before. The real problem is in developing strategies that will channel them into our Home. We may need some changes, or some different programs, to fit with the reality of the world as it exists today. The study is continuing.

During the year the Board visited the Grace Children's Home at Henderson and the Omaha Home for Boys in an attempt to learn from their operations, and to help in assessing our own operations in comparison with other homes having a comparable mission. We learned much from our visitations and came home with a blend of envy and satisfaction. On balance, we were very proud of what we have all accomplished over the years, and know that we have a very solid base for the future. The visits proved to be a catalyst for some very deep self-examination and the basis for some improvements we plan to make in the coming year.

Our Home has that unique something that is our greatest potential strength. We are supported by two organizations that have members in every community in Nebraska. An anonymous gift last year from one of our members made possible the purchase of a complete Tandy 2000 computer system, which is being used now in the office in word processing and will be doing the financial records next year. The Worthy Grand Matron's project was for a beautiful book case for our new library and tables and chairs for the auditorium. Other members have given monetary gifts, calves, memorials, clothing, food, and gifts of time and love. If all of our members help us both financially or with their efforts in the search for children from "crippled" families that need our help, then there is no limit to what we can do in helping these children become better citizens in the world tomorrow.

This past year has been most rewarding to me personally, as I have observed the Board rally together to compensate for the retirement from the Board of Past President, Joe Lindquist, and Past Treasurer, Don Swanson. These two men gave generously of a talent that would be hard to buy with money. It was only by a real effort on the part of the Board members that we were able to fill the void left by their departure. The year ended on a note of sadness in the death of Elmer Sells of Tekamah, a long time member of the Board. Elmer will be remembered as a loyal member on whom you could always count to support all of the Home activities.

As we proceed into the last part of this century, the successful operation of our Home is going to require more funds, more interest, and dedication from all of us. It is going to take conscious effort on the part of all our Lodges and Chapters to continue this great and good work.

Paul R. Eveland, President

REPORT ON THE CODIFICATION OF THE LAW**BERNARD P. PIPHER**

Your Committee on Codification of the Law reports as follows as a result of your action at this Grand Lodge session:

That Section 1-201 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1-201—GRAND SECRETARY—The Grand Secretary shall record the transactions of the Grand Lodge; shall personally attend each communication; shall have charge of all records, supplies, jewels, certificates, documents, seal of the Grand Lodge; shall see to the receipt, deposit, and strict accounting of all monies of the Grand Lodge in such accounts as designated by the Grand Trustees; shall pay out such monies on orders regularly issued and signed by the Grand Master; shall see to the drawing of orders, affixing the seal, conducting the correspondence, and preparing and authenticating diplomas as directed by the membership of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master; shall see that all diplomas are executed with the proper date, seal, given names, and signatures; shall be ex-officio Member of the Committee on Fraternal Relations; shall see to the keeping of a record of all those rejected, suspended, and expelled and shall publish or circulate them only as directed by the membership of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master; shall notify each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the 20th day of March of each year and shall close all accounts of subordinate lodges on the 1st day of May of each year; shall give a performance bond guaranteed by an approved surety company in an amount of at least the sum of \$200,000.00, with the cost of such bond to be paid by the Grand Lodge; shall examine and correct the annual reports of the subordinate lodges; shall make recommendations regarding the subordinate lodges; shall submit a tabular abstract of the condition of the craft; and upon the installation of his successor he shall transfer to him all books, records, accounts, supplies, jewels, certificates, and documents in his charge.

The Grand Secretary shall devote such time as his duties may require for the efficient and prompt completion of the business, affairs, and programs of the Grand Lodge and the promotion of Masonry. The Grand Secretary and any full time employee shall not use the Grand Lodge Office, its facilities and equipment, for the use and benefit of any organization, association, club, or corporation, except the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and its subordinate lodges.

The Grand Secretary shall receive as compensation for his services such amount as determined by the Appropriations Committee and approved by the membership of the Grand Lodge.

That the original Section 1-201 and Section 1-201.01 be repealed, and that Sec. 1-201.02 be re-numbered as Sec. 1-201.01.

That Section 1-401, paragraph (c) only, of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

(c) The Board of Grand Trustees shall select its chairman and secretary from its membership.

And that the original paragraph (c) of said Section 1-401 be repealed.

This report is respectfully submitted, and I move the adoption of the report as a whole.

Bernard T. Pipher, Chairman, 31

John M. McHenry, 19

Don C. Bottorf, 49

REPORT ON THE DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

KENNETH D. BEEBE

The committee respectfully submits as its report that the address of W.B. Robert A. Metcalf be referred in part as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead;
the section on Necrology,

To the Committee on Jurisprudence;
the section on Bylaws Amendments,
the section on Permissions, General Consents, and Approvals,
the section on Special Dispensations,
the section on Decisions,
the section on Recommendations,

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

The Grand Master is to be commended for his many and varied efforts on behalf of the Craft and for his work toward the future operational efficiency of Masonry in Nebraska. We recommend that all matters not herein specifically referred to committees be approved.

Review of the Report of the Grand Secretary;

We recommend that the report be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations;
the section on Consolidations,
the section on Chartered Lodges,

To the Committee on Finance;
the financial report,

To the Committee on Returns;
the section on returns.

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

Review of the Report of the Grand Custodian

We recommend that the entire report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work. Our thanks go to the Grand Custodian, the Grand Custodian Pro Tem and all Deputies for their tireless work in improving and perfecting our ritual.

Kenneth D. Beebe, Chairman, 119

Jack Seidenglanz, 184

Everett K. Dappen, 265

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

The Grand Master called for a report of the Committee on Returns. Ralph Gerry spoke "The Committee on Returns did not meet this year due to the fact they were moving the office."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

M.W. Louis V. Sylvester reported verbally that there was no work for the committee so there was nothing to report.

REPORT ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

M. W. BEVIN B. BUMP

This committee and their terms, appointed by the Grand Master, M.W. Robert A. Metcalf, consisted of the following Master Masons: 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); and M.W. Thomas J. Aron, 37 (1985).

The committee was charged by the Grand Master to observe and review the workings of the Grand Lodge Offices and to proceed with whatever was necessary to improve the efficiency of the offices for the benefit of Nebraska Freemasonry. The Committee met six times and with the Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, the Special Building Committee and the Appropriations Committee, in Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, and by telephone.

The computers purchased in October, 1983, were finally put into

operation after the 1984 Grand Lodge Communication, and the membership list from the records in the Grand Lodge Offices were placed in its data memory. Upon completion of this, the balance of the year was spent in adding the deceased members from the office records to the computer memory. The word processing functions and the accounting capabilities of the computer were not used during the year, and additional help was hired to program what data was placed in the computer.

In January of this year, the committee became aware of the availability of rental space in the new Bar Center Building being constructed at 635 S. 14th Street in Lincoln, Nebraska, in the very area that the Special Building Committee recommended, and the Grand Lodge adopted at the 1984 Communication. Meeting with the Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and the Building Committee, it was decided to see what kind of lease could be negotiated. After being offered space on the first floor or the third floor, the committee agreed, after meetings, plan review, and on-site inspections, to lease a 1532 square foot area on the third floor for a three-year term, with option to renew the lease for two one-year terms.

Grand Junior Deacon, John McHenry and Brother Art Sharp, both of Lincoln, were added to the committee as ex-official members to assist in moving the Grand Lodge Offices since the space was to be available June 1, 1985. A special thanks from the Committee goes to John and Art for the many hours spent assisting this Committee in the move, setting up the offices and interviewing and working with new staff and the Omaha staff. Art Sharp took a leave of absence from his job to supervise the move and worked at times under the handicap of not receiving the help promised and of not getting the cooperation from some whom he should have. He has provided an outstanding service to the Fraternity.

After many weeks of preparation and packing, the van was loaded May, 31, and the Omaha office closed, and the move was made to the Lincoln offices. It was a very busy year for the Committee, but next year will be even busier. There are office procedure manuals, bookkeeping procedure manuals, and personnel policy manuals to write and periodic review of the office staff.

The committee plans that the new offices will be staffed with two employees, both capable of operating the computer, using the word processing, bookkeeping, accounting, and reporting functions as well as operating the Grand Lodge Offices, under the direction of the Grand Master and the Office Committee.

REPORT OF TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**M. W. HAROLD C. WURDEMAN**

This past year has not been a busy one for the Temple Building Advisory Committee. We have had correspondence with several lodges about building new temples or about buying existing buildings to remodel but there has been very little actually done. Some of these may become active projects in the future.

The Chairman met with the Master of Aurora Lodge #68, AF & AM in Aurora and with the building committee, to discuss their need for a new temple. This project is still being considered.

The new temple for Frank Welch Lodge #75, AF & AM in Sidney is under construction and should be nearing completion. The cornerstone was laid May 18, 1984, and the building was enclosed before winter.

At the request of the Grand Master, this committee approved the building in Winside to which Fraternity Lodge #235, AF & AM in Winside wanted to move their Charter. That move was approved by the Grand Master.

This Committee approved a loan of \$4,000.00 from the Board of Grand Trustees to College View Lodge #320 in Lincoln for repair work on their temple.

W. Donald G. Hafer, 306

W. Herman O. Hansen, 3

M. W. Harold C. Wurdeman, P.G.M., Chairman

REPORT OF THE LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**M. W. BYRON C. JENKINS**

The number of requests for assistance is increasing. Most are requests for information on how to close the Lodge. In all cases we have attempted to keep their Lodges going but feel fortunate to get them to consolidate rather than give up their Charter.

The biggest problems for these Lodges include: dwindling population in the location of the Lodge, average age of members 65 to 70 years of age, no petitions brought in for some years, no young members, lack of any Lodge programs other than reading the minutes and paying the bills, lack of leadership, and in some cases not holding the required meetings. Most Lodges in trouble have most if not all of these problems, or more. This brings them to their knees, before the Committee is asked to help at a time when they are almost beyond help.

M. W. Byron C. Jenkins, Chairman, 325

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210

M. W. Frank J. Mattoon, 75

REPORT OF STATUE OF LIBERTY COMMITTEE

M. W. BYRON C. JENKINS

Something is happening in Nebraska that I don't understand. There seems to be a lack of interest in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. Of the 225 Lodges in the State, only 86 have donated anything toward this program. Of those 86 Lodges, 48 are at or over 100% of our goal of \$1.00 per member. To these Lodges we say many thanks for a job well done.

To date we have received \$13,000.00 (May 1), a long way from our goal of \$30,000.00. Those Lodges that have given at or over the 100% of their goal are as follows: Nos. 10, 27, 31, 38, 40, 71, 73, 79, 82, 93, 98, 99, 108, 110, 114, 121, 126, 136, 138, 146, 147, 148, 154, 167, 173, 180, 183, 195, 200, 207, 220, 221, 249, 251, 263, 265, 293, 295, 297, 298, 299, 305, 308, 314, 317, 325, and 327. Congratulations.

Some time during this session, a film will be presented to you by R. W. Tom Eggleston, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, AF & AM of Iowa. Please give this film your attention and, when you go back to Lodges, go to work and bring your Lodge to 100% giving.

M. W. Byron C. Jenkins, Chairman, 325

W. Charles A. Folsom, 15

W. James N. DeMoss, 325

W. Albert A. Wise, 79

W. Marck C. Johnson, 119

W. Alex Swaitek, 314

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. BEN D. FUSSELL

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations wishes to report that we have visited with representatives of Fraternity Lodge #235, Winside, Nebraska, and find that they had circumstances that were legitimate which prevented them from being represented at the Grand Lodge Communications of 1984 and 1983. Accordingly, we recommend that no disciplinary action be taken.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

R. W. RALPH W. GERRY

This report contains excerpts for the Commission on 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, Andres G. Laroche, requesting recognition and exchange of representatives. The Commission on Recognition recommends recognition.

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.

HAITIAN FEDERATION OF MASONS U.S.A.

The Haitian Federation of Masons U.S.A., and John R. Bullock as its Grand Comander, is totally irregular and non-masonic and has no connection with the Grand Orient of Haiti.

ITALY

The Grand Orient of Italy continues in turmoil resulting from the Lodge P-2 Scandal.

From this has resulted two new groups, styled: Grand Loggia Generale D'Italia and Gran Loggia D 1 Calabria, both of which are not entitled to recognition, and only The Grand Orient of Italy, remains recognized.

R. . W. . Ralph W. Gerry, Chairman

W. . Kaye Ramsey

W. . Lawrence Zwart

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. . SEBERT A. STOVER

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 in which the records are kept, and the cooperation of the Grand Lodge Officers.

Sidney W. Irwin, 302

Edward C. Reynolds, 268

Sebert A. Stover, 281

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

R. . W. . W CHARLES W. AMIDON

During the months of April and May, 1985, 30 Area Education Meetings were held throughout the state and each was hosted by a subordinate Lodge in the various assigned areas. The meetings were conducted by individual Grand Lodge Officers and the same basic agenda was covered at each meeting so that every Lodge was given a chance to discuss the same subjects.

The same format was used as 1984, wherein all meetings were conducted in an informal setting using a "workshop" concept which allowed each Master and Warden the opportunity to bring up subjects of particular interest to his Lodge.

The idea behind this type of "workshop" was to answer questions on leadership, administration, interpretation of Grand Lodge Law, and any other topic which might be of interest to the future leaders of our Fraternity. It was also an excellent forum to discuss pending resolutions and matters of concern which would be brought before the delegates at the June Communication and thereby prepare them to make well-informed and intelligent decisions once each topic was brought before the delegates at large.

The committee was extremely pleased with the position comments this type of format generated, and plans to continue a similar program in future years.

R. . W. . Chas. W. Amidon, Chairman, 281

R. . W. . Wayne Lueningborg, 39

W. . Paul Eveland, 119

W. . Thomas Tye, 46

W. . John McHenry, 19

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
MASONIC EDUCATION**

M. . W. . ROBERT A. METCALF

The format of The Masonic Education Committee was changed this year with the idea that the Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens need 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, ie.; 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 Custodian's assignments. All 230 lodges were scheduled and attendance was excellent. Participation in the discussion was very good.

M. W. Robert A. Metcalf

REPORT OF THE MASONIC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

R. W. CHARLES W. AMIDON

The committee's main efforts during the last year were spent in promoting "Friendship Dinners" throughout the state. Even though this highly successful program has been available to all lodges for the best part of eight years, it is discouraging to note that since the Grand Lodge Communication of June, 1984, only 11 Lodges took advantage of the subsidy offered through the volunteer support of all Masonic appendages. We would like to particularly commend the following Lodges for their use and support of this excellent program:

Tekamah Lodge #31, Tekamah	20 Guests
Shiloh Lodge #327, Omaha	17 Guests
Custer Lodge #148, Broken Bow	26 Guests
Acacia Lodge #34, Grand Island	10 Guests
Superior Lodge #121, Superior	11 Guests
Mt. Zion Lodge #161, Shelby	6 Guests
Jachin Lodge #146, Holdrege	21 Guests
Fremont Lodge #15, Fremont	17 Guests
Florence Lodge #281, Omaha	21 Guests
Bellevue Lodge #325, Bellevue	41 Guests
Tekamah Lodge #31, Tekamah	30 Guests (2nd Dinner)
Alliance Lodge #183, Alliance	20 Guests

These 11 Lodges have exposed over 120 non-masons to the Fraternity and one Lodge reported obtaining 14 petitions from one dinner! Your Committee is thoroughly convinced the state is overrun with prospective Masons and each present member probably stumbles over dozens of prospects during any given year.

Membership is not something that can be delegated to any committee. Each member should appoint himself as a committee of one to be on the lookout for qualified prospects and then offer those prospects information about the Fraternity at every opportunity. You can't ask a man to join, but you also can't expect a man to ask when he doesn't have the slightest idea what we offer or, worse yet, that we even exist. Think about it.

We also wish to acknowledge the efforts of several Lodges which conducted "Friendship Dinners" without financial support from our Committee, each recognizing the importance of the program and the advantages of "doing their own thing" for the betterment of their own Lodge.

Your Committee's aim is to help only where and when needed. Each Lodge should be prepared to conduct its own program because it knows the territory much better than any so-called expert brought in from some distance away.

One closing thought . . . Did you ever notice that if a Lodge is conferring three or four degrees **each** month, it doesn't have time to worry about a bunch of small problems, in fact, they don't seem to have any problems! Think about it.

R. W. Chas. W. Amidon, Chairman, 281

W. Robert E. Kyes, 36

W. Bruce L. Bump, 158

W. Morton P. Steyer, 281

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

W. ERV SEIMONEIT

The Public Relations Committee this past year has been in the process of reorganizing and, it appears that in a matter of time, will be working to its fullest capabilities. We are happy to report that during our first year under our new plan, we have covered at least 20 functions of our Grand Lodge Officers, 15 of which were news written, pictures submitted and published in the "Nebraska Freemason." Also, numerous news releases were submitted to local newspapers and television stations within the areas of our Grand Lodge Officers appearance.

Because this report is being written a month prior to the Annual Communication, a 100th Anniversary celebration and a cornerstone laying ceremony, both in McCook, will be covered and submitted to the news media and the "Freemason."

With 226 Blue Lodges across Nebraska and only five members assigned to the committee to cover the State, many miles had to be driven in order to attend the functions. This year, the State was divided into five sections. Each section was the responsibility of the Committee member living within that section.

Each Committee member was furnished a map of his specific area, a listing of all the Lodges by name, number, and the number of members. They also were furnished the names and addresses of all the newspapers in their area in order to inform the printed media of our Grand Lodge's upcoming events and file the stories following the occasion.

Les Mann of Chadron was assigned the northwestern section of the State which consisted of 19 counties, 27 Lodges, and represented 2,907 Lodge members. One must realize there are only 19 counties in Brother Mann's area; however, those 19 counties, area-wise, encompassed approximately 23,000 square miles.

Don Bottorf of Sutton was assigned the east central section of the State consisting of 22 counties, 58 Lodges, 4,426 Lodge members and 13,000 square miles. His north/south area covered all the counties from the South Dakota to the Kansas state lines, and from just east of Hastings to Crete on the east/west width.

Alex Swaitek of Lincoln was assigned to the southeastern section of the state including 9 counties, 40 Lodges, 6,686 members and approximately 5,000 square miles. He covered everything south of the Platte River to the Kansas border, and from the Iowa border to approximately Pleasant Dale.

Don Madsen of Omaha was assigned the northeast section which included 10 counties, 43 Lodges, 10,358 members and some 4,000 square miles, all the counties north of the Platte River to the South Dakota line and from the Iowa state line to approximately Wisner.

Erv Siemoneit of Heartwell was assigned the central section of the state, 33 counties, 62 Lodges, 5,686 members and approximately 30,000 square miles, from Hastings to Grant to the west, and his north/south borders were from the South Dakota to the Kansas state lines.

On November 15, 1984, Brother Bottorf sent out numerous letters to the Secretaries of various Lodges and to the "Nebraska Freemason" (published in the Oct.-Nov.-Dec. edition), asking them to contact the committee whenever a Grand Lodge Officer makes an appearance at their Lodge functions. The response was very poor. Therefore, our coverage of all the Grand Lodge functions was not reported or publicized to our expectations.

We hope that during this annual Grand Lodge Communication, it be emphasized how important it is to inform this Committee of their upcoming events. We also hope that when the Lodge Secretaries meet just prior to this session in order to form a Secretaries Association, the subject of Public Relations will be discussed by them and communications be set up between them and our Committee.

And finally, we ask all the Grand Lodge Officers to furnish us with their itineraries well in advance in order that we can plan a more publicized next year.

Most Worshipful Sir, it has not only been an honor to serve as the Chairman of this committee, but also a fraternal experience to make numerous acquaintances with my Masonic Brothers throughout the state.

REPORT OF THE 1984 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

M. W. HERBERT A. RONIN

The 1985 Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association was held on February 18, 1985, at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. M.W. Robert A. Metcalf, our Grand Master, and our Grand Secretary R.W. Ralph W. Gerry were in attendance. I was also present in my capacity of Chairman Emeritus, and as a member of its Investment Committee. It always amazes me that so many of our members are uninformed as to the activities and function of this great Masonic Organization, of which Nebraska has been an active member for many years.

There are two main departments of the M.S.A. The first division is that devoted to Masonic education in charge of our capable R.W. Brother Stewart J. L. Pollard, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, of the M.S.A.

Probably the most popular publication of the M.S.A. is the monthly *Short Talk Bulletin* which comprises outstanding messages on Freemasonry. I note that there are only 33 subscribers in Nebraska, which is disappointing. The cost is \$2.50 for an annual subscription and if any of you would like to have this popular Bulletin, any of our Grand Lodge Officers and myself would be pleased to process a subscription for you. In April, 1985, I was favored in having an article written by me published. It is entitled "The Scope of Freemasonry."

Each of our Lodges receives a copy of this monthly Bulletin by reason of our membership. This past year, the Grand Lodge of Alabama renewed its membership in the M.S.A. The only Grand Lodges who are not members are Arkansas, California, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia.

New informational digests were published last year, including an update on Masonic Homes, Hospitals, and Charity Foundations of Masonry in the United States, and a new digest on Masonic Trials. A new publication index listing M.S.A. publications, films and materials was given wide distribution. Our new film, "When the Band Stops Playing," has proven to be very popular. Our Grand Lodge has one copy of this. Rental can be secured through the M.S.A. The *Emessay Notes* publication continues to be well accepted and serves as a source of information on recent events of interest to Masons.

The second division or department of the M.S.A. is its outstanding Hospital Visitation Program, which comprises the united benevolent project of the Grand Lodges of the United States, which is directed by the M.S.A. to minister and serve the hospitalized veterans of our nation's wars. There are 175 Veterans Hospitals and Medical Centers operated by the Veterans Administration. The M.S.A. has approximately 185 field agents and thousands of volunteers enlisted from all

Masonic bodies, ladies' organizations, and youth groups who constitute the personnel of this most impressive Masonic benevolence under the leadership of M.W. Thomas R. Dougherty, Past Grand Master of N.J., who is the Director of Hospital Visitation of the M.S.A.

There are three Veteran's Medical Centers in Nebraska. Brother Robert Adamsheck has been the Field Agent for the Lincoln Center, assisted by Brothers Stephen Taylor and Clarence Williams. Brother Robert May is our Field Agent for the Omaha Medical Center. We do not have any Field Agent for the Grand Island Medical Center. Each of these brethren are daily servicing the needs of not only the Masonic veterans, but others as well. They truly exemplify the golden tenets of our Fraternity of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1985, our Grand Master Robert A. Metcalf, Past Grand Masters Rickette, Lichty, and Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon John McHenry, and our Grand Tyler Nelson Rittenberg visited the Lincoln Veterans Hospital. Our Field Agent, Brother Bob Adamschek, planned a comprehensive tour of this recently improved facility which we thoroughly enjoyed. It was most evident that the work of our Field Agents is deeply appreciated by the personnel of the Veterans Medical Center.

In the afternoon, our Grand Master visited the Omaha Veterans Hospital accompanied by our Grand Secretary Ralph Gerry and our Field Agent Bob May, who was presented with his five-year certificate of M.S.A. service. Photographs of both tours have been sent to our Director of M.S.A. Hospital Visitation of the M.S.A. together with a most favorable report.

If you know of any Brother who is at either the Omaha or Lincoln Medical Center, or who plans on being there, please advise our Masonic Field Agent so that he will be certain to assist this Brother during his stay there. We need to have a Field Agent for the Grand Island Medical Center and this is under consideration.

These various services of the M.S.A. are growing more and more extensive and we are justified in being proud to sponsor them.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

W. WILLIAM G. HURST

The Youth Committee is pleased to report that our Grand Master presented Grand Lodge Scholarships to the outstanding member of each of our Youth Groups during 1984. The enthusiasm with which these scholarships are received is a fitting tribute, not only to the recipients, but to the Master Masons of Nebraska. It is also a pleasure to report that our Grand Master has made a special effort this past year

to attend as many meetings of the various Youth Groups as his busy schedule would allow.

Our Youth Organizations are "holding their own." In some areas, there is growth; in others, a loss. Where loss occurs, we can usually attribute it to a decline in adult leadership and assistance. If I could make one strong and urgent plea, it would be to help our youth. Just consider a few thoughts. What would happen if only half of the resident Master Masons of Nebraska would devote a couple of hours per month to one of our Youth Groups? How about supplying some transportation when it's needed? What about that youngster who just assumed the office of Treasurer and doesn't know what a treasurer does—can one of you help him out? How about planning—surely someone knows how to plan a few events, contact people and set up a budget. And then there is that new corps of officers who would like to perform the ritual work of their order properly. I can't believe that no one out there can't show them what floor work and ritual work are.

It was Frederick the Great of Prussia who said that in every foot soldier's knapsack is a field marshal's baton. Wouldn't a few of you like to look back some day and say that a Dick Ricketts or a Duke Lichtey or a Norris Lallman or one of eight other Past Masters was in the DeMolay Chapter which you helped as a Master Mason? Or how about that Worthy Grand Matron who was a Rainbow or Job's Daughter in the Assembly or Bethel with which you worked at one time? Remember, giving them our money is a token, but it's a bit like giving a kid a quarter, then sending him out to play on the freeway. Let's give them some of our time and talent.

W. . William G. Hurst, Chairman

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

W. . BERNARD L. PADEN

Your Masonic Eastern Star Student Fund Committee has met and wish to report the following:

We will be supporting the further education of one student from the Masonic Eastern Star Home at Fremont this year. Her name is Michelle Bank who has been at the Home for over 10 years now. Michelle is quite talented as an artist and is in the upper 25% of her graduating class here at Fremont High. She will be attending Wayne State at Wayne this fall. We feel she has much potential and are pleased to be able to help her with furthering her education.

W. . Bernard L. Paden, Chairman, 119

W. . Sanford H. Nelson, 210

W. . Donald E. Rasmussen, 135

ROCK MAUL

M. W. ROBERT A. METCALF

On Friday evening, June 14, 1985, at the General Membership Banquet, the Rock Maul was presented to Comet Lodge #229 and Hickman Lodge #256. Comet Lodge #229 has a membership of 92. Fifteen percent of the members are certified. In addition to this, they held a number of different activities such as family picnics, Table Lodge, and soup suppers. They improved their temple by installing new lighting in their lodge room, and purchased a new emblem for the front of their temple. Comet Lodge has held a certificate of proficiency for 32 consecutive years. Their average attendance is 20% of the membership.

Hickman Lodge #256 met in Hickman, Nebraska, until 1983, at which time their building was in need of major repair for them to continue. After several meetings, the brethren voted to move to Lincoln, Nebraska where they arranged for space in East Lincoln Lodge #210. These brethren were determined to keep their lodge. During the year 1984, these brethren conferred 11 Entered Apprentice Degrees, 10 Fellowcraft Degrees, and nine Master Mason Degrees. In addition to the degree work, Hickman Lodge held a variety of programs and dinners.

PRESENTATION BY WARREN D. LICHTY, JR., P.G.M. GRAND LODGE BANQUET

This is a real pleasure for me. I first met Thelma McNeal in 1953 when my Dad took me to the Grand Lodge Office. She was the "new girl" in the office at the time. After we left, Dad said to me: "The other lady is a wonderful secretary, but this Mrs. McNeal is going to be a honey."

Wiser, truer, more prophetic words have never been spoken for, indeed, during the last thirty-two years and then some, Thelma McNeal has, indeed, been a honey. During this time, her thoughtful, businesslike efficiency has smoothed the way and made things so much easier for so many of us as we have worked in behalf of the Grand Lodge and of Freemasonry.

It is my honor and privilege to present a plaque which expresses our gratitude to you for your years of service. I am glad that the Grand Lodge commissioned it, and am most grateful to our Grand Master for allowing me to make this presentation. It says:

"THE MOST WORSHIPFUL, THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. &
A. M. OF NEBRASKA
TO THELMA McNEAL

In grateful appreciation of more than thirty-two years of faithful

and devoted service as a valued member of the Grand Lodge Team, we, the members of the Grand Lodge, wish to recognize and sincerely thank you for the friendly and efficient manner in which you have worked in association with four Grand Secretaries and 33 Grand Masters to the end that the business of Freemasonry and this Grand Lodge was efficiently and expeditiously dispatched for the benefit of the Craft. All of us who had occasion to visit the Grand Lodge Office will remember your friendly smile and greeting. What we needed was always ready because you were there to see to it. Long ago you ceased to be merely an employee, as we came to consider you a dear friend, and "Our Grand Lodge Sweetheart." And these things, you shall continue to be.

As Grand Master after Grand Master has retired, to leave the business of the Grand Lodge in the hands of his successors, so do you now. But as they have, so will you keep the many friendships established over the years.

True friends and old friends
are more precious than silver and gold,
for the greatest bounty that God sends
are the friends our hearts enfold.

With all our love,

The M.W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Of Nebraska

Robert A. Metcalf
M. W. Grand Master"

The Grand Master now has a presentation which he will make personally. (Grand Master Metcalf) "Thelma, I wholeheartedly endorse everything that has been said. You can display the plaque in your home, but now I have for you a laminated card which I want you to carry with you wherever you go. It says:

TO ALL FREEMASONS, GREETINGS;

This is to introduce Thelma McNeal, who from 1953 to 1985 has faithfully served the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska as secretary in the Grand Lodge office. In grateful recognition of over 32 years of dedicated service to this Grand Lodge, the aid and protection of all Freemasons is fraternally requested in her behalf.

Dated this 14th day of June, 1985.

Robert A. Metcalf
Grand Master"

(Warren Lichty) "We have something else for you, Thelma. The Past Grand Masters and their Ladies wanted to do something special for you, so we took up a collection to buy you a present. But the fund grew large enough that we were afraid to spend it for fear that what we got might not be what you really wanted. So, from the Past Grand

Masters and from the Ladies whose husbands are or were Past Grand Masters, with our love, is a check for \$500.00. But you have to promise me that you will buy a present with that money—something you really like and something to remember us by when you use it or look at it.”

(Margaret Lichty) “Thelma, I just want you to know how dear you are to all of us. Whenever any of us needed lists for seating arrangements or for invitations—whatever it was—you were there on the other end of the phone line with just the help we needed. From the Grand Lodge, but especially from the Ladies, please accept this bouquet of red roses with our love.”

Now, Brethren and Ladies, Ed Lockwood will accompany, and Lou Sylvester will lead, the singing—will you all please rise and join in serenading this lovely lady, Thelma with “Let Me Call You Sweetheart.”

GRAND ORATOR'S ORATION

JAMES N. DeMOSS

Reflections

We have reflected this evening on the service of a great lady to our Grand Lodge. We have reflected on the service of a great man to our Grand Lodge. But I am thinking of different types of reflections. Those of you who were present last year at Grand Lodge may be able to recall—and reflect—that I closed my Oration then with the following quotation which I received from the files of my wife, Carole:

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 on you—and pray as if everything depended upon God.

There is a lot to reflect upon in that quotation.

There is an ancient Oriental legend that tells of the man who found the first mirror. He picked it up, dusted it off and looked at it in amazement. He did not know what it was. As he looked at it, it seemed to him that he saw before him the face of his Father, a very wise man. The finder kept his prize through the years and would worship it in a

very secret place known only to him. As the years went by, the man realized that the image looked more and more like his Father, and he would spend more and more time reflecting on what his Father had meant to him. Now it seems that the finder of the mirror had a very jealous wife, and she became increasingly jealous of the time he spent away from her. One day she followed him to his secret place and hid until he had departed. Then, after he had left, she went in to see what it was that held his attention. She looked into the mirror and said, "Just as I thought—another woman! But how could he be interested in one who looks so ugly?"

The way I look at something and the way you look at something is different. It reflects back to us in a different way.

Abraham Lincoln used to use the parable of the wolf that attacked a flock of sheep. But before the wolf could do any evil, he was driven off by the shepherd. After that the sheep looked at the shepherd as their saviour—as the one who had saved their lives and kept them safe. The wolf, on the other hand, looked upon the shepherd as a despoiler and depriver of his rights. The one function performed by the shepherd was viewed in entirely different manners by the sheep and the wolf.

Brethren, we have done a lot of things at this Grand Lodge Communication, and there is still more to do. Some of the members have been satisfied and happy with decisions that have been made. Some of the members have not. However, in our wisdom I feel that the will of the 'group' has been that which has prevailed, and that we can all reflect upon this and accept the fact that although what has taken place might not be particularly satisfying to us as an individual—it has been for the will of the majority. What might be momentarily painful to some is viewed in a different way by others.

You may recall from the years ago the verse that goes: "Monday's child is fair of face./Tuesday's child is full of grace./Wednesday's child is loving and giving./Thursday's child works hard for a living./Friday's child is full of woe./Saturday's child has far to go./But the child that is born on the Sabbath Day/Is brave and bonnie and good and gay."

I look upon Masonry in Nebraska today as a 'Saturdays's child.' "Saturday's child has far to go." Masonry in Nebraska has come a long way in the 130 years since that first Lodge—#184 under the Grand Lodge of Illinois was chartered in Bellevue, Nebraska—but masonry in Nebraska today is like the hyphen between yesterday and tomorrow. We have a long way to go. With confidence in the abilities of all, we are going to go forward into tomorrow because we can reflect on what has happened in the past. We can be guided by the wisdom and the courage of those who have come before us, and we can look forward to tomorrow—a long way to go.

Not everyone will agree that the path we are following is perhaps the right path. I am reminded though of a little poem I heard one time—

My granddad, viewing earth's worn cogs,
Said things were going to the dogs;

His granddad in his house of logs,
 Said things were going to the dogs;
 His granddad in the Fleming bogs,
 Said things were going to the dogs;
 His granddad in his old skin togs,
 Said things were going to the dogs;
 There's just one thing I have to state—
 The dogs have had a good long wait.

The past is gone! The present is here! The future is yet to come!

We should live each day to its fullest. Let me share with you this "Salutation of the Dawn" which was first written in Sanskrit, but speaks as if it were meant for us today—

Look to this Day!
 For it is Life, the very Life of Life.
 In its brief course lie the truths and
 realities of your Existence:
 The Bliss of Growth,
 The Glory of Action,
 The Splendor of Beauty.
 For Yesterday is but a dream,
 And Tomorrow is only a vision;
 But today well-lived makes every
 yesterday a dream of happiness,
 And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
 Look well, therefore, to this Day!
 Such is the Salutation of the Dawn.

Such, my Brethren, should be our Salutation to a Saturday's Child.

THE JORDON MEDAL

A bronze Jordon Medal which perpetuates the memory of M. W. Robert Carrell Jordon, our first Grand Master, is provided each lodge in the state by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. It is intended that the medal shall successively be presented to and worn by the oldest member of the lodge who lives in the state and holds the most number of concurrent years of membership.

The One Hundred Twenty Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Lincoln, Nebraska, June 13-14-15, 1985. At the Grand Lodge Banquet on Friday evening June 14, the Bronze Jordon Medal for Nebraska Lodge No. 1 was presented to M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre by M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master. Brother Ben is 97 years old and has been a member of No. 1 for 68 years. He received his M. M. degree March 27, 1917, Past Master of Nebraska No. 1, 1924-1925. He was appointed in Grand Lodge line in 1939 by William J. Breckenridge, Grand Master, elected and installed Grand Master serving that office 1946-1947.

He also holds the oldest active Certificate of Proficiency in the State dated January 17, 1924, signed by Robert E. French, Grand Custodian and Charles A. Chappell, Grand Master. He has been in attendance at Grand Lodge for 60 years.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M. W. BEVIN B. BUMP

Good Afternoon. Your Jurisprudence Committee met yesterday afternoon with 16 Past Grand Masters present, and I am pleased to report that the meeting closed in peace and harmony. If you will turn to page 8 of the Grand Master's Address, you have there his decisions and his recommendations, which we will now cover.

DECISIONS

1. Received letter from Potter Lodge #313 requesting dispensation to have an Entered Apprentice Degree conferred on their candidate by Frank Welch Lodge #75 because Potter Temple was not ready for use. I ruled that Sec. 2-1205 permits a Nebraska Lodge to do work for another and that no dispensation was required.

Approved

2. Received a letter from Mitchell Lodge #263 requesting permission to permit the Rebekah Lodge of Mitchell, Nebraska to hold its meetings in the Masonic Temple, Covenant Lodge #259 I.O.O.F. of Mitchell, Nebraska disbanded, leaving the Rebekah Lodge without a meeting place. I ruled favorably. Section 2-501, last sentence, states: It may however be used by other orders if their principles are not unmasonic.

Approved

3. Received a letter of request from College View Lodge #320 to apply to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for a \$4000 loan for needed repairs on their Temple. I ruled favorably using Section 2-614 for my decision.

Approved with the addition of the following words added at the end of the decision, "and also follow procedure set out in Section 1-402 (a)."

4. Denied request from Grand Island Lodge #318 to change dates of their regular meeting. Advised them dates of regular meetings are stated in their Bylaws and Grand Lodge does not have authority to act.

Approved

5. Ordered Gothenburg Lodge #249 to suspend all procedures for consolidation until a thorough investigation can be made.
Approved
6. Refused request of Brother Marvin Ropte to make a change in the second paragraph of his resolution he presented at the 126th Annual Communication.
Approved
7. Received a letter from Falls City Lodge No. 9 "stating they had a law suit." A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Judgment was also received. Falls City Lodge owns the top half of the building they meet in. The bottom half is owned by the Nemaha Realty Company of Falls City. The Realty Company feels repairs on the building are necessary. The Board of Trustees of Falls City takes the position that all the repairs suggested by the Realty Company are not necessary. I advised the Lodge the dispute needs to be resolved by the two parties involved. The Grand Lodge has no authority to get involved. Suggested they obtain legal counsel to be properly represented in court.
Approved
8. Received a letter from Harvard Lodge No. 44 asking permission to sell 76 feet of ground owned by their lodge for a house to be built. I advised Harvard Lodge No. 44 that Grand Lodge does not have to give permission to them to sell the 76 feet. The decision is theirs.
Approved

At this time as Chairman of the Committee I will move for the approval and adoption of the Committee's report in regard to the decisions.

R. W. Charles W. Amidon, Deputy Grand Master: It has been regularly moved and seconded that the recommendations of the Jurisprudence Committee be approved. All those in favor of this recommendation, vote by the usual sign of a Mason voting by right hand. Down hand. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

M. W. Bevin B. Bump, Past Grand Master, Chairman: We will now take up the Recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1.

1) The rewritten Constitution and Bylaws are signed by five Grand Lodge members be entered upon the minutes of this annual communication and then submitted to the several chartered subordinate lodges for approval.

2) At the next succeeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge the rewritten Constitution of the Grand Lodge be adopted as

the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska and thereafter the present Constitution be of no force and effect.

3) At the next succeeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge the rewritten set of Bylaws be adopted as the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska and thereafter the present set of Bylaws be of no force and effect.

M. W. BUMP: As to Recommendation No. I, the committee had decided that since it was necessary for Constitutional Amendments to lay over for a year, and to be approved by a majority of the lodges before being voted on by next year's Communication, except to accept it for such necessary action since it had been proposed also by five members.

R. W. AMIDON: If that is understood, all of those in favor of what the Jurisprudence Committee wants to do with it, vote the usual sign of a Mason. Down hands. Those opposed same sign. We accept your decision not to do anything.

Recommendation No. II

1) That Section 1-201 Bylaws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"Sec.1-201. GRAND SECRETARY. The Grand Secretary shall record the transactions of the Grand Lodge; shall personally attend each communication; shall have charge of all records, supplies, jewels, certificates, documents and seal of the Grand Lodge; shall see to the receipt, deposit and strict accounting of all monies of the Grand Lodge in such amounts as designated by the Grand Trustees; shall pay out such monies on orders regularly issued and signed by the Grand Master; shall see to the drawing of orders, affixing the seal, conducting the correspondence, and preparing and authenticating diplomas as directed by the membership of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Master; shall see that all diplomas are executed with the proper date, seal, given names and signatures; shall be ex officio Fraternal Relations; shall see to the keeping of a record of all those rejected, suspended and expelled and shall publish or circulate them only as directed by the membership of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master; shall notify each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the 20th day of March of each year and shall close all accounts of subordinate lodges on the 1st day of May of each year; shall give a performance bond guaranteed by an approved surety company in an amount determined by the Appropriations Committee; provided, that the amount is at least the sum of \$200,000.00 and the cost is paid by the Grand Lodge; shall examine and correct the annual reports of the subordinate lodges; shall submit a tabular abstract of the condition of the craft; and upon the installation of his successor he shall transfer to him all books, records, accounts, supplies, jewels, certificates and documents in his charge.

“The Grand Secretary shall devote such time as his duties may require for the efficient and prompt completion of the business, affairs, and programs of the Grand Lodge and the promotion of Masonry. The Grand Secretary and any full-time employee shall not use the Grand Lodge Office, its facilities and equipment for the use and benefit of any organization, association, club or corporation, except the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and its subordinate lodges.

“The Grand Secretary shall receive as compensation for his services such amount as determined by the Appropriations Committee and approved by the membership of the Grand Lodge.”

2) That Section 1-201:01 Bylaws of the Grand Lodge be repealed.

M.:W.: BUMP: Recommendation No. II. The Jurisprudence Committee recommends approval of the Bylaw change that the Secretary would not be a full-time employee of the Grand Lodge, and also recommended that along with this Bylaw change that Sec. 1-401C which deals with the Secretary as Secretary of the Board of Trustees be changed so that the Grand Secretary would not be secretary of the Board of Trustees at their meetings and also where the Secretary was listed as “ex officio fraternal relations,” we assume that means ex officio member of fraternal relations committee, that this language remain. I move for the adoption of the approval of the Grand Master’s recommendation No. II with those amendments.

R.:W.: AMIDON: Is there a second? Is there any discussion? Call for the question. All those in favor vote by the usual sign of a Mason voting. Down hands. Opposed—same sign. Motion carried by majority.

Recommendation No. III

1. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska does hereby authorize the Nebraska Masonic Foundation to proceed immediately to raise funds by way of gifts, grants or bequests to said foundation and to construct the proposed Nebraska Masonic Center upon the site located on the southeast corner of Sixteenth and L Streets in Lincoln, Nebraska.

2. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska does hereby agree to and is desirous of occupying space in the Nebraska Masonic Center for the purposes of housing the offices of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

M.:W.: BUMP: Recommendation No. III. The Jurisprudence Committee recommends approval of the Grand Master’s Recommendation No. III, which would authorize the Nebraska Masonic Foundation to raise funds by way of gifts, grants or bequests and to construct the proposed Nebraska Masonic Center at a site on the southeast corner of 16th and L Streets in Lincoln, and to confirm the option granted by the property owned for 10 years, by adding the following item to the Recommendation: “3. Confirm the option granted by the property owned to purchase the site at 16th and L

Street." I move adoption of this Recommendation. Second from the floor.

Considerable discussion then followed between the floor and the Chair regarding the adoption by the Grand Lodge of the Grand Master's Recommendations at last year's Annual Communication at Kearney, and this Recommendation.

R. W. . AMIDON: We have a call for the question. All those in favor of the motion to approve the Grand Master's Recommendation No. III as approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, vote by the usual sign of a Mason. Down hands. Opposed. The ayes have it.

Recommendation No. IV

That the Nebraska Masonic Foundation as constituted and filed within the State of Nebraska is hereby approved by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

M. W. . BUMP: The Jurisprudence Committee recommends that Recommendation No. IV of the Grand Master be approved, and I move for its adoption. Second from the floor.

R. W. . AMIDON: It has been moved and seconded that Recommendation No. IV recommended by the Grand Master be approved. All those in favor vote by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Down hands. Opposed, same sign. The ayes have it.

Recommendation No. V

Regulations for the use and control of a key or cipher in the event a Resolution is adopted by the Grand Lodge permitting the use of a key or cipher for ritualistic work, by an amendment to Section 3-102 G. (See full Recommendation in Grand Master's Address)

M. W. . BUMP: It was the understanding of the Jurisprudence Committee that if the Resolution to approve the use of a key or cipher was approved by this Grand Lodge there would be a need for some regulations as to its use and control, and the committee was ready to approve the Grand Master's recommendation for that use and control for the first 5 of those recommendations, however, since that Resolution was defeated and it did not pass, it is not necessary for the Jurisprudence Committee to make any approval or disapproval as to Recommendation No. V.

R. W. . AMIDON: May I ask our W. . Brother our parliamentarian, if it's proper for the W. . Grand Master to withdraw his recommendation at this time.

M. W. . BUMP: I don't think he needs to.

M. W. . METCALF: As Grand Master, I withdraw Recommendation No. V.

R. W. . AMIDON: Therefore, we will not be voting on Recommendation No. V.

M.'W.'. BUMP: With that the Jurisprudence Committee closes this report with a thank you to all of the committees that worked very hard last year to get these things ready for the Grand Master, and gives its vote of thanks to the Grand Master for the work that he has done, and it is like I told you yesterday, we closed in peace and harmony, and today we close in peace and harmony, and I thank you, brethern, for listening to this committee report.

**THE GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M. OF NEBRASKA
128th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD**

ALBERT A. WISE

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, visiting Grand Lodge Officers from other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, Brethren all.

Last year, in Kearney at the 127th Grand Lodge session, I touched upon how we visit various cemeteries and celebrate Memorial Day.

This year just a few short weeks ago, another Memorial Day came and went. I too traveled back to my home town, where I attended the services at the cemetery, but this year I did something different. I sat back and watched the people. I couldn't help wondering how in their own way these people were going to remember their loved ones.

I started to wander through the grave markers, and I listened to some of the different conversations, as the people stood by their family graves. A number of conversations were about how pretty the flowers were, and who put them on the graves, but the thing that I didn't hear was the name of the loved one who was buried in the grave, or what this loved one meant to them in life. Was this their way of remembering their loved one, by who left the pretty flowers?

As I watched these people, they would walk around the grave site, being very careful not to step on the grave itself, but when they left the grave site, again being very careful not to step on the grave, they would walk right over the grave of someone else's loved one; is this remembering?

Do not get me wrong; all who I watched that day didn't act this way. I saw a little elderly lady on her knees praying by a grave. I watched this very beautiful site for sometime, until what appeared to be her grown children approaching. They helped the elderly lady to her feet and led her to a waiting car, where she got in and they left the cemetery. After they left I went to the grave where the lady had been praying. I looked down at the grave stone, and I saw the name of her husband who had passed away a few years before. Her name was also engraved on the stone along with her date of birth. I turned and walked away, and I couldn't help wondering what the elderly lady had said in her prayer; but she remembered.

I also saw a younger lady sitting in a car. She appeared to be just scan-

ning the cemetery for something or someone. The tears were rolling down her face. Was it a loved one, or a friend; but she was remembering.

I finally made it to the grave of my grandfather, where I found someone had placed some pretty flowers on his grave; so I knew my grandfather had been remembered. I stood there looking down at the grave remembering how he was in life. I loved my grandfather then as I love my father now. I remember how much I missed him when he passed away. He wasn't a mason but he had all the qualifications to be a good mason. I just wanted to remember him.

My Brethren; this is what it is all about: **Remembering**. Therefore, we must remember and celebrate this Memorial Service for our departed Brothers here at the 128th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

But what is a Memorial? Webster defines Memorial as "anything to help people to remember some person or event."

Let us take a look at this definition and examine it to see if we can apply it to us as masons or to our fraternity.

- 1st The word ANYTHING, would refer to the Memorial service we are conducting here today.
- 2nd The word PEOPLE, would refer to us as masons.
- 3rd The word REMEMBER, would refer to our memorializing our departed brothers.
- 4th The word PERSON, would refer to our departed brothers.
- 5th The word EVENT, would refer to the passing of our departed brother.

So you see this definition does fall into the realm of our Memorial Service. We can take this definition a little further. Masons do not think a Memorial Service as a time to mourn, but a time to remember.

Brethren let us pray, Brother Grand Chaplin.

There were reported to the Office of the Grand Secretary, the reported deaths of 25 Grand Masters, four Grand Lodge Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions. Of those reported deaths, 12 Grand Masters, one Grand Lodge Officer, was outside of the boundries of the United States. The total number of deaths of Masons in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for the year of 1984-85, ending June 5, 1985, was 900 Brethren, including one Past Grand Master.

The reading of the Masonic Roll of M. W. Brother John F. Futcher.

JOHN F. FUTCHER

Grand Master

June 8, 1960 to June 7, 1961

if030Born December 31, 1903

Died July 11, 1984

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Moline, Illinois

Ancient Craft: Raised in Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, in 1945 and served as Worshipful Master.

Grand Lodge: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M. W. Herbert T. White on June 9, 1955 and on June 8, 1960 installed as M. W. Grand Master. Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey on July 21, 1955 by M. W. Herbert T. White.

Capitular Masonry: Member of Delta Chapter No. 60, R.A.M., Omaha, since January 26, 1953.

Cryptic Masonry: Received the Degrees in Omaha Council No. 1 on December 4, 1956.

Chivalric Masonry: Received the Order of the Temple on March 23, 1956, in Mount Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha.

Appendent Bodies: Officer Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite, Omaha; Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay.

M. W. Brother Futcher was a member of the Dundee Presbyterian Church, where he served on the Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees. He served as Chairman of the Boy Scout Troop, member of the Community Chest, Council of Churches, member of the Douglas County Tax Payers Association, was Vice-President and Investment Manager of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, was a Past Officer of the National Fraternal Investment Association, Member of a committee on Valuation of Securities of the National Fraternal Congress, Director of Corporations, Past Secretary of the University of Michigan Club of Omaha, Member of the Board of Directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. He entered private practice of Law in 1932 and joined the Law Department of the Federal Land Bank. In 1934 he joined the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society Law Department.

Nebraska Masonry was indeed fortunate to have had as its Grand Master M. W. John F. Futcher. His untiring efforts in behalf of the craft in all aspects, not only in Nebraska, but Nationally, shows his profound love for the institution. It also demonstrates that Masons, by deeds and actions, must set a worthy example to the citizenry everywhere.

M. W. Brother Futcher demonstrated his leadership qualities and Nebraska Masonry is truly thankful for his outstanding contribution.

My Brethren, it would be most appropriate, suitable and very thoughtful for this Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons to pause in its labors, and devote a quiet moment to the memory of our departed brethren. I would ask that all the Brethren here in the Lodge Room stop what you are doing, arise to your feet, and let your minds and thoughts wander back in time and revive memories of a departed brother.

In this moment of Memorial we seek to divest our minds of superfluous

wanderings and occupations and think of the Worshipful and Honorable Brethren whose years have gone by, and whose working tools have dropped from their hands, and their trestle board of life shows no designs; and are now clothed with the Celestial Garments of Ever Lasting Life; and have given a final account of their labors to the Supreme Architect of the Universe; and have been paid their Masonic Wages.

We thus come to the end of another Memorial Service. We will all someday receive our Masonic Wages for our labors, but we must remember, "Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic Wages in Gold and Silver will be disappointed. The wages of a mason are earned and paid with their dealings with one another. Sympathy begets sympathy; kindness begets kindness; helpfulness begets helpfulness; and these are the wages of a mason. Therefore, we as masons must earn our Masonic Wages in the spirit of Brotherhood, Love, and Fellowship to our Fraternity.

Brethren let us pray, Brother Grand Chaplin.

Fraternally Submitted,
Albert A. Wise, Chairman

EMICK SCHOLARSHIPS REPORT

DONALD 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 1983-1984 college year.

Brother Glenn O. Emick is a 68 year member of Samaritan Lodge No. 158 at Chadron, having been raised to the sublime degree of a 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.

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 Masters 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 Doctors 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. Retiring 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, Ala., 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 its "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 could 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.

The following persons were each granted a \$1,000 Emick Masonic Youth Scholarship for the 1984-1985 term.

Andrews Giles Meade, a senior at Chadron State College, is from Alliance, Neb. His major areas of study are chemistry, physics and mathematics. While associated with the Alliance Chapter of DeMolay, he was a member in Initiatory Degree teams which won the Nebraska State DeMolay Ritual Competition six times. He won individual honors as the winner of the Nebraska DeMolay Flower Talk competition. He was also active in the Ak-Sar-Ben Priory of the Order of Knighthood.

Pamela J. Watts, a junior at Kearney State College, is from Ansley, Neb. She has held all major offices in Bethel No. 23 at Ansley, including Honored Queen. Twice she has participated in the Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter pageant. She served as Grand Bethel Guide at Grand Bethel in North Platte in 1982. She also participated in Grand Bethel in Columbus (1980), Norfolk (1981), Omaha (1983), and Grand Island (1984). She was a recipient of the Mick Memorial Scholarship in 1982 and 1984.

Brett Huston, a sophomore at Peru State College, is from Omaha,

Neb., where he was an active member of the Imperial Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He held the offices of Second Presentor, Scribe-Treasurer, Senior Councilor at the age of 15. He completed the Leadership correspondence course and is a Representative DeMolay. He has recently become a Chevalier. He is a past Rainbow Beau of Benson Diana Assembly No. 2 in Omaha. In 1980 he won the Nebraska State Competition in the Ceremony of Lights.

Deann Clyde, a senior at Wayne State College, is from O'Neill, Neb., where she was active in Assembly No. 31 Order of Rainbow Girls. She has served the assembly twice as Worthy Advisor. She is a member of the Grand Cross of Color and participated for two years in the initiation ceremony at Grand Assembly. She served as Grand Representative to Virginia and Massachusetts and as Grand Immortality in 1982-83. She received her Majority at Grand Assembly in 1983, and she was a recipient of the Grand Lodge Scholarship in 1981.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

DONALD R. WHITE

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 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.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald R. White, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

MELVIN E. HATFIELD

Please permit me to preface my report with the following remarks.

It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of our Chairman, W. Paul L. Toombs. I had served with him on this Committee for a number of

years. He was a good and faithful servant and will be sorely missed by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the members of this Committee and all those who knew him.

Your Committee on Relief has had an uneventful and routine year and made the following expenditures.

1. Annuity for Zelda Mead, \$25.00 per month.....	\$ 300.00
2. Flood Relief DeWitt Lodge No. 111, A.F. & A.M.	500.00
3. Masonic Service Association for Chili Relief	1,000.00
	\$1,800.00

We thank the Grand Master for having been appointed and your Committee stands ready to serve when requested to do so.

Melvin E. Hatfield, Chairman

BRIEF HISTORY OF MASONIC RESEARCH GROUPS IN NEBRASKA

LYNN ALEXANDER

On December 30, 1980, four Master Masons met at the Home of Brother J. Eugene P. Jorgenson in Lincoln, Nebraska for the purpose of discussing the state of Masonic research in Nebraska. The brothers at that meeting were Worshipful Brother William G. Hurst, Brother Lynn Alexander, Brother J. Eugene P. Jorgensen, and Worshipful Brother Maynard Tatelman. All the brothers at that meeting were concerned that there was no Masonic Research organization in Nebraska. The history of Masonry in the jurisdiction parallels the settlement of the territory, and is intimately intertwined with the history of the State of Nebraska. The Brothers knew that all the lodges in Nebraska had rich heritage and it was largely unrecorded. Artifacts of Masonic history were stored in closets and attics around the state. No program existed for the preservation and collection of that history. Noting that most Masonic jurisdictions around the world had organizations dedicated to Masonic research and history, the brothers at that meeting resolved to form the first Nebraska Masonic research organization.

The brethren immediately began to work on the project. At the second meeting on February 17, 1981, Articles of Association were adopted. The organization would be called The Nebraska Society for Masonic Research. Its first objective would be to collect the history of Freemasonry in Nebraska. The collection would include artifacts and documents as well as books and scholarly papers on Freemasonry in general. All of this work would be shared with Freemasons in the hope that it would increase the love and appreciation of Freemasonry. The Society then made a formal request of the Grand Master that the organization be allowed to use the word "Ma-

sonic'' in its title. Not only did the Grand Master approve, but he invited the Society to make a report at the next Annual Communication, and authorized the Society to solicit membership within the jurisdiction.

The Society grew steadily in membership and attracted the attention of Masons in other jurisdictions. Within a short time, membership included Masons from six other jurisdictions in the United States, and four Masons from foreign countries. One of the first activities of the Society was to assist lodges in performing Table Lodges. This activity generated considerable interest, and the Society was soon invited to participate in Table Lodges around the State. The Society received recognition from the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit educational and historical Society. Thereafter many Masons and families of Masons began to donate artifacts of a Masonic character. The Society collection soon grew to several hundred items.

As the Society grew, it became apparant to the members that there was a need for a formal Masonic Research Lodge in Nebraska. Such a Lodge would be recognized world-wide. The problem however, was that the Grand Lodge Bylaws did not appear to accomodate a special purpose lodge which is what a Lodge of Research would be. The members of the Society researched the matter and corresponded with Research Lodges in other jurisdictions to inquire how they were organized under the Law. After considerable work on the problem, the Society made a proposal for amendment to the Grand Bylaws to the Grand Master. Ultimately the Grand Lodge adopted the amendment, and the lawful number of Master Masons then petitioned the Grand Master for a Dispensation to form the first Lodge of Research in Nebraska.

On July 23, 1984, Grand Master Robert Metcalf delivered a Dispensation for Roscoe Pound Lodge of Research U.D. to B. Lynn Alexander, Secretary of the Nebraska Society for Masonic Research, and of Roscoe Pound Lodge of Research U.D. The dream of establishing Masonic Research in Nebraska was realized. On June 14, 1985, Grand Master Metcalf signed the Charter for Roscoe Pound Lodge of Research No. 329.

Today the two organizations work hand-in-hand to promote Masonic Research, and preserve the history of Freemasonry in Nebraska. The Nebraska Society for Masonic Research continues to be a tax deductible organization and as such is unique among Masonic research organizations in America. The Society and the Lodge work closely with the Grand Lodge in restoring, preserving, and cateloging in the Grand Lodge Archives. This project was especially important during the recent past, when the Grand Lodge moved to Lincoln. When it was time for the move, the Society and the Lodge were able to assist the Grand Lodge in storing and moving the hundreds of historical documents, books, and archives. Membership in either or both of the organizations is open to all Master Masons, a newsletter is published for all members which includes information extracted from other Masonic Publications around the world. The Lodge corresponds with Masonic research organizations in nearly every state, as well as England, Japan, Italy, Denmark, and Germany. Portions of the collection of artifacts is on

display at East Lincoln Lodge 210 in Lincoln. The Society also assembles a traveling display which is shown at various special events around the state during the year. Interested Masons are invited to contact the Secretary, Lynn Alexander at 3701 "O" Street, Suite B-2, Lincoln, NE 68510.

Lynn Alexander, Secretary

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	1	Douglas L. Anderson	—	John F. Holzhey
Western Star	2	Richard C. Carr	Cecil Anderson	Dale Haverty
Capitol	3	David L. Wooters	Gregory L. Gruber	—
Nemaha Valley	4	Stephen C. Kennedy	—	—
Omadi	5	—	—	—
Plattsmouth	6	—	Ronald R. Brandt	Robert J. Piper
Falls City	9	Joseph E. Lutz	—	—
Solomon	10	Ralph N. Perkins, III	—	—
Covert	11	Newell Glenn Smith	Edward D. Phelps	—
Orient	13	—	—	Harold M. Johnson
Peru	14	—	—	—
Fremont	15	Frank Veverka	Richard S. Goble	Karl H. Rasmussen, IV
Tecumseh	17	Wayne C. McCoy	Harold G. Barden	—
Lincoln	19	Charles A. Burk	Donald J. Smith	J. L. Spray
Washington	21	Monte Wulf	Charles J. Mahaffey	—
Pawnee	23	—	—	—
St. Johns	25	H. E. McClenahan, Jr.	William G. Riley, Jr.	Gary D. Lee
Beatrice	26	Frank W. Smith	—	Kenton R. Thomas
Jordan	27	Norbert H. Meyer	—	—
Blue River	30	Dwaine A. Fosler	Lowell E. Sellmeyer	—
Tekamah	31	Ronald Grass	Charles T. Goll	John Hardy
Platte Valley	32	Robert O'Neil	—	—
Ashlar	33	—	—	Henry C. Beatty
Acacia	34	—	Harold R. Ladehoff	—
Fairbury	35	—	—	—
Lone Tree	36	—	E. James Eoff	—
Crete	37	—	—	Rex L. Holtgrewe
Oliver	38	Verlon K. Vrana	Lyle E. Mason	—
Papillion	39	Forrest M. Stowe	Donald L. Grazier	—

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Humboldt	40	_____	_____	_____
Northern Light	41	_____	_____	_____
Hebron	43	_____	_____	_____
Harvard	44	Warren Christensen	_____	_____
Rob Morris	46	Wallace R. Griss	_____	W. Raymond Sack
Fairmont	48	Eugene E. Henning	_____	_____
Evening Star	49	Don C. Bottorf	_____	Wallace Bender
Hastings	50	Eugene V. Dean	Ronald F. Boles	Randall D. Jones
Fidelity	51	Charles H. Welker	_____	_____
Hiram	52	_____	_____	_____
Charity	53	_____	_____	_____
Lancaster	54	Dale E. Walters	J. Dallas Gibson	Roland L. Wallick
Mosaic	55	_____	_____	Wilbur L. McNally
York	56	Fred O. Wyant	_____	_____
Mt. Moriah	57	Roy Bretthorst	_____	_____
Wahoo	59	Lyle D. McKlem	Everette D. Hilfiker	Robert W. Beaman
Melrose	60	_____	_____	_____
Thistle	61	_____	_____	_____
Keystone	62	Eldon K. Hunnicutt	_____	Paul R. Weber
Blue Valley	64	Dennis Q. Aksamit	_____	_____
Osceola	65	_____	_____	_____
Edgar	67	_____	_____	_____
Aurora	68	Ward B. Andrews	_____	_____
Trowel	71	James Dickerson	_____	_____
Hooper	72	Larry D. Ruwe	Donald Hartman	Roger Hunteman
Friend	73	LeRoy Garrels	Wayne W. Yokel	_____
Frank Welch	75	Rodney L. Reeder	Robert L. Drierer	Robert E. Hahn
Nelson	77	Jon P. Littrell	_____	_____
Albion	78	_____	John S. Williams	_____

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Geneva	79	Robert D. Robinson	Marlin A. Domeier	Robert R. Saum
Composite	81	_____	Frank Parish	_____
St. Paul	82	_____	_____	_____
Corinthian	83	_____	_____	_____
Ionic	87	Robert E. Ganz	Paul A. Thierolf	_____
Cedar River	89	Dwight A. Walton	Bruce L. Phillips	_____
Oakland	91	_____	_____	_____
Beaver City	93	_____	_____	_____
Bennett	94	_____	Keith J. Herbster	C. Eric Wenz
Garfiled	95	John D. Truman	_____	_____
Utica	96	Ray E. Cain	_____	_____
Euclid	97	Donald L. Tague	_____	Darryl M. Hunt
Republican	98	_____	_____	_____
Shelton	99	_____	_____	_____
Ponca	101	_____	_____	_____
Waterloo	102	Allan L. Rolfs	James Thomas White	_____
Ord	103	_____	_____	_____
Wymore	104	Lester E. Shalla	_____	_____
Stella	105	_____	_____	_____
Porter	106	_____	_____	_____
Table Rock	108	_____	_____	_____
Pomegranate	110	Loyd A. Starkey	_____	David B. Campbell
DeWitt	111	_____	_____	_____
Springfield	112	_____	_____	_____
Globe	113	_____	_____	_____
Wisner	114	Darryl Frerichs	Dean T. Dinklage	_____
North Bend	119	Michael G. Eason	Richard A. Paden	_____
Wayne	120	John R. Anderson	_____	_____
Superior	121	Donald L. Colgrove	_____	_____

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Auburn	124	_____	_____	_____
Mt. Nebo	125	_____	_____	I. Gene Whitlow
Stromsburg	126	_____	_____	_____
Minden	127	Ervin Siemoneit	_____	_____
Guide Rock	128	Rick J. Hunter	_____	_____
Scribner	132	David Otteman	_____	_____
Solar	134	_____	_____	_____
McCook	135	Francis A. Shafer	William C. Fogle	_____
Long Pine	136	Jackson M. Roark	_____	_____
Upright	137	Ronald Leitschuck	_____	_____
Rawalt	138	Carl F. Eman	_____	_____
Clay Center	139	_____	_____	_____
Western	140	_____	_____	_____
Crescent	143	Kenneth Smiley	_____	Alex Long
Jachin	146	Wilbur R. Gewecke	Edward R. Fowler	_____
Siloam	147	_____	_____	_____
Custer	148	_____	_____	_____
Cambridge	150	_____	_____	_____
Evergreen	153	_____	_____	_____
Lily	154	Harry B. Livings	Marvin E. Mosier	_____
Samaritan	158	_____	Harry E. Waggener	_____
Ogalalla	159	_____	Thomas M. Morrissey	_____
Zeredatha	160	_____	_____	_____
Mt. Zion	161	Ben Wagner	Howard Whitmore	Larry Whitmore
Trestle Board	162	Samuel Edwin Smith	_____	David E. Gravatt
Unity	163	Robert W. Richmond	George O. McKay	_____
Atkinson	164	Merle E. Winings	_____	_____
Barneston	165	Walter F. Manley	_____	_____
Elwood	167	_____	_____	_____

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Curtis	168	_____	_____	_____
Amity	169	_____	_____	_____
Mason City	170	Eugene D. Burns	_____	_____
Robert Burns	173	_____	_____	_____
Culbertson	174	_____	_____	_____
Hay Springs	177	Alan J. Ferrel	Bryan P. Burrows	_____
Justice	180	Walter A. Fries	_____	_____
Faith	181	Roger Plooster	_____	_____
Alliance	183	Kenneth L. Hucke	_____	_____
Bee Hive	184	David H. Williams	Robert Eyman, Jr.	Robert O. Tefft
Boaz	185	_____	_____	_____
Meridian	188	_____	Everett E. McNulty	_____
Granite	189	_____	_____	_____
Crystal	191	Ray L. Salter	_____	_____
Minnekadusa	192	Roger E. Quick	Fred G. Perret	Charles E. Mefferd
Highland	194	Albert Kriks	_____	_____
Arcana	195	_____	_____	Leslie A. Evert
Purity	198	_____	_____	_____
Gavel	199	_____	_____	_____
Blazing Star	200	Charles Haskell	_____	_____
Scotts Bluff	201	William R. Zalman	Danny Runner	John Bays
Golden Sheaf	202	_____	_____	_____
Plainview	202	_____	_____	_____
Golder Fleece	205	_____	Dwight E. Smith	_____
Parian	207	_____	_____	_____
Canopy	209	Richard F. Pratt	_____	_____
East Lincoln	210	Sanford H. Nelson	Henry S. Greenwalt	_____
Cement	211	_____	_____	_____
Palisade	216	_____	_____	Viron E. Baxter

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Wauneta	217	_____	_____	_____
Bloomfield	218	_____	_____	_____
Relief	219	_____	_____	_____
Magnolia	220	_____	Earl E. Carper	_____
Wood Lake	221	_____	_____	_____
Landmark	222	Kenneth R. Jackson	_____	Brent I. Thone
Silver Cord	224	_____	_____	_____
Cable	225	_____	_____	_____
North Star	227	Dennis D. Mundt	Gerald N. Gibson	_____
Bartley	228	_____	_____	_____
Comet	229	Jerry G. Niday	Frederic O. Oltjenbruns	Gerald L. Halling
John S. Bowen	232	Robert F. Wilkins	_____	_____
Gilead	233	_____	_____	_____
Zion	234	_____	_____	Paul I. Nielson
Fraternity	235	_____	Cecil C. Prince	_____
Golden Rule	236	Richard Olesen	_____	_____
Friendship	239	Plin Robotham	_____	_____
Pilot	240	Duane McCleerey	_____	_____
Geo. Armstrong	241	_____	Lloyd C. Hurrell	_____
Hampton	245	_____	_____	_____
Nehawka	246	_____	Mark Nutzman	_____
Laurel	248	Lathan H. Detlefsen	_____	_____
Gothenburg	249	Arlond Garratt	_____	_____
Geo. Washington	250	_____	Eugene Hogan	Thomas W. Bergquist
Wausa	251	_____	_____	_____
Bassett	254	_____	_____	_____
Hickman	256	Donald Northcott	Thomas C. Hale	Joe B. Gray
Anselmo	258	_____	_____	Alvin L. Darby
Ornan	261	Louis Klasna	Charles Luedke	_____

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Endeavor	262	_____	_____	_____
Mitchell	263	_____	_____	_____
Franklin	264	_____	_____	_____
Robt. W. Furnas	265	_____	Charles F. Bohn	_____
Silver	266	Steve L. Carlson	_____	Bruce E. Cowgill
James A Tulleys	267	_____	_____	_____
Geo. W. Liniger	268	John G. West	Richard E. Gilmore	Dudley W. Rinaker
Oasis	271	_____	_____	_____
Olive Branch	274	_____	_____	_____
Sioux	277	_____	_____	_____
Wallace	279	Eric J. Chrisman	_____	_____
Swastika	280	_____	_____	_____
Florence	281	F. Edward LaBreck	_____	Robert O. Liechti
Mullen	282	_____	Gary D. Tuton	_____
Seneca	284	_____	R. H. Eatinger	_____
Camp Clarke	285	Harold L. Chapman	_____	_____
Oshkosh	286	Earl R. Stalnaker	_____	_____
Union	287	Bruce D. Pegler	_____	_____
Omaha	288	Donald C. Scott	Harold P. Loveless	_____
Lotus	289	Verle E. Roberts	Walter R. Forrest	_____
John J. Mercer	290	Monte K. Olmstead	Harold G. Olmstead	V. Kaye Ramsey
Diamond	291	_____	_____	_____
Monument	293	Weldon M. d'Allemand	_____	_____
Kimball	294	Alva E. Pietsch	_____	_____
Minatare	295	_____	_____	_____
Cotner	297	Darrel D. Weers	John H. Laird	_____
Chester	298	_____	_____	_____
Sutherland	299	Larry L. Schufeldt	_____	_____
Liberty	300	_____	Roger E. Miner	_____

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Bayard	301	Floyd Sauer	_____	_____
Mizpah	302	Robert C. Dreibus	Donald R. Bimes	_____
Right Angle	303	Robert A. Slacketka	_____	J. Robert Syme
Newman Grove	305	_____	_____	_____
Golden Rod	306	_____	_____	_____
Perkins	308	Rod Samp	_____	_____
Victory	310	Melvin Hickerson	_____	_____
Polk	311	Robert D. Brazda	Donald E. Lampshire	Alan W. Pickrel
Potter	313	_____	_____	_____
Craftsmen	314	Deon D. Eberly	Alvin A. Grudmayer	Joseph D. Gillam
Alpha	316	Charles E. Stamps	_____	_____
Mid West	317	Scott J. Krieger	_____	_____
Grand Island	318	_____	_____	_____
College View	320	_____	John R. Spealman	_____
Harmony	321	_____	_____	_____
Lebanon	323	Thomas M. Boyer	_____	Paul A. Canaday
Cairo	324	_____	_____	_____
Bellevue	325	Pierre H. Soots, Jr.	_____	Richard L. Nieman
Centennial	326	Philip O. Edwards	Loren L. Loibl	Larry W. Anderson
Shiloh	327	Stephen L. Heater	Leslie Haws	_____
Miloma	328	Don Bush	Sid Bahcock	_____
Roscoe Pound	329	William G. Hurst	_____	_____

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Installed October 14, 1985

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4343 No. 52nd St., Omaha	68104	(402) Bus. 451-8222 Res. 391-2657
R. W. Wayne G. Lueningborg	39	Deputy Grand Master
2202 W. "D", North Platte	69101	(308) Res. 532-0364
R. W. Paul R. Eveland	119	Grand Senior Warden
Rt. 1, Ames	68621	(402) Res. 721-3298
R. W. Thomas W. Tye	46	Grand Junior Warden
Box 636, Kearney	68847	(308) Bus. 237-3155 Res. 236-5179
R. W. Paul R. Pierce, PGM	50	Grand Secretary
635 So. 14th St., Lincoln	68608	(402) Bus. 475-4640
518 Oswego Ave., Hastings	68901	Res. 462-5576
V. W. John F. Dale	135	Grand Chaplain
508 Elizabeth Lane, McCook	69001	(308) Bus. 345-2672 Res. 345-3524
W. Arthur R. Sharp	54	Grand Orator
7161 Englewood Dr., Lincoln	68510	(402) Bus. 476-5708 Res. 489-4654
W. Albert T. Reddish	183	Grand Historian
Box 133, Alliance	69301	(308) Bus. 762-1710 Res. 762-5215
W. Jerry L. Rittenburg	210	Grand Custodian
855 So. 36th St., Lincoln	68502	(402) Bus. 473-2496 Res. 435-3940
W. James L. Eatmon	294	Grand Marshal
5 Crestwood Dr., Kimball	69145	(308) Bus. 235-2810 Res. 235-2941
W. John M. McHenry	19	Grand Senior Deacon
211 Executive Bldg., Lincoln	68508	(402) Bus. 476-3776 Res. 423-2154
W. James N. DeMoss	325	Grand Junior Deacon
612 No. 3rd, Bellevue	68005	(402) Bus. 333-9100 Res. 734-2866
W. James C. Gathmann	327	Grand Tyler
3387 So. 114th Ave., Omaha	68144	(402) Bus. 449-8037 Res. 333-3700

VETERAN SECRETARIES

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

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

Who Have Attended Grand Lodge
21 Years or More

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

WE HAVE SET APART THESE PAGES DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE PASSED BEYOND THE VEIL

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR	SERVED
Robert C. Jordan	Jan. 9, 1899	3	(1st)	1857-58-59
George Armstrong	Nov. 12, 1896	3	(2nd)	1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler	Nov. 27, 1912	6	(3rd)	1863-64
Robert W. Furnas	June 1, 1905	4	(4th)	1865-66
Orsamus H. Irish	Jan. 27, 1883	5	(5th)	1867-68
Harry P. Deuel	Nov. 23, 1914	11	(6th)	1869-70
William E. Hill	Dec. 29, 1917	2	(7th)	1871-72
Martin Dunham	Feb. 18, 1915	3	(8th)	1873
Frank Welch	Sept. 4, 1878	27	(9th)	1874
Alfred G. Hastings	July 10, 1894	19	(10th)	1875
George H. Thummel	Feb. 5, 1932	33	(11th)	1876
George W. Lininger	June 8, 1907	3	(12th)	1877
Edward K. Valentine	April 11, 1916	27	(13th)	1878
Rolland H. Oakley	Feb. 2, 1904	19	(14th)	1879
James A. Tulleys	Jan. 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

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	8, 1925	5	(36th)	1901
Nathaniel M. Ayers	Nov.	19, 1913	93	(37th)	1902
Frank E. Bullard	Jan.	31, 1933	32	(38th)	1903
Charles E. Burnham	May	29, 1933	55	(39th)	1904
Melville R. Hopewell	May	2, 1911	31	(40th)	1905
Zuingle M. Baird	Dec.	17, 1916	155	(41st)	1906
Ornan J. King	Dec.	26, 1927	54	(42nd)	1907
William A. DeBord	May	17, 1916	3	(43rd)	1908
Michael Dowling	May	5, 1921	119	(44th)	1909
Harry A. Cheney	June	27, 1948	100	(45th)	1910
Henry Gibbons	Aug.	22, 1923	46	(46th)	1911
James R. Cain, Jr.	Sept.	3, 1950	105	(47th)	1912
Alpha Morgan	April	17, 1924	148	(48th)	1913
Thomas M. Davis	Aug.	12, 1919	93	(49th)	1914
Samuel S. Whiting	Aug.	11, 1931	54	(50th)	1915
Andrew H. Viele	May	9, 1941	55	(51st)	1916
Frederic L. Temple	Aug.	13, 1944	61	(52nd)	1917
Ambrose C. Epperson	Mar.	16, 1944	139	(53rd)	1918
John J. Tooley	July	31, 1934	258	(54th)	1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg	June	14, 1950	3	(55th)	1920
Lewis E. Smith	July	10, 1965	136	(56th)	1921
Edward M. Wellman	Aug.	31, 1922	1	(57th)	1922
Charles A. Chappell	Nov.	21, 1971	127	(58th)	1923
Robert R. Dickson	June	18, 1941	95	(59th)	1924
John Wright	Oct.	29, 1936	19	(60th)	1925
Edwin D. Crites	Nov.	7, 1953	158	(61st)	1926
Albert R. Davis	Mar.	7, 1929	120	(62nd)	1927
Frank H. Woodland	Oct.	23, 1940	25	(63rd)	1928
Ira C. Freet	Oct.	13, 1944	56	(64th)	1929
Orville A. Andrews	Oct.	16, 1936	19	(65th)	1930
John R. Tapster	Mar.	21, 1954	119	(66th)	1931
Edwin R. Johnston	Feb.	11, 1933	33	(67th)	1932
Ralph O. Canaday	Oct.	7, 1970	50	(68th)	1933
Archie M. Smith	May	8, 1950	203	(69th)	1933
Virgil R. Johnson	Aug.	7, 1956	26	(70th)	1934
William C. Ramsey	May	19, 1938	268	(71st)	1935
Chancellor A. Philips	Sept.	12, 1968	150	(72nd)	1936
William A. Robertson	July	3, 1944	6	(73rd)	1937
Walter R. Raecke	April	9, 1960	36	(74th)	1938
William J. Breckenridge	Nov.	16, 1951	317	(75th)	1939
Earl J. Lee	Dec.	15, 1963	15	(76th)	1940
Edward F. Carter	Dec.	21, 1981	201	(77th)	1941

George A. Kurk	May	4, 1977	54	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner	June	13, 1975	9	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper	Feb.	12, 1977	148	(80th)	1944-45
Edward Huwaldt	Feb.	14, 1977	318	(82nd)	1947
Elmer E. Magee	Mar.	19, 1975	227	(83rd)	1948
Roscoe Pound	July	1, 1964	54	Honorary	1949
Ernest S. Schiefelbein	April	20, 1959	59	(84th)	1949
John S. Hedelund	Jan.	30, 1962	268	(85th)	1950
Edward M. Knight	Mar.	3, 1983	183	(87th)	1952
Fay Smith	Oct.	2, 1968	198	(88th)	1953
Charles F. Adams	April	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
John F. Futcher	July	11, 1984	290	(95th)	1960
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov.	10, 1965	120	(98th)	1963
John A. Bottorf	Feb.	2, 1984	49	(102nd)	1967
Norris W. Lallman	Mar.	3, 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
Harold C. Wurdeman	June	21, 1985	323	(116th)	1981

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BENJAMIN F. EYRE, 1	(81st)	... 1946
Masonic Home, No. 305, Plattsmouth 68048		
THOMAS J. ARON, 37	(86th)	... 1951
1013 Boswell, Crete 68333		
MERLE M. HALE, 54	(91st)	... 1956
1410 Kingston Road, Lincoln 68510		
JOSEPH C. TYE, 46	(94th)	... 1959
Box 636, Kearney 68847		
HERBERT A. RONIN, 210	(96th)	... 1961
4645 Bryan Circle, Lincoln 68506		
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 South 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		

RUSSELL L. FICKES, 33	(106th)	... 1971
1022 West 8th Street, Grand Island 68801		
FRANK J. MATTOON, 75	(108th)	... 1973
2613 El Rancho Road, Sidney 69162		
DONALD R. SWANSON, 54.	(109th)	... 1974
1615 South 44th, Lincoln 68506		
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260 Skyline Drive, Elkhorn 68022		
T. LEO STINES, 36	(111th)	... 1976
R.F.D. No. 1, Central City 68826		
JACK H. HENDRIX, 174	(113th)	... 1978
506 North 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		
PAUL R. PIERCE, 50.	(117th)	... 1982
518 Oswego, Hastings 68901		
BEVIN B. BUMP, 158	(118th)	... 1983
Box 1140, Chadron 69337		
CARL R. GREISEN, 32	(HONORARY)	... 1966
P.O. Box 1684, Sun City, AZ 85372		

GRAND SECRETARIES

*GEORGE ARMSTRONG	Sept. 23, 1857	to	June 2, 1858
*ROBERT W. FURNAS	June 2, 1858	to	June 4, 1862
*ROBERT C. JORDAN	June 4, 1862	to	June 24, 1863
*STEPHEN D. BANGS	June 24, 1863	to	June 24, 1865
*J. NEWTON WISE.	June 24, 1865	to	Oct. 27, 1869
*ROBERT W. FURNAS.	Oct. 27, 1869	to	June 21, 1872
*WILLIAM R. BOWEN.	June 21, 1872	to	May 6, 1899
*FRANCIS E. WHITE.	June 9, 1899	to	June 11, 1925
*LEWIS E. SMITH	June 11, 1925	to	June 6, 1946
CARL R. GREISEN	June 7, 1946	to	June 6, 1968
*ROBERT W. COOK.	June 6, 1968	to	April 5, 1969
*NORRIS W. LALLMAN	June 4, 1969	to	June 13, 1981
RALPH W. GERRY	June 13, 1981	to	June 15, 1985
PAUL R. PIERCE.			June 15, 1985

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Brazil, Matto Grasso	Moacyr Do Como	Caiza Postal 130, Campo Grande
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Canada	Robert E. Davis	Box 217, Hamilton, Ontario
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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED		CHARTERED	
Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	February	3, 55	Oct.	3, 55 *1
Western Star	No. 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	May	10, 55	May	28, 56 *2
Capitol	No. 3	Omaha	Douglas	January	9, 57	June	3, 57 *3
Nemaha Valley	No. 4	Brownville	Nemaha	December	15, 57	June	2, 58
Omadi	No. 5	Dakota City	Dakota	January	18, 58	June	2, 58
Plattsmouth	No. 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	January	18, 58	June	2, 58
Falls City	No. 9	Falls City	Richardson	October	4, 64	June	23, 65
Solomon	No. 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	August	15, 65	June	22, 66
Covert	No. 11	Omaha	Douglas	July	24, 65	June	22, 66
Orient	No. 13	Rulo	Richardson	June	23, 66	June	19, 67
Peru	No. 14	Peru	Nemaha	May	23, 67	June	19, 67
Fremont	No. 15	Fremont	Dodge	July	3, 66	June	20, 67
Tecumseh	No. 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	December	7, 67	Oct.	28, 68
Lincoln	No. 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	May	4, 68	June	25, 68
Washington	No. 21	Blair	Washington	February	24, 68	June	25, 68
Pawnee	No. 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	January	4, 69	Oct.	28, 69
St. Johns	No. 25	Omaha	Douglas	May	28, 69	Oct.	28, 69
Beatrice	No. 26	Beatrice	Gage	March	23, 70	June	22, 70
Jordan	No. 27	West Point	Cuming	December	25, 69	June	23, 70
Blue River	No. 30	Milford	Seward	April	25, 70	June	23, 70
Tekamah	No. 31	Tekamah	Burt	August	19, 69	June	23, 70
Platte Valley	No. 32	North Platte	Lincoln	January	15, 70	June	23, 70
Ashlar	No. 33	Grand Island	Hall	August	11, 70	June	22, 71
Acacia	No. 34	Schuyler	Colfax	July	18, 70	June	19, 72
Fairbury	No. 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	June	30, 71	June	19, 72
Lone Tree	No. 36	Central City	Merrick	August	9, 71	June	19, 72
Crete	No. 37	Crete	Saline	January	8, 72	June	19, 72
Oliver	No. 38	Seward	Seward	July	25, 71	June	18, 73
Papillion	No. 39	Papillion	Sarpy	November	18, 72	June	18, 73

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

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

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

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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Granite	No. 189	Gibbon	Buffalo	February 18, 89	June 20, 89
Crystal	No. 191	Scotia	Greeley	August 7, 89	June 20, 90
Minnekadusa	No. 192	Valentine	Cherry	August 15, 89	June 20, 90
Highland	No. 194	Cortland	Gage	September 21, 89	June 20, 90
Arcana	No. 195	Gordon	Sheridan	October 17, 89	June 20, 90
Purity	No. 198	Imperial	Chase	December 24, 89	June 20, 90
Gavel	No. 199	Carleton	Thayer	July 20, 89	June 18, 91
Blazing Star	No. 200	Burwell	Garfield	August 5, 90	June 18, 91
Scotts Bluff	No. 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	August 8, 90	June 18, 91
Golden Sheaf	No. 202	Randolph	Cedar	August 29, 90	June 18, 91
Plainview	No. 204	Plainview	Pierce	September 1, 90	June 18, 91
Golden Fleece	No. 205	Chappell	Deuel	September 2, 90	June 18, 91
Parian	No. 207	Callaway	Custer	January 31, 91	June 18, 91
Canopy	No. 209	Elmwood	Cass	September 4, 91	June 16, 92
East Lincoln	No. 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	November 5, 91	June 16, 92
Cement	No. 211	Wood River	Hall	November 27, 91	June 16, 92
Occidental	No. 215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	July 16, 92	June 15, 93
Palisade	No. 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	July 18, 92	June 15, 93
Wauneta	No. 217	Wauneta	Chase	December 7, 92	June 15, 93
Bloomfield	No. 218	Bloomfield	Knox	January 18, 93	June 15, 93
Relief	No. 219	Coleridge	Cedar	January 19, 93	June 15, 93
Magnolia	No. 220	Emerson	Dixon	January 21, 93	June 15, 93
Wood Lake	No. 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	September 22, 92	June 21, 94

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

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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Kimball	No. 294	Kimball	Kimball	June 10, 15	June 7, 16
Minatare	No. 295	Minatare	Scottsbluff	June 10, 15	June 7, 16
Cotner	No. 297	Lincoln	Lancaster	June 15, 17	June 5, 18
Chester	No. 298	Chester	Thayer	June 27, 17	June 5, 18
Sutherland	No. 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	June 23, 17	June 5, 18
Liberty	No. 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	January 10, 18	June 5, 18
Bayard	No. 301	Bayard	Morrill	January 19, 18	June 5, 18
Mizpah	No. 302	Omaha	Douglas	November 12, 18	June 4, 19
Right Angle	No. 303	Omaha	Douglas	September 24, 19	June 9, 20
Newman Grove	No. 305	Newman Grove	Madison	January 14, 20	June 9, 20
Golden Rod	No. 306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	August 19, 20	June 8, 21
Perkins	No. 308	Grant	Perkins	December 1, 20	June 8, 21
Victory	No. 310	Valley	Douglas	December 27, 20	June 8, 21
Polk	No. 311	Polk	Polk	January 4, 21	June 8, 21
Potter	No. 313	Potter	Cheyenne	September 10, 21	June 7, 22
Craftsmen	No. 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	March 22, 22	June 5, 23
Alpha	No. 316	South Sioux City	Dakota	January 27, 25	June 10, 25
Mid-West	No. 317	Hastings	Adams	January 8, 25	June 10, 25
Grand Island	No. 318	Grand Island	Hall	April 1, 25	June 9, 26
College View	No. 320	Lincoln	Lancaster	July 1, 27	June 6, 28
Harmony	No. 321	Dalton	Cheyenne	February 21, 28	June 5, 29
Lebanon	No. 323	Columbus	Platte	November 14, 28	June 5, 29
Cairo	No. 324	Cairo	Hall	January 16, 36	June 8, 37
Bellevue	No. 325	Bellevue	Sarpy	March 5, 55	June 8, 55
Centennial	No. 326	Omaha	Douglas	November 26, 55	June 6, 56
Shiloh	No. 327	Omaha	Douglas	September 3, 65	June 10, 66
Miloma	No. 328	Omaha	Douglas	January 19, 72	June 28, 72
Roscoe Pound Research Lodge	No. 329	Lincoln	Lancaster		June 14, 85

**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. S. D.	Central City, Colorado . . Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannack City, U. S. D.	Bannack City, Idaho . . Instituted April 1863, or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U. S. D.	United States Army . . Instituted July 30, 1863. Be- came extinct, prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U. S. D.	Nevada City, Idaho . . Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28	South Pass City, Wyoming . . Instituted Novem- ber 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 Jewell 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, Sept. 9, 1966.
- Valley No. 157** Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93,
Mar. 8, 1966.
- Ruskin No. 304** Ruskin with Nelson No. 77,
Sept. 23, 1966.
- Morning Star No. 197** Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126,
Stromsburg, Dec. 9, 1967.
- Cornerstone No. 247** Osmond with Plainview No. 204,
Plainview, Dec. 12, 1967.
- Kenesaw No. 144** Kenesaw with Midwest No. 317,
Hastings, Jan. 13, 1968.
- Blue Hill No. 129** Blue Hill with Midwest No. 317,
Hastings, 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, Sept. 9, 1969.
- Elm Creek No. 133** Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267,
Overton, Mar. 17, 1970.
- Naphali No. 206** Diller with Fairbury No. 35,
Fairbury, Mar. 23, 1970.
- Alexandria No. 74** Alexandria with Hebron No. 43,
Hebron, Sept. 10, 1970.
- Pythagoras No. 156** Ewing with Diamond No. 291,
Orchard, Dec. 4, 1970.
- Grace No. 226** Wilcox with Jachin No. 146,
Holdrege, May 11, 1971.
- Wolbach No. 292** Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82,
St. Paul, Dec. 23, 1971.
- Tyrian No. 243** Oak with Nelson No. 77,
Nelson, June 9, 1972.
- Mystic Tie No. 166** Tilden with Trowel No. 71,
Neligh, June 12, 1972.
- Roman Eagle No. 203** Pender with Bancroft No. 145,
Bancroft, April 20, 1973.
- Amethyst No. 190** Stapleton with Cable No. 225,
Arnold, 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, Mar. 20, 1974.
- Mt. Hermon No. 231** Cook with Tecumseh No. 17,
Tecumseh, Mar. 15, 1974.
- Winnebago No. 309** Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274,
Walthill, Dec. 3, 1974.
- Temple No. 175** Filley with Tecumseh No. 17,
Tecumseh, Mar. 26, 1975.
- Beemer No. 253** Beemer with Wisner No. 114,
Wisner, June 17, 1975.
- Signet No. 193** Leigh with Northern Star No. 41,
Stanton, Feb. 20, 1976.
- Plumblin 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.
- Lee P. Gillette No. 272** Dunbar with Western Star No. 2,
Nebraska City, Jan. 18, 1985.
- Occidental No. 215** Cedar Bluffs with Fremont No. 15,
Fremont, March 28, 1985

NAME & LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 - Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 - Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 - Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 - Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 - Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 - Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macoy No. 22 - Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 - Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 - Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 - Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 - Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 - First	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 - Ulysses	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 - Waco	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
Israel No. 187 - Ulysses	December 18, 1956
Gauge No. 208 - Arcadia	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213 - Miller	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238 - Crab Orchard	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242 - Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244 - Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Springview No. 260 - Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270 - Huntley	June 7, 1939
Holbrook No. 257 - Holbrook	June 11, 1959
Exeter No. 283 - Exeter	December 16, 1952
Cowles No. 296 - Cowles	December 31, 1946
William E. Hill No. 307 - Otoe	December 15, 1964

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Wade H. Brown	Birmingham	Apr. 13, 1976	Alabama	Victor D. Hunt, 62	Phillips	Apr. 29, 1977
Wayne G. Coleman	Kodiak	Mar. 30, 1982	Alaska	Byron C. Jenkins, 325	Omaha	Mar. 8, 1982
T. W. Smallwood	Edmonton		Alberta	Edward H. Lockwood, 265	Hastings	Dec. 15, 1959
Jose Gonzalez Ledo		Jan. 10, 1964	Argentina	Robert A. Metcalf, 210	Lincoln	Mar. 14, 1979
Ralph P. Faulkner	Avondale	Aug. 22, 1983	Arizona	Robert E. Kyes, 36	Central City	Sept. 3, 1976
Frank A. Smith	Little Rock	Jan. 27, 1958	Arkansas	Bevin B. Bump, 158	Chadron	July 1, 1974
Hugo Barber	Vienna	Mar. 22, 1951	Austria	O. Robert H. Beezley, 250	Lincoln	Apr. 21, 1965
Alfonso Reyes		Aug. 13, 1963	Belgium	L. L. Haddix, 36	Central City	1981
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	Val do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Bolivia	Irwin Osterloh, 72	Hooper	
Romundo Nonata do Vale			Brazil, Bahia	Frank I. Vlasak, 119	North Bend	July 6, 1972
Jose Cesario Horta	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brasilia	Albert G. Bates, 1	Omaha	June 4, 1971
Luthgard Nobre	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	Stanley E. Brunton, 222	Herman	July 7, 1976
Francisco Bezrea Frota		June 26, 1974	Brazil, Matto Grasso	Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	Brewster	July 7, 1976
Oscar de Paula Assis		Oct. 25, 1973	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Robert E. Richards, 205	Chappell	Nov. 17, 1978
Ewald Heimuth Langweiler	Rio de Janeiro	Aug. 1, 1969	Brazil, Goias	Harry L. Scheffel, 91	Oakland	July 1, 1974
Jose Agular E. Silvia	Rio Grande		Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	North Bend	
Joao Bento	do Sul	Feb. 18, 1965	Brazil, Guanabaro	Amos H. Campbell, 184	Omaha	Feb. 2, 1981
Tutomo Sato			Brazil, Rio Grande	Wm. H. Beckenhauer, 19	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
Jose Agular E. Silva	Para.	Oct. 10, 1968	Brazil, Para.	Gerald A. Moller, 15	Fremont	Dec. 10, 1968
Lirio Burigo Bez	Paraiba	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
Walter Pinto		Mar. 7, 1968	Brazil, Parana	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	Lincoln	Mar. 7, 1968
Harold Wilson	Parana	Oct. 22, 1968	Brazil, Pernambuco	Mannie O. Hansen, 1	Omaha	June 12, 1974
Harold Loewenthal	Pernambuco	Sept. 22, 1976	Brazil,			
Kenneth N. Nesbitt	Sao Paulo	Nov. 14, 1951	Santa Catarina	Mervin E. Ranson, Sr., 65	Osceola	July 1, 1974
Rigoberto Jamett			Brazil, Sao Paulo	Charles W. Amidon, 281	Omaha	June 7, 1977
Dawson Kwauk	Eureka	Apr. 23, 1969	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Jose Maria Serna	Ottawa	Dec. 21, 1976	California	Eugene C. Sibley, 54	Lincoln	June 11, 1976
Jacque N. Hampton		Aug. 22, 1983	Canada	Paul R. Eveland, 119	Ames	Feb. 16, 1982
Vincent Vernon	Taiwan	June 26, 1980	Chile	Ben D. Fussel, 79	Geneva	June 4, 1971
Carlos Miranda	Barranquilla	July 31, 1951	China	John D. Richardson, 50	Hastings	June 10, 1983
V. H. F. E. Gracia			Columbia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Kenneth P. Lott, 184	Bellevue	Feb. 3, 1981
Paul E. Ellis	Montrose	Apr. 9, 1980	Colorado	Carl. R. Greisen, 32	Boone	June 23, 1943
Knud Meister	Collinsville	Mar. 18, 1969	Connecticut	Arnold F. Mains, 15	Fremont	Dec. 13, 1968
H. Kenneth Kingsbury		Oct. 22, 1968	Costa Rica	Richard H. Scheef, 288	Omaha	July 7, 1976
F. G. Araya		Nov. 5, 1952	Cuba	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
Lord Mais		Jan. 28, 1971	Delaware	T. Leo Stines, 36	Central City	Feb. 18, 1967
Kalle Putkisto		Nov. 23, 1982	Denmark	Alton S. Mote, 183	Alliance	Dec. 2, 1968
Wm. C. Mitchell		Sept. 24, 1982	Dist. of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Edward Jeanmonod	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Ecuador	Richard O. Cowles, 217	Trenton	Nov. 7, 1978
		Oct. 22, 1976	England	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Dec. 2, 1968
	Helsinki	Dec. 15, 1969	Finland	Sebert A. Stover, 281	Omaha	Feb. 9, 1968
	Jacksonville	June 23, 1970	Florida	John Lippert, 323	Columbus	Aug. 8, 1966
	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	France Nat'l Grand Lodge	J. Dallas Gibson, 54	Lincoln	July 1, 1974

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Thomas L. Reese		Aug. 22, 1983	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Aug. 3, 1960
Wolfgang Durst	Aschoffenburg	Sept. 24, 1975	Germany	Alfred G. Wurst, 59	Lincoln	July 6, 1972
Geo. Sakelloriou	Athens	Apr. 10, 1954	Greece	William W. Steen, 280	Sargent	June 11, 1976
Angel G. Guzman		Aug. 13, 1963	Guatemala	Roger E. Shillington, 180	Benkelman	June 8, 1977
Bjarne Bjarnason	Helgafell	Jan. 7, 1953	Honduras	Gordon Chard, 240	Lyons	Nov. 3, 1962
			Iceland	Dan W. Holmstedt, 314	Lincoln	May 20, 1980
Eugene Taylor	Kendrick	Nov. 9, 1966	Idaho	James M. Paxson, 302	Omaha	Aug. 11, 1960
Harry Kline	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Illinois	Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210	Lincoln	May 3, 1977
Herbert Newman	South Bend	Dec. 4, 1974	Indiana	Robert H. Lallman, 72	Omaha	May 21, 1959
H. J. Engineer	Bombay	Aug. 7, 1963	India	William Hurst, 54	Lincoln	Sept. 17, 1977
			Iran	Joel N. Linquist, 1	Omaha	June 4, 1971
James E. Weir	Dublin	June 19, 1970	Ireland	Robert E. Comer, 239	Grand Island	Oct. 10, 1977
Yehuda Ashkenazi	Tel Aviv	Sept. 22, 1981	Israel, State of	William Grodinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Gilberto Olivieri	Rome	Sept. 22, 1976	Italy	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
Yasuhiko Ide			Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
Richard K. Hart	Topeka	Jan. 6, 1964	Kansas	Glenn F. Sperry, 139	Clay Center	June 11, 1976
O. J. Hyde	Louisville	July 31, 1972	Kentucky	Harold C. Wurdeman, 323	Columbus	July 1, 1974
John F. Arnold			Louisiana	John A. Bottorf, 49	Sutton	Feb. 23, 1958
René Gregorius		Aug. 17, 1971	Luxemborg	Thomas McBride, 143	Primrose	
Royce G. Wheeler	Bangor	Aug. 30, 1976	Maine	Ralph W. Gerry, 281	Omaha	Aug. 7, 1969
Joseph S. Reynolds	Winnipeg	Mar. 29, 1980	Manitoba	Harry N. Ahl, 112	Louisville	Sept. 12, 1962
John M. Baker, III			Maryland	Henry L. Rood, 59	Wahoo	July 6, 1972
Karl O. Lepisto		Dec. 4, 1974	Massachusetts	Wade E. Sheppard, 303	Omaha	June 11, 1976
George Sanfor	Mexico City	Aug. 8, 1969	Mexico York Grand Lodge	Russell L. Fickes, 33	Grand Island	Apr. 13, 1968
Willard Sauer	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	Michigan	Paul R. Pierce, 50	Hastings	Mar. 15, 1979
Wm. W. Widstrand	Hibbing	Feb. 9, 1972	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952
John T. Brown	Aberdeen	Jan. 16, 1953	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
William R. Robbins	Trenton	July 23, 1963	Missouri			
J. R. P. Reinemer	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Montana	C. Harold Edwards, 105	Lincoln	Oct. 12, 1965
J. F. A. Gravenberch		Dec. 14, 1960	Netherlands	W. Upton Dawson, 135	McCook	May 6, 1965
Lee Griswold	Eureka	Aug. 5, 1968	Nevada	James N. DeMoss, 325	Omaha	Jan. 8, 1981
Kenneth Nelson	St. John	Oct. 21, 1955	New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 31, 1958
Ellis W. Howard	Littleton	June 14, 1962	New Hampshire	William Keller, 250	Lincoln	Apr. 14, 1980
Robert W. Emery	Old Bridge	Sept. 15, 1972	New Jersey	John McHenry, 19	Lincoln	Nov. 6, 1985
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 61	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Grodon Ross Mallam	Fairlight	June 16, 1974	New South Wales	Donald R. White, 327	Omaha	Feb. 3, 1981
Joseph Marturano	Brooklyn	Dec. 29, 1982	New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
Raymond E. Dovey		Feb. 14, 1979	New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	Lincoln	June 14, 1973
			Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Nathaniel C. Dean		July 26, 1965	North Carolina	Levi B. Williams, 1	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Calvin E. Rustad	Grand Forks	Sept. 7, 1955	North Dakota	Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150	Cambridge	Apr. 28, 1965
Ivar Moe	Sandefjord	Apr. 24, 1975	Norway	S. E. Torgeson, 294	Kimball	June 14, 1973
D. C. Horton	Yarmouth	June 21, 1978	Nova Scotia	Curtis J. Griess, 49	Grand Island	Dec. 2, 1968

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Juan L. Arocha	Monterray	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Doane O. Trail, 135	McCook	-
E. L. Galbraith		Apr. 23, 1969	Ohio	Darrell D. Christensen, 54	Lincoln	Apr. 28, 1977
Aubrey R. Erhart	Guymon	June 11, 1963	Oklahoma	Frederick E. Forsee, 288	Elkhorn	
Arthur E. Baird		Sept. 16, 1980	Oregon	Frank J. Mattoon, 75	Sidney	Dec. 4, 1968
Elias S. Mizrahi	Panama	Jan. 13, 1953	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	Hastings	July 28, 1965
			Pennsylvania	Charles Godwin, 210	Lincoln	Apr. 4, 1985
Carlos Pena	Lima	Sept. 1, 1972	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 254	Bassett	June 4, 1971
Antonio Espinosa	Manila		Philippines	Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	Lincoln	Aug. 7, 1969
Allan C. Jenkins	Summerside	Apr. 8, 1971	Prince Ed. Is.	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
Luis S. Parrilla Castro	Fajards	Apr. 1, 1981	Puerto Rico	Herman O. Hansen, 3	Omaha	June 4, 1971
Gordon A. Lynn	Dorval	Nov. 21, 1977	Quebec	Viron E. Baxter, 216	Palisade	
W. R. Gailey		Feb. 29, 1960	Queensland	Wayne J. Pauley, 19	Lincoln	July 18, 1977
Edward T. Hudson	Chepachet	Aug. 11, 1978	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
H. Warner	Kennedy		Saskatchewan	P. W. Elliott, 323	Columbus	Apr. 26, 1977
Wm. McG. Rankin	Edinburgh	June 25, 1980	Scotland	Sidney H. Bliton, 263	Mitchell	June 11, 1976
David S. Van de Merve		Feb. 20, 1979	So. Africa	Gerald V. Inslee, 158	Chadron	Dec. 2, 1968
Rafael F. Moreno	Bogota		So. Am. Col.	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	Trenton	Aug. 7, 1969
M. D. J. C. Navarro		Aug. 25, 1969	So. Am. Dom.	Harry A. Tollander, 281	Omaha	July 8, 1981
G. T. Brice			So. Aust.	Edgar Bredemeier, 105	Stella	June 11, 1976
Rhoden D. Batson	Greenville	July 6, 1971	So. Car.	Mark Mitchell, 138	Oxford	Jan. 1, 1962
L. L. Kirkpatrick	Sioux Falls	Mar. 29, 1980	So. Dak.	U. Wesley Fox, 192	Kilgore	July 6, 1972
Olle Hellberg	Linkoping	Oct. 23, 1978	Sweden	Lillard S. Jensen, 232	Omaha	Nov. 17, 1965
Frederick J. Pruefer	Zurich	June 21, 1978	Switzerland	Wayne W. Reese, 54	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
German Barrera	Victoria	Aug. 27, 1970	Tamlaupias	Homer C. Davey, 317	Hastings	Aug. 3, 1960
S. V. Tilley	Hobart	Mar. 27, 1957	Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	Ashland	Sept. 8, 1960
M. D. Manning	Chattanooga	Sept. 14, 1981	Tennessee	George A. Iverson, 15	Fremont	Apr. 28, 1977
G. P. Stockwell	Houston	Dec. 10, 1977	Texas	Donald A. Keys, 300	Lincoln	Dec. 20, 1961
Attila Atli	Istanbul	Dec. 29, 1971	Turkey	Melvin E. Johnson, 112	Oakdale	Aug. 27, 1963
John J. Greiner	Ogden	Sept. 10, 1959	Utah	Robert L. Little, 240	Lyons	June 11, 1976
Wendell H. Chaffee	Burlington	May 16, 1962	Venezuela	Wayne G. Lueningborg, 39	North Platte	Sept. 22, 1975
			Vermont	Steven W. Olson, 229	Lincoln	May 2, 1985
Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 174	Trenton	Nov. 15, 1979
Fred Layman	Richmond	Jan. 3, 1983	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
Malcom L. Wilkinson	Tacoma	Apr. 14, 1971	Washington	H. Gene Gustafson, 318	Grand Island	June 10, 1983
F. G. Hatcher		Dec. 17, 1960	West Aust.	Henry E. Schemmel, 2	Nebr. City	June 11, 1976
J. K. Ferguson		Sept. 28, 1961	West Va.	John S. Savage, 11	Omaha	Feb. 6, 1981
George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946	Wisconsin	Harold Hultman	Elkhorn	June 12, 1974

**THE ROLL OF DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS
AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT**

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

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

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

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

*John J. Mercer, 3	1910	*Benjamin Wood, 210	1913
*Samuel S. Whiting, 54	1910	*Edward M. Wellman, 1	1913
*Walter W. Wells, 192	1910	*Charles A. Eyre, 268	1913
*Ensign J. Rix, 55.	1910	*Robert A. Armstrong, 32	1913
*James D. Phillips, 93	1910	*Levi Pringle, 276	1913
*Frederick L. Wolff, 135	1910	*Earl M. Bolen, 130.	1914
*Ernest H. James, 1	1910	*Frank L. Haycock, 207.	1914
*Fred A. Howe, 119.	1910	*George A. Stevens, 158	1914
*Robert B. Walker, 170	1912	*Harry M. Jones, 46.	1916
*Frank W. Farrand, 36.	1913	*Levi D. Phipps, 31	1916
*Ira C. Freet, 56.	1913	*Alfred G. Hunt, 33.	1916

- *Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50 1916
 *Orville A. Andrews, 50. 1917
 *Barclay M. Hickman 1916
 *Andrew H. Viele, 55 1917
 *Maro C. Shipherd, 15. 1920
 *Jesse Lowther, 219 1920
 *Franklin C. Tym, 25 1920
 *Lute M. Savage, 3 1920
 Frank M. Johnson, 188. 1920
 *Lamont L. Stephens, 106 1922
 *Frances S. Robey, 19 1922
 *John B. Lichtenwallner, 275 1923
 *Harry R. Belville, 146. 1923
 *George R. Patterson, 136. 1923
 *William J. Birkoffer, 249. 1923
 *D. Horace Schall, 307 1923
 *Stanley P. Bostwick, 3 1924
 *William D. Edson, 53. 1926
 *Francis B. Rodwell, 224 1926
 *Edwin H. Gerhart, 305. 1926
 *William McCormack, 268 1926
 *Harry L. Mantor, 306 1927
 *John R. Easley, 49 1927
 *I. Donald Huston, 65 1928
 *Elmer Surber, 95 1928
 *John M. Bennett, 19. 1928
 *Earl Barnett, 146 1929
 *Jonathan Frye, 1. 1929
 *Ernest R. Reynolds, 124. 1930
 *Osborne P. Simon, 174. 1930
 *Doc L. Redfern, 300. 1930
 Austin F. Whitmire, 306. 1931
 *Henning C. Johnson, 171 1932
 Carroll C. Raymer, 164 1932
 *Ward B. Schrack, 46 1933
 *Byron S. Peterson, 25. 1933
 *Raymond C. Cook, 6 1933
 *Ray B. Bottorf, 33 1933
 *Wallace E. Linn, 1 1934
 *Jesse P. Entriiken, 295. 1934
 Harold D. Weddel, 208 1937
 Cecil C. Gates, 227 1938
 *Fred G. Christensen, 33. 1938
 *Ross Van Sickle, 184 1938
 *S. William Beck, 43 1940
 *Stanley B. Fryar, 139 1940
 *Roy S. Planck, 15 1940
 *Buren P. Wells, 315 1940
 *Clarence G. McNamee, 55. 1941
 *F. Ray Dilts, 83. 1942
 *Ernest C. Purdy, 195 1942
 *Lewis E. Baker, 135 1943
 *Howard E. Bradstreet, 261. 1943
 George S. Schwab, 49 1946
 Louis V. Sylvester, 281 1946
 *Irving S. Johnson, 148 1946
 *LaVerne A. Walker, 55 1946
 *Ernest E. James, 1 1948
 *Frank A. Anderson, 17. 1949
 *Robert W. Cook, 33. 1949
 Paul D. Fleming, 93 1949
 *Charles M. Frederick, 136 1949
 *Sylvester Shumard, 227 1949
 *Ralph M. Carhart, 120 1950
 *Morris V. Balcom, 46. 1950
 *William F. Flicklinger, 56 1951
 *Forest A. Lape, 183 1951
 Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314 1954
 Harold M. Wilkerson, 54 1954
 Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9 1955
 Clifford D. Webster, 321 1956
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E. C. Adams, 6.	1863
Henry Brown, 2	1864
William E. Hill, 2.	1865-1866-1868-1874-1875- 1876-1877
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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. .L. .) "In the year of the Discovery."

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

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

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

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

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons — Add 4,000 years to the current year, thus: 1985 and 4,000 — 5985.

Royal Arch Masons — Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1985 and 530 — 2515.

Royal and Select Masters — Add 1,000 year to current year, thus: 1985 and 1,000 — 2985.

Knights Templar — From the Christian era take 1,118; thus: 1,118 from 1985 — 867.

Order of High Priesthood — To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1985 — 3898.

Scottish Rite — Add 3,760 to the current year; thus 1985 and 3,760 — 5745.

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- Finance Committee:** James N. DeMoss, 325, (1989), Chairman; W. Charles Godwin, 210, (1988); W. David E. Menck, 15, (1986); Art Sharp, 54, (1990); W. Gary Powell, 19, (1987).
- Grand Lodge Office Committee:** M. W. Bevin B. Bump, 158, (1989), Chairman; W. James L. Eatmon, 294, (1988); W. Donald L. Andrews, 15, (1987); M. W. Jack Hendrix, 174, (1986); W. John M. McHenry, 19, (1990); M. W. Robert A. Metcalf, 210, Ex Officio.
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- Jurisprudence Committee:** M. W. Robert A. Metcalf, 210, Chairman; All Past Grand Masters.
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- Fraternal Dead:** W. Albert A. Wise, 79, Chairman; W. John F. Dale, 135; W. Stevan W. Olson, 229.
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- Temple Building Advisory Committee:** Richard D. Nelson, Jr., 281, (1988), Chairman; W. Herman O. Hansen, 3, (1987); W. Donald C. Hafer, 306, (1986).
- Masonic Education Committee:** W. John M. McHenry, 19, (1987), Chairman; R. W. Paul Eveland, 119, (1986); R. W. Thomas W. Tye, 46, (1986); James N. DeMoss, 325, (1988); W. James L. Eatmon, 294, (1988); W. Albert T. Reddish, 183, (1987).
- Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund:** Bernard Paden, 119, Chairman; Sanford H. Nelson, 210; W. Donald E. Rasmussen, 135; W. Benjamin Harvey, 119.
- Applications for Reinstatement:** W. Donald R. White, 327, Chairman; W. Kenneth P. Lott, 184; W. W. Don Madson, 11.

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- Lodge Advisory Committee:** M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, (1987), Chairman; M. W. Frank Mattoon, 75, (1986); M. W. Harold Hultman, 39, (1988).
- Public Relations Committee:** W. Ervin Siemoneit, 127, (1989), Chairman; Les Mann, 158, (1988); W. Don C. Bottorff, 49, (1986) W. Alex Swaitek, 314, (1987); Joseph H. Baker, 268, (1990).
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- 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.
- Codification of the Law:** Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; W. John M. McHenry, 54; W. Don C. Bottorff, 49.
- Grievances Committee:** M. W. Frank J. Mattoon, 75, Chairman; M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19; W. David E. Menck, 15.
- Doings of Grand Lodge Officers:** Kenneth D. Beebe, 119, Chairman; Jack Seidinglanz, 184; Everett K. Dappen, 265.
- Charters and Dispensations:** W. Ben D. Fussell, 79, Chairman; W. Don McCoy, 11; W. Joseph Geisler, 327.
- Credentials:** Gary W. Powell, 19, Chairman; William W. Steen, 280; W. Doyle E. Berg, 281; Frank Dougherty, 297; W. Manuel Maldonado, 184; Norris L. Rusmisell, 46.
- Entertainment of Distinguished Guests:** M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, Chairman; M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19; M. W. Warren D. Lichty, 314; M. W. Jack Hendrix, 174.
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