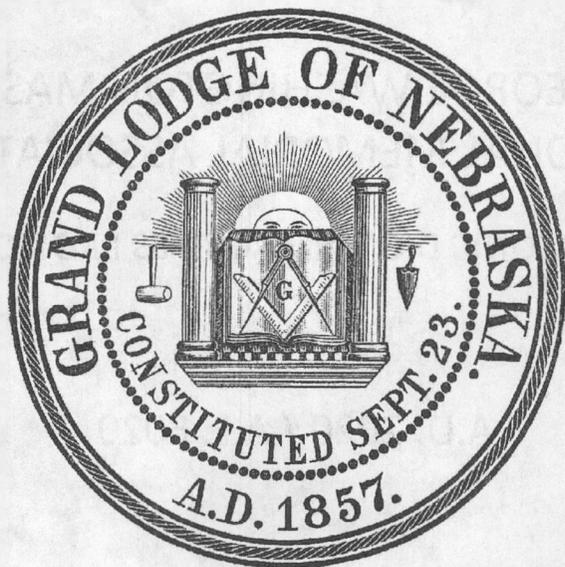


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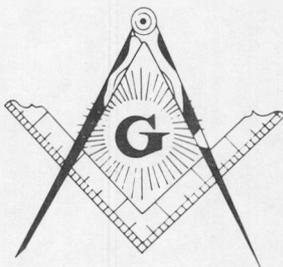
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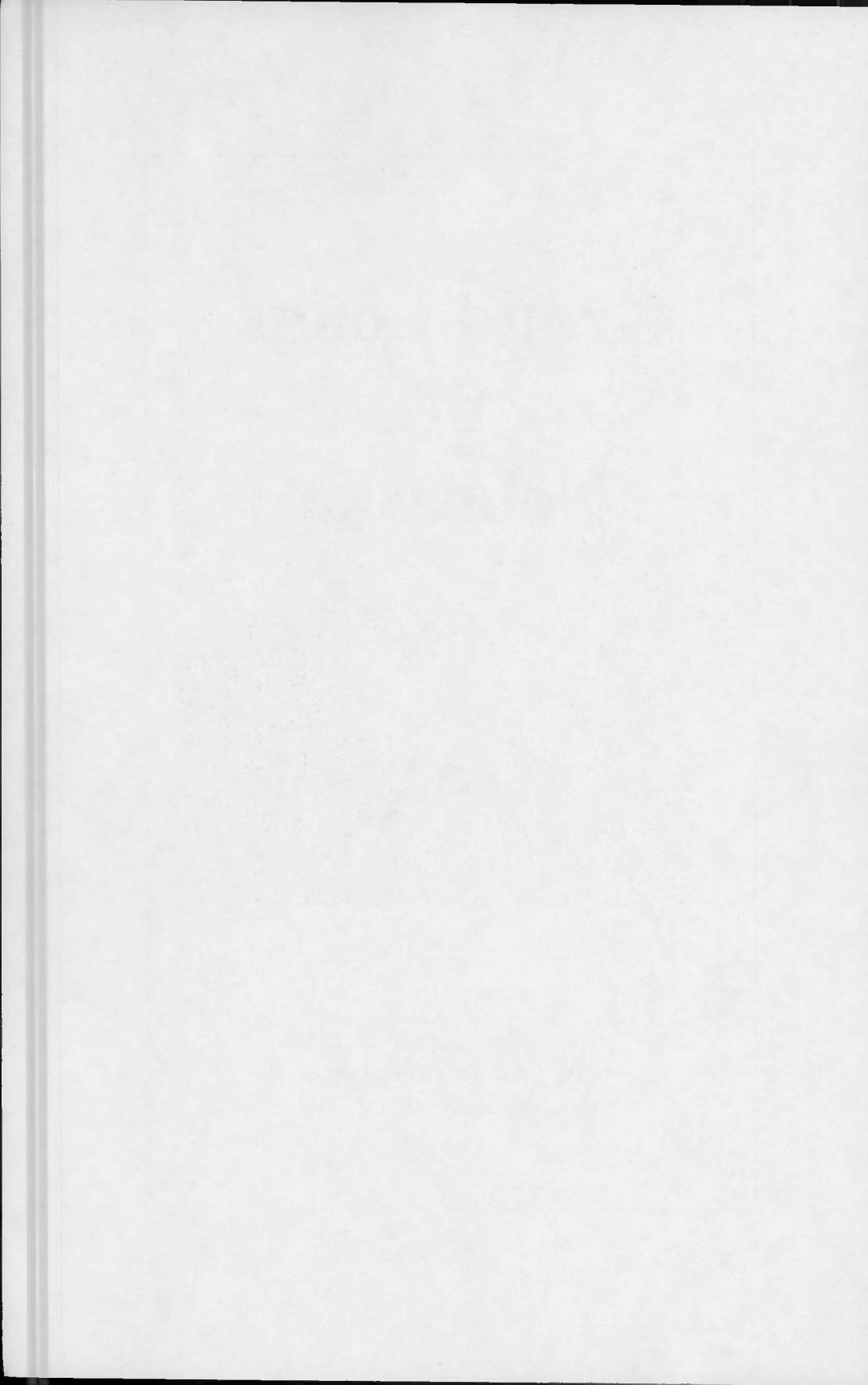
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**1986**





**CHARLES W. AMIDON**  
**GRAND MASTER**  
**1985-1986**

**CHARLES W. AMIDON**  
**1985-1986 GRAND MASTER**

**BIOGRAPHICAL**

M. W. Charles W. Amidon, the 120th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, was born on June 5, 1925 at Omaha, Nebraska, the son of Walter M. and Majorie M. Amidon. He graduated from South High School and attended the old University of Omaha during the closing years of World War II.

On May 21, 1950 he was united in marriage to Barbara Jean McAuley of Omaha. The family consists of their daughters Marcia Lea and her husband, Brother John Stanner of Omaha, Carol Jean and her husband, Brother Geoff Brown of Omaha, Cherie Jo and her husband, Perry Anderson of Phoenix, Arizona and son, Brother Mark Charles Amidon of Omaha and his wife, Janice. They have six grandchildren.

Brother Amidon spent more than twenty-five years in the sheet metal contracting business with Olson Brothers, Inc., and The Waldinger Corp., both of Omaha. In 1971, he left this business rather than move from Omaha to Des Moines, Iowa. Having served on the Board of Directors of The Omaha Home for Boys since 1969, he joined the Home in 1973 as Assistant Executive Director and was appointed Executive Director in January of 1976, a position he currently holds.

He has been active in the First United Methodist Church in Omaha having taught the Bethel Bible Series and serving as President of the Board of Trustees and co-chairman of past annual pledge drives. For many years he was a member of the church choir.

He is currently 1st Vice President of the National Fellowship of Child Care Executives and a Trustee of Bishop Clarkson Hospital. A blood donor since 1951, he has passed the sixteen gallon mark and going strong.

In 1980, he earned his private pilot's license which he uses strictly for pleasure and an occasional trip outstate.

## CHARLES W. AMIDON

### MASONIC HISTORY

Brother Amidon was initiated April 11, 1949, passed May 16, 1949 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 20, 1949 at Florence Lodge No. 281 A. F. & A. M. in Omaha, Nebraska. He served as Worshipful Master in 1967.

Brother Amidon is also an active member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Omaha where he serves as Class Director and a member of the Cathedral Board. In 1977, he was elected Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and was coroneted 33° Inspector General Honorary in December of 1981. He is a member of Florence Chapter No. 61, Royal Arch Masons; Council No. 1 Cryptic Masons; Mount Calvary Commandery No. 1, K.T.; Owaissa Chapter No. 296 Order of Eastern Star; Tangier Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.; Court No. 19 Royal Order of Jesters. In 1981, he served as Venerable Master Omaha Lodge of Perfection and is a Past President of the Omaha Masters and Wardens Club. A Charter member of the Proficient Past Masters Shrine Club, he also served as Secretary and President. He has held proficiency card No. 1 for the past three years having received his original proficiency card in 1960. During 1983, he was designated a DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor recipient. A member of National Sojourners Joseph Warren Camp No. 19 where he also holds membership in the "Heroes of '76".

Having served as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee, he has been instrumental in organizing and promoting "Friendship Nights" throughout the jurisdiction. In conjunction with this Committee, he has chaired the voluntary Masonic Promotion Committee responsible for soliciting and administering contributions from the various Masonic Bodies which support this vital program.

M. W. Brother Amidon says Masonry has been a guiding light to him for over thirty-six years and it has directed his life pattern in every important decision. As retirement draws near, he plans to devote even more of his time furthering the Fraternity in any way possible.

**MASONIC HISTORY**  
*of*  
Grand Master Elect  
**WAYNE LUENENBORG**

Dual member of Papillion Lodge No. 39 and  
Platte Valley Lodge No. 32

Past Master of Papillion Lodge No. 39

Past Patron of Papillion Capter No. 114, Order of Eastern Star

Member Euphrates Chapter No. 15, Zabud Council No. 6, and  
Palestine Commandery York Rite

Member of Hastings Consistery Scottish Rite and  
Knight Commander Court of Honor 32nd Degree

Member of Tehama Temple of the Shrine

Member of North Plate Shrine Club

Member of National Sojourners Omaha Chapter No. 19

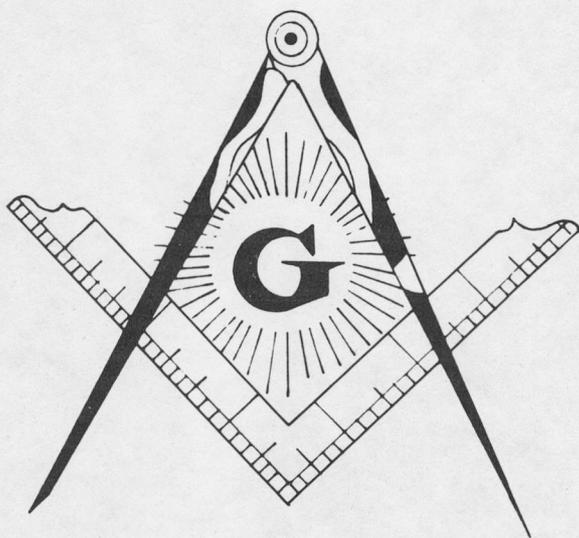
Recipient of Honorary Legion of Honor Degree DeMolay

Certified Proficient in Blue Lodge Work for 32 years





**WAYNE LUENENBORG**  
**GRAND MASTER, ELECT**



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# 1986 PROCEEDINGS

*of the  
One Hundred Twenty-ninth  
Annual Communication of the*

# GRAND LODGE

*of the*  
Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity  
of Free and Accepted Masons  
of Nebraska



*Holiday Inn Central  
72nd Street at Interstate I-80  
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## PART I

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June 13 and 14, 1986

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## CERTIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred twenty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Omaha, Nebraska, June 12, 13 and 14, 1986, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. M. & A. M. of Nebraska this 31 day of January, 1987.



*Edward M. Cummings*

EDWARD M. CUMMINGS  
GRAND SECRETARY

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## 1985 ADDENDUM REPORT OF GRAND MASTER

From May 1, 1985 to October 12, 1985

By

**M.·W.·. ROBERT A. METCALF P.G.M.**

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

My Brethren:

At the 127th Annual Communication it was decided by vote of the delegates that the officers of the Grand Lodge would be elected at each annual communication in June. The installation of officers would be held the following December. For that reason, this addendum to my Grand Master's address is submitted.

### NECROLOGY

On June 21, 1985 Grand Lodge and Nebraska Freemasons were deeply saddened by the death of one of our distinguished Past Grand Masters, Harold C. Wurdeman. M.·W.·. Brother Wurdeman served our Grand Lodge as the 116th Grand Master. Funeral services were held June 25, 1985 in the Federated Church in Columbus, Nebraska. Past Grand Masters attending the funeral service were M.·W.·. Brothers Paul R. Pierce, Harold Hultman, Louis V. Sylvester, Lewis R. Ricketts, T. Leo Stines, Ernest O. Van Wey, Warren D. Lichty, Jr., and Byron C. Jenkins.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead will present a special memorial service to the memory of all our deceased brethren at the 129th Annual Communication.

### BYLAWS – APPROVED

During the period from June, 1985 until October 12, 1985 I approved five bylaw changes of dues or fees and five for other reasons.

### REINSTATEMENTS

Four reinstatements were approved during the last four months of my term as Grand Master.

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Commissioned: Leighton Gordon Scott, Tasmania

### VISITATIONS

On June 15, 1985 attended the Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls at Crete, Nebraska.

June 29, 1985 – July 5, 1985, attended Imperial Session of the Shrine in Atlanta, Georgia as guest of Tangiers, Tehama and Sesostris Temples.

Attended Grand Lodge of Iowa in Cedar Rapids from September 15th to September 18th.

Attended Grand Lodge of Missouri in St. Louis from September 29th to October 1st.

June 15 – Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls – Crete, Nebraska

June 25 – Attended M. . W. . B. . Harold Wurdeman's funeral, Columbus, Nebraska

June 29 – Imperial Session of Shrine – Atlanta, Georgia

July 11 – Honor Men Omaha Valley, Scottish Rite

July 16 – Masonic-Eastern Star Stockholder Meeting – Fremont, Nebraska

Aug. 10 – Shrine Bowl Football Game

Aug. 13 – Craftsman Lodge #314, Entered Apprentice Degree

Aug. 28 – Visitation Supreme Queen Naphis Temple #66, Daughters of the Nile

Sep. 10 – Attended Booth – State Fair

Sep. 11 – Grand Custodians' School – Grand Island, Nebraska

Sep. 16 – Temple Chapter #271, O.E.S. – Masonic Night

Sep. 19 – Grand Lodge of Iowa in Cedar Rapids

Sep. 24 – Past Masters' Night – Craftsman Lodge #314

Sep. 28 – Grand Lodge of Missouri in St. Louis

### **SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS**

During the period from June 14th to October 12th I approved five dispensations. All were granted to confer degrees in less than the prescribed time as brothers were going away to attend college.

### **TEMPLE DEDICATION**

October 6, 1985 – The Grand Lodge Officers dedicated the new Masonic Temple for Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, Allen, Nebraska. My schedule did not permit me to attend. Deputy Grand Master, Charles Amidon, presided. Thank you Right Worshipful Sir.

### **APPRECIATION**

Once again my heartfelt thanks to the brethren of Nebraska Grand Jurisdiction for the opportunity to serve you as your 119th Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,  
Robert A. Metcalf  
Past Grand Master

# 1986 PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

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

*ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH  
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

*Held in Omaha, Nebraska, June 13 and 14, 1986*

*FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION*

*Friday, June 13, 1986*

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in the Annual Communication at the Holiday Inn South, Omaha, Nebraska at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 13 A.D. A.L. 5986.

## GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

- M. . W. . Charles W. Amidon, 281 . . . . . Grand Master
- R. . W. . Wayne G. Lueningborg, 39 & 32 . . . . . Deputy Grand Master
- R. . W. . Paul R. Eveland, 119 . . . . . Grand Senior Warden
- R. . W. . Thomas W. Tye, 46 . . . . . Grand Junior Warden
- R. . W. . Paul R. Pierce, 50 . . . . . Grand Secretary
- V. . W. . John F. Dale, 135 . . . . . Grand Chaplain
- W. . Arthur R. Sharp, 54 . . . . . Grand Orator
- W. . Albert T. Reddish, 183 . . . . . Grand Historian
- W. . Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210 . . . . . Grand Custodian
- W. . James L. Eatmon, 294 . . . . . Grand Marshal
- W. . John M. McHenry, 19 . . . . . Grand Senior Deacon
- W. . James N. DeMoss, 325 . . . . . Grand Junior Deacon
- W. . James C. Gathmann, 327 . . . . . Grand Tyler

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened at 7:45 a.m. by the officers of Florence Lodge No. 281 A. . F. . & A. . M. ., Worshipful Master Merl R. Core presiding.

### PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

The presentation of the flag was made by members of Mt. Calvary Commandery following which the assembled delegates joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 129th Annual Communication 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 V. V. W. Grand Chaplain, John F. Dale to lead the delegates in prayer.

### PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

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

M. V. W. Benjamin F. Eyre	(86th) — 1951
M. V. W. Thomas J. Aron	(87th) — 1952
M. V. W. Harry A. Spencer	(97th) — 1964
M. V. W. Louis V. Sylvester	(100th) — 1965
M. V. W. Lewis R. Ricketts	(101st) — 1966
M. V. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart	(104th) — 1969
M. V. W. Frank J. Mattoon	(108th) — 1973
M. V. W. Donald R. Swanson	(109th) — 1974
M. V. W. Harold Hultman	(110th) — 1975
M. V. W. T. Leo Stines	(111th) — 1976
M. V. W. Jack H. Hendrix	(113th) — 1978
M. V. W. Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	(114th) — 1979
M. V. W. Byron C. Jenkins	(115th) — 1980
M. V. W. Paul R. Pierce	(117th) — 1982
M. V. W. Bevin B. Bump	(118th) — 1984
M. V. W. Robert A. Metcalf	(119th) — 1985
M. V. W. Carl R. Greisen	(Honorary) — 1966

The following Past Grand Masters were not in attendance because of illness: M. V. W. Edward M. Knight, 1952; M. V. W. Merle M. Hale, 1956; M. V. W. Joseph C. Tye, 1959; M. V. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 1961; M. V. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 1962; and M. V. W. Russell L. Fickes, 1971.

### RESPONSE BY M. W. BYRON C. JENKINS

Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of the Past Grand Masters, we thank you for this very kind reception and for the courtesies extended. We wish you and your officers and all of the Brethren a harmonious and prosperous session. We are happy to be here. We're happy you are in Omaha and we're happy to see each and every one of you. Thank you Most Worshipful.

### RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

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

M. W. Lyle Rowen, Past Grand Master of South Dakota  
 M. W. Harold Paschal, Grand Master of Iowa  
 M. W. Durward C. Danielson, Grand Master of Kansas  
 M. W. Gunnar Flygenring, Grand Master of Alaska  
 M. W. R. Kieth Milhein, Past Grand Master of Colorado  
 R. W. Charles H. Moore, Grand Junior Warden of Wyoming  
 R. W. Galen L. Schmick, Grand Treasurer of Minnesota

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

M. W. Gien Pruitt, Past Grand Master of Alaska  
 R. W. Tom Eggleston, Grand Secretary of Iowa  
 R. W. Albert O. Arnold, Grand Secretary of Kansas

#### LEADERS OF YORK RITE

Brother Morton P. Steyer, Grand High Priest of Royal ARCH Masons in Nebraska.  
 Brother Robert L. Williams, Most Illustrious Master Cryptic Masons in Nebraska.  
 Brother Wesley Fox, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Nebraska.  
 Brother Floyd R. McKenzie, Grand Recorder and Secretary York Rite of Nebraska.

#### NATIONAL SOJOURNERS

Brother Charles A. Folsom, Past President, National Sojourners.

#### HOME SUPERINTENDENTS

Brother Raymond Evers, Superintendent of the Masonic Home, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.  
 W. Benjamin Harvey, Superintendent of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont, Nebraska.

**DeMOLAY LEADERS**

Brother Walter Miller, Executive Director of DeMolay in Nebraska.

**DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS**

M. .W. . Jerry Rittenburg, Grand Custodian, called upon and introduced the following Deputy Grand Custodians who were present:

**DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS**

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Harry N. Ahl          | Lynn Doty            |
| Lloyd I. Edwards      | Michael L. Peterson  |
| Stanley E. Brunton    | Kenneth G. Fleming   |
| Arthur S. Dye         | Augustine S. Scolaro |
| Mervin E. Ransom, Sr. | Augustus W. Clark    |
| Frank R. Harris       | Wayne E. Beatty      |
| John C. Sierks        | Eugene C. Sibley     |
| Herman O. Hansen      | W. Dale Page         |
| D. Wayne Erickson     | William C. Fogle     |
| Don L. McCoy          | Roscoe B. Malick     |
| Everett K. Dappen     | Robert E. Kyes       |
| Ben D. Fussell        | R. Winton Wilson     |

**DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI**

- |                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Arnold Mains      | Donald Kyckelhahn           |
| Nelson Rittenburg | M. .W. . T. Leo Stines      |
| Mannie O. Hansen  | M. .W. . Louis V. Sylvester |

**WORSHIPFUL MASTERS IN ATTENDANCE**

- Lloyd Swihart . . . . . Superior Lodge No. 121, Superior, Nebraska
- Cecil Crapo . . . . . Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun, Nebraska
- Fredric Oltjenbruns . . . . . Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco, Nebraska
- Earl Hicks . . . . . Stella Lodge No. 105, Stella, Nebraska
- Kevin Shelhamer . . . . . Garfield Lodge No. 95, O'Neill, Nebraska
- John Laird . . . . . Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Dallas Gibson . . . . . Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Virlon D. Hollins . . . . . Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, Nebraska
- Harold Barden . . . . . Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, Tecumseh, Nebraska
- Sam Smith . . . . . Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Brock, Nebraska
- Al Grundmayer . . . . . Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Ronald Boles . . . . . Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings, Nebraska
- Jim Clark . . . . . Crete Lodge No. 37, Crete, Nebraska
- Greg Gruber . . . . . Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, Nebraska
- Robert Keating . . . . . Palisade Lodge No. 216, Palisade, Nebraska
- Ed Bennett . . . . . Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington, Nebraska

- Merl Core . . . . . Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha, Nebraska
- Vern Cullers . . . . . Meridian Lodge No. 188, Cozad, Nebraska
- Donald Miller . . . . . Cement Lodge No. 211, Wood River, Nebraska
- Larry Moyle . . . . . Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance, Nebraska
- Tom Fisher . . . . . Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, Nebraska
- Loren Loibl . . . . . Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha, Nebraska
- John Holzhey . . . . . Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska
- Bruce Curtiss . . . . . Plainview Lodge No. 204, Plainview, Nebraska
- Rod Mikkelson . . . . . Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville, Nebraska
- Jack Walts . . . . . Custer Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow, Nebraska
- Lyle Lovitt . . . . . Mason City Lodge No. 170, Mason City, Nebraska
- Tom White . . . . . Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Elkhorn, Nebraska
- Marlin Domeier . . . . . Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva, Nebraska
- Steve Jones . . . . . Mitchell Lodge No. 263, Mitchell, Nebraska
- Bill Jackson . . . . . Lebanon Lodge No. 323, Columbus, Nebraska
- Bob Eyman . . . . . Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha, Nebraska
- Jerry Apetz . . . . . York Lodge No. 56, York, Nebraska
- Sid Babcock . . . . . Miloma Lodge No. 328, Omaha, Nebraska
- Art Nelson . . . . . Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walt Hill, Nebraska
- Tom Hale . . . . . Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Keith Olson . . . . . Perkins Lodge No. 308, Grant, Nebraska
- David Otteman . . . . . Scribner Lodge No. 132, Scribner, Nebraska
- Gale Beers . . . . . Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, Lodgepole, Nebraska
- Bob Driewer . . . . . Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney, Nebraska
- Fred Perrett . . . . . Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine, Nebraska
- Rick Gilmore . . . . . George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha, Nebraska
- Tom Morrissey . . . . . Ogallala Lodge No. 159, Ogallala, Nebraska
- Mike Schutt . . . . . Landmark Lodge No. 222, Herman, Nebraska
- Rich Paden . . . . . North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend, Nebraska
- Harry Waggener . . . . . Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron, Nebraska
- Merv Titchen . . . . . Sutherland Lodge No. 299, Sutherland, Nebraska
- Floyd McIlnay . . . . . Zeredatha Lodge No. 160, Reynolds, Nebraska
- Scott Krieger . . . . . Midwest Lodge No. 317, Hastings, Nebraska
- (Representing the Worshipful Master Donald Wolf)*
- Charles Haskell . . . . . Blazing Star Lodge No. 200, Burwell, Nebraska
- Jim Jacobsen . . . . . St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul, Nebraska
- Dan Pierce . . . . . Relief Lodge No. 219, Coleridge, Nebraska
- Erv Siemoneit . . . . . Minden Lodge No. 127, Minden, Nebraska
- John Spealman . . . . . College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Henry Greenwalt . . . . . East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Chuck Bohn . . . . . Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff, Nebraska
- Urlin McCartney . . . . . Justice Lodge No. 180, Benkelman, Nebraska
- Roley Arterburn . . . . . Purity Lodge No. 198, Imperial, Nebraska
- Gary Simpson . . . . . Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, Nebraska

- Keith Herbster . . . . . Bennett Lodge No. 94, Bennett, Nebraska  
 Jon Warren . . . . . Auburn Lodge No. 124, Auburn, Nebraska  
 Bennette Johnson . . . . . Amity Lodge No. 169, Rushville, Nebraska  
 Bryan Burrows . . . . . Hay Springs Lodge No. 177, Hay Springs, Nebraska  
 Tony Vrana . . . . . Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward, Nebraska  
 Richard Goble . . . . . Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont, Nebraska  
 William Conway . . . . . Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon, Nebraska  
 George Davis . . . . . Milrose Lodge No. 60, Orleans, Nebraska  
 Harold Olmstead . . . . . John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha, Nebraska  
 Bob Gardner . . . . . Beaver City Lodge No. 93, Beaver City, Nebraska  
 Carl Eman . . . . . Rawalt Lodge No. 138, Oxford, Nebraska  
 Joe Ferebee . . . . . Nelson Lodge No. 77, Nelson, Nebraska  
 Maurice Dasenbrock . . . . . Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton, Nebraska  
 A. A. Jaeke . . . . . Shelton Lodge No. 99, Shelton, Nebraska  
 Don Grazier . . . . . Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion, Nebraska  
 Harold McClanahan . . . . . St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha, Nebraska  
*(Representing the Worshipful Master Bill Riley, Jr.)*  
 Don Scott . . . . . Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha, Nebraska  
 Everette Hilfiker . . . . . Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo, Nebraska  
 Harold Ladehoff . . . . . Acacia Lodge No. 34, Schuyler, Nebraska  
 Norbert Meyer . . . . . Jordon Lodge No. 27, West Point, Nebraska  
 William Fogle . . . . . McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook, Nebraska  
 Ed Fowler . . . . . Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege, Nebraska  
 Jack Charlton . . . . . Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City, Nebraska  
 Bill Hurst . . . . . Roscoe Pound Lodge of Research No. 329, Lincoln, Nebraska  
 Doug Jones . . . . . Osceola Lodge No. 65, Osceola, Nebraska  
 Don Bimes . . . . . Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebraska  
 Bill Martin . . . . . Humboldt Lodge No. 40, Humboldt, Nebraska  
 Gene Nelson . . . . . Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Ainsworth, Nebraska  
 J. Robert Syme . . . . . Right Angle Lodge No. 303, Omaha, Nebraska  
 Dan Runner . . . . . Scottsbluff Lodge No. 201, Gering, Nebraska  
 George Paulsen . . . . . Omadi Lodge No. 5, Dakota City, Nebraska  
 Lowell Sellmeyer . . . . . Blue River Lodge No. 30, Milford, Nebraska  
 Jay Clary . . . . . Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk, Nebraska  
 Ed Cummings . . . . . Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield, Nebraska  
 Don Johnson . . . . . Oakland Lodge No. 91, Oakland, Nebraska  
 Roy Bretthorst . . . . . Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, Syracuse, Nebraska  
 Galen Crawford . . . . . Union Lodge No. 287, Palmyra, Nebraska  
 Ken Laughlin . . . . . Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice, Nebraska  
 Dennis Aksamit . . . . . Blue Valley Lodge No. 64, Wilber, Nebraska  
 Ted Phelps . . . . . Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha, Nebraska  
 R. H. Eatinger . . . . . Seneca Lodge No. 284, Thedford, Nebraska  
 Bob Ganz . . . . . Ionic Lodge No. 87, Niobrara, Nebraska  
 Roger Miner . . . . . Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln, Nebraska

- Donald Smith . . . . . Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebraska  
 Gene Hogan . . . . . George Wasington Lodge No. 250, Lincoln, Nebraska  
 Bill Reynolds . . . . . Trial Lodge No. 71, Neligh, Nebraska  
 Wayne Hardy . . . . . Anselmo Lodge No. 258, Anselmo, Nebraska  
 Wayne Jenkins . . . . . Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway, Nebraska  
 Charles Goll . . . . . Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Tekamah, Nebraska  
 Glenn Hartsock . . . . . Composite Lodge No. 81, Rising City, Nebraska  
 Warren Weber . . . . . Friend Lodge No. 73, Friend, Nebraska  
 Dick Nieman . . . . . Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue, Nebraska  
 Leslie Hawes . . . . . Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha, Nebraska  
 Don Bartelt . . . . . Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island, Nebraska  
*(Representing the Worshipful Master Thomas Keel)*  
 Walter Forrest . . . . . Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna, Nebraska  
 Weldon d'Allmand . . . . . Monument Lodge No. 293, Arapahoe, Nebraska  
*(Representing the Worshipful Master Roland Emmet)*  
 John McBride . . . . . Fairmont Lodge No. 48, Fairmont, Nebraska  
*(Representing the Worshipful Master Eugene Henning)*  
 Byron Hawk . . . . . Elwood Lodge No. 167, Elwood, Nebraska  
 Dale Haverty . . . . . Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City, Nebraska  
*(Representing the Worshipful Master Cecil Anderson)*  
 Don Hartmann . . . . . Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper, Nebraska



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**W. M. CHARLES W. AMIDON**  
**HEADS GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION**

The 129th Annual Grand Lodge Communication of Masons of Nebraska was held June 13 and 14, 1986, at the Holiday Inn on 72nd Street north of Interstate 80, in Omaha, Nebraska.

A workshop for Masters and Wardens and delegates was held Thursday afternoon, beginning at 1:00 P.M. The workshop was conducted by the Grand Lodge officers who made up the Education Committee. The subjects of discussion were the resolutions proposed from the floor the previous year, and the recommendations of the Grand Master to be brought before the delegates on June 13, the first day of the Communication.

At the same time the Jurisprudence Committee met in another area of the Inn to discuss the resolutions and recommendations.

On Thursday evening busses transported the delegates and their ladies to the Cooper Farm campus of the Omaha Home for Boys for a barbecue. At the same time a dinner was being held for the visiting dignitaries, the Past Grand Masters and their ladies.

The Friday morning meeting was opened by officers of the Florence Lodge No. 281, parent lodge of the Grand Master. The Grand Master was received, a quorum was ascertained by the Grand Secretary and the 129th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was declared opened in due and ancient form.



## GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

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

My Brethren:

One hundred and twenty-nine years ago, Most Worshipful Robert Carrel Jordan became the first Grand Master of the Nebraska Grand Lodge and since that time one hundred and twenty Grand Masters have followed in his footsteps. As number one hundred and twenty, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to welcome our Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests, Voting Delegates and all Master Masons to this 129th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

As most of you know, M. W. Robert A. Metcalf and I are the first Grand Masters to serve more than the normal 12 months for many, many years. At the Annual Communication in 1984, the installation date for Grand Lodge officers was moved to the month of December to provide for two important functions: (1), to give the incoming Grand Master the time following his election to prepare for his term of office, and (2), to synchronize the Grand Master's term of office with those of the subordinate lodges throughout the state. Although this has not presented any major problems or surprises it has brought about a few minor changes, particularly the necessity of future Grand Masters having to prepare two annual reports on his activities. Therefore, this report will cover my activities from October 12, 1985 to the present. In June of 1987, I will be submitting a supplemental report covering activities which will occur between now and the end of my term in December.

The life of a Grand Master is filled with all of the emotions from exhilaration to despair; excitement to boredom during those long auto trips across the vast expanse of this state; frustration to the joy of accomplishment; joy in witnessing the accomplishments of friends to sadness when adversity strikes down a brother; disappointment when seemingly well thought out plans meet with objections to the thrill of success when doubtful endeavors reach fruition.

But a Grand Master should not expect to meet with success at every turn. Differences of opinion are what horse races are all about. A Grand Master is not (as some would have you believe) omnipotent. He is merely a brother of the Craft who has been temporarily elevated to a position of great honor by his fellows. Hopefully, the years of experience in attaining that high position have provided him with some sense of responsibility toward the craft and have prepared him in some small way to do the best he can with the knowledge that many, many good brethren are ready and willing to assist in any way possible.

I will always be grateful to M. W. Byron C. Jenkins for that day which seemed so many years ago, when he informed me of his intention to appoint me in line as Grand Junior Deacon. Little did I know of the vast and wonderful world he had opened up for me, nor the tremendous change he had wrought in my Masonic and personal life. Jean and I will never forget the friendship and guidance provided to us both by our dear friends, By and Helen. God bless each of them.

Those of you who have had an opportunity to read Worshipful Ed Cummings' 1986 Evaluation Report on Nebraska Masonry will not be surprised by what I am about to say. Those of you who have not read it should do so as soon as possible.

I'm usually not one to take a negative outlook on most subjects but when it comes to the future of Masonry in this country, I am reminded of the southern highway patrolman's advice, "You're in a heap of trouble, boy." I have been preaching about the decline in membership in my travels throughout the state as far back as 1980 and my fears are doing nothing but multiplying. In that short space of time our total membership has declined from 33,146 to approximately 28,000, and I am correcting that figure this morning to 27,100. A loss of more than 5,000, 6,000 now, or a decrease of 15% to 16% in just those five years.

According to projections, the approximately 224 Lodges in the state, and that has been

reduced since I wrote this, will be reduced to about 60 Lodges located in about 14 locations within the next 15 years. I discussed this with Frank Mattoon, one of the members of the Lodge Advisory Committee and it's getting to be a serious problem throughout the state the consolidation of Lodges.

By the end of the next decade, the year 2000, we will have a total membership of about 9,000 members in the State of Nebraska. By the year 2010 this will be further reduced to only 2,000 members. Within 15 years the Scottish Rite Cathedrals in Alliance and Hastings will close. There is no reason to believe that the York Rite bodies are not facing a similar fate.

Based on what is and has been occurring in my short Masonic lifetime, I have no reason to doubt Brother Ed's projections nor should any of you. No wonder we are in trouble. I don't have enough fingers and toes to count those Lodges which have not raised a Master Mason in the last 10 years. The rate of consolidations is gaining speed with every passing year. From a purely economical standpoint, you can see what this is doing to the finances of each subordinate Lodge as well as the Grand Lodge. The dues to support your Lodge's activities are constantly shrinking in spite of your individual efforts to increase your dues. Each loss of 1,000 members, which is the current rate per year, means a loss of \$5,000 to the Grand Lodge and \$2,000 to the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth which has the effect of reducing the services each of these organizations can provide for Nebraska Masons. We are all reaching the point of diminishing returns. Further dues increases just to stay even are not the answer. Then what must be done? Maybe we should all get up, get on our feet, and get going. The practices of Masonry must change if we are to survive. To sit back and believe that Masonry will somehow survive by following the status quo is no longer good enough. To do so is simply sticking our heads in the sand and hoping that some divine providence will rescue us. This is an easy position for those in the 60's and over age bracket to take. We won't be around long enough to see the effects of our indifference anyway. We can sit back and let the younger members worry about solving the problem. Unfortunately, there are no or very few younger members. The average age of a Mason today in the State of Nebraska is close to 65 years of age. If you don't believe me, go home and check your records and run a survey on your own Lodge's membership.

The Grand Lodge and the three major subordinate bodies, consisting of the York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine, have been subsidizing Friendship Dinners for more than eight years. Yet, only about 15% of the Lodges have ever taken advantage of this successful program. Then why? Here are some of the reasons I have come up with:

- (1) They don't work
- (2) We don't have any prospects in our town
- (3) We tried one once and nobody came
- (4) They're too much work
- (5) Dinners of this type are solicitation
- (6) Our Master isn't interested
- (7) Nobody is available in our Lodge to do it
- (8) If we did get some candidates, we don't know how to confer degrees anyway

Brethren, there is going to be a change whether you want one or not. We have only two choices:

- (1) Do nothing and watch ourselves go down the drain
- (2) Institute some positive changes and reverse this devastating slide to extinction.

I think I know what your choice will be. All right, what can we do for starters? For one thing, we have to get over this archaic notion that Masonry is a taboo subject when in the company of a non-mason. If we believe so strongly in our Fraternity, then why are we so reluctant to talk about it on every available occasion? I would ask for a show of hands of those who have even once in their Masonic lifetime signed a petition for a candidate, but I won't do it and embarrass 90% of those in attendance today. Ways exist to discuss Masonry if each of us will but try.

- (1) What's wrong with asking a friend if he has ever considered Masonry and advising him that he must ask to join. He probably never knew that!
- (2) What's wrong with telling your friend how much you enjoy your Lodge and the fellowship connected with it.
- (3) If you don't want to bring up the subject, what's wrong with your wife doing it for you.

Friendship Dinners do work and 50% of the Lodges represented today can give you ample proof if you need it. Yes, they take a lot of work. But what else is new in getting any worthwhile job done.

With the tremendous demand on everyone's time in this day and age, a way must be found to reduce the necessity of a candidate spending an inordinate amount of time learning redundant ritual which will be forgotten long before the ink is dry on his due's card. Argue with me if you will, but I am willing to bet that not one delegate in 50 sitting here today could pass an examination on the questions and answers without making a dozen or more mistakes. In response to this situation, I will be making a recommendation that the future proficiency examination be shortened to include only the obligations of the three degrees. You will find the requirements for proficiency under Section 2-402 are left up to the Master of the Lodge. Proficiency is not defined in the law book. Nothing is stated concerning what should be included in the examination. An interesting point for your consideration.

At the close of the Supreme Council meeting of the Scottish Rite held in Washington, D.C. last October, the retiring Grand Commander suggested that maybe Masonry in the United States should take a good look at the procedure currently in use in England, which, after all, is our Mother Lodge, from which all of our Lodges have evolved. By its law, a prospective candidate may be outright asked to join with a onetime follow-up if necessary. I am aware that this cannot currently be done in this country but surprisingly, it has been seriously discussed at the Annual Grand Masters' Conference for at least the last two years. Maybe the time is near when the subject will move from discussion to action. I personally believe we may be running out of time. So, Brethren, let's all decide right now to get up, get on our feet, and get going. Thank you.

### 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. 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

So far this Masonic Year, the Grand Lodge has laid only one cornerstone, but it was of particular interest to the Grand Master. On October 12, 1985, the Grand Lodge officers were installed at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Omaha, Nebraska and the same evening, they, along with several Past Grand Masters and visiting dignitaries, together with the Board of Trustees of The Omaha Home for Boys, celebrated the Home's 65th Anniversary with a banquet at Peony Park in Omaha. The next day, Sunday, October 13, 1985, we had the privilege of laying the cornerstone of a new cottage for twelve boys. In my capacity as Executive Director of the Home, it was a double pleasure and a day that will long live in my accumulation of great memories associated with the Craft.

**CONSOLIDATIONS**

Several consolidations have, unfortunately, been applied for since our last communication and those which I approved are as follows:

- Ponca Lodge No. 101 with Alpha Lodge No. 316.
- Curtis Lodge No. 168 with McCook Lodge No. 135.
- Siloam Lodge No. 147 with Atkinson Lodge No. 164.
- Clay Centre Lodge No. 139 with Mid West Lodge No. 317.

At least two other consolidations are pending at this time and efforts are being made to discourage this ever increasing dilution of our Masonic Lodge roster. It is apparent that this problem is the direct result of the steadily increasing rate of deaths, suspensions for non-payment of dues and the biggest problem of all — lack of new members. Without an effort to interest younger, more vibrant leadership, we will continue to reap the harvest of our indifference and apathy with disastrous results.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

**RECOMMENDED OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS  
NEAR NEBRASKA**

- Joseph C. Wilhoft ..... Oregon
- Raymond H. Brown ..... Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
- Giancarlo Boero ..... Grand Orient of Italy
- W. T. Neale ..... United Grand Lodge of Queensland

**BYLAWS**

During the past year, I approved twelve subordinate lodge bylaw changes, most of which concerned increases in lodge dues.

**REINSTATEMENTS**

Twenty-four requests for reinstatement have been approved since last October.

**VISITATIONS**

I have attended the Grand Lodges of Colorado, Kansas and Minnesota and have made plans to also visit Iowa, Missouri and Wyoming this fall. If time permits, a visit to Illinois will be made, recognizing that our first lodge received its original charter from Illinois.

Since the installation date of October 12, 1985, my visitations have been as follows:

**OCTOBER**

- 12 Installation of Grand Lodge officers, Omaha
- 13 Cornerstone — The Omaha Home for Boys, Omaha
- 14 Past Masters' Dinner — Florence No. 281
- 14 Cathedral Board meeting — S.R. Omaha
- 15 Scottish Rite prospect dinner — Omaha
- 15 Scottish Rite Masters and Wardens meeting
- 19-24 Attended Supreme S.R. Council — Washington D. C.
- 25 Presented 60 year pin to M.W. Thomas J. Aron  
at Crete, Nebraska

26 Lincoln DeMolay 65th anniversary at Lincoln S.R. Class  
Reunion — Omaha (Night Class)

**November**

2 Dedication Of Frank Welsh Lodge at Sidney  
4 S.R. Reunion — Omaha (Night Class)  
11 S.R. Reunion — Omaha (Night Class)  
13 Presented 60 year pin to M.W. Harry A. Spencer at  
North Star No. 227  
17 Shiloh No. 327 breakfast  
18 S.R. Reunion — Omaha (Night Class)  
21 S.R. All Day Reunion — Omaha  
22 S.R. Fall Reunion Banquet — Omaha

**DECEMBER**

6 KCCH Investiture — Lincoln  
7 33 Degree at Omaha  
15 Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1 Installation  
17 National Sojourner's dinner at Offutt A.F.B.

**JANUARY**

3 Attended installation of Beehive No. 184  
4 Installation of Florence No. 281 officers  
5 Attended officer installation — Bellevue No. 325  
6 Grand Master received at Bellevue No. 325  
9 Attended Tangier Shrine Installation  
10 Attended S.R. Installation — Lincoln  
11 Attended installation of officers — J.J. Mercer  
No. 290 at Omaha  
13 Presented 60 year pin to Thomas Williams at Nebraska No. 1  
Grand Lodge officers meeting — Lincoln  
18 Attended officer installation at Miloma No. 328  
22 Grand Master received at Covert No. 11  
24 Participated in installation of officers for  
Scottish Rite Valley of Omaha  
25 Attended Shiloh No. 327 installation  
26-29 Colorado Grand Lodge — Denver

**FEBRUARY**

8 Grand Lodge officers meeting — Lincoln  
10 Master Mason degree at Florence No. 281  
13 S.R. Masters and Wardens meeting — Omaha  
15-19 Grand Masters Conference — Alexandria, VA

**MARCH**

3 Jobs Daughter meeting — Fremont  
5 Bellevue No. 325 Visitation  
7 E.A. Central School of Instruction — Mercer 290  
8 Centennial celebration at Lily No. 154  
8 Potentate's Ball — Hastings  
10 S.R. Cathedral Board meeting — Omaha  
13 F.C. Central School and receiving of  
Grand Master at Beehive No 184  
14 Square and Compass Club luncheon — Omaha  
15 Potentate's Ball — Tangier — Omaha  
17 S.R. Business meeting — Omaha  
18 DeMolay Legion of Honor Annual Dinner — Omaha

- 20-21 Kansas Grand Lodge  
 22 Potentate's Ball — Sesostris — Lincoln  
 23 Daughters of the Nile Installation — Omaha  
 25 M.M. Central School of Instruction — Omaha No. 288  
 27 Maundy service at Omaha S.R. Cathedral  
 27 M.M. Central School — Lincoln  
 29 Visited Gothenburg Lodge regarding request for consolidation.  
 30 Easter morning ceremony — Omaha S.R.
- APRIL**
- 2-4 Minnesota Grand Lodge  
 5 Grand Lodge officers meeting — Lincoln  
 6 S.R. Nebraska Foundation meeting — Lincoln  
 10 Meeting with Grand Secretary — Omaha  
 11 Daughters of the Nile Installation — Lincoln  
 12 Fremont No. 15 entertainment of South Dakota for presentation of Masters degree  
 14 S.R. Cathedral Board meeting  
 18 S.R. Spring reunion — Omaha  
 19 S.R. Spring reunion — Omaha  
 20 Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha meeting at Papillion No. 39  
 23 Friendship Dinner speaker at Covert No. 11  
 26 S.R. Spring Reunion — Omaha  
 30 Attended installation of officers at R.A.M. No. 61 — Omaha
- MAY**
- 1-3 S.R. Supreme Council Workshop — Kansas City  
 10 Grand Lodge officers meeting — Lincoln  
 12 S.R. Cathedral Board meeting — Omaha  
 14 Attended O.E.S. annual session — Lincoln  
 15 S.R. Masters and Wardens meeting — Omaha  
 17 Daughters of the Nile 50th Anniversary Dinner — Omaha  
 19 S.R. Business meeting — Omaha  
 26 Attended Prospect Hill Cemetery annual historical recognition ceremony which this year honored Robert Carrel Jordan.
- JUNE**
- 8 Jobs Daughter installation — Omaha

#### GRAND LODGE AREA EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

During the months of February, March and April, approximately 30 area meetings were held throughout the state. Each lodge received a personal invitation to attend these work sessions and with few exceptions, attendance was extremely good. The Grand Lodge officers assigned to these meetings reported they were met with great enthusiasm and appreciation for offering a chance for each lodge to express opinions on topics of mutual interest to all.

#### PERMISSION TO MOVE CHARTERS

The following lodges were granted permission to move their charters during the year for reasons stated:

- Florence 281 for purposes of Grand Lodge Installation
- Miloma 328 to Papillion 39 for officer installation

Beaver City 93 to move the lodge room to the first floor to conserve heating costs during winter months, with the provision that it be properly tiled.

Frank Welch 75 to move to their new temple building.

#### MEMBERSHIP PIN PRESENTATIONS

60 year pin to M.W. Harry A. Spencer at North Star No. 227	11/13/85
60 year pin to W. Thomas Williams at Nebraska No. 1	01/03/86
Gold Jordan Medal presentation to Bro. John Ewell of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75	11/03/85

#### MASONIC HOMES

Nowhere does the charitable work of our fraternity shine brighter than through our Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and the Masonic Eastern Star Home at Fremont. These two fine homes, under the capable leadership of Brothers Ray Evers and W. Ben Harvey are an inspiration to all Masons, and rightly so. Whatever our individual mandatory and voluntary contributions may be, they pale into insignificance compared to the dedication of the staffs of these two fine homes.

#### TRIAL COMMISSIONS

Since last October, I appointed only one trial commission and as yet, no finding has been returned.

Two other possible complaints are pending.

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

Since October, dispensations were granted to four lodges to confer degrees without regard to time for good and sufficient reasons. Fees were waived in all but one instance. Due to the extremely adverse weather conditions last winter, permission was granted to five lodges to hold their annual election of officers at a date other than their regular December business meetings.

#### GENERAL CONSENTS AND APPROVALS

Pending approval of the Grand Master of South Dakota, consent and approval was granted Fremont Lodge No. 15 to host South Dakota Lodges St. John's No. 1 and St. Andrew's No. 208, both of Yankton, to visit Fremont No. 15 for the purpose of conferring a Master Mason's degree on a South Dakota candidate using South Dakota work.

#### DECISIONS

1. I received a letter from Capitol Lodge No. 3 pointing out that a brother had inadvertently been elected to the office of Junior Warden and appointed Senior Deacon without ever having been examined as to proficiency in the Master's Degree as required by Section 2-302. It was obvious this oversight was made in all innocence and was immediately corrected by the brother passing a suitably proficient examination upon discovery of the error. For the good of the order, I ruled the record healed, but admonished the officers to be more diligent in observing the by-laws in the future.

2. North Star Lodge No. 227 had a problem wherein a brother was refusing to take an examination in the Master's Degree due to a personality clash. I ruled the brother had three choices: (1) Take the examination in No. 227; (2) Have another lodge examine him as a courtesy, but this would require permission of No. 227 before allowable; (3) Have the Grand Master waive the provisions of Section 2-402 for "good cause", a condition which I felt did not exist. To prevent the provisions of Section 2-304 REFUSING EXAMINATION to come into play, I strongly recommended choice No. 1.
3. Nebraska No. 1 received a request to prefer charges against a brother for conduct unbecoming a Mason. The 1985 Master refused to accept the charges as did the newly installed 1986 Master. I ruled the Grand Master could not interfere with the workings within a Lodge as long as the by-laws were adhered to under Sections 3-203 and 3-303. The brother who filed the original complaint appealed to me to override the decision of the two Masters. In response to this, I ruled he had already made his appeal and I would not rescind my decision in the case until the present Master chose to file a formal charge.
4. A brother residing in Texas inquired about placing his mother in the Nebraska Masonic Home. A question arose in which state his current membership was held. Lacking proof of this, I ruled his mother was not eligible until such time as the brother could provide proof of membership in a Nebraska Lodge.
5. Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 requested permission to suspend lodge on the night of December 24, 1985. According to the Secretary's Book, No. 32 is listed as holding regular Meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays. I ruled on the second Tuesday and the meeting held on the fourth Tuesday was considered a Special Communication, I would grant their request although no dispensation would be required from the Grand Master if that was the case.
6. In 1985, Gothenburg Lodge No. 249 requested permission to consolidate with Platte View No. 32. Permission was denied by the 1984-1985 Grand Master pending a thorough investigation of the reasons why. The request was again made in 1986 after all necessary procedures as outlined in the by-laws had been complied with. A personal visit to Gothenburg was made by the Grand Master in company with a member of the Lodge Advisory Committee following a 2 to 1 rejection of the request by the Committee. The favorable vote also was reluctantly given. My firm belief being that this Lodge is still capable of being salvaged over the objections of the current officers, I have tabled the issue for further study and recommendation.
7. Falls City Lodge No. 9, having been involved in a lawsuit last year, requested permission to purchase a building which could be remodeled into a replacement temple. A visit was made to Nebraska City by the Grand Master, along with a member of the Temple Advisory Committee to inspect the proposed purchase. Suggestions were made to the Lodge on possible renovation, but I advised the Lodge not to proceed until all aspects of the recent lawsuit were put to rest. Following this, any proposed purchase and or renovation would be subject to approval by the Temple Advisory Committee before proceeding.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### I

Having received input from almost every Lodge during the Area Educational Meetings conducted throughout the state in the spring of 1986, it is my firm belief

that a majority of the Lodges are truly, and rightfully so, now of the opinion that a "Key" or "Cipher" has earned its place in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as it has in so many jurisdictions throughout the United States without diluting and/or prostituting the ritualistic and proficiency phases of our work. It has been said that use of a "Key" will negate the important work of the Deputy Grand Custodians. In my opinion it will do just the opposite. By use of a "Key", their importance will become more pronounced in verifying the proper wording and allow remotely located lodges the advantage of learning the ritual when a qualified instructor is not available.

It is therefore my recommendation that the following amendment to the Grand Lodge By-Laws be approved: That Section 3-102 (g) be deleted in its entirety.

That the following be added to Section 1-314 — NEBRASKA WORK:

1. The Committee 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 so as to conform to the work authorized in the Nebraska Jurisdiction; 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 open lodge.
5. In the event a cipher is used in an open 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 or 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 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.

## II

With rising cost of liability insurance premiums, it is apparent the present limitations contained within the by-laws are unrealistic. If these limitations are carried out to the letter, the Grand Lodge is faced with two alternatives. (1) ignore the law and continue to purchase insurance at the going rate; (2) Cancel all coverage because it is not available at the maximum allowable rate.

To alleviate this problem, I recommend the following by-laws amendments:

Section 1-201.02 — COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE.

DELETE: "The cost of such insurance shall not exceed eleven cents per member per year, and"

## Section 2-311 — SURETY BOND

DELETE: "Every subordinate lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary the sum of 20 cents for each \$100.00 of"

ADD: "Every subordinate lodge shall pay annually to the grand Secretary for"

DELETE: "such payment not to exceed the rate of 20 cents for each \$100.00 or portion thereof of the face amount of such bond"

## III

It is becoming more apparent with the passage of time that entirely too many Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Masons are being lost either through inability of the subordinate lodges to provide proper posting or the reluctance of candidates to spend the required time to learn the present esoteric Questions and Answers in their entirety. A cursory check of the reports submitted by the subordinate lodges will readily bear out this fact. In an attempt to alleviate this ever increasing problem, I recommend the following:

## Section 2-402 — PROFICIENCY

ADD: In the first sentence after the words proficient in, ADD, "the obligation of", so that the first sentence will read,

"All those hereinafter initiated, passed, and raised, shall become proficient in the obligation of each degree, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge."

If this recommendation is approved, it would in no way effect presentation of the First Section Lectures in each degree as presently contained in the Nebraska Work.

## IV

In order to partially combat the negative criticism which is constantly being leveled at the Fraternity by various religious groups through ignorance and/or design, it is my recommendation that the following monitorial admonition be given to the candidate immediately prior to administering each of the three obligations:

"The obligation you are about to take, contains reference to certain physical penalties which are symbolic in nature and are intended only to impart the historical lessons of fidelity."

## ROCK MAUL

To continue the tradition establish by M.W. Byron C. Jenkins, it is my intention to award the Rock Maul to that Lodge, which, in my opinion, demonstrated the highest degree of leadership, enthusiasm, fellowship, temple appearance, programs and general attitude toward the Fraternity.

## DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

At the recommendatin of our Grand Custodian, W. . Brother Jerry Rittenburg, I commissioned William Fogle of McCook Lodge #135; Roscoe Malick of Cotner Lodge #297 and R. Winton Wilson of Gavel Lodge #199 as Deputy Grand Custodians. I reappointed Robert Kyes of Lone Tree Lodge #36 and W. Dale Page of Fremont Lodge #15 to come out of retirement and help us out as Deputy Grand Custodians.

### GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE

The Grand Masters' Conference of North America convened in Alexandria, Virginia, February 15-19, 1986. The main topic of discussion was the ever present problem of declining membership in the Fraternity. Several Jurisdictions have formed well organized committees with instructions to find an acceptable method of alleviating this situation as well as retaining candidates who have never gone any further than the Entered Apprentice Degree. Problems abounded, but realistic solutions are still a matter for each Jurisdiction to analyze individually.

### CENTENNIALS

At the Grand Lodge Communication held in June of 1885, the following lodges were created and chartered and were therefore eligible to celebrate their 100th anniversary during the last year:

Scribner Lodge No. 132 at Scribner  
Solar Lodge No. 134 at Clarks  
McCook Lodge No. 135 at McCook  
Long Pine Lodge No. 136 at Long Pine  
Upright Lodge No. 137 at Burchard  
Rawalt Lodge No. 138 at Oxford  
Clay Centre Lodge No. 139 at Clay Center  
Western Lodge No. 140 at Western  
Crescent Lodge No. 143 at Primrose

### STATE OF THE CRAFT

The state of the Craft is good, fair or indifferent, depending on the enthusiasm or lack of same throughout the state. In my travels I have visited lodges which are in excellent physical condition, yet leadership is sorely lacking and a pallor of gloom pervades every recess. Other lodges may not have spacious and beautiful surroundings, yet excitement is in the air and the spirit of brotherly love exudes from every corner. You can feel it! No one has to point it out.

Why the difference? Basically it boils down to leadership or unfortunately, the lack of leadership. Give me one good, qualified leader and all the problems encountered by a lodge will pale into insignificance.

Here and there you will find pockets of encouragement. Some lodges have realized their future lies in attracting and elevating good, young candidates and they have the foresight to put them to work immediately instead of relegating them to a position on the sidelines until such time as they "prove" themselves. Such lodges are leading the way in solving one important problem of retaining and training leadership. These lodges will not only survive...they will be in the forefront and maintain the traditions of our most important Fraternity. They will be our salvation.

### APPRECIATION

Thanking people is something I like to do but at the same time, when you are indebted to so many friends it becomes an impossible task to remember them all. At the risk of omitting someone special, I would like to mention a few who have made the last six years so memorable.

Of course, nothing would have been possible without the confidence of M.W. Byron Jenkins in appointing me as Grand Junior Deacon during his year. I hope I didn't disappoint him.

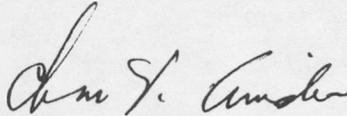
To Florence Lodge No. 281, I owe a debt of gratitude for allowing me to serve as its Master in 1967 and then doing me the honor of opening lodge for the Grand Lodge Officers installation and also this session of the Grand Lodge Communication.

And then there were those Past Grand Masters who gave so willingly of their expertise whenever called upon; especially M.W. Herbert A. Ronin who took me under his wing and guided me with his compassionate wisdom.

No Grand Master could operate without the cooperation, support and advice of the Grand Lodge Officers. When each one knows and does his job, it makes serving a pleasure! Thanks to all of you for being such dedicated servants to the Craft.

No master of a Lodge, and especially a Grand Master could possibly have given so much time to the Fraternity without the complete support and backing of an understanding mate. Thirty-seven years ago, I joined the Masonic order. Thirty-six years ago last month, Jean joined me in marriage. During the passing years she has been by my side to give words of advice and encouragement during trying times and has always supported every Masonic endeavor with which I became involved. Thank you, Jean, for allowing me this honor.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chas. W. Amidon".

Chas. W. Amidon  
Grand Master

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

R. W. : PAUL R. PIERCE PGM

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

The position of being Grand Secretary to the Lodge Secretaries of Nebraska, and to the Grand Secretaries of other Jurisdictions, has been an interesting challenge, sometimes exhilarating and sometimes very trying. The planning, organizing and developing of the work of the Secretaries has been enjoyable, and the co-operation of the many good Secretaries is sincerely appreciated.

The Pamphlet FREEMASONRY was developed and printed to explain and to help create interest in Masonry. It is a tool. It is being widely used by our Blue Lodges, the York and Scottish Rites, and the Shrine for promotion purposes.

The Secretary's Guide Book made available to all lodge secretaries was a good experience in preparation, with assistance of several lodge secretaries, and has met with good response. The Guide Book was intended to make the duties of the lodge secretary more understandable, to simplify and improve record keeping and reporting, and to assist new secretaries to replace older secretaries who wished to retire. There are still improvements to be made and will be forthcoming as old supplies are used up and new forms developed.

### CHARTERED LODGES

The Roscoe Pound Lodge of Research was chartered on June 14, 1986 at the 1985 Grand Lodge Communication. This lodge does not initiate, pass and raise candidates.

DeWitt Lodge No. 111 was sited for failure to be represented at two consecutive Annual Communications.

### CONSOLIDATIONS

Siloam Lodge No. 147 of Stuart consolidated with Atkinson Lodge No. 164 at Atkinson.

Ponca Lodge No. 101 at Ponca consolidated with Alpha Lodge No. 316 at South Sioux City.

Curtis Lodge No. 168 of Curtis consolidated with McCook Lodge No. 135 of McCook. January 14, 1986.

Clay Centre Lodge No. 139 of Clay Center consolidated with Mid West Lodge No. 317 of Hastings. March 5, 1986.

Pending consolidations include Faith Lodge No. 181 of Crawford with Sioux Lodge No. 277 of Harrison; and Gibbon Lodge No. 189 of Gibbon with Cement Lodge No. 211 of Wood River.

Consolidation information forms have been developed and printed and are available from the Grand Secretary.

#### HONOR PINS

60 Year Pins continue to lead 50 Year Pins.

50 Year Pin presentations . . . . .	105
60 Year Pin presentations . . . . .	110
70 Year Pin presentations . . . . .	6

Many presentations are made for Nebraska Masons, outside our own jurisdiction, especially in the "sun belt". These presentations are made by lodges as a courtesy to the Nebraska parent lodge. A followup is made concerning the Brother receiving the recognition.

#### JORDAN MEDALS

The Gold Jordan Medal, presented to the Master Mason residing in Nebraska with longest period of Masonic service, was presented to Brother John A. Elwell, Sr., of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 of Sidney. Brother Elwell was raised a Master Mason September 18, 1909. The presentation was made August 24, 1985, the same day of the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Sidney, the Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, and the lodge hall was packed with Brother Masons and friends.

Frequent changes occur with holders of the Bronze Jordan Medal. Many lodges are cleaning the medal, replacing the old ribbon with a new one, and now displaying the Medal with the recipients picture on a plaque left in the lodge hall for all to see.

#### GRAND SECRETARIES CONFERENCE AND VISITS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The purpose of visits to the Grand Secretaries Conference in Washington D.C., to the Grand Lodge Communications in Iowa, Missouri, Colorado and Kansas, and to the 4 State Officers Conferences at North Platte, Nebraska, and to Goodland, Kansas, has been as a Grand Secretary seeking information helpful to Nebraska Masons. Other jurisdictions are struggling with low raisings of members, high suspensions, and apathy of members, but also positively working to improve their situation in programs of "Masonology." Some of the improvements learned are planned for Nebraska.

RETURNS

No. of lodges .....	224	
Initiated .....	368	
E. A.'s on roll 12-31-85 .....	707	
Passed .....	294	
F. C.'s on roll 12-31-85 .....	231	
Membership 12-31-84 .....		28,038
Raised .....	295	
Affiliated .....	82	
Dual/Plural .....	39	
Reinstated .....	182	
From Consolidations .....	54	
Other .....	5	
	<u>657</u>	
Demitted .....	101	
Deaths .....	833	
Suspended .....	582	
Expulsions .....	2	
Other .....	41	
	<u>1,559</u>	
Membership 12-31-85 .....		27,136
Net loss .....	902	

Percentage raised to those initiated was 80%

Percentage reinstated to those suspended was 31%



**1985-86 FISCAL YEAR**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

## GENERAL FUND

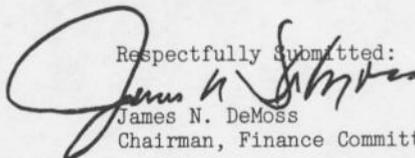
RECEIPTS:

Per Capita @ \$7.00 per member	\$ 189,395.00
Initiations @ \$10.00 each	3,610.00
Bond Premiums	1,317.40
Liability Insurance Premiums	3,003.95
Sale of Supplies	7,954.81
George Washington Masonic National Memorial @ \$5.00 per raising	1,317.00
Custodian Fees	15.00
Dispensation Fees	20.00
Miscellaneous Income	4,024.78
Reinstatements	1,211.00
Reimbursement from The Nebraska Masonic Home	10,000.00
General Fund Income from Investments (Net of any Restricted Funds)	91,258.40
Bank Interest	3,097.66
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 316,225.00</b>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bond Premium	\$ 1,075.00
Liability Insurance	15,051.67
George Washington Masonic National Memorial	-0-
Supply Account	7,407.00
1985-1986 General Budget (Net of above disbursements)	217,421.33
The Nebraska Masonic Home	54,217.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 295,172.00</b>

Respectfully Submitted:



James N. DeMoss  
Chairman, Finance Committee

MEMBERSHIP and ACTIVITY of NEBRASKA LODGES for 1985

NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS																LODGE NO.				
	LODGE NO.	INITIATED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1985	PASSED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1985	MEMBERSHIP DEC. 31, 1984	GAIN						LOSS					ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1985			
							RAISINGS	AFFILIATIONS	DUAL/PLURAL MEMB.	REINSTATED	CONSOLIDATED	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL	DEMITED	DEATHS	SUSPENDEd			EXPULSIONS	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL LOSS
Nebraska	1	5	7	5	4	521	5	2	1	5	0	0	13	3	16	1	0	1	21	513	1
Western Star	2	2	5	0	11	258	0	0	0	5	37	0	42	0	7	10	0	0	17	283	2
Capitol	3	1	6	1	1	302	1	0	1	3	1	0	6	2	12	4	0	0	18	290	3
Nemaha Valley	4	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	47	4
Omaha	5	0	3	0	0	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	82	5
Plattsmouth	6	4	6	3	0	276	3	3	1	3	0	0	10	1	10	3	0	0	14	272	6
Falls City	9	0	6	0	6	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	9	135	9
Solomon	10	0	3	2	0	93	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	95	10
Covert	11	11	9	8	1	942	9	2	0	16	0	0	27	4	27	32	0	0	63	906	11
Orient	13	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	40	13
Peru	14	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	64	14
Fremont	15	9	1	9	0	521	9	1	0	2	0	0	12	5	17	10	0	1	33	500	15
Tecumseh	17	0	0	0	0	113	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	8	10	0	1	19	97	17
Lincoln	19	10	8	8	0	435	11	1	0	6	0	0	18	0	15	11	0	0	26	427	19
Washington	21	1	7	0	2	115	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	6	111	21
Pawnee	23	0	3	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	7	81	23
St. Johns	25	3	1	2	0	408	3	1	0	3	0	0	7	1	12	14	0	0	27	388	25
Beatrice	26	5	8	5	7	309	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	1	9	6	0	0	16	298	26
Jordan	27	2	2	2	2	45	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	27
Blue River	30	0	0	1	0	62	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	61	30
Tekamah	31	4	11	1	2	174	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	0	6	169	31
Platte Valley	32	3	18	3	1	411	4	1	0	5	0	0	10	2	17	7	0	0	26	395	32
Ashlar	33	0	15	0	7	318	0	3	1	6	0	0	10	0	10	7	0	0	17	311	33
Acacia	34	0	0	3	0	127	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	127	34
Fairbury	35	2	3	0	0	141	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	8	135	35
Lone Tree	36	0	2	0	0	121	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	119	36
Crete	37	1	1	0	0	135	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	1	0	0	4	135	37
Oliver	38	3	2	2	1	94	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	2	0	0	7	90	38
Papillion	39	25	24	19	29	323	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	3	5	10	0	0	18	315	39
Humboldt	40	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	40
Northern Light	41	0	2	1	0	82	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	15	0	0	18	65	41
Hebron	43	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	6	71	43
Harvard	44	0	0	0	2	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	62	44
Rob Morris	46	8	14	7	5	279	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	11	10	0	0	21	264	46
Fairmont	48	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	4	51	48
Evening Star	49	1	2	0	1	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	67	49
Hastings	50	3	13	3	2	336	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	2	11	4	0	1	18	323	50
Fidelity	51	0	0	1	0	82	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	8	0	0	0	9	77	51
Hiram	52	0	2	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	59	52
Charity	53	0	4	2	1	107	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	6	103	53
Lancaster	54	13	21	11	2	746	11	1	2	2	0	0	16	4	14	11	0	2	31	731	54
Mosaic	55	3	9	0	0	217	1	2	0	2	0	0	5	1	8	9	0	0	18	204	55
York	56	2	10	1	0	202	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	5	199	56
Mt. Moriah	57	0	8	0	3	66	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	1	3	66	57
Wahoo	59	4	6	1	0	173	1	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	0	6	171	59

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Melrose	60	0	3	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	6	94	60
Thistle	61	2	7	1	0	168	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	169	61	
Keystone	62	0	0	0	2	82	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	82	62	
Blue Valley	64	1	1	0	1	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	60	64	
Osceola	65	2	7	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	66	65	
Edgar	67	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	67	
Aurora	68	1	5	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	80	68	
Trowel	71	0	1	0	1	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	0	0	0	9	82	71	
Hooper	72	0	0	3	2	78	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	78	72	
Friend	73	3	2	1	0	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	5	48	73		
Frank Welch	75	1	5	0	1	164	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	4	163	75		
Nelson	77	0	1	3	0	101	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	3	3	0	0	6	99	77		
Albion	78	1	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	63	78		
Geneva	79	1	1	0	0	152	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	3	6	0	0	9	147	79		
Composite	81	4	1	3	3	62	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	63	81		
St. Paul	82	0	0	0	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	101	82		
Corinthian	83	0	4	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	83		
Ionic	87	0	4	0	2	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	60	87		
Cedar River	89	1	2	0	1	68	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	89		
Oakland	91	0	2	1	1	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	6	12	76	91		
Beaver City	93	1	3	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	56	93		
Bennett	94	3	3	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	1	8	55	94		
Garfield	95	1	4	0	0	82	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	80	95		
Utica	96	0	0	0	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	4	52	96		
Euclid	97	2	3	4	2	97	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	2	0	0	3	99	97		
Republican	98	0	2	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	35	98		
Shelton	99	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	33	99		
Waterloo	102	9	6	4	1	145	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	1	3	2	0	0	6	144	102		
Ord	103	0	2	0	1	83	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	6	78	103		
Wymore	104	2	3	4	2	102	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	103	104		
Stella	105	0	2	0	0	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	31	105		
Porter	106	1	0	1	0	38	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	39	106		
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	24	108		
Pomegranate	110	4	10	3	3	162	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	1	0	0	6	158	110		
DeWitt	111	1	2	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	111		
Springfield	112	1	1	2	0	70	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	2	0	0	5	68	112		
Globe	113	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	46	113		
Wisner	114	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	5	79	114		
North Bend	119	2	3	1	1	90	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	4	89	119		
Wayne	120	0	7	0	0	146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	142	120		
Superior	121	1	2	1	0	143	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	2	7	3	0	1	13	134	121		
Auburn	124	0	3	0	1	84	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	6	79	124		
Mt. Nebo	125	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	42	125		
Stromburg	126	1	5	1	3	139	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	4	136	126		
Minden	127	0	3	0	1	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	69	127		

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Guide Rock	128	1	3	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	128	
Scribner	132	0	0	0	0	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	28	132
Solar	134	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	134
McCook †	135	4	9	1	0	257	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	12	0	0	0	13	248	135
Long Pine	136	0	0	1	0	34	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	34	136
Upright	137	1	1	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	34	137
Rawalt	138	0	2	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	54	138
Western	140	0	3	0	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	140
Crescent	143	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	21	143
Jachin	146	2	4	0	1	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	0	0	8	144	146
Custer	148	0	2	0	0	172	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	3	0	0	12	161	148
Cambridge	150	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	51	150
Evergreen	153	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	24	153
Lily	154	3	6	0	1	42	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	154
Samaritan	158	3	2	2	0	180	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	4	8	0	0	12	171	158
Ogalalla	159	0	0	0	0	134	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	7	127	159
Zeredatha	160	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	160
Mt. Zion	161	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	30	161
Trestle Board	162	0	0	0	0	51	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	51	162
Unity	163	1	0	1	2	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	5	41	163
Atkinson ††	164	0	0	0	0	67	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	2	56	164
Barneston	165	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	4	68	165
Elwood	167	0	1	0	1	60	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	3	59	167
Amity	169	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	36	169
Mason City	170	1	1	3	1	35	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	3	35	170
Robert Burns	173	0	2	1	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	173
Culbertson	174	0	1	0	0	56	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	55	174
Hay Springs	177	1	1	1	1	76	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	74	177
Justice	180	1	5	1	1	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	88	180
Faith	181	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	42	181
Alliance	183	7	7	7	5	267	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	4	8	0	0	12	261	183
Bee Hive	184	7	0	1	0	581	2	1	0	18	0	0	0	21	4	15	18	0	0	37	565	184
Boaz	185	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	28	185
Meridian	188	1	1	1	0	100	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	1	6	96	188
Granite	189	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	189
Crystal	191	0	1	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	35	191
Minnekadusa	192	0	5	1	2	112	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	1	0	0	6	108	192
Highland	194	1	4	1	2	57	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	57	194
Arcana	195	0	4	0	0	96	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	5	93	195
Purity	198	3	2	1	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	77	198
Gavel	199	0	4	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	199
Blazing Star	200	0	0	1	1	52	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	200
Scotts Bluff	201	1	8	2	0	133	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	2	3	2	0	0	7	130	201
Golden Sheaf	202	1	1	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	4	35	202
Plainview	204	0	2	4	1	111	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	2	114	204

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Wallace	279	0	2	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	51	279
Swastika	280	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	5	53	280
Florence	281	9	6	5	1	519	5	2	0	10	0	0	17	2	19	13	0	0	0	0	0	34	502	281
Mullen	282	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	33	282
Seneca	284	1	0	1	2	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41	284
Camp Clarke	285	1	5	12	0	76	12	0	0	1	0	0	13	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	84	285
OshKosh	286	0	6	0	1	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	286
Union	287	0	7	0	3	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	67	287
Omaha	288	2	0	2	0	228	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	15	216	288
Lotus	289	1	1	0	0	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	92	289
John L. Mercer	290	19	7	16	6	1044	9	2	0	13	13	0	37	2	28	23	1	0	0	0	0	54	1027	290
Diamond	291	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	52	291
Monument	293	0	5	0	1	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	293
Kimball	294	1	6	1	3	134	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	9	127	294
Minatare	295	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	44	295
Cotner	297	1	2	1	3	250	2	1	1	2	0	0	6	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	249	297
Chester	298	1	0	1	0	42	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	41	298
Sutherland	299	1	4	3	3	77	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	75	299
Liberty	300	1	2	1	0	303	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	288	300
Bayard	301	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	43	301
Mizpah	302	4	9	4	2	630	3	0	0	8	0	0	11	3	19	21	0	0	0	0	0	43	598	302
Right Angle	303	1	0	1	0	246	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	1	15	6	0	0	0	0	0	22	229	303
Newman Grove	305	0	2	0	4	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	305
Golden Rod	306	1	1	0	0	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	51	306
Perkins	308	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	63	308
Victory	310	1	3	0	2	141	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	11	131	310
Polk	311	1	1	0	0	51	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	51	311
Potter	313	0	1	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	52	313
Craftsmen	314	13	13	8	0	386	8	3	2	2	0	0	15	1	12	8	0	0	0	0	0	21	380	314
Alpha †	316	0	5	2	2	177	3	0	1	3	0	0	7	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	178	316
Mid West ††	317	7	14	2	3	566	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	4	16	21	1	6	0	0	0	48	521	317
Grand Island	318	4	3	4	5	250	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	19	234	318
College View	320	6	6	3	1	110	2	2	0	1	0	0	5	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	108	320
Harmony	321	1	0	1	0	44	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	321
Lebonon	323	3	4	3	2	171	3	2	0	1	0	0	6	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	10	167	323
Ciara	324	1	7	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	51	324
Bellevue	325	12	2	12	2	407	13	2	14	1	0	0	30	3	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	23	414	325
Centennial	326	4	5	5	1	317	6	1	0	1	0	0	8	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	312	326
Shiloh	327	4	0	4	0	126	4	0	0	1	0	2	7	1	0	12	0	1	0	0	0	14	119	327
Miloma	328	18	30	12	11	141	10	0	0	5	0	0	15	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	153	328

† Ponca has been consolidated with Alpha  
 †† Clay Centre has been consolidated with Mid West

## REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

JERRY L. RITTENBURG

June 13, 1986

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

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

Masonic Ritual is alive and well in Nebraska Lodges. This year, one hundred nine lodges certified. A gain of one.

Newly certified lodges are:

Fairbury .....	No. 31
Albion .....	No. 78
Kimball .....	No. 294

During this year, ten individuals certified for the first time. They are as follows:

Jerry G. Niday .....	Comet Lodge .....	No. 229
Gene F. Peterson .....	Comet Lodge .....	No. 229
Robert L. Carter, Jr. ....	Craftsmen Lodge .....	No. 314
Deon D. Eberly .....	Craftsmen Lodge .....	No. 314
Ernest G. Lehmkuhler .....	Platte Valley Lodge .....	No. 32
Jon L. Milne .....	Platte Valley Lodge .....	No. 32
William C. Fogle .....	McCook Lodge .....	No. 135
Keith E. Winheim .....	Nebraska Lodge .....	No. 1
Gerald A. Maher .....	St. Johns Lodge .....	No. 25

We now have four hundred seventy-four certified men in Nebraska. The following brethren have been certified fifty years or more:

### ***Fifty Years:***

Harold G. Kelberg .....	Bee Hive Lodge .....	No. 184
Louis J. Bishop .....	Bee Hive Lodge .....	No. 184
Paul D. Fleming, DGC, Em. ....	Beaver City Lodge .....	No. 93

### ***Fifty-One Years:***

T. Ross Magowan .....	Arcana Lodge .....	No. 195
Merle M. Hale, PGM .....	Lancaster Lodge .....	No. 54
Wayne W. Reese .....	Lancaster Lodge .....	No. 54

### ***Fifty-Two Years:***

Arthur W. Kaman .....	Oasis Lodge .....	No. 271
Carl Thomas .....	Oasis Lodge .....	No. 271
Edward H. Lockwood .....	Robert W. Furnas Lodge ..	No. 265

**Fifty-Three Years:**

James A. Scott . . . . . Mid West Lodge . . . . . No. 314

**Fifty-Four Years:**

Frank H. Newton . . . . . Blue River Lodge . . . . . No. 30

**Fifty-Five Years:**

Harold D. Weddel, DGC, Em. . . . . Thistle Lodge . . . . . No. 61

Carroll C. Raymer, DGC, Em. . . . . Atkinson Lodge . . . . . No. 164

Harry A. Spencer, PGM . . . . . North Star Lodge . . . . . No. 227

**Sixty Years:**

Glendon B. Roshon . . . . . Lincoln Lodge . . . . . No. 19

Paul C. Holmberg . . . . . Grand Island Lodge . . . . . No. 318

**Sixty-Two Years:**

Benjamin F. Eyre, PGM . . . . . Nebraska Lodge . . . . . No. 1

This has been a busy year for me. The following is a partial list of activities in which I participated during the year:

- June 17, 1985 Attended Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls in Crete
- August 25, 1985 Children's Home Open House at Fremont
- September 6 & 7, 1985 Grand Custodian School in Grand Island
- October 6, 1985 Temple Dedication at Allen
- October 10, 1985 Central School at Minden
- October 12, 1985 Installation of Grand Lodge Officers in Omaha
- October 13, 1985 Cornerstone at Omaha Home for Boys
- October 16, 1985 Central School at Harvard
- October 22, 1985 Central School at Hastings
- November 3, 1985 Dedication of new Frank Welch Lodge Temple at Sidney
- November 13, 1985 Central School at Hay Springs
- November 14, 1985 Central School at Chadron
- December 7, 1985 Fall Ceremonial at Sesostris Temple
- January 4, 1986 Installed officers at East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
- January 6, 1986 Bellevue reception for Grand Master
- January 9, 1986 Attended joint installation of three Lincoln lodges
- January 11, 1986 Attended installation of College View Lodge No. 320
- January 17, 1986 Took part in Shrine installation in Lincoln
- January 20, 1986 Installed officers at Hickman Lodge No. 256
- January 25, 1986 Attended installation of Thistle Lodge No. 61
- February 24, 1986 Central School in Lincoln

March 7, 1986	Central School in Omaha
March 8, 1986	Centennial Celebration of Lily Lodge No. 154 in Davenport
March 11, 1986	Central School in Lincoln
March 13, 1986	Central School in Omaha
March 15, 1986	Central School in Lexington
March 18, 1986	Central School in Lincoln
March 19, 1986	Central School in Omaha
March 25, 1986	Central School in Omaha
March 27, 1986	Central School in Lincoln
April 5, 1986	Grand Lodge Officers Meeting in Lincoln
April 6, 1986	Scottish Rite Foundation Meeting in Lincoln
April 9, 1986	Central School in Sidney
April 10, 1986	Central School at Mitchell
April 11, 1986	Central School at Alliance
April 12, 1986	Fremont Host for South Dakota Ritual and recommissioning of Dale Page as Deputy Grand Custodian
April 18 & 19, 1986	Four-State Grand Lodge Officers Meeting at Goodland, Kansas
May 6, 1986	Commissioning of R. Winton Wilson as Deputy Grand Custodian at Carleton
May 10, 1986	Grand Lodge Officers Meeting in Lincoln
May 13, 14, & 15, 1986	Took part in Grand Chapter O.E.S. in Lincoln

Three new Deputy Grand Custodians were examined by me and appointed by the Grand Master. They are:

William C. Fogle	.....	McCook
Roscoe B. Malick	.....	Lincoln
R. Winton Wilson	.....	Bruning

Two brethren who had been Deputy Grand Custodians were recommissioned and are now serving in their respective districts. They are:

W. Dale Page	.....	Fremont
Robert E. Kyes	.....	Central City

This brings to thirty-seven the number of Deputy Grand Custodians. They are as follows:

1. Harry N. Ahl . . . . . Louisville
2. Don L. McCoy . . . . . Omaha
3. Herman O. Hansen . . . . . Omaha
4. Stanley E. Brunton . . . . . Herman
5. James E. Cornish . . . . . Tekamah
6. Leslie G. Weber . . . . . Plainview
7. Albert W. Watsek . . . . . Humboldt
8. John C. Sierks . . . . . Brownville
9. Lloyd I. Edwards . . . . . Ashland
10. Roscoe B. Malick . . . . . Lincoln
11. Eugene C. Sibley . . . . . Lincoln
13. R. Winton Wilson . . . . . Bruning
14. Richard L. Mauch . . . . . Bassett
15. Justin F. Fauss . . . . . Norfolk
16. Lynn Doty . . . . . Wausa
17. Victor D. Hunt . . . . . Phillips
18. Arthur S. Dye . . . . . Hastings
19. Mervin E. Ransom, Sr. . . . . Osceola
20. Robert E. Kyes . . . . . Central City
21. Wayne E. Beatty . . . . . Stromsburg
22. A. W. Clark . . . . . Grand Island
23. D. Wayne Erickson . . . . . Holdrege
24. Ralph E. McNulty . . . . . Cozad
25. William C. Fogle, . . . . . McCook
26. Arthur J. Ferguson . . . . . Wood Lake
27. Alfred V. Peltzer . . . . . Broken Bow
28. Vincent Rosenberger . . . . . Hemingford
29. Leslie Evert . . . . . Gordon
30. Everett K. Dappen . . . . . Scottsbluff
31. Kenneth G. Fleming . . . . . Sidney
32. Roger L. Shillington . . . . . Max
33. Harry L. Saum . . . . . Grant
34. W. Dale Page . . . . . Fremont
35. A. S. Scolaro . . . . . Bellevue
36. Michael L. Peterson . . . . . Lincoln
37. Ben D. Fussell . . . . . Geneva
38. Frank R. Harris . . . . . Nelson

The Deputy Grand Custodians, Emeriti are:

Carroll C. Raymer . . . . Atkinson, Nebraska  
 Louis V. Sylvester . . . . . Omaha, Nebraska  
 Harold M. Wilkerson . . Beatrice, Nebraska  
 Delbert H. Pinkerton . . . Lincoln, Nebraska  
 Sebert A. Stover . . . . . Omaha, Nebraska  
 Clifford D. Webster . . . . . Sarasota, Florida  
 Frank H. Smith . . . . . Bayard, Nebraska  
 W. Upton Dawson . . . . McCook, Nebraska  
 T. Leo Stines . . . . . Central City, Nebraska  
 Glenn W. Binder . . Pawnee City, Nebraska  
 Alfred R. Kenoyer . Westminster, Colorado  
 Harold D. Weddel . . . Lexington, Nebraska  
 Curtis J. Griess . . . . Grand Island, Nebraska  
 Arnold F. Mains . . . . . Fremont, Nebraska  
 Harold A. Tilton . . . . . Tucson, Arizona  
 Willard I. Lewis . . . . Bella Vista, Arkansas  
 Alton S. Mote . . . . . Alliance, Nebraska  
 Walter S. Cork . . . . . Sidney, Nebraska  
 Paul D. Fleming . . . . Beaver City, Nebraska  
 Nelson W. Rittenburg . . Lincoln, Nebraska  
 Mannie O. Hansen . . . . Omaha, Nebraska  
 Donald A. Kyckelhahn . . Lincoln, Nebraska

At this time, the Grand Master has not appointed any Deputy Grand Custodian, Emeritus.

As I stated at the beginning of this report, Masonic Ritual is alive and well in Nebraska Lodges. Attendance and enthusiasm at central schools have been very good. The Deputy Grand Custodians are doing a good job across Nebraska. In some areas, we are seeing a resurgence of activity that bodes well for the future.

I wish to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles Amidon for the honor and privilege of serving as your Grand Custodian.

I also thank Most Worshipful Paul Pierce, Grand Secretary, and Jerry Sharp, Grand Lodge Office Manager, for their cooperation during this past year.

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

Fraternally,

Jerry L. Rittenburg  
 Grand Custodian

**REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES FOR THE  
GRAND LODGE AND THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1986**

FRANK W. LAWSON, CHAIRMAN

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.**

	1986	1985
Total Revenues . . . . .	\$ 315,726 <sup>(a) (b)</sup>	\$ 339,194 <sup>(a) (b)</sup>
Total Expenses . . . . .	295,171	361,933
Excess (Shortfall) of Revenue over Expenses . . . . .	20,555	(22,739)
Fund Equity, End of Year . . . . .	\$ 1,298,394 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 1,277,340 <sup>(a)</sup>

<sup>(a)</sup> Exclusive of Restricted Donations — See Text

<sup>(b)</sup> Excludes \$499 Capital Gain in 1986 and \$1,229 in 1985.

**For the Nebraska Masonic Home General Fund**

Total Revenue before Transfers from Endowment Fund . . . . .	\$ 808,863	\$ 955,036
Total Expenses . . . . .	1,429,834	1,312,510
(Deficit) . . . . .	(620,971)	(357,474)
Transfers from E and B Fund . . . . .	513,000	405,000
Fund Equity, Year End . . . . .	\$ 1,265,598	\$ 1,373,578

**For the Endowment and Bequest Fund**

Investment Income Net of Safekeeping Expenses . . . . .	\$ 1,371,954	\$ 1,198,297
Gain on Sale of Investments . . . . .	165,194	16,583
Endowments & Bequests Received . . . . .	181,558	370,925
Fund Equity, Year End . . . . .	\$16,857,192	\$15,652,486

**COMMENTS:****Grand Lodge:**

Even though revenues were down almost \$23,500.00 for fiscal 1986, expenses were down even more, so that instead of 1985's deficit of \$22,739.00, there was a \$20,555.00 excess of revenues over expenses this year. Revenues were about as expected with investment income down 8% due to lower short-term interest rates and lower average investment. Dues received were down 10% which unfortunately reflects continuing decline of membership. Expense-wise, the most noteworthy changes were the decreases in computer expense (unusually high in 1985) and Grand Secretary's salary. Comprehensive liability insurance showed an exceptionally large increase.

**Restricted Funds:**

The Emick Scholarship Fund again provided four \$1,000.00 scholarships this year.

The Stephen C. Houghton Trust made an additional \$80,000.00 payment to this Fund in 1986. These monies are given the Grand Lodge for the purpose of funding the care, maintenance, and education of orphan children. The monies are invested in short-term obligations and as of April 30, 1986, the fund totaled \$96,528.00. To date, none of these funds have been disbursed.

**Nebraska Masonic Home:**

Home Operating Expenses were up 8.9% and totaled \$1,429,843.00.

Home Revenues before transfers from the Endowment Fund were down \$146,173.00 largely due to decrease of "Donations upon admittance."

Home Operating Deficit was \$620,980.00 and was again covered by transfers from the Endowment Fund.

Endowment Fund Investment Income was up 14.5% and the Endowment Fund Equity was up 7.7%.

Respectfully submitted

Board of Trustees

Frank W. Lawson, Jr., Chairman

June 9, 1986

**REPORT OF  
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

JAMES N. DeMOSS

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

Brethren:

The responsibilities of this Committee are set forth in Section 1-318 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws. Specifically, we are to monitor proper accountability of funds received and disbursed by the Grand Lodge. A copy of this report is not included in the handouts you received at the time of registration because this committee feels that a proper execution of our report could not be effected until completion of the outside audit of the books of Grand Lodge by the accounting firm engaged by the Grand Trustees to perform such audit. That audit has now been completed and a preliminary working copy of their report is in the hands of the Grand Trustees. I refer you to the report of the Grand Trustees for more detailed financial data.

This has been a particularly trying year for the Grand Lodge Office Staff in coping with the move of the office coupled with the myriad of problems encountered in attempting to establish a workable accounting package within the framework of our computer system. It is indeed gratifying to be able to report to you that through the timeless efforts of all involved an accurate and useful system was in place — and in balance — before the close of the Fiscal Year. It is our understanding that our new accounting system has greatly facilitated the completion of the annual audit by our outside auditors.

It is particularly noteworthy that the Grand Lodge Funds have been managed this past year in such a manner that we had an EXCESS of revenues (income) over disbursements (expenses) of some \$20,555! This fact, in contrast to the immediate preceding year wherein we had a deficit of \$22,739.00 should indicate to you that management of your funds has been prudent.

The committee wishes to recognize and express our appreciation to the Grand Lodge Office Staff consisting of Jerry Sharp and Shelley Fey for the exemplary performance of their duties under most trying circumstances.

Respectfully submitted:  
Committee on Finance

James N. DeMoss, 325, Chairman  
Charles Godwin, 210  
David E. Menck, 15  
Arthur R. Sharp, 54  
Gary Powell, 19

## 1985-86 FISCAL YEAR

### FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND

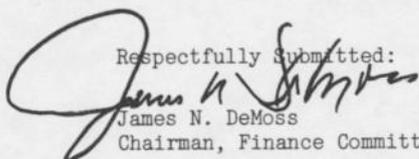
#### RECEIPTS:

Per Capita @ \$7.00 per member	\$ 189,395.00
Initiations @ \$10.00 each	3,610.00
Bond Premiums	1,317.40
Liability Insurance Premiums	3,003.95
Sale of Supplies	7,954.81
George Washington Masonic National Memorial @ \$5.00 per raising	1,317.00
Custodian Fees	15.00
Dispensation Fees	20.00
Miscellaneous Income	4,024.78
Reinstatements	1,211.00
Reimbursement from The Nebraska Masonic Home	10,000.00
General Fund Income from Investments (Net of any Restricted Funds)	91,258.40
Bank Interest	3,097.66
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 316,225.00

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Bond Premium	\$ 1,075.00
Liability Insurance	15,051.67
George Washington Masonic National Memorial	-0-
Supply Account	7,407.00
1985-1986 General Budget (Net of above disbursements)	217,421.33
The Nebraska Masonic Home	54,217.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 295,172.00

Respectfully Submitted:



James N. DeMoss  
Chairman, Finance Committee

**FINAL REPORT OF  
THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

JOHN D. VerMAAS

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

The Appropriations Committee transmits this Preliminary Report of Appropriations for the 1986-87 year for your consideration. Some explanatory remarks will be made at the time of presentation regarding the reformatting of the report to tie it to the account listing adopted by the Grand Lodge at the time it put its accounts on the computer.

Expenditures for 1985-86 fiscal year were \$329,869.00 which were \$14,826.40 below the budget approved by Grand Lodge last year in the amount of \$344,695.40. This is a percentage amount of 4.3 below budget. These figures are prior to audit.

The suggested appropriation of \$334,360.00 for the 1986-87 year is \$4,491.00 more than the amount expended during 1985-86. This is a percentage amount of 1.36.

The committee wishes to thank those committee chairmen who took the time to respond in writing to our request for appropriations for this year. This information is necessary in order to assemble an accurate listing of financial needs for the operation of the Grand Lodge.

At the committee meeting on May 13th at the Grand Lodge office the top three officers of the Grand Lodge met with the members of the Appropriations Committee in order to assemble the budget for the upcoming year. We want to thank them for their investment in time on behalf of the Grand Lodge and to recommend to future appropriation committees that this custom be followed in subsequent years. Amounts being appropriated can more adequately be established to fund programs proposed.

Appropriations Committee

John D. VerMaas, Chairman

Robert A. Carhart

Ben D. Fussell

Gary W. Radil

Ivan A. Vrtiska

**GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA  
1986-1987  
PRELIMINARY APPROPRIATIONS**

**ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

Payroll .....	\$ 150.00
Mileage Expense .....	6,500.00
Per Diem Expense .....	4,400.00
Guest Rooms Rental .....	2,000.00
GM Dinner .....	2,500.00
Proceedings .....	8,000.00
GL Banquet .....	5,000.00
Dinner Entertainment .....	
Ladies Program .....	1,500.00
Grand Secretary's Breakfast .....	500.00
Facility Rental .....	500.00
Flowers and Decoration .....	500.00
Miscellaneous Annual Communication .....	2,000.00
Other Food .....	500.00
	\$ 34,050.00

**COMMITTEES**

Masonic Education .....	\$ 10,000.00
Relief .....	1,000.00
Trial Commissions .....	250.00
Trustees .....	400.00
Audit .....	50.00
Grand Lodge Offices .....	150.00
Masonic OES Committee .....	50.00
OES Scholarship .....	2,500.00
Finance .....	150.00
Nebraska Work .....	150.00
Grand Historian .....	2,000.00
Public Relations .....	1,000.00
Youth Committee .....	2,000.00
Temple Advisory .....	100.00
Appropriations .....	100.00
Lodge Advisory .....	200.00
Membership .....	750.00
Statue of Liberty Centennial .....	100.00
	\$ 20,950.00

**TRAVEL EXPENSE**

Grand Master .....	\$ 9,500.00
Grand Master Auto Allowance .....	1,200.00
Grand Secretary .....	2,000.00
Grand Secretary Auto Allowance .....	7,200.00
Grand Custodian .....	1,200.00
Grand Custodian Auto Allowance .....	6,000.00
Other Officers Directed by G.M. ....	6,500.00

Deputy G. M. Conference Expense .....	2,000.00
DGC Travel to Lodges .....	1,000.00
DGC Per Diem .....	1,500.00
DGC Central Schools .....	5,000.00
Grand Secretary's Conference .....	2,000.00
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	\$ 45,100.00

**SALARIES**

Grand Secretary .....	
Grand Custodian .....	
Clerical Staff .....	35,500.00
Employers Share FICA .....	3,000.00
Federal and State Unemployment .....	1,500.00
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	\$ 40,000.00

**OCCUPANCY**

Office Rent .....	\$ 20,000.00
Office Parking .....	1,000.00
Grand Lodge Moving Expense .....	
Utilities .....	2,200.00
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	\$ 23,200.00

**EXPENSE**

Telephone .....	\$ 8,200.00
Equipment Repair and Maintenance .....	2,000.00
Equipment Rental .....	
Postage .....	5,000.00
Print and Copy .....	5,000.00
Employee Development .....	
Computer Supply .....	1,000.00
Accounting Services .....	4,000.00
Legal Service .....	200.00
Office Supplies .....	7,500.00
Office Maintenance .....	250.00
Computer Services .....	2,000.00
Computer Maintenance .....	1,000.00
Computer Rental .....	500.00
Dues and Subscriptions .....	500.00
Nebraska Freemason .....	10,000.00
GM Jewels and Aprons .....	200.00
GM Office and General Expense .....	1,500.00
G. C. and Dep. G.C. Supplies .....	600.00
G.Sec. Office Supplies .....	
Lodge Operating Supplies .....	10,000.00
50-60-Year Pins .....	500.00
50-60-Year Books .....	400.00
Grand Lodge Pins .....	
Retirement CRG .....	4,650.00
Retirement Mrs. NWL .....	3,360.00

Retirement Others .....	
Secretary's Desk Book .....	1,200.00
Bank/Trust Charges .....	500.00
Other Fixed Expenses .....	
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	\$ 70,060.00

**INSURANCE**

Workmen's Compensation .....	250.00
Masonic Relief Association Dues .....	350.00
Group Insurance .....	4,500.00
Surety Bonds .....	1,100.00
Auto Insurance G.L. Officers .....	
Comprehensive Liability Lodges .....	20,000.00
Office Contents .....	100.00
Other Insurance .....	
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	\$ 26,300.00

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Masonic Service Association Dues .....	2,000.00
George Washington Memorial .....	2,000.00
DeMolay Foundation .....	3,500.00
M.S.A. Hospital .....	
Other Mason Promotion .....	
Transfer Dues to NE Masonic Home .....	56,000.00
Masonic Eastern Star Home .....	10,000.00
Other Organizations .....	* 200.00
Library and Museum .....	** 1,000.00
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	\$ 74,700.00

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION ..... \$ 334,360.00**

**Footnotes:**

- \* Conference of Grand Masters is requesting a contribution of \$100 to offset annual speaker fee.
- \*\* The Roscoe Pound Lodge of Research No. 329 has requested this sum for shelving in order to prevent damage to stored Grand Lodge books, historical data and other memorabilia currently stored at several locations in Lincoln. The custodianship of which is for the Grand Secretary who is entrusted with the safe keeping of the Grand Lodge archives, books and all other memorabilia, in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and oath of office.

## 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. 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 fifteen 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. Our attendance at Board meetings has improved to the extent that I consider it as good as we have any right to expect.

One of the major developments during the year was the move June 1, 1985 of the Grand Lodge office from Omaha to Lincoln. I appointed a Committee to study the feasibility of moving our office to Plattsmouth rather than following the Grand Lodge office to Lincoln. They recommended we continue our operation in conjunction with the Grand Lodge office. This was approved by the Board of Trustees so there has been no change in our operations except that our operations have been made more functional and, we hope, more efficient.

The Nebraska Masonic Home constantly monitors the quality and nature of the services provided by the Home to insure that our Home is responsive to the changing needs of Nebraska Masons and their families. In furtherance of this objective, the Board of Trustees made a major decision to accept a recommendation of our Long Range Planning Committee to start planning to upgrade our infirmary. With the consent of the Grand Masters, we contracted with the firm of Peat, Marwick & Mitchell to provide strategic planning assistance to us. This is a study to determine the demand and need for the home services, what services we should be providing, the quality of the services we want, the current condition of the Home facilities and their suitability for current or other possible services. This study should be available for us shortly after this Grand Lodge session.

One of our problems during the year was our Session with the County Board of Equalization at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. The Board reviewed the tax exempt status of our property and continued the tax exemption for the Home and the Home grounds. They denied us tax exemption, however, for the home maintained for the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent, as well as the lots we have across the street from the Home, to protect its environs. That property was put on the tax rolls and, after personally reviewing the situation, I can tell you that it belongs on the tax rolls.

The major improvement to the Home during the past year was the modernization of our dining room by dropping the ceilings and installing new lights. This modernization was completed in December.

Our budget for the 1986-1987 Masonic year will be \$1,387,700.00. This is approximately \$35,000 more than our last year's budget. Every Nebraska

Mason contributes \$2.00 through his dues to the support of the Home. With approximately 28,500 members of the fraternity, this entire contribution amounts to \$55,000. This is less than four percent of our budget. No other Grand Lodge funds are used in the operation of the Home. This means your Trustees are required to raise approximately \$1,320,000.00 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 \$100.00 for this latter source during the current Masonic year, amounted to \$224,519.09. Our Seal Fund contributions totaled \$33,812.07. Please keep these contributions coming. They are urgently needed for the support of your Home.

One of the surprises from our Seal Fund letter was a check from Brother James A. Dishorn of Tucson, Arizona, for \$1,000.00 to start a fund for an addition of a wing to the Home for our infirmary. With this \$1,000.00 we established a Building Fund. We placed two contributions we received in December — one from the Ella H. Erway Estate of \$17,500.00, and one from the Mabel E. Nelson Estate of \$25,278.41 in this fund. This gave us a total of \$43,278.41 as of December 31, 1985, in our Building Fund.

There is no question we are going to be required to do something soon to modernize our infirmary facilities. Approximately 65 percent of those now in the Home are considered infirmary guests. So as not to be caught in the lurch, we must be prepared to meet this contingency in the not too distant future.

The Food Truck from central Nebraska arrived November 23, 1985. This year's contribution amounted to 450 cases of canned goods and some frozen vegetables, along with 100-pound sacks of sugar. The shipment weighed in at 20,000 pounds and was valued at \$10,000.00. This food represents contributions from several of our brethren as well as the lodges and Masonic organizations of Central Nebraska. We are indebted to Brother Adolph Schlaman of Ashlar Lodge #33 and his co-chairman, Brother Donald M. Peterson, for their leadership as well as the time and effort they donate to this very helpful project.

Brother Vincent Newquist of Wausau Lodge #251 and the family of Maliah McKnight donated wheelchairs to the Home. These were needed and we appreciate this thoughtfulness.

Brother and Mrs. Elbert Osborn who reside in an apartment at the Home presented us with a check for \$1,185.00 for the purchase of a new carpet cleaner. We are most grateful to them.

Brother Howard Quinn donated the cost of a centrifuge for the Nursing Department, in memory of his mother who was a former resident of the Home. We appreciate his generosity.

All of these various donations are very helpful to the Home. Each of them adds to the welfare and comfort of the residents and necessarily help us with our budget. We urge each of you to keep your Nebraska Masonic Home in the forefront of your charitable contributions. Any contribution you make

to the Home, particularly in the form of bequests in your Will, will continue the work of Masonry long after you have passed to your eternal reward.

We are grateful to all of the Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Masters and Wardens, Eastern Star Chapters, as well as the Omaha Scottish Rite and the Youth & Band Musical Groups, who have helped to make the year a pleasant and joyous one for the Home residents. I suggest you urge your friends to visit the Home if they have not done so. When they see the wonderful job being done by our Superintendent, Ray Evers, and his work force, I am sure they will be interested in helping with this outstanding program.

Speaking of our Superintendent, Worshipful Brother Raymond F. Evers, I remind you he will be happy to bring a program on the Home to any interested Lodge. He will show slides and sketch the progress made in the Home the past year.

During the first part of the Masonic Year, we were honored by the presence of our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Wayne G. Lueningberg at our meetings. Since our Grand Lodge session, we have had the pleasure of having our Grand Senior Warden Right Worshipful Brother Paul R. Eveland meet with us. We have appreciated their presence and their advice. The presence of an elected Grand Lodge officer at our meetings as a liaison with the Grand Lodge is helpful to us and should be in the best interest of the Grand Lodge.

It has been a real pleasure to serve as President of the Home Board during the past year. I have never worked with a group any more conscientious than your present Trustees. They exemplify Masonic charity at its best. For everyone of them it is a labor of love which requires them to contribute of their substance as well as their time. I only wish our entire membership could really know the work these brethren render in their behalf.

In conclusion, brethren, I remind you the Nebraska Masonic Home is your home. We, as its trustees, only act as your representatives. To continue this great philanthropy, we need the cooperation and support of every Nebraska Mason. I urge you to visit and support your Home. You will find it to be a very satisfying experience.

M. . W. . Brother Harry A. Spencer, President



**MASONIC EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN  
ANNUAL REPORT OF  
THE PRESIDENT — BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PAUL R. EVELAND**

Nebraska is one of six states whose Masonic Charity is directed to the care of children and the only state in which a Children's Home is supported by both the Eastern Star and the Masons.

Charitable work in the area of children, no matter whose children they may be, is a proper outlet for our Masonic philanthropy.

Children in our society have more serious problems than ever before. What generation has ever had the high incidence of broken homes, influence by questionable TV programming, drugs, alcohol, a lowering of accepted moral standards with the resulting problems of abuse and other problems in which youth seem to be the main victims? We must continually be guided by that old adage which says "a good man is lost when a child goes bad." The future welfare of our society is obviously enhanced when we are able to take children from "crippled families" and through love and care point them on the pathway to becoming useful and productive citizens of the future.

The biggest frustration we have found over the years has been our inability, largely because of governmental policy, for our Home to focus on the problems of children and to be able to help. Partly because of the sheer size of the problem, and because of changes in our strategies we feel we are now bringing our resources to bear on the problem, and there are numbers of children that we can get and help.

This year has brought a great deal of satisfaction to our Board. We have tried some new ideas and they are working. The addition of a Child Care Supervisor has made a salutary improvement in our operation. We are doing a better job with each child because we have both the time and expertise to minister to their individual problems. This in turn means we are able to keep some children, that we might not have been able to before, and take some whose problems we previously might have not felt qualified to cope with.

The old saying that our Home could only be as good as the people we had employed to operate it proved to be correct. Last year I stated that we had the best personnel overall since I had been a member of the Board, and the performance this year bears out that observation. The net result is that things are going so well we are full in two houses and pushing our total capacity. In addition, we are doing a better job of meeting the overall needs of all of our children. The really exciting part of all of this is that we are making plans to refurbish and open the Senior Girls' Home that has stood vacant for sixteen years. If we proceed according to plan the house could be in line by one year from now and our Home could be living up to its full potential.

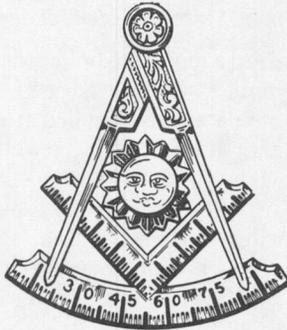
The Board has decided to embark on a new program of a supervised independent living training for certain selected seniors to make their transition from the structured, protected environment of our Home to the reality of the everyday world. If we haven't prepared a child to cope with life, we really haven't completed our mission.

After even this short glimpse into some of the happenings at our Home, I'm sure you can realize why it really is a privilege to serve on the Board, but remember that while not everyone can serve in this way, we can all help by our giving, our prayers, and our enthusiasm for this great and good work.

May I add my personal and special thanks to all of you who have helped in any way, to our Board for their unselfish commitment, and to all of the staff for their efforts that often go beyond what money can buy.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Eveland, President



### REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Committee met on Thursday, June 12, 1986, and reviewed the following decisions and recommendations of the Grand Master:

#### DECISIONS

1. I received a letter from Capitol Lodge No. 3 pointing out that a brother had inadvertently been elected to the office of Junior and Senior Warden without ever having been examined as to proficiency in the Master's Degree as required by Section 2-302. It was obvious this oversight was made in all innocence and was immediately corrected by the brother passing a suitable proficiency examination upon discovery of the error. For the good of the order, I ruled the record healed, but admonished the officers to be more diligent in observing the bylaws in the future.
2. North Star Lodge No. 227 had a problem wherein a brother was refusing to take an examination in the Master's Degree due to a personality clash. I ruled the brother had three choices: (1) Take the examination in No. 227; (2) Have another lodge examine him as a courtesy, but this would require permission of No. 227 before allowable; (3) Have a Grand Master waive the provisions of Section 2-402 for "good cause," a condition which I felt did not exist. To prevent the provisions of Section 2-304 REFUSING EXAMINATION to come into play, I strongly recommended choice No. 1.
3. Nebraska No. I received a request to prefer charges against a brother for conduct unbecoming a Mason. The 1985 Master refused to accept the charges as did the newly installed 1986 Master. I ruled the Grand Master could not interfere with the workings within a Lodge as long as the bylaws were adhered to under Sections 3-203 and 3-303. The brother who filed the original complaint appealed to me to override the decision of the two Masters. In response to this, I ruled he had already made his appeal and I would not rescind my decision in the case until the present Master chose to file a formal charge.
4. A brother residing in Texas inquired about placing his mother in the Nebraska Masonic Home. A question arose in which state his current membership was held. Lacking proof of this, I ruled his mother was not eligible until such time as the brother could provide proof of membership in a Nebraska Lodge.
5. Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 requested permission to suspend lodge on the night of December 24, 1985. According to the Secretary's Book, No. 32 is listed as holding regular Meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays. I ruled on the second Tuesday and the meeting held

on the fourth Tuesday was considered a Special Communication, I would grant their request although no dispensation would be required from the Grand Master if that was the case.

6. In 1985, Gothenburg Lodge No. 249 requested permission to consolidate with Platte Valley No. 32. Permission was denied by the 1984-1985 Grand Master pending a thorough investigation of the reasons why. The request was again made in 1986 after all necessary procedures as outlined in the bylaws had been complied with. A personal visit to Gothenburg was made by the Grand Master in company with a member of the Lodge Advisory Committee following a 2 to 1 rejection of the request by the Committee. The favorable vote also was reluctantly given. My firm belief being that this Lodge is still capable of being salvaged over the objections of the current officers, I have tabled the issue for further study and recommendation.
7. Falls City Lodge No. 9, having been involved in a lawsuit last year, requested permission to purchase a building which could be remodeled into a replacement temple. A visit was made to Nebraska City by the Grand Master, along with a member of the Temple Advisory Committee to inspect the proposed purchase. Suggestions were made to the Lodge on possible renovation, but I advised the Lodge not to proceed until all aspects of the recent lawsuit were put to rest. Following this, any proposed purchase and/or renovation would be subject to approval by the Temple Advisory Committee before proceeding.

M. W. Robert A. Metcalf, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee reported the above decisions were each approved by the Committee.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### I

Having received input from almost every Lodge during the Area Educational Meetings conducted throughout the state in the spring of 1986, it is my firm belief that a majority of the Lodges are truly, and rightfully so, now of the opinion that a "Key" or "cipher" has earned its place in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as it has in so many jurisdictions throughout the United States without diluting and/or prostituting the ritualistic and proficiency phases of our work. It has been said that use of a "Key" will negate the important work of the Deputy Grand Custodians. In my opinion it will do just the opposite. By use of a "Key", their importance will become more pronounced in verifying the proper wording and allow remotely located lodges the advantage of learning the ritual when a qualified instructor is not available.

It is therefore my recommendation that the following amendment to the Grand Lodge Bylaws be approved: That Section 3-102 (g) be deleted in its entirety. That the following be added to Section 1-314 — NEBRASKA WORK:

1. The Committee 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 so as to conform to the work authorized in the Nebraska jurisdiction; 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 open lodge.
5. In the event a cipher is used in an open 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 or 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 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.

This Recommendation was not recommended by the Jurisprudence Committee, but after lengthy floor discussion it was balloted on by the delegates resulting in a vote of 308 for and 129 against and therefore was approved.

## II

With rising cost of liability insurance premiums, it is apparent the present limitations contained within the bylaws are unrealistic. If these limitations are carried out to the letter, the Grand Lodge is faced with two alternatives. (1) Ignore the law and continue to purchase insurance at the going rate; (2) Cancel all coverage because it is not available at the maximum allowable rate. To alleviate this problem, I recommend the following bylaws amendments:

- Section 2-201.02 — COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE.
- DELETE: "The cost of such insurance shall not exceed eleven cents per member per year, and"
- Section 2-311 — SURETY BOND
- DELETE: "Every subordinate lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary the sum of 20 cents for each \$100.00 of"
- ADD: "Every subordinate lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary for"
- DELETE: "such payment not to exceed the rate of 20 cents for each \$100.00 or portion thereof of the face amount of such bond"

This recommendation was approved by the Committee and balloting by the delegates resulted in 294 votes in favor and 134 votes against and therefore was approved.

### III

It is becoming more apparent with the passage of time that entirely too many Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Masons are being lost either through inability of the subordinate lodges to provide proper posting or the reluctance of candidates to spend the required time to learn the present esoteric Questions and Answers in their entirety. A cursory check of the reports submitted by the subordinate lodges will readily bear out this fact. In an attempt to alleviate this ever-increasing problem, I recommend the following:

- Section 2-402 — PROFICIENCY
- ADD: In the first sentence after the words "proficient in,"
- ADD: "the obligation of," so that the first sentence will read,
- "All those hereinafter initiated, passed, and raised, shall become proficient in the obligation of each degree, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge."

If this recommendation is approved, it would in no way affect presentation of the First Section Lectures in each degree as presently contained in the Nebraska Work.

This recommendation was not approved by the Committee and a subsequent ballot by the delegates resulted in the following vote: 203 in favor, 244 opposed and therefore this recommendation failed.

#### IV

In order to partially combat the negative criticism which is constantly being leveled at the Fraternity by various religious groups through ignorance and/or design, it is my recommendation that the following monitorial admonition be given to the candidate immediately prior to administering each of the three obligations:

“The obligation you are about to take, contains reference to certain physical penalties which are symbolic in nature and are intended only to impart the historical lessons of fidelity.”

The Committee did not approve the Recommendation as written and suggested it be made a part of the Preparatory Address. After it was pointed out that the Preparatory Address is only delivered prior to the Entered Apprentice Degree the requirements of this recommendation should therefore be inserted prior to each degree. The question was put to a vote by the Delegates which resulted in 294 affirmative votes and 134 negative votes. The Recommendation was therefore approved.

### REPORT ON THE CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

BERNARD P. PIPHER

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Past Grand Masters and Brethren All:

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

That Section 3-102 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended by deleting subsection (g) relating to the possession or use of keys, ciphers or printed matter relating to the ritualistic work.

That otherwise said Section 3-102 remain in force and effect, except to re-letter subsections (h) and (i) to be designated as subsections (g) and (h) respectively.

That Section 1-314 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

#### Sec. 1-314 — NEBRASKA WORK

(a) The Committee on Nebraska Work shall consist of three Past Grand Masters, each member to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The committee shall be advisory to the Grand Custodian and to the Grand Master on the esoteric and monitorial work and on all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees, and shall study and determine all matters relating to the esoteric and monitorial work, and its rulings shall be final, subject only to the appeal to, and determination by, the Grand Lodge.

(b) The committee 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, so as to conform to the work authorized in the Nebraska jurisdiction; 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.

(c) Every Master Mason may purchase the authorized cipher from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska through the secretary of each subordinate lodge.

(d) 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.

(e) The cipher shall not be used or permitted in any open lodge.

(f) In the event a cipher is used in an open 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 or 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 subordinate lodges.

(g) 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 to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

That the original Section 1-314 be repealed.

That Section 1-201.01 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 1-201.01 — COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE** — The Grand Lodge shall purchase a policy or policies of Comprehensive Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 public liability and \$250,000.00 property damage liability; such insurance to cover all subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. Every subordinate lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge its share of the cost of such insurance in proportion to its membership upon presentation to the subordinate lodge of a statement for such lodge by the Grand Secretary.

The the original Section 1-201.01 be repealed.

That Section 2-311 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-311 — **SURETY BOND** — Every subordinate lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary for bond protection to the lodge against misappropriation of lodge funds by its Secretary and its Treasurer. It shall be the duty of each subordinate lodge annually to report to the Grand Secretary the amount of protection necessary adequately to protect its funds against misappropriation by each of its said two officers, which report shall fix the maximum amount of protection to which the lodge shall be entitled for that year.

All payments hereunder by subordinate lodges shall be paid annually to the Grand Secretary, who shall keep a record thereof. The Grand Secretary shall procure a surety bond from a company legally issuing such bond sufficient in amount to protect all of the subordinate lodges against misappropriation of its funds by its Secretary and by its Treasurer, and pay the amount thereof out of the money received for this purpose from such lodges. Said bond so furnished is to be conditioned for the full protection of the Grand Lodge and the several subordinate lodges.

That the original Section 2-311 be repealed.

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

Submitted by  
Committee on Codification of the Law

Bernard T. Pipher, #31, Chairman  
John M. McHenry, #10  
Don C. Bottorf, #49

**REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY OF  
RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR  
THE 1987 GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION**

Summary of the Resolutions presented by not less than 5 Master Masons at the 1986 Grand Lodge Communication and to be considered at the 1987 Grand Lodge Communication June 12 and 13, 1987.

**1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II**

Be it resolved: that article II be amended to include all Past Masters as permanent members of the Grand Lodge.

**2. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III**

The Grand Lodge shall hold a regular communication annually in the city of Kearney, Nebraska, unless unavailable, then such place as designated by the Grand Master, with the approval of the Grand Lodge, provided that it is geographically centrally located.

3. Be it resolved that the Grand Lodge Provide a prepaid life membership program for the voluntary participation of all Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in the State of Nebraska.

4. Be it resolved that no one shall serve on more than one Standing Committee at one and the same time in this Grand Lodge.

5. Be it resolved that no new Grand Custodian or Deputy Grand Custodian be appointed until approved by the Committee on Work.

6. Be it resolved that the Nebraska Freemason be returned to the control of the Grand Lodge as a responsibility of the Grand Secretary.

7. Be it resolved that the Emick Scholarship fund be returned to control of the Grand Lodge and be administered by the Grand Lodge Youth Committee.

8. Be it resolved that the Grand Secretary shall be in charge and responsible for all operations of the Grand Lodge Office including hiring of all employees.

9. Be it resolved that the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian be restored as full time salaried employees of this Grand Lodge.

10. Be it resolved that installation of Grand Lodge Officers shall always be immediately following the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in June of each year.

**11. SEC. 1-102, CHARTERED SUBORDINATE LODGES:**

How represented—each chartered subordinate Lodge shall be represented at the Communications of the Grand Lodge by its Master, Wardens, their proxies and Past Masters.

Each subordinate Lodge shall have votes at Grand Lodge according to Masters, Wardens, or proxies and Past Masters present, and any Past Master may represent the Lodge if its Master or Warden or their proxies are absent.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS**

KENNETH D. BEEBE, CHAIRMAN

The Committee respectfully submits as its report that the address of M. W. Charles W. Amidon, as printed in the advance proceedings, be referred in part as follows:

- To the Committee on Jurisprudence:
  - the section on General Consents and Approvals
  - the section on Decisions
  - the section on Recommendations
- To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:
  - the section on Consolidations
- To the Committee on Grievances:
  - the section on Reinstatements
  - the section on Trial Commissions
- To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:
  - the section on Necrology

The Address reflects the interest the Grand Master has in the future prosperity and vitality of Masonry in Nebraska as well as the activities of the past year. He is to be commended for his efforts on behalf of the Craft. We recommend that matters not herein specifically referred to committee be approved.

**REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

We recommend the report be referred as follows:

- To the Committee on Returns:
  - the section on Returns
- To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:
  - the section on Consolidations
  - the section on Chartered Lodges
- To the Committee on Grievances:
  - the section on Grievances
- To the Committee on Finances:
  - all Financial reports and schedules relating to funds.

The Grand Secretary has earned the respect and gratitude of the entire Craft for the manner in which he took over the duties of his office during a period of transition, not only involving a physical move of the Grand Lodge offices, but also the implementation of the computer system so long planned. The Committee further recommends that all matters not herein specifically referred to committee be approved.

## REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend the report be forwarded to the Committee on Nebraska Work for their guidance. We can be proud of the leadership shown by our Grand Custodian and his Deputies during the past year, particularly under trying and difficult times. They are to be congratulated on their fine efforts and concern for the Craft.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth D. Beebe, 119, Chairman

Jack Seidinglanz, 184

Everett K. Dappen, 265



## REPORT OF GRAND LODGE OFFICES COMMITTEE

M. W. BEVIN B. BUMP

This Committee and their terms, appointed by the Grand Master, consisted of the following Master Masons: M. W. Bevin B. Bump, 158 (1989), Chairman; W. John M. McHenry, 19 (1990); W. James L. Eatmon, 294 (1988); W. Donald Lee Andrews, 15 (1987); M. W. Jack Hendrix, 174 (1986).

This Committee was charged by the Grand Master to observe and review the workings of the Grand Lodge Offices (the Grand Secretary's Office and the Grand Custodian's Office), and to proceed pursuant to Section 1-321 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge with whatever was necessary to improve the efficiency of the offices for the benefit of Nebraska Freemasonry. The Committee met several times and with the Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers, the Special Building Committee and the Appropriations Committee in Lincoln, Kearney, Kimball and by telephone.

The Grand Lodge Offices have just been moved, prior to the 1985 Grand Lodge session, from Omaha to Lincoln. The Grand Custodian's Office is located in his home at 855 S. 36th St., Lincoln, 68502, and is maintained by Jerry Rittenburg, Grand Custodian, and his wife Mary Alice. The Grand Secretary's Office is quartered on the third floor of the new Nebraska State Bar Center across the street from the State Capitol. The Committee was busy with organizing, setting up and furnishing the new Grand Secretary's office with the office staff. Two persons were employed and hired to conduct the business of the Grand Secretary's Office, with Jerry Sharp as Office Manager and Leslie Todd as secretary. According to the policy of the Offices Committee they were both hired on a 6-month trial basis and advised that their performance and production would be reviewed every 6 months, at which time they would be eligible for a raise or be replaced. That same policy continues during the employment of any person in the Grand Lodge offices.

At the end of the first 6-month period it was found necessary to replace Leslie Todd with Shelley Fey. The staff of the Grand Secretary's Office is now well versed in the computer and is becoming acquainted with Masonic terminology and our Bylaws.

The Grand Secretary's Office is new, pleasant and friendly and will make a good front door to Nebraska masonry for Masons and the public. If you have not visited the office, you should do so and become acquainted with the staff and find out what services can be provided to your lodge and the Masons of Nebraska.

The first year of operation of the new Grand Secretary's Office was a busy one. By September the staff and the Committee had become frustrated with the workings of the computer system and CD Systems of Omaha, Nebraska, through whom the Honeywell computer, software and the pro-

gramming had been purchased, when it was discovered that CD Systems had not been authorized by Honeywell to sell us the particular software contained within the system. A complete history of the staff's and Committee's dealings with CD Systems has been documented and is available to any Mason who is interested in reviewing the same. At that time, Grand Master Charles W. Amidon appointed a special computer committee consisting of John McHenry, Art Sharp and Joe Babcock, an independent computer programmer, to investigate the problems and report their findings and recommendations to the Offices Committee. After the committee's report, it was determined by the Offices Committee that it was necessary to retain an independent computer consulting expert.

Two experts, Ned Kalbfleish and Marc Minkin, were brought in to evaluate the system that the Grand Lodge had purchased from CD Systems together with the programming software documentation that had been sold to the Grand Lodge, and to meet with the Honeywell representatives to further determine why the Honeywell system was not giving the performance that the Grand Lodge had originally requested and contracted for. After this investigation, it was determined by the reports and recommendations of the experts that it would be less expensive to add the ITT system in the Grand Secretary's Office. A report and the documentation of the step-by-step process of analyzing the Honeywell system and finally ending up with the ITT system is also available for review by any interested Mason. As a part of the computer accounting package it was determined that there was a need for restructuring the chart of accounts for both the Nebraska Masonic Home and the Grand Lodge. With the assistance of the consultants and Bill Strain, who is an accountant with Fry, White and Guszak of Lincoln, a new chart of accounts was developed for both. These charts dovetail very well with the Lotus and Wordstar accounting packages that are now in place and in service in the computer system in the Grand Secretary's Office. Complete financial documents can now be produced for both the Home and the Grand Lodge.

Under the Honeywell system as programmed in the Grand Secretary's Office in Omaha between June, 1984 and May, 1985, the only information that was in the data base as far as the membership was the name, address, Lodge number, birth date and when the member was initiated, passed and raised, suspensions, reinstatements, and the only way this information could be obtained for review was by knowing the lodge number that the member belonged to and his middle initial. Also, there was no search capacity. Under the new system, we will not only have the above information, but also will be able to program the member's status, whether he is a 50-, 60- or 70-year member, the number of lodges he may belong to, his proficiency, whether he has been an officer in his lodge, a Past Grand Master, Deputy Custodian, Jordan Medal holder, Grand Lodge officer, committee member, his occupation and any additional remarks that we wish to program for that certain individual, and the information can be accessed by a number of ways.

The computer can also do numerous functions relative to accounting and information production for the Lodges. As a part of the Offices Committee's

focus on computer services, the Committee will be recommending to the Grand Master that starting this next year, Worshipful Masters and Secretaries be brought to the Grand Secretary's Office to be advised of the capabilities of the computer and to inquire of them what types of information, documents and other assistance the Grand Secretary might provide to them.

A WATTS line was placed in the Grand Secretary's Office, which has become quite useful in the telephone communication to and from the office, and has proved to be less expensive than the long distance expenses in the past. A WATTS line was also placed in the Grand Secretary's home in an attempt to provide greater access to the Grand Secretary by the Lodges. The Committee has determined that this type of service should be provided to the Worshipful Masters and the Deputy Grand Custodians by placing a WATTS line in the Grand Master's home or office, and also one in the Grand Custodian's Office/home.

The Committee invites all Masons to not only visit and contact the Grand Secretary's Office for the types of services that can be provided to Nebraska Masons and the public, but to also communicate to the Chairman, or any member of the Committee any suggestions, advice or questions that they might have in regard to the operation of the Grand Lodge offices.

The Committee has always believed that open communication is vital to the promotion and growth of Freemasonry in Nebraska.

### **REPORT OF THE TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RICHARD D. NELSON, JR.**

Falls City Lodge No. 9 has been contemplating purchasing a wood framed, metal covered building which they propose to remodel into a new lodge building. The Chairman of the Committee and the Grand Master visited the site last fall and made recommendations to the Lodge that perhaps it should consider a new building on the site as the best long range investment.

Falls City Lodge was unfortunately involved in a law suit regarding its present Lodge location and it has been suggested to the lodge that this suit should be resolved before considering any additional expenditures. Future plans are still pending.

Bartley Lodge No. 228 is also interested in remodeling a building into a temple and has submitted preliminary plans. These are currently being reviewed by the Temple Building Advisory Committee which will continue to work with the lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Nelson, Jr., 281, Chairman  
W. . Herman O. Hansen, 3  
W. . Donald C. Hafer, 306

## THE REPORT OF THE TEMPLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

M. W. BROTHER FRANK MATTOON

Worshipful Master and Brethren:

We have the pleasure this year of working together on various problems involving the Lodge Advisory Committee. One of the most potent problems facing the Committee is the growing tendency of lodge consolidations. The Committee has approved some lodge consolidations and delayed action in other cases, but that isn't what I'm talking about now.

I'm talking about possible cures for this growing situation. It can be addressed better and more efficiently and effectively if the problems in the local lodges can be discernable at the early incubation stage and to accomplish this, I would submit a recommendation to either the present Grand Master or the incoming Grand Master, that we have more members on the Committee spaced throughout the state so that we would have ready access to the lodges and then working through the Deputy Grand Custodians we could cover more area with less travel over shorter distances.

Secondly, I would like to see the program we borrowed from the South Dakota Jurisdiction about ten years ago given another trial. This involved visitation to approximately one fourth of the lodges each year on a rotating basis so that at the end of four years, almost every lodge in the state would receive a visit from the Grand Lodge Officers. Many of lodges have never seen a Grand Lodge Officer.

During these scheduled visits, special functions such as Friendship Dinners and other interesting programs were held where before, nothing of interest has been held in some lodges for years. This display of sincere attention was good for the lodges and helped generate interest in instances where apathy was gaining a foothold. I again recommend reviving this program as soon as possible. I think it can work again and might attack the growing problem of declining membership and the all-too-easy route of consolidation.

One thing more about consolidations. We have not given any study to the effect of such action on the lodge that goes out of existence and what happens to the membership. Where do they go? They may or may not continue paying dues to maintain future eligibility for the Plattsmouth Home or they may become dormant dues paying members and eventually become suspended for non-payment of dues. Unfortunately, we have no statistics with which to evaluate the consequences.

With that, I just wanted to offer these suggestions to the Grand Lodge in hopes that we can take some positive steps and not talk about Masonry being dead in Nebraska.

### STATUE OF LIBERTY REPORT

ALEXANDER SWIATEK, CHAIRMAN  
STATUE OF LIBERTY COMMITTEE

The Statue of Liberty Campaign Committee is pleased to submit the following financial report on funds collected as of May 14, 1986:

\$ 17,731.40	Contributions received by 161 Nebraska lodges which represent 71% of the total lodges in the state. <i>NOTE: 79 lodges donated 100% of their membership goal.</i>
<u>2,518.28</u>	Interest on account and other funds collected.
\$ 20,312.68	Total funds collected.
- 9,000.00	Sent check to Campaign headquarters 1-01-85
<u>-11,000.00</u>	Sent check to Campaign headquarters 5-15-86
\$ 312.68	Balance on hand.

NOTE: Since the above date of May 14, 1986, additional amounts have been brought in bringing the Grand Total to:

\$ 21,307.68

Fraternally,  
Alexander Swiatek, Chairman



### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

BEN D. FUSSELL

We your committee wish to report that we have conferred with the Master of DeWitt Lodge No. 111 and we recommend that the problem be referred to the Committee on Masonic Education and that the charter not be lifted. We believe that with proper assistance that this lodge can function properly and effectively.

Ben D. Fussell, Chairman  
Joseph G. Geisler  
Don L. McCoy

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

PAUL R. PIERCE, CHAIRMAN

At the 1986 Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries Conference a paper was presented concerning the removal of the ancient physical penalties from our Masonic obligations. The penalties have been removed from the obligation in Austrailia, Scotland, and several jurisdictions in the United States, while still embodying the penalties in the Work, with as little disruption to the current ritual as possible.

A program called "COMELY," which was presented by the Grand Secretary of Manitoba, has been adopted by more than 60 lodges in North America. COMELY is a plan to Call On Masons of Each Lodge Yearly in an organized manner. It works well with pairs doing the calling. It is said to be as effective and appreciated as calling on a sick Brother in the hospital or home, or sending a get well card. It lets the Brethren know the lodge cares.

There are foreign jurisdictions who seek world wide Masonic recognition:

The Grande Loge Reguliere De Belgique, Rue Royale, 265, 1030 Brussels is small in membership, is careful in selection of membership, is small but growing, and is nearly 100 percent recognized.

Brazil has several small State Grand Lodges, some in remote areas, accessible only by air. Their language is a barrier, but the Grand Lodges of the Conference are trying to work out eligibility for recognition.

Chili is recognized by all jurisdictions and are trying to establish communication with the Inter American Confederation.

The Grand Lodge of Cuba is recognized and is showing a small growth in membership.

The Grand Lodge of Gabon now has seven constituent lodges and is recognized by several Grand Lodges in Europe, Canada and the United States.

The Haitian Federation of Masons, USA, headed by John R. Bullock of Seattle, Washington, is considered irregular and non-Masonic.

The Inter American Masonic Confederation meets tri-annually in various cities in Central and South America. It is looked upon favorably as securing regularity and international unity.

A Masonic speaker from Europe at the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries informed us that the lodges of Italy with jurisdictional control in the United States and Germany, made up mostly of Americans, were most effective in Italy, although the Grand Orient of Italy located at Palazzo Giustiniana of Rome is accepted as regular and entitled to world recognition.

The only recognized lodges in Lebanon are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Grand Lodge of Spain consecrated by the Grand Loge Nationale Francaise in November 1982, has now been recognized by 46 Grand Lodges in the Conference. It now has 22 constituent lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Chili acknowledged with a very nice letter the help received by them from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska of \$1,000 to their Disaster Relief Fund after the earthquakes that troubled that country.

The Grand Representatives of Nebraska near other Grand Jurisdictions are urged to communicate with their counterparts and if possible visit the jurisdictions they represent.

Fraternally submitted,

Paul R. Pierce, #50, Chairman

Ray Ramsey, #290

Lawrence J. Zwart, #11



## REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

DONALD R. WHITE

M. . W. . Grand Master; Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren All:

Your Grand Lodge Committee on Reinstatements reports that during the Grand Lodge year just ended, we have received and acted favorably on Twenty-Seven Applications for Reinstatement. The Committee had a total of five meetings this year for this purpose. The applications came to us from twenty different Lodges throughout the State of Nebraska.

Although we have had a decrease of nine in the number of applications received this year, it has been very enjoyable and rewarding to see so many return to their Blue Lodges.

My thanks to the other members of the Committee for their help this past year. They are W. . Brother Kenneth Lott and W. . Brother Donald Madsen.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald R. White, Chairman

Committee on Reinstatements

## REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

W. . JOHN M. McHENRY

Various subordinate lodges were requested and did host area education meetings throughout the state during the months of March, April and May. These meetings were conducted by individual Grand Lodge Officers with the major topic of discussion being the proposed constitution.

These informal workshops were also used in 1984 and 1985. These workshops have been beneficial in allowing the Masters and Wardens of each lodge an opportunity to give their views on pending resolutions, matters of concern for each local lodge, methods of increasing membership, interpretation of Grand Lodge law and administration of Grand Lodge programs and committees.

The committee was very pleased with the positive and valuable comments this format has generated. Suggestions made at these meetings have been implemented and have proved satisfactory in the administration of the Grand Lodge. The committee plans to continue its work with emphasis being placed on leadership and membership programs for the local lodges.

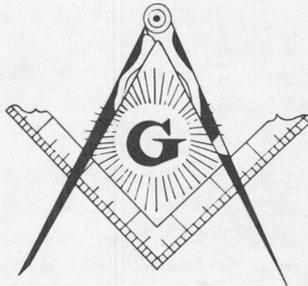
R. . W. . Wayne Luenenborg, #39

R. . W. . Paul Eveland, #119

W. . Thomas Tye, #46

W. . John McHenry, #19

W. . James DeMoss, #325



**REPORT OF  
THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP**

JAMES N. DeMOSS

Brethren:

As Chairman of your Committee on Membership I would be most pleased to report to you that our fraternity is growing in membership throughout the jurisdiction. Unfortunately, that is not the case.

You have already heard from the report of the Grand Secretary the figures which indicate a continued decline in membership. At the present time the trend is cause for concern — serious concern. However, this committee does not agree with those alarmists who predict the total demise of Masonry by year such and such.

Specific instances can be cited wherein certain lodges are growing and certain lodges are rapidly declining. While it is always disturbing to see a single lodge consolidation or closing, it must be accepted as a fact that we live in a society of constant change, and as such we must be amenable to change or we will surely wither and die.

'Friendship Dinners' continue as a viable method of attracting prospective individuals to that point where they ask for a petition. Unfortunately, the actual success — or lack thereof — of these ventures cannot be statistically substantiated because of the lack of follow-up information available to this committee. It is known that these dinners work! It is the degree of their success that is unknown.

Nebraska is not the only jurisdiction with membership loss problems. It is a concern of national magnitude.

Indications from some sister jurisdictions are that perhaps the time is appropriate for a serious consideration of modification of our long established ban on direct solicitation. There are today jurisdictions which permit 'asking' an individual to join. This permissive action on the part of those jurisdictions has had no apparent deleterious effect on the quality of membership.

Let's be realistic, brethren. We may be our own worst enemy when it comes to membership growth. When was the last time YOU discussed Masonry with a non-member? When was the last time YOU signed a petition for a candidate for Blue Lodge? When was the last time YOU did anything to further the causes of Masonry? When was the last time YOU said words to the effect — "Gee our membership is sure going downhill" — and then did nothing to put on the brakes?

No committee can solve our problem. Only individual Masons can solve our problem!

Fraternally submitted,

James N. DeMoss, 325, Chairman

W. . Robert E. Keys, 36

W. . Bruce L. Bump, 158

W. . Morton P. Steyer, 281

### YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

W. . WILLIAM G. HURST

The recipients of the Grand Lodge Scholarships for 1985 were:

MISS JEWEL McNEIL received the Rainbow scholarship. She was very active in her Assembly and held a grand office. Her community and church activities were all a part of her selection. She was very high in her high school class scholastically. She now attends UNL.

MIKE WALFORD received the DeMolay scholarship. He was very active in his Chapter then went on to serve the State Chapter as State Master Councilor. His activities in his school and community were considered for his selection. He now attends UNL.

MISS JULIE ANN SHERBECK received the Jobs Daughters scholarship. She was very active in her Bethel, community and church. She was very high in her high school class, scholastically. She now attends UNL.

Your Youth Committee has a display in the room across the hall which we hope all will note. The declining numbers, which cover a span of less than ten years, speak for themselves. The youth need our help.

A brief story, brethren: St. Francis of Assisi said to a younger friar, "Brother, let us go down into town to preach." They went out and down the streets and through the marketplace, and when they had walked for several miles, St. Francis turned back, retraced his steps, and once again they entered the monastery. "But, Father," said the young monk, "when shall we begin to preach?"

"We have been preaching," was the reply. "As we walked, we were observed; our manner, our behavior, what we stand for. We have been preaching."

Brethren, you can avoid our youth, but you can not avoid the sermon of your actions. Somewhere in that Great Light it says "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Please help our young people, brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

Youth Committee

## REPORT OF THE MASONIC EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

BERNARD L. PADEN

I am pleased to report that during the past year we were able to support one student who graduated from Fremont Senior High in the spring of 1985.

Her name is Michelle Bank whom I am sure many of you remember. Michelle was at our home for 12 years and graduated in the top 25% of her class. I am sure many of you have purchased some of the Christmas cards from the home thru the past years and will be pleased to know that Michelle's artistic work was on the front of many of these cards.

Michelle will be attending Wayne State again this coming year and I am pleased to say that we will be supporting her financial needs again this year.

I am sure all of you feel as we do that it is our privilege to be able to support these students to continue their education.

There are no students graduating from the Home this year that will be going on to college.

Respectfully submitted,  
Masonic Eastern Star Student Fund Committee

Bernard L. Paden, P.G.P., Chairman, #119

W. . Sanford H. Nelson, #210

W. . Donald E. Rasmussen, #135



**GEORGE WASHINGTON  
NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

M. W. W. WARREN D. LICHTY, JR.

Most Worshipful Sir, Distinguished Brethren:

The report of the George Washington National Memorial Committee is a little bit different than other committee reports. Its main purpose is to remind you that there is the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

The Grand Master asked me to keep this very short and therefore we will do so. However, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, we would certainly ask that when you are preparing your agenda next year, we might have about 15 minutes to show the slide and sound presentation on the Memorial. It has been several years since that has been done, and I think the delegates like to see that.

The Memorial is situated on Shooter's Hill in Alexandria, Virginia, and it belongs to all of us. Every Mason in the United States of America, because we have all contributed to it. Some a dollar at the time of their raising; and now, those who have just come in, five dollars.

I just saw a figure recently that now more than four-fifths of the Grand Jurisdictions of this country have raised that figure; that one-time, lifetime figure from one dollar to five dollars; which brings back to the Memorial, without considering inflation, about the same number of dollars as they were getting from the Grand Lodges 30 years ago when we were doing a better job, throughout our lodges, of making new Masons. I think the rest of the Grand Jurisdictions will soon follow, but I think the Masons of Nebraska can take great pride in the fact that they were one of the first groups to make this raise.

I mentioned that it is in Alexandria and it's on Shooter's Hill, probably the highest and most sightly location in the Washington area. When they were talking about building the national capitol, it was suggested that was the favorite site for the capitol, Shooter's Hill in Alexandria. George Washington opposed that, and it wasn't built there, the national capitol, for the sole reason of George Washington's objections. You know why he objected? He said, "I own too much property in Alexandria, and if they situate the national capitol there it will increase the value of my property more than it should and I don't want to get rich off of my government."

These are the principles that George Washington believed in. He also said that he believed that a just application to the principles of free masonry was promotive both of private virtue and the public welfare. If masonry has anything close to a modern patron saint, it's George Washington, and I hope that we will all always remember his words and stay close to masonic virtues.

M. W. W. Warren D. Lichty, Jr., Chairman  
Gale Angus  
Orval W. Cooley

## GRAND ORATOR'S ORATION

ARTHUR R. SHARP

### Stand Erect

I would like to visit with you for just a few minutes this evening about one very important admonition, which most of you will realize as a common thread which runs through all three Masonic degrees. It is only a two word phrase, however it's full meaning is so vast that it would literally take volumes to adequately explain.

That two word phrase is "stand erect."

When a new candidate first hears those two words, the interpretation becomes very literal. He immediately squares his shoulders and straightens his back. These actions are very fitting and altogether proper, and the Ceremony of Initiation proceeds. The true meaning here is easy to pass off as a direction to alter your present physical stature, and as my mother used to tell me, "Stand up straight Art."

As I see it, there are five basic components to "standing erect" Masonically. The first of these components is **The Personal Ability to Deal Constructively with Reality**. Whether we like it or not this old world we live in has more than a small measure of selfishness, suspicion, dishonesty, hostility, violence, and lack of understanding. That is reality. Another reality, however, is that there is also a great deal of love, trust, caring, giving, honesty, morality, and concern for our fellow man.

As Masonic families I believe that it is essential that we live our lives on the positive side in the sunlight, however in order to be realistic we need to recognize that in order to combat the negative forces which intrude on all of our lives from time to time, we need desperately to face them and deal with them in a realistic manner. Ignoring or merely turning away from problems will not allow us to make any progress toward eliminating the selfishness, suspicion, dishonesty, and hostility which, we all agree, have **no** place in Masonry.

To deal constructively with reality requires a strong personal philosophy of life, a set of strong moral values, a way of living, if you will, that will fortify us against the "buzzsaws of life" that we all encounter from time to time. Tell yourself that you can handle whatever comes your way, in a mature fashion, and do everything you can to become part of the solution and not part of the problem.

The second important component is **The Capacity to Change**. The only certain thing in life is constant change. The world is changing all around us. Whether we know it or not, whether we like it or not, we are also changing. Many of the people we know become so set in their own ways, so self-satisfied, so complacent, that a change of any sort totally disrupts their whole

world, and leaves them in a state of personal disarray and confusion. These people are truly to be pitied, for they will never know the joy or feel the satisfaction of implementing a new idea, or watching a different concept change and grow into something useful and wonderful.

A little over a decade ago Nebraska Masonry could boast of approximately 50,000 members. When you receive your Proceedings from this year's Grand Lodge session, it will show the Nebraska membership as only 27,136. Gentlemen, this is a matter of great concern to me, and also to all of your Grand Lodge officers, who have literally put in thousands of hours, in addition to their regular professions, to try and halt this exodus away from Masonry. None of the rest of the world is the same as it was ten, twenty or fifty years ago. Constructive change is no longer a luxury that we cannot afford, it is now a matter of survival. Any other course and our beloved fraternity will die of stagnation.

The third attribute is **The Ability to Find More Satisfaction in Giving Than in Receiving**. As infants we all started out on the receiving end of, not only the necessities of life, but also all of the fun little things that give life its many joys. As we grow up, however, and if we mature normally, things gradually change and we come to realize that true happiness comes not from getting but rather from giving. Giving with no thought whatsoever of receiving any benefits in return.

True giving manifests itself in many ways. Community activities of all kinds, volunteer work, Masonic activities of all kinds, or perhaps just in being more trusting, understanding and tolerant of other people and their point of view.

Another very essential ingredient in the recipe for being able to stand erect is **The Ability to Relate to Other People**. Unfortunately we all know people who relate only to others' negative characteristics, and consequently exhibit only negative characteristics about themselves. This personal negativism will gradually lead to a suffocation of all the joys and richness of life. These people seem to possess a talent for finding weaknesses in others instead of looking for their strengths, for cutting others down instead of building them up. For hurting rather than healing.

These people justify their constant fault finding as just constructive criticism. They look at their caustic sarcasm as mere kidding around. Their verbal assaults as evidence of a realistic relationship, and their biased put-downs as an honest appraisal of others. These are the people who invite not only other people who must be around them, but also Masonry, to wither and die, instead of inviting them to grow and flourish in the light of human kindness and caring for our fellow man. And after all, isn't this what Masonry is all about?

Lastly, the most important measurement of a man's ability to stand erect Masonically is **His Ability to Love**. This is the one thing, without which, you can have no Masonry. Love has been described in a number of ways. "Affection based on admiration." "A warm attachment." "A score of zero

in tennis” and the one which more nearly fits our Masonic definition “a brotherly concern for others.”

Unfortunately many people do not know where to look for or how to find that brotherly love which is so vital to all of us. They have learned throughout their lives to look outwardly from themselves for virtually everything they need in life. They go to schools for knowledge and education, they go to church for religion, they go to a doctor to get well or to an attorney to solve legal problems, they go to a faucet for water, and to a grocery store for food. They go to someone else for nearly everything they need in this world, so would it not follow that they would also look to someone else for love?

Maybe, just maybe, they are looking for love in the wrong place. And maybe they don't even know how to recognize it if they do find it. You see, love is not an object to be sought or found. Brotherly love is a state of being, a state of mind which is all encompassing of all the previously mentioned components. It does not come from the outside in, but rather radiates from the inside out. It must start with ourselves. The only way to receive more love is to give more love, to be more lovable, and demonstrate those characteristics of brotherly love toward others.

When these five tenets are made a part of our daily living and we can truly deal constructively with reality, have the capacity to accept change, give to others with no thought of getting anything in return, relate effectively to others, and have the ability to love, then and only then can we look at ourselves as being emotionally mature, as standing erect in the sight of “God” and our fellow man.

The true meaning of this small two-word phrase implores each and every one of us to “stand erect” morally, patriotically, professionally, religiously, Masonically, and most important of all, personally. If we are able to do these things then our own lives will surely be in harmony and our Masonic fraternity will grow and flourish, not wither and die.

### THE BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL

A Bronze Jordan Medal which perpetuates the memory of M. W. M. Robert Carrell Jordan, 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 Bronze Jordan Medal holder at the present time is Brother John A. Elwell of Frank Welch Lodge #75 in Sidney, Nebraska. Brother Elwell was born December 31, 1887 at Springfield, Nebraska, raised in Kimball Lodge #294, demitted to Frank Welch Lodge #75 at Sidney on March 6, 1945, received his 50-year pin in 1960, 60-year pin in 1970 and his 70-year pin in 1983. The gold Jordan Medal was presented to Brother Elwell at the time of the dedication of the new Temple of Frank Welch Lodge on December 3, 1985 by the present Grand Master, Charles W. Amidon. Brother Elwell is alert and in good health at the age of 98. He has carried the light of Masonry well and labored long for the Craft. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I submit this report for adoption.



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

W. . ALBERT A. WISE

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, visiting Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren all.

To all who hope for life beyond this living,  
To all who reverence one Holy name —  
Whose liberal hand will not be stayed from giving,  
Who count all human fellowship the same;  
Whose lives ascend in wisdom, strength, and beauty,  
Stone upon stone, square-hewn and founded well,  
Who love the light — who tread the path of duty:  
My Brethren I greet you well;

The past Masonic Year, has been a year of much tragedy in the world which has brought death and destruction to all parts of the world.

You can read about bombings, by people who think they are right, and want to change and rule the world, and their thinking sometimes causes the death of many people. You can also read in any newspaper, about rapings, muggings, killings, and other acts of crime, that man is committing against his fellow man.

There is a great tragedy in all of this, and that is, had these people who want to commit these violent acts against their fellow man, had they the opportunity to experience the teachings of masonry, as you and I have had, they might feel compassion instead of hatred for their fellow man. So what has masonry really taught us about life and immortality?

We as Masons know what we are to do about life right now, because of the teachings of Masonry, but what about immortality? Instead of making an argument, it presents a picture — the oldest, if not the greatest drama in the world — the better to make men feel what no words can ever tell. It shows us the tragedy of life in its most dismal hour; the forces of evil, so cunning yet so stupid, tempting the soul to treachery — even the ultimate degradation of the saving life by giving up all that makes it worth our time to live. It shows us a noble and true man smitten, as Lincoln was, in the moment of his loftiest service to man. It is a picture so true to the bitter, old, and haggard reality of this dark world that it makes the soul stand still in dismay. Then out of the shadow there rises, like a beautiful white star, that man which is most akin to God — his love of truth, his loyalty to the ideal, his willingness to go down into the night of death, if only virtue may live and shine like a pulse of fire in the evening sky.

Here is the ultimate and final witness of the divinity and immortality of

the soul the heroic, death-defying moral valor of the human spirit! No being capable of such sublime sacrifice need fear death or the grave.

It is the old, eternal paradox — he who gives his all for the sake of the truth shall find all anew. And there Masonry rests the case, assured that since there is that in man which makes him hold to the moral ideal against the brute forces of the world; that which prompts him to pay the last full measure of devotion for the sanctity of his soul; the God who made him in His own image will not let him sleep in the dust! Higher vision it is not given us to see in the dim country of the world; deeper truth we do not need to know.

There were reported to the Office of the Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the deaths of 889 Masons for the year 1985-86, as of May 15, 1986. Of these deaths one was a recent Grand Master, that being Most Worshipful Brother Harold C. Wurdeman.

The reading of the Masonic Roll for Most Worshipful Brother Harold C. Wurdeman, which was so gracefully prepared by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master T. Leo Stines, is as follows:

M. . W. . Brother Harold C. Wurdeman, the 116th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, passed away Friday, June 21st, 1985 at Lincoln General Hospital, where he had been a patient for about four weeks.

M. . W. . Brother Harold was born May 8th, 1911 at Columbus, Nebraska, the son of Charles and Elise Wurdeman. He received a degree in civil engineering from Iowa State University and married Irene Miller in 1936 in Columbus.

M. . W. . Brother Wurdeman was a lifetime resident of Columbus. He was a professional engineer in Nebraska, Kansas and South Dakota and a registered land surveyor in Nebraska. He was a partner in the firm of Reed, Veach, Wurdeman and Associates of Columbus. He continued to do some work for this architectural firm following his retirement in 1976.

M. . W. . Brother Wurdeman was a member of the Federated Church in Columbus for more than fifty years. He served one or more terms on the various boards of his church.

He was a member of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce where he served one term on the Board of Directors; a member of Columbus Rotary Club and was a member of Elks Lodge #1195 in Columbus.

M. . W. . Brother Harold became a Master Mason in Lebanon Lodge #323 on September 23, 1964. He received his original Certificate of Proficiency in 1966 and continued this certification until his death. He served as Master of his lodge in 1968. He was a member of Orient Chapter #18, Royal Arch Masons; Gebal Council #12, Royal and Select Masters and Gethsemane Commandery #21, Knights Templar. He was a member of Shiloh Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. He was also a member of the Lincoln Consistory of the Scottish Rite. That body designated him a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1979. He belonged to Sesostri Temple of the Shrine and Harmony Chapter #13, O.E.S. He served as their Worthy Patron in 1977 and 1978. He was awarded the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor in 1980.

M. . W. . Brother Wurdeman served as Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge for five years having been appointed by M. . W. . Brother Russell L. Fickes in

1971. He was appointed Grand Junior Deacon in 1976 by M. .W. . Brother T. Leo Stines. He thereafter held all the offices in the advancing line and was installed Grand Master June 13th, 1981. At the time of his death M. .W. . Brother Harold was serving the Grand Lodge as Chairman of the Temple Building Advisory Committee.

The Grand Lodge and the Masons of Nebraska mourn the loss of this dedicated member of their fraternity.

We thus come to the end of another report of the Fraternal Dead, but we as Masons must keep the light of Masonry lit, and carry on the teachings of this great fraternity, as the 889 brethren carried the lite of Masonry this past Masonic year.

Before I leave, the Grand Secretary gave me this following information: The Gold Jordon Medal Holder at the present time is Brother John A. Elwell, of Frank Welch Lodge #75 of Sidney, Nebraska.

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The Gold Jordon Medal was presented to Brother Elwell at the time of the Dedication of the new Temple of Frank Welch Lodge on December 3, 1985, by Grand Master Charles W. Amidon.

Brother Elwell is alert and in good health at the age of 98. He has carried the lite of Masonry well, and labored long for the craft.

The committee submits this report to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for adoption.

Fraternally submitted,

W. . Albert A. Wise, Chairman

W. . Steven W. Olsen

W. . John F. Dale



## EMICK MASONIC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE REPORT

W. . DON DESELMS, CHAIRMAN

For the third consecutive year, since being established, the Emick Masonic Youth Scholarships, financed by the generous contributions from Glenn O. Emick and his wife, Evelyn F. Emick, were awarded to four Nebraska college students for the 1985-86 college year.

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

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.

Inquiries for consideration of the scholarships should be sent to W. . B. . Donald Deselms, who is the Vice-President of Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska 69337.

The following students were each granted a \$1000 Emick Masonic Youth Scholarship for the 1985-86 school year: Tom Bartels, Chadron; Karry Dubbs, Cairo; Mary Allick, Albion; and Andrea Weed, Kearney.

TOM BARTELS of Chadron is a freshman at Chadron State College and is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Bartels. He graduated from Chadron High School in 1985. He has been active in DeMolay having served as his Chapter's Master Councilor in 1984.

ANDREA WEED of Kearney is a freshman at Kearney State College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Weed. She graduated from Kearney High School in 1985. She served as honored Queen of her Job's Daughters Bethel in 1984 and was very active in the organization.

MARY WALLICK of Albion is a junior at Wayne State College. She is the daughter of Marilyn Wallick. She graduated from Albion High School in 1982. She was active in Rainbow Girls having served as Worthy Advisor and Grand Worthy Associate Advisor of Nebraska.

KATHY DUBBS of Cairo is a freshman at Peru State College and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dubbs. She graduated from Entrua High School in 1985 and has been active in Job's Daughters for seven years having served two terms as Honored Queen.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

ARNOLD F. MAINS, CO-CHAIRMAN  
STEVEN F. MATTOON, CO-CHAIRMAN

Your Committee on Masonic Relief was very fortunate this year, as no requests were received for assistance. This makes us all very thankful to the Good Lord that the Masons of this great state are able to care for themselves.

We thank the Grand Master for appointing us on the committee and we stand ready to serve when requested to do so.

Fraternally submitted,

Arnold F. Mains, 15, Co-Chairman  
Steven F. Mattoon, 75, Co-Chairman  
Joe P. Gunnermann, 126  
Melvin L. Hatfield, 54  
James C. Gathmann, 327

## REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all lodges were present except the following: 35, 52, 128, 136, 154, 161, 181, 185, 189, 194, 202, 205, 233, 246, 248, 249, 254, 262, 264, 271, 282, 285, 286, 298, 301, 305, 311, and 313.

Total number of lodges: 221

Number not represented: 28

Lodges not represented for two years: Franklin #264

Lodges not represented for three years: Granite #189

There were 17 Past Grand Masters present. All of the Grand Lodge officers were present. 23 Deputy Grand Custodians and 6 Deputy Grand Custodians Emeritus were present. There were 139 Worshipful Masters, 59 Senior Wardens and 52 Junior Wardens in attendance. Another 44 Worshipful Masters, 88 Senior Wardens and 85 Junior Wardens were represented by proxies. A total of 362 Masons represented 467 officers. 36 non-delegates were also present.

Other Grand Lodge jurisdictions represented were Alaska, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Fraternally submitted,  
Credentials Committee

W. .B. . Gary L. Powell, Chairman

## REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE NAME	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	1	John B. Holzhey . . . . .	Allen V. Kula* . . . . .	Clifford W. Speck . . . . .
Western Star	2	Cecil Anderson* . . . . .	Dale Haverty . . . . .	Don Crunk . . . . .
Capitol	3	Gregory L. Gruber . . . . .	Freeman E. Sales . . . . .	Harvey Morton* . . . . .
Nemaha Valley	4	Rodney Mikkelsen . . . . .	Philip Walker* . . . . .	Melvin Andrew* . . . . .
Omadi	5	Gordon F. Piper* . . . . .	Ronald R. Krause . . . . .	Donald A. Fitch . . . . .
Plattsmouth	6	Ronald Brandt . . . . .	Robert J. Piper . . . . .	Ronald R. Wilson . . . . .
Falls City	9	David E. Cromer* . . . . .	Roger M. West, Jr. . . . .	Jerry D. Oliver* . . . . .
Solomon	10	Cecil C. Crapo . . . . .	Carmin W. Pane* . . . . .	Gordon A. Burkhead* . . . . .
Covert	11	Edward D. Phelps . . . . .	Roy E. Housh . . . . .	Larry L. McCain . . . . .
Orient	13	John E. Scholl* . . . . .	Orville H. Zoeller . . . . .	Harold M. Johnson . . . . .
Peru	14	Guy Grafton . . . . .	Kenneth Fike* . . . . .	Stanley Vanderford* . . . . .
Fremont	15	Richard S. Goble . . . . .	Karl H. Rasmussen, IV . . . . .	Brad N. Johannesen . . . . .
Tecumseh	17	Harold Barden . . . . .	Willis Shuey* . . . . .	Warren Brown . . . . .
Lincoln	19	Donald J. Smith . . . . .	John L. Spray . . . . .	Michael J. Gabel* . . . . .
Washington	21	Charles J. Mahaffey . . . . .	Darwin Sutherland* . . . . .	Keith Hightree . . . . .
Pawnee	23	Gerald C. Snyder . . . . .	Richard A. Mach* . . . . .	Lawrence R. Bradbury . . . . .
St. Johns	25	William G. Riley, Jr. . . . .	Gary D. Lee* . . . . .	Franklin O. Shuffty . . . . .
Beatrice	26	Kenneth A. Laughlin . . . . .	Kenton R. Thomas . . . . .	Theodore J. Johnson . . . . .
Jordan	27	Norbert H. Meyer . . . . .	Lawrence Marvin* . . . . .	Bill C. Schroedter* . . . . .
Blue River	30	Lowell Sellmeyer . . . . .	Frank Tauriella* . . . . .	James Boshart* . . . . .
Tekamah	31	Charles T. Goll . . . . .	John Hardy . . . . .	Robert C. Ray . . . . .
Platte Valley	32	Jon Milne* . . . . .	Deloyt A. Young* . . . . .	Clyde A. Betts . . . . .
Ashlar	33	Thomas N. Fisher . . . . .	John W. Shada, Jr.* . . . . .	Henry C. Beatty . . . . .
Acacia	34	Harold Ladehoff . . . . .	Clarence L. Stark . . . . .	James Fichtl, Jr.* . . . . .
Fairbury	35	Thomas R. Curry . . . . .	Robert A. Sloan . . . . .	Willard E. Waltke . . . . .

\*Represented by Proxy

## REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE NAME	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Lone Tree	36	E. James Eoff	James F. Heins*	Stephen W. Smith*
Crete	37	James A. Clark	Rex L. Holtgrewe	Rick Wienke
Oliver	38	Verlon K. Vrana	Bruce E. Dickinson*	Albert R. Patterson*
Papillion	39	Donald L. Grazier	Walter H. Sperzel	Neil B. Johnson*
Humboldt	40	William E. Martin	Homer H. Fishwood*	Larry L. Weyers
Northern Light	41	Maurice Dasenbrock	Robert E. Callies	Robert E. Schellpeper
Hebron	43	Ronald Rife*	Lon Adams*	Loren Else*
Harvard	44	Marvin D. Nelson	Fred D. Haseloh	Larry Keasling*
Rob Morris	46	Gary E. Simpson	W. Raymond Sack*	Kent A. Baker
Fairmont	48	Eugene Henning*	Victor Jensen*	John McBride
Evening Star	49	Richard A. Schleicker	Keith Henrickson	Wallace Bender
Hastings	50	Ronald F. Boles	Randall D. Jones	Michael R. Sidlo
Fidelity	51	Wayland D. Den*	Michael E. Jones	Johnnie R. Sabata
Hiram	52	Melvin H. Misfeldt	Robert D. French	Sydney Clausen
Charity	53	Robert E. James	William E. Richards	Virgil A. Goos
Lancaster	54	J. Dallas Gibson	Roland L. Wallilck	B. Lynn Alexander
Mosaic	55	Jerome E. Clary	Wilbur L. McNally	Willotte D. McDow*
York	56	Jerry E. Apetz	Glen Arbogast*	James J. Wallingford*
Mt. Moriah	57	Roy R. Bretthorst	George D. Fannon*	Forrest R. Halvorsen
Wahoo	59	Everette D. Hilfiker	Robert W. Beaman	Douglas F. Hutmacher*
Melrose	60	Duane E. Johnson*	Roger W. Bantam	Bryan T. Lubeck
Thistle	61	Edward W. Bennett	Jerry W. Bennett*	David D. Dobbins*
Keystone	62	Donald P. Schuster*	Paul R. Weber	Alvin L. Bish
Blue Valley	64	Dennis Aksamit	Joe Novak*	Harold Schwauer*
Osceola	65	Douglas H. Jones	E. David Watts*	Lewellen C. Nielsen

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Edgar	67	Robert A. Coontze*	John B. Horst	Vern E. Watson
Aurora	68	John H. Lord*	Oscar L. Lundquist*	Gerald Holtzen*
Trowel	71	William H. Reynolds	Duane E. Johnson	Albert A. Halls
Hooper	72	Donald Hartmann	Roger L. Huntman	John Liston*
Friend	73	Warren Weber	Wayne E. Yokel*	George M. Kohout, Jr.*
Frank Welch	75	Robert L. Driewer	Robert E. Hahan*	Richard D. Spearow
Nelson	77	Joe G. Ferebee	Richard D. Wroughton	Ralph F. Bottenfield*
Albion	78	Merlin Weber, Jr.	John Williams*	Ronald Coakes*
Geneva	79	Marlin A. Domeier	Robert R. Saum	Rodney J. Renken
Composit	81	Glenn Hartsock	Andrew Glock	William Potter
St. Paul	82	James P. Jacobsen	Robert Brehm*	James Ross
Corinthian	83	William P. Kinney*	Dean R. Boeckenhaver	Thomas M. Gustafson
Ionic	87	Robert E. Ganz	Kenneth D. Peed	Paul A. Thierolf
Cedar River	89	Bruce L. Phillips*	Dwight Walton	Mason C. Benn*
Oakland	91	Don A. Johnson	John M. Helzer*	Jerry F. Sieck*
Beaver City	93	Robert J. Gardner	Glen W. Cornell*	Douglas R. Kohn*
Bennett	94	Keith J. Herbster	C. Eric Wenz	Edwin J. Carter
Garfield	95	Kevin P. Shelhamer	Virgil W. Walstrom*	John D. Truman*
Utica	96	Ray E. Cain	Robert O. Rhodes	Steve R. Rhodes*
Euclid	97	Charles L. Spohr	Darryl M. Hunt	Michael J. Saxton
Republican	98	Tom Moore*	Kyle Kammerer	Tom Chandler*
Shelton	99	A. A. Jaeke	Frank McCulla*	Lawrence C. Bly
Waterloo	102	James Thomas White	James W. Wislicen	Louis L. Bertelson*
Ord	103	Gerald H. Woodgate*	Clarence E. Fox	Dan VanZandt
Wymore	104	Kenneth E. Harris*	Lester E. Shalla*	Robert A. Norris

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Stella	105	Earl I. Hicks .....	Richard A. Vlach* .....	Don R. Mimnette .....
Porter	106	Jack A. Charlton .....	Albert L. Smith .....	Kenneth Bills .....
Table Rock	108	Robert Pope* .....	Jerry L. Vrtiska* .....	David A. Pope .....
Pomegranate	110	Jerald R. Bates* .....	David B. Campbell .....	Lloyd a. Starkey .....
Dewitt	111	Dale Colgrove .....	Don Plucknett* .....	Oliver Kassing* .....
Springfield	112	Edward M. Cummings .....	Joseph L. Beister .....	Gerald L. Carter .....
Globe	113	Donald L. Dover .....	Derald Prather .....	Robert Cummings .....
Wisner	114	Dean T. Dinklage .....	Emil A. Ahokas .....	Larry L. Merchen* .....
North Bend	119	Richard A. Paden .....	Michael L. Ough* .....	Scott H. Eveland .....
Wayne	120	John R. Anderson* .....	Darrel D. Fuelberth .....	Edward E. Fletcher* .....
Superior	121	Lloyd E. Swihart .....	Everett D. Lerew* .....	Randall D. Rhoads .....
Auburn	124	Jon Warren .....	Don Kerl .....	James Grant, III .....
Mt. Nebo	125	Clifford L. Peterson .....	V. Keith Olson* .....	Donald R. Rood .....
Stromsburg	126	LaVern Miller* .....	Willis Waller* .....	Kip Allison* .....
Minden	127	Ervin A. Siemoneit .....	David L. Craig* .....	Robert G. Sorensen .....
Guide Rock	128	Rick J. Hunter .....	Rodney P. Ely .....	James L. Shipman .....
Scribner	132	David Otteman .....	Richard Swanson* .....	Harry Hummel* .....
Solar	134	Phillip E. Fouck .....	Robert J. Strickland* .....	Daniel G. Grafe .....
McCook	135	William C. Fogle .....	Emory W. Putz .....	Louis L. Keene* .....
Long Pine	136	Wayne W. Swett .....	Norman Johnson .....	Hardie Johnson .....
Upright	137	Bradley A. Stake .....	Marvin L. Stake* .....	Albert L. Stake* .....
Rawalt	138	Carl F. Eman .....	Jerrell F. Gerdes .....	William H. Sherwood .....
Western	140	Michael Winter .....	David Sims* .....	Leonard Karl* .....
Crescent	143	Richard T. Jackson .....	Alex Long* .....	Nelce A. Martinsen* .....
Jachin	146	Edward R. Fowler .....	Rodney D. Johnson .....	Douglas G. Simpson* .....

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Custer	148	Raymond (Jack) Walts . . . . .	Willard Still* . . . . .	Maurice Thompson* . . . . .
Cambridge	150	C. Robert Liggett* . . . . .	Robert Heumphreus* . . . . .	R. Joe Raburn* . . . . .
Evergreen	153	William B. Chilvers . . . . .	Henry R. Kumpost . . . . .	Rudy Turek . . . . .
Lily	154	Harry B. Livings . . . . .	Richard D. Mosier . . . . .	R. Dale Pfeifer . . . . .
Samaritan	158	Harry E. Waggener . . . . .	Theodore Y. Vastine* . . . . .	John L. Thompson* . . . . .
Ogalalla	159	Thomas E. Morrissey . . . . .	Monte S. Gies* . . . . .	Paul G. Pascoe . . . . .
Zeredatha	160	Floyd McIlroy . . . . .	Joe Cacak . . . . .	Fred Oerter . . . . .
Mt. Zion	161	Howard G. Whitmore . . . . .	Gail Gonnerman . . . . .	Greg Whitmore . . . . .
Trestle Board	162	Samuel E. Smith . . . . .	David Gravatt . . . . .	Robert C. Harkins . . . . .
Unity	163	Robert W. Richmond . . . . .	George McKay . . . . .	Walter Marolf . . . . .
Atkinson	164	Randy S. Stolcpart . . . . .	Merle Winings . . . . .	Francis Penry . . . . .
Bareston	165	Arlyn H. Weyer . . . . .	Ronald D. March* . . . . .	Charles I. Thomas* . . . . .
Elwood	167	G. K. Bogle* . . . . .	Byron P. Hock . . . . .	Kevin W. Jack . . . . .
Amity	169	Bennette F. Johnson . . . . .	Harvey J. Nelson* . . . . .	Frank Alonso, Jr.* . . . . .
Mason City	170	Lyle O. Lovitt . . . . .	Allan P. Marquart . . . . .	F. D. Standage* . . . . .
Robert Burns	173	Gene Kleinschmidt . . . . .	Loren T. Hawkinson* . . . . .	Lynn E. Sutton . . . . .
Culbertson	174	Ronald L. Wertz* . . . . .	Barney L. Whatley* . . . . .	Bernard R. Baker . . . . .
Hay Springs	177	Bryan P. Burrows . . . . .	Harry E. Honstein . . . . .	Marvin Kampbell . . . . .
Justice	180	Urlin G. McCartney . . . . .	R. Scott Hogeland* . . . . .	Richard M. Glidden* . . . . .
Faith	181	Roger Flooster . . . . .	David Kennedy . . . . .	Lee Hallsted . . . . .
Alliance	183	Larry A. Moyle . . . . .	James F. Pittman* . . . . .	James S. Fitzsimmons* . . . . .
Bee Hive	184	Robert E. Eyman, Jr. . . . .	Robert Q. Tefft . . . . .	Roger S. Price* . . . . .
Boaz	185	Ronald R. Cumming . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Meridian	188	Vernon Cullers . . . . .	Donald McKelvey* . . . . .	George E. Commins* . . . . .
Crystal	191	Darrel L. Vance . . . . .	Floyd W. Thompson . . . . .	Raymond W. Toogood . . . . .

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Minnekadusa	192	Fred G. Perrett	Charles E. Mefford*	John F. Daniels*
Highland	194	Norman DeVries	Everett DeVries	Russel Andersen
Arcana	195	William C. Conway	Edward L. Prentice*	Wayne O. Nelson*
Purity	198	Roley E. Arterburn	John Osler	Tom Elder*
Gavel	199	Edward H. Bonin*	A. Derooy Miller*	Roger E. Bonin
Blazing Star	200	Charles Haskell	Bruce Treffer	Alan Petersen
Scotts Bluff	201	Danny B. Runner	John A. Bays	Stephen Gilmore*
Golden Sheaf	202	Paul Paulsen	Clyde A. Carpenter	Harm J. Timmer
Plainview	204	Bruce D. Curtiss	M. Eugene Weigert	O. Kelly Hodson
Golden Fleece	205	Dwight E. Smith	Jerome G. Griswell	James M. Prince
Parian	207	Wayne Jenkins	Kennith Vollenweider*	Richard Coons*
Canopy	209	Richard F. Pratt	Raymond K. Althouse	Philip M. Meisinger
East Lincoln	210	Henry S. Greenwalt	Frederick C. Way, Sr.	Robert E. Wunder
Cement	211	Donald E. Miller	Edmund A. Brown*	Dewey G. Heminger
Palisade	216	Robert G. Keating	Connie J. Buehler*	Charles B. Schluckebier*
Waubesa	217	Teddy D. Anderson*	Harold L. Anderson	Cleve E. Anderson
Bloomfield	218	Donald Petersen*	Jimmy H. Eisenhauer*	Harry Sage, Jr.
Relief	219	Daniel R. Pierce	H. Ray Huls	Richard H. Lentz*
Magnolia	220	Earl W. Carper	James Mattison	Densil Sebade
Wood Lake	221	Dan R. Osburn	Timothy E. Ferguson	Alan G. Thomas
Landmark	222	Michael E. Schutt	Brent I. Thone	Donald N. Eppley*
Silver Cord	224	Eugene E. Nelson	Robert C. Cottingham	Mike Baxter
Cable	225	Clarence A. Romans	Ivan Halstead	Edward C. Tullis
North Star	227	Gerald N. Gibson*	Steve B. Wetzel*	Michael D. Gates*
Bartley	228	Marvin L. Colson*	Kenneth L. Downer*	Lester Webb*

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Comet	229	Frederic O. Oltjenbruns . . . . .	Gerald L. Halling . . . . .	Richard E. Johnson* . . . . .
John S. Bowen	232	Robert F. Wilkins . . . . .	Robert C. Anderson* . . . . .	Samuel M. Wright, Jr. . . . .
Gilead	233	Chester B. Wilson . . . . .	Elmer P. Holm . . . . .	Max O. Brown . . . . .
Zion	234	Robert C. Adam* . . . . .	John L. Dubs . . . . .	Paul I. Nielson* . . . . .
Fraternity	235	Robert D. Jensen* . . . . .	Cecil C. Prince . . . . .	Wayne L. Kerstine . . . . .
Golden Rule	236	Jim R. Warner* . . . . .	Anderson Kwankin . . . . .	Neil R. Wood . . . . .
Friendship	239	Plin L. Robotham . . . . .	Dale N. McMillan . . . . .	James E. Ceplecha* . . . . .
Pilot	240	Jeffrey A. Anderson . . . . .	Monty R. Preston* . . . . .	James A. Shuey . . . . .
George Armstrong	241	John B. Mitchell* . . . . .	Jon B. Mitchell* . . . . .	Donald Cain* . . . . .
Hampton	245	Marvin L. Appuhn* . . . . .	C. Denzil Jensen* . . . . .	Alvin L. Gordon* . . . . .
Nehawka	246	Mark Nutzman . . . . .	Dale Nutzman . . . . .	Paul Applegate . . . . .
Laurel	248	James L. Lipp . . . . .	Thomas M. Fredricksen . . . . .	Roger J. Pehrson . . . . .
Gothenburg	249	Arlond F. Garratt . . . . .	Steve Hecox . . . . .	Dennis McCain . . . . .
George Washington	250	Eugene T. Hogan . . . . .	Olin F. Wissler* . . . . .	Floyd E. Hibdon . . . . .
Wausa	251	Gene Burns . . . . .	Roger Bonde . . . . .	Tim Suhr* . . . . .
Bassett	254	Keith Sandall . . . . .	August Schuman . . . . .	James H. Nelson . . . . .
Hickman	256	Thomas C. Hale . . . . .	Joseph E. Cook . . . . .	Del D. Hamilton . . . . .
Anselmo	258	Wayne H. Hardy . . . . .	Marvin E. Mason . . . . .	Alvin L. Daily . . . . .
Ornan	261	Charles Luedke* . . . . .	M. B. Nelson . . . . .	Leonard Havranek . . . . .
Endeavor	262	Owen Elmer . . . . .	Thayne Emrich . . . . .	Roger Eschleman . . . . .
Mitchell	263	Michael E. Kerns . . . . .	Lee M. Hughson* . . . . .	Richard L. Bretthauer* . . . . .
Franklin	264	Eugene Blank* . . . . .	Ron Marcellus . . . . .	Vern Duncan . . . . .
Robert W. Furnas	265	Charles F. Bohn . . . . .	Harold L. Rogers* . . . . .	William C. Barbour* . . . . .
Silver	266	Gary Ferris . . . . .	Bruce Cowgill . . . . .	Dennis Ditloff . . . . .
James A. Tulleys	267	Lester R. Blunk . . . . .	Harold J. Rutter* . . . . .	Marvin D. Graddy . . . . .

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George W. Lininger	268	Richard E. Gilmore	Dudley W. Rinaker	Gary W. Radil
Oasis	271	Richard L. Harriger	R. Mark Thomas	C. Clarke Beede
Olive Branch	274	Arthur Nelson	Donald Berg*	Kim Knecht
Sioux	277	C. Robert Todd	Criss F. Hamaker	Leo R. Turner
Wallace	279	Eric J. Chrisman	Gary S. Melton	James L. Farmer, Jr.*
Swastika	280	Glenn W. Cooper*	Dean A. Peterson*	Don Leibert*
Florence	281	Merl R. Core	Robert O. Liechti	William L. Weber
Mullen	282	Gary Tuton	Thomas L. Starr	John M. Jones
Seneca	284	R. H. Eater	Allen Robinson	James E. Sharp*
Camp Clarke	285	Harold Chapman	Reed S. Eickman	Ted G. Chikos
Oshkosh	286	Donald C. Fischer	Roland Batt	James Campbell
Union	287	Galen L. Crawford	Elliot F. Gee	Roger L. Smith
Omaha	288	Donald C. Scott	Charles L. Livengood	Thomas A. Scheef*
Lotus	289	Walter R. Forrest	Tren J. Miller*	Lawrence D. Yost*
John J. Mercer	290	Harold G. Olmstead	V. Kaye Ramsey	Gerlad F. Reeves
Diamond	291	Dale D. Greenamyre*	Gordon Johnson*	Loren Wilson*
Monument	293	Roland E. Emmett*	Calvin H. Faw	Gary Thompson
Kimball	294	Marshall Mossberg	Michael D. Brown*	Kerry D. Haug
Minatore	295	Neil W. Gatch*	Harold J. Bishop	Elmer O. Owen*
Cotner	297	John H. Laird	Leroy L. Peterson	George E. Hill
Chester	298	Everett G. Roop	John L. Eickman	James M. Williams
Sutherland	299	Mervin W. Titchen	Richard VanRotz	Ross J. Widener
Liberty	300	Roger W. Miner	Lee R. Pohlenz*	Bruce E. Merrill
Bayard	301	Walter L. Schaffer	James Whitney	Floyd Sauer
Mizpah	302	Donald R. Bimes	Philip H. Forehead*	James T. Blazek

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Right Angle	303	J. Robert Syme . . . . .	Clifford G. Wulf* . . . . .	Curtis O. Wood* . . . . .
Newman Grove	305	Robert Flood . . . . .	James Wyant . . . . .	Elvin Dilter . . . . .
Golden Rod	306	Gale M. Beers . . . . .	John D. Demers, Jr.* . . . . .	Mal M. Minshall* . . . . .
Perkins	308	Keith R. Olsen . . . . .	Richard H. Roberts . . . . .	Gary E. Talich . . . . .
Victory	310	Virland D. Hollins . . . . .	David Stolp . . . . .	Ronald King . . . . .
Polk	311	Donald E. Lampshire . . . . .	Alan W. Pickrel . . . . .	Dennis W. Ditloff . . . . .
Potter	313	Virgil A. Combs . . . . .	Leslie L. Lipska . . . . .	Bennie B. Herboldsheimer . . . . .
Craftsmen	314	Alvin A. Grundmayer . . . . .	Joseph D. Gillam . . . . .	Vance C. Colling . . . . .
Alpha	316	R. Scott Rager . . . . .	Edward S. Matz . . . . .	Robert H. Hodges* . . . . .
Mid West	317	Donald L. Wolf* . . . . .	Hugh B. Nehls* . . . . .	Roger A. Deininger . . . . .
Grand Island	318	Thomas S. Keel* . . . . .	Donald D. Bartlet . . . . .	John C. Sander* . . . . .
College View	320	John R. Spealman . . . . .	Paul Entsminger* . . . . .	John Eggers* . . . . .
Harmony	321	Norman D. Aurich* . . . . .	Gordon Lee Carley* . . . . .	Dennis A. Ravert* . . . . .
Lebanon	323	William E. Jackson . . . . .	Paul A. Canaday* . . . . .	Kevin R. Koutnik . . . . .
Cairo	324	Richard Heckman . . . . .	Lawrence Rolofson . . . . .	Dick Moffett . . . . .
Bellevue	325	James N. DeMoss* . . . . .	Richard L. Nieman . . . . .	Martin G. Olsen* . . . . .
Centennial	326	Loren L. Loibl . . . . .	Eugene Holman, Jr. . . . .	Gordon C. Wassell* . . . . .
Shiloh	327	Leslie R. Hawes . . . . .	Russell J. Mason . . . . .	Brent A. Hart . . . . .
Miloma	328	Sid Babcock . . . . .	Dan Denney . . . . .	Leroy Crye . . . . .
Roscoe Pound	329	William G. Hurst . . . . .	Warren D. Lichty, Jr. . . . .	Eugene Jorgensen* . . . . .

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**REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SOCIETY FOR  
MASONIC RESEARCH  
129TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

June 14, 1986

In the last year, the Nebraska Society for Masonic Research has continued its efforts to find and preserve the historical record of Freemasonry in Nebraska. In this regard, our collection of artifacts and memorabilia continues to grow. A large portion of this collection is now on display at East Lincoln Lodge 210. The Society received during the past year, from Lodges and individuals, several donations of items of historical interest. Two donations of particular interest are the collection of artifacts contributed by W. Bro. Tom Tye, and another from the Tyler Family Estate, including a remarkable Masonic scrapbook containing among other things, scores of photographs of Masonic activities dating back to 1917.

The Society is also now the temporary custodian of the Grand Lodge Archives with Bro. Gene Jorgensen acting as curator. The Society is providing Bro. Jorgensen with the financial support necessary to preserve documents, bind books, and remount photographs. One process in this regard involves neutralizing the acid content of old newspapers to forestall ordinary deterioration of the paper. The chemicals required in this process are expensive and consume a significant portion of our fiscal resources. The Archives are now presently stored at the Scottish Rite Temple, the York Rite Masonic Temple, East Lincoln Lodge 210, and Gene Jorgensen's basement, all in Lincoln.

The programs of the Society include our continuing efforts to promote Table Lodges. Our members have assisted with the presentation of approximately 8 Table Lodges in the past year. We also have speakers available, and on one occasion, Bro. Jorgensen presented a program in South Dakota to nearly 200 Masons from four states.

The Society is in regular correspondence with about 8 other Masonic Research Lodges in the world including Quatour Coronati Lodge 2076 of London. It was from the latter Lodge that we were able to obtain a complete copy of the position of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, Ireland, and Wales regarding Freemasonry. This matter was presented at our meeting in Hastings, and generated a great amount of healthy controversy. Another important meeting this year was our program in Lincoln presented by the architect for the Masonic Center. We were pleased to have the Grand Master with us at that meeting, and though our numbers were few, the program was well received and enjoyed by all. During the year we were the first research organization to report on the irregular solicitation for money from the clandestine Grand Orient of Lebanon.

By choice, the Nebraska Society for Masonic Research is unique among research organizations. We are recognized as a tax exempt educational organization. Our emphasis is not on publishing academic papers, but on communication. We are dedicated to preservation of historical data and artifacts. We believe that in these ways, we can best be of service to the order.

We are grateful for the efforts of Bro. Jorgensen who devotes a substantial part of his time to this organization. We also want to express our thanks to the Grand Secretary who has been most generous with his time, and patient with our efforts.

Masonic research in Nebraska is alive and well, and the Society hopes that it shall, by its faithful work, continue to merit the approbation of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Alexander, Secretary



## REPORT OF NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

M. W. . ROBERT A. METCALF, PRESIDENT

At the June 1985 session of the Grand Lodge the membership of the Grand Lodge authorized the Nebraska Masonic Foundation to raise funds by way of gifts, grants or bequests to construct the proposed Nebraska Masonic Center upon the site located on the southeast corner of 16th and "L" Streets, Lincoln, Nebraska. The membership also approved occupying a space in the Nebraska Masonic Center for purposes of housing the offices of the Grand Lodge and the Nebraska Masonic Foundation was recognized and approved by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The Foundations' articles of incorporation were filed on June 12, 1985. The Foundation then submitted an application for recognition of exemption under Section 501 (C) (3) in early July 1985. By the middle of October 1985 we had received oral notice from Internal Revenue Service that our advanced ruling had been approved and subsequently on November 8, 1985, the written approval was issued. The effective date of the exemption began June 12, 1985, the date of incorporation. The ruling designates that Grantors and donors may rely on the determination that we are not a private foundation and thus exempt under Section 501 (C) (3).

Since the issuance of the written exemption letter we have received four contributions. The first was from Pratt Hines Foundation in the amount of \$25,000.00; the second from the Alliance Chapter Order of DeMolay in the amount of \$200.00; the third from the Grand Sovereign Inspector General Herbert A. Ronin in the amount of \$1,000.00 and an anonymous donation of \$1,000.00. The DeMolay indicated that they would greatly desire to have the installation of their state officers held at the Nebraska Masonic Center. It is certainly gratifying to have the four contributions prior to the time of any formal fund raising and it is indeed a thrill to have the donation from the Alliance DeMolay.

We have now employed a fund raiser by the name of Robert Cosgriff. Over the next several months they will be conducting a statewide survey. Once the results of that survey have been presented to the Foundation we will begin organizing the formal structure of the solicitation committee and begin the fund drive.

## ROCK MAUL PRESENTATION

**To: SPRINGFIELD LODGE No. 112**

**By: CHARLES W. AMIDON, GRAND MASTER**

*June 13, 1986*

During the year of my Masonic Father, M. . W. . Byron C. Jenkins, a tradition was started which continues to have a positive effect upon the subordinate lodges throughout the state.

It was M. . W. . Byron's desire to recognize Masonic excellence and reward that lodge, which in his opinion, exemplified the true spirit of Masonry in its Officer leadership; attendance; enthusiasm; fellowship; Temple appearance and condition; bulletin or newsletter; Secretary reports and programs, other than regular meetings and ritual meetings carried out through the year.

In keeping with the desire of M. . W. . Jenkins and using the guidelines he established, I have made a selection again this year which, in itself, was a difficult task. To select only one among many choices, in no way diminishes the respect and admiration I hold for all those progressive lodges throughout Nebraska which have worked so hard to preserve the basic tenets of the Fraternity and are continuing to do so with increasing fervor.

The Lodge I have selected this year established a record which should be an inspiration to every other Lodge in the state, particularly those which may be having problems of apathy, indifference or general lack of direction.

To begin with, no lodge has a remote chance of success without good leadership. With excellent leadership this is what one Lodge was able to accomplish:

In August of 1985, the Lodge was in desperate straits with no committees functioning and no on-going programs. Membership was declining rapidly. The Temple was in disrepair with plaster falling down, leaking plumbing, broken doors and generally in need of a good cleaning and painting job.

At that same time, a change in leadership was forced upon this Lodge through no fault of its own, and the Senior Warden was obliged to step in as acting Master.

Here's what was accomplished since August of 1985 and today, a period of ten months:

A renovation plan was developed with clearly defined goals, objectives and activities.

First, the long delayed presentation of the Bronze Jordan Medal was held during a well organized dinner, the first in a long time.

A formal written agenda was written and presented to each member attending the business meetings so that all knew what was to be discussed.

New embroidered aprons were acquired for all officers.

A newsletter was resurrected and is now mailed to all members on a regular basis.

The antiquated Bylaws were reviewed and updated and were approved in March of this year.

As part of regular meetings, formal educational presentations are being made to educate the membership on Masonic concerns and interest.

A library to support educational activities has been assembled along with appropriate cases for display.

A fund raising project was undertaken to raise \$12,000 toward refurbishing the Temple. Early this spring, more than \$4,000 of this goal has been accomplished.

The membership rallied together and completely replaced the dining room, stairwell and anteroom drywall ceilings. Along with this, the entire building was cleaned and painted throughout.

The installation of officers in January of this year was opened to the public for the first time in years and was held in conjunction with the Eastern Star Chapter which meets in the same Temple, following which, a sit-down dinner was held.

The Lodge has not been able to meet the requirements for proficiency in many years. Therefore, Schools of Instruction are being held monthly under tutoring by a Deputy Custodian and there is every indication that proficiency will be obtained this year.

A Finance Committee has been appointed and is actively reviewing the present and future financial position of the Lodge.

A Masonic Handbook has been published, not only for the members of their own Lodge, but has been distributed to every subordinate Lodge in the State.

Decreasing membership was not overlooked either. Programs of interest to new members were instituted and this spring 4 petitions were read with 2 more in the hopper. This means the Lodge will now be required to get busy brushing up or even learning the ritual in order to handle their "new" problem of candidates. With their initial success, Friendship Dinners are now a permanent and regular part of future activity planning.

A Masonic sign has been added to the other organizational identification signs which greet travelers going through town.

A Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser is in the works to generate extra funds to contribute to a town pavilion and sidewalk project.

To quote from a recent publication of this Lodge, I read as follows:

“At present, we are exploring ideas relative to leasing a portion of our facilities during regular business hours to the State Department of the Aging for use a Community Senior Citizen Center. This will be another way to serve the community as well as to help defray our expenses.

“We are also planning family outings and picnics this summer.

“In the past ten months, under new leadership, our Lodge has entered into 21 new programs which have helped us to become active again. But more important, we have demonstrated that a small failing Lodge can, in a short time, with proper leadership and cooperation, become active and grow.”

With these outstanding credentials, it is my honor and extreme pleasure to make this year's presentation of Most Worshipful Brother Byron C. Jenkin's Rock Maul to Springfield Lodge No. 112 A. F. & A. M.

Would Worshipful Master, Brother Edward M. Cummings please come forward to take possession of the Rock Maul Award?

Receiving the award for Springfield Lodge is Worshipful Master, Edward M. Cummings; Senior Warden, Joseph Beister; and Junior Warden, Jerry Carter.



## 1986 SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER

December 16, 1986

M. . W. . CHARLES W. AMIDON, P.G.M.

SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Most Worshipful Sirs:

As this is the first instance when the installation of Grand Lodge Officers did not coincide with the Annual Communication, a supplementary report of the Junior Past Grand Master is warranted.

Therefore, in compliance with Sec. 1-304, I am herewith submitting my report covering my activities between June of 1986 and December 6, 1986 at which time I retired from office as Grand Master.

This report has also been furnished to M. . W. . Wayne G. Luenenborg, Worshipful Master, and R. . W. . Edward M. Cummings, Grand Secretary, as a matter of record so that it may be considered by the Jurisprudence Committee at the June 1987 Annual Communication.

### VISITATION

June 9, 1986 to December 6, 1986

#### JUNE

- 9 Jesters Court #19 - Omaha
- 12-14 Grand Lodge Communication - Omaha
- 14 Rainbow for Girls - Crete
- 21 Custer Lodge No. 148 Centennial - Broken Bow

#### JULY

- 1-4 Imperial Shrine Session - Los Angeles
- 10 Scottish Rite Honors Banquet - Omaha
- 11 Grand Lodge Office Committee meeting - Lincoln
- 15 Masonic-Eastern Star Home meeting - Fremont
- 18 Jesters Court #19 - Omaha
- 18 Proficient Past Masters picnic - Omaha
- 27 Shiloh Lodge No. 327 outing - Valley
- 28 Visit to Shrine Hospital with football teams - Minneapolis

#### AUGUST

- 1 Sesostris Shrine Dinner - Lincoln
- 2 Shrine Bowl Game - Lincoln
- 13 Shiloh No. 327 Annual picnic - Omaha
- 15 Grand Lodge Office Committee meeting - Lincoln

- 15 Masonic Foundation meeting – Lincoln
- 19 Omaha Area Past Masters picnic – Omaha
- 22 Omaha Court #19 Jesters meeting
- 22 Grand Lodge Officers meeting – Lincoln
- 24 Masonic-Eastern Star Home Appreciation Day

**SEPTEMBER**

- 5 Grand Custodian School – Grand Island
- 7 All Masonic Picnic – Fremont
- 8 Meeting with Grand Lodge office staff – Lincoln
- 14 Tangier Shrine Dinner – Omaha
- 15 Bethel No. 39 Installation – Omaha
- 16 Geneva No. 79 Friendship Dinner – Geneva
- 18-19 Iowa Grand Lodge Communication – Sioux City
- 19 Yankton, S.D. Scottish Rite presentation – Omaha
- 20 Jester Court #19 "Book of the Play" – Omaha
- 20 Grand Lodge Office Committee meeting – Lincoln
- 23 Vamaflont Dinner – Omaha
- 27-30 Missouri Grand Lodge – Springfield

**OCTOBER**

- 1 Wahoo No. 59 – 25-year-pin presentations
- 7 Rainbow for Girls dinner – Omaha
- 9-11 Illinois Grand Lodge Communication – Peoria
- 18 Meeting of Committee on Nebraska Work – Omaha
- 22 Meeting of Committee on Nebraska Work – Omaha
- 26 DeMolay Legion of Honor Induction – Lincoln
- 28 Craftsman No. 314 – Presentation of Plaque
- 29 Bellevue No. 325 – Friendship Dinner speaker

**NOVEMBER**

- 1 DeMolay Grand Master's Class – Hastings
- 2 Grand Lodge Officers meeting – Lincoln
- 5 Received by Shiloh Lodge No. 327
- 8 Platte View No. 32 – visit new temple building
- 13-15 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion – Omaha
- 15 Grand Lodge Officers meeting – Lincoln
- 20 Daughters of the Nile Dinner – Omaha
- 22 Masonic Foundation meeting – Lincoln
- 29 Rededication of cornerstone for St. James Church –  
100 years – Fremont

**DECEMBER**

- 4 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion – Lincoln
- 5-6 Grand Lodge Officers Installation – North Platte

**DECISIONS**

1. In response to an inquiry from East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, I ruled that a Brother who had been raised in 1925, but had been suspended for a period of seven years since that time, would not be eligible for a 60-

year-pin until he had completed sixty years of membership in good standing.

2. Gave permission for the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha to solicit all lodges in the state for financial support to the annual Christmas Celebration for the residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.
3. In response to a question from Pawnee Lodge No. 23 regarding, "What constitutes proficiency in each of the three degrees," I responded that Section 2-204 was still in effect, and it was my interpretation this included the full Questions and Answers in each degree.
4. Stella Lodge No. 105 was advised that a suspension of a Stella member for Masonic Offenses by the state of Arkansas, imposed while the member was residing in Arkansas, was binding upon Stella Lodge also.
5. I granted permission to Highland Lodge No. 194 to hold a "consignment sale" as a means of raising much needed operating funds for the Lodge.
6. Granted permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to solicit subordinate lodges within a one hundred mile radius of Grand Island for the purpose of securing contributions to the Annual Food Truck Project to benefit the Nebraska Masonic Home.
7. North Bend Lodge No. 119 asked if under the provisions of Sec. 2-610 it would be permissible to establish a Scholarship Fund to be used for local teachers' continuing education. I ruled this would be permissible, but to provide the Grand Lodge with a detailed format before engaging in such a project.

#### DISPENSATIONS

1. To Miloma Lodge No. 328, to move its Charter to the West Omaha Masonic Temple for the purposes of installation of Officers, due to limited seating capacity of its own lodge room.
2. To Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, to move its Charter to the Holiday Inn for purposes of installing Grand Lodge Officers on December 6, 1986.

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**GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA  
1986-1987 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

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- 12. Dean Hunter . . . . . Guide Rock Lodge . . . . . No. 128
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- 14. Frank L. Balderson . . . . . Alliance Lodge . . . . . No. 183
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**District #25 — William C. Fogle**

McCook #135, McCook; Cambridge #150, Cambridge; Culbertson #174, Culbertson; Boaz #185, Danbury; Bartley #228, Bartley; Endeavor #262, Indianola.

**District #26 — Arthur J. Ferguson**

Long Pine #136, Long Pine; Minnekadusa #192, Valentine; Wood Lake #221, Wood Lake; Silver Cord #224, Ainsworth; Seneca #284, Thedford.

**District #27 — Alfred V. Peltzer**

Ord #103, Ord; Custer #148, Broken Bow; Mason City #170, Mason City; Crystal #191, Scotia; Blazing Star #200, Burwell; Parian #207, Callaway; Cable #225, Arnold; Anselmo #258, Anselmo; Swastika #280, Sargent.

**District #28 — Vincent Rosenberger**

Alliance #183, Alliance; Zion #234, Hyannis; Mullen #282, Mullen; Camp Clarke #285, Bridgeport.

**District #29 — Leslie A. Evert**

Samaritan #158, Chadron; Amity #169, Rushville; Hay Springs #177, Hay Springs; Arcana #195, Gordon; Sioux #277, Harrison.

**District #30 — Everett K. Dappen**

Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell; Robert W. Furnas #265, Scottsbluff; Oasis #271, Morrill; Minatare #295, Minatare; Bayard #301, Bayard.

**District #31 — Kenneth G. Fleming**

Frank Welch #75, Sidney; Golden Fleece #205, Chappell; Oshkosh #286, Oshkosh; Kimball #294, Kimball; Golden Rod #306, Lodgepole; Potter #313, Potter; Harmony #321, Dalton.

**District #32 — Roger L. Shillington**

Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198, Imperial; Palisade #216, Palisade; Wauneta #217, Wauneta.

**District #33 — Harry L. Saum**

Ogallala #159, Ogallala; Wallace #279, Wallace; Sutherland #299, Sutherland; Perkins #308, Grant.

**District #34 — W. Dale Page**

Fremont #15, Fremont; Acacia #34, Schuyler; Hiram #52, Arlington; Hooper #72, Hooper; North Bend #119, North Bend; Scribner #132, Scribner; John S. Bowen #232, Kennard.

**District #35 — A. S. Scolero**

Nebraska #1, Omaha; St. Johns #25, Omaha; Omaha #288, Omaha; Right Angle #303, Omaha.

**District #36 — Michael L. Peterson**

Crete #37, Crete; Blue Valley #64, Wilbur; Bennett #94, Bennett; DeWitt #111, DeWitt; Canopy #209, Elmwood; North Star #227, Lincoln; College View #320, Lincoln.

**District #37 — Ben D. Fussell**

Oliver #38, Seward; Fairmont #48, Fairmont; Evening Star #49, Sutton; Friend #73, Friend; Geneva #79, Geneva; Utica #96, Utica.

**District #38 — Frank R. Harris**

Hebron #43, Hebron; Edgar #67, Edgar; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily #154, Davenport; Chester #298, Chester.



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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			
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	
Aderlou Feitosa Andrade	Ceara	Nov. 10, 1986	Brazil, Bahia	Frank I. Vlasak, 119	North Bend	July 6, 1972
Jose Cesario Horta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brasilia	Albert G. Bates, 1	Omaha	June 4, 1971
Luthgard Nobre		June 26, 1974	Brazil, Ceara	Stanley E. Brunton, 222	Herman	July 7, 1976
Francisco Bezrea Frota		Oct. 25, 1973	Brazil, Matto Grasso	Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	Brewster	July 7, 1976
Oscar de Paula Assis	Rio de Janeiro	Aug. 1, 1969	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Robert E. Richards, 205	Chappell	Nov. 17, 1978
Ewald Heimuth Langweiler	Rio Grande do Sul	Feb. 18, 1965	Brazil, Goias	Harry L. Scheffel, 91	Oakland	July 1, 1974
Jose Aguilar E. Silvia	Para	Oct. 10, 1968	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	North Bend	
Joao Bento	Paraiba	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Guanabaro	Amos H. Campbell, 184	Omaha	Feb. 2, 1981
Tutomo Sato	Parana	Mar. 7, 1968	Brazil, Rio Grande	Wm. H. Beckenhauer, 19	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	Pernambuco	Oct. 22, 1968	Brazil, Para	Gerald A. Moller, 15	Fremont	Dec. 10, 1968
Lirio Burigo Bez		Sept. 22, 1976	Brazil, Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
Jose de Vites Silva	Sao Paulo	Nov. 14, 1951	Brazil, Parana	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	Lincoln	Mar. 7, 1968
B. R. Peatt	Kamloops B. C.	Oct. 28, 1986	Brazil, Pernambuco	Mannie O. Hansen, 1	Omaha	June 12, 1974
Harold Loewenthal	Eureka	Apr. 23, 1969	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Mervin E. Ranson, Sr., 65	Osceola	July 1, 1974
Kenneth N. Nesbitt	Ottawa	Dec. 21, 1976	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Charles W. Amidon, 281	Omaha	June 7, 1977
Rigoberto Jamett		Aug. 22, 1983	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Dawson Kwauk	Taiwan	June 26, 1980	California	Eugene C. Sibley, 54	Lincoln	June 11, 1976
Jose Maria Serna	Barranquilla	July 31, 1951	Canada	Paul R. Eveland, 119	Ames	Feb. 16, 1982
Jacque N. Hampton	Montrose	Apr. 9, 1980	Chile	Ben D. Fussell, 79	Geneva	June 4, 1971
Vincent Vernon	Collinsville	Mar. 18, 1969	China	John D. Richardson, 50	Hastings	June 10, 1983
Carlos Miranda		Oct. 22, 1968	Columbia Nat'l. Grand Lodge	Kenneth P. Lott, 184	Bellevue	Feb. 3, 1981
V. H. F. E. Gracia		Nov. 5, 1952	Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Boone	June 23, 1943
Leonard S. Strycharz		Jan. 28, 1971	Connecticut	Arnold F. Mains, 15	Fremont	Dec. 13, 1968
Knud Meister		Nov. 23, 1982	Costa Rica	Richard H. Scheef, 288	Omaha	July 7, 1976
H. Kenneth Kingsbury		Sept. 24, 1982	Cuba	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
F. G. Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Delaware	T. Leo Stines, 36	Central City	Feb. 18, 1967
Lord Mais		Oct. 22, 1976	Denmark	Alton S. Mote, 183	Alliance	Dec. 2, 1968
Kalle Putkisto	Helsinki	Dec. 15, 1969	Dist. of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Wm. C. Mitchell	Jacksonville	June 23, 1970	Ecuador	Richard O. Cowles, 217	Trenton	Nov. 7, 1978
Edward Jeanmonod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	England	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Dec. 2, 1968
			Finland	Sebert A. Stover, 281	Omaha	Feb. 9, 1968
			Florida	John Lippert, 323	Columbus	Aug. 8, 1966
			France Nat'l.			

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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. Sakellorou	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			
H. J. Engineer	Bombay	Aug. 7, 1963	India	William Hurst, 54	Lincoln	Sept. 17, 1977
			Iran	Joel N. Linquist, 1	Omaha	June 4, 1971
			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
Giancarlo Boero	Genoa	Oct. 1, 1986	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			
John F. Arnold			Louisiana			
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. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 13, 1953	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	Hastings	July 28, 1965
			Pennsylvania			
Carlos Pena	Lima	Sept. 1, 1972	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 254	Bassett	June 4, 1971
Antonio Espinosa	Manila		Philippines	Donald A. Kycyelhahn, 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. T. Neale		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
Edward Lewis Lee	Kennedy		Saskatchewan			
William F. S. Reid		Nov. 19, 1986	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.	Charles Godwin		Apr. 4, 1985
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			
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. Luennenborg, 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.			
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

**PAST GRAND MASTERS  
PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE  
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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		
HAROLD HULTMAN, 39	(110th)	1975
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		
ROBERT A. METCALF, 210 .....	(119th)	... 1984
1440 Imperial, Lincoln 68520		
CARL R. GREISEN, 32 .....	(HONORARY)	... 1966
P.O. Box 1684, Sun City, AZ 85372		

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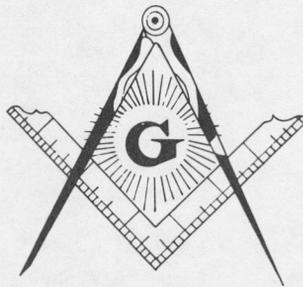
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YEAR	SERVED	NAME	LODGE
1st	1857-58-59	Robert C. Jordan	3
2nd	1860-61-62	George Armstrong	3
3rd	1863-64	Daniel H. Wheeler	6
4th	1865-66	Robert W. Furnas	4
5th	1867-68	Orsamus H. Irish	5
6th	1869-70	Harry P. Deuel	11
7th	1871-72	William E. Hill	2
8th	1873	Martin Dunham	3
9th	1874	Frank Welch	27
10th	1875	Alfred G. Hastings	19
11th	1876	George H. Thummel	33
12th	1877	George W. Lininger	3
13th	1878	Edward K. Valentine	27
14th	1879	Rolland H. Oakley	19
15th	1880	James A. Tulleys	53
16th	1881	James R. Cain, Sr.	9
17th	1882	Edwin F. Warren	2
18th	1883	Samuel W. Hayes	55
19th	1884	John Jay Wemple	50
20th	1885	Manoah B. Reese	59
21st	1886	Charles K. Coutant	11
22nd	1887	Milton J. Hull	67
25th	1890	Robert E. French	46
26th	1891	Bradmer D. Slaughter	89
27th	1892	Samuel P. Davidson	17
28th	1893	James P. A. Black	76
29th	1894	John A. Ehrhardt	41
30th	1895	Henry H. Wilson	19
31st	1896	Charles J. Phelps	34
32nd	1897	John B. Dinsmore	49
33rd	1898	Frank H. Young	207
34th	1899	William W. Keysor	25
35th	1900	Albert W. Crites	158
36th	1901	Robert E. Evans	5
37th	1902	Nathaniel M. Ayers	93
38th	1903	Frank E. Bullard	32
39th	1904	Charles E. Burnham	55
40th	1905	Melville R. Hopewell	31
41st	1906	Zuingle M. Baird	155
42nd	1907	Ornan J. King	54
43rd	1908	William A. DeBord	3
44th	1909	Michael Dowling	119
45th	1910	Harry A. Cheney	100
46th	1911	Henry Gibbons	46
47th	1912	James R. Cain, Jr.	105

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48th	1913	Alpha Morgan	148
49th	1914	Thomas M. Davis	93
50th	1915	Samuel S. Whiting	54
51st	1916	Andrew H. Viele	55
52nd	1917	Frederic L. Temple	61
53rd	1918	Ambrose C. Epperson	139
54th	1919	John J. Tooley	258
55th	1920	Joseph B. Fradenburg	3
56th	1921	Lewis E. Smith	136
57th	1922	Edward M. Wellman	1
58th	1923	Charles A. Chappell	127
59th	1924	Robert R. Dickson	95
60th	1925	John Wright	19
61st	1926	Edwin D. Crites	158
62nd	1927	Albert R. Davis	120
63rd	1928	Frank H. Woodland	25
64th	1929	Ira C. Freet	56
65th	1930	Orville A. Andrews	19
66th	1931	John R. Tapster	119
67th	1932	Edwin R. Johnston	33
68th	1933	Ralph O. Canaday	50
69th	1933	Archie M. Smith	203
70th	1934	Virgil R. Johnson	26
71st	1935	William C. Ramsey	268
72nd	1936	Chancellor A. Philips	150
73rd	1937	William A. Robertson	6
74th	1938	Walter R. Raecke	36
75th	1939	William J. Breckenridge	317
76th	1940	Earl J. Lee	15
77th	1941	Edward F. Carter	201
78th	1942	George A. Kurk	54
79th	1943	William B. Wanner	9
80th	1944-45	William C. Schaper	148
81st	1946	Benjamin F. Eyre	1
82nd	1947	Edward Huwaldt	318
83rd	1948	Elmer E. Magee	227
Honorary	1949	Roscoe Pound	54
84th	1949	Ernest S. Schiefelbein	59
85th	1950	John S. Hedelund	268
86th	1951	Thomas J. Aron	37
87th	1952	Edward M. Knight	183
88th	1953	Fay Smith	198
89th	1954	Charles F. Adams	68
90th	1955	Herbert T. White	11
91st	1956	Merle M. Hale	54
92nd	1957	Roy I. Babbitt	295
93rd	1958	John E. Beaver	153
94th	1959	Joseph C. Tye	46

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95th	1960	John F. Futcher	290
96th	1961	Herbert A. Ronin	210
97th	1962	Ernest O. Van Wey	249
98th	1963	Ralph M. Carhart	120
99th	1964	Harry A. Spencer	227
100th	1965	Louis V. Slyvester	281
101st	1966	Lewis R. Ricketts	19
Honorary	1966	Carl R. Greisen	32
102nd	1967	John A. Bottorf	49
103rd	1968	Norris W. Lallman	72
104th	1969	Hugh W. Eisenhart	150
105th	1970	John H. Brown	1
106th	1971	Russell L. Fickes	33
107th	1972	Howard J. Hunter	59
108th	1973	Frank J. Mattoon	75
109th	1974	Donald R. Swanson	54
110th	1975	Harold Hultman	39
111th	1976	T. Leo Stines	36
112th	1977	Alfred B. Saum	46
113th	1978	Jack H. Hendrix	174
114th	1979	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	314
115th	1980	Byron C. Jenkins	325
116th	1981	Harold C. Wurdeman	323
117th	1982	Paul R. Pierce	50
118th	1983	Bevin B. Bump	158
119th	1984	Robert A. Metcalf	210
120th	1985	Charles W. Amidon	281



**PAST 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 to December 6, 1986

\*Deceased



**PAST GRAND CUSTODIANS**

- Lee P. Gillette, 2 . . . . . 1882-1883-1887-1888-1889-  
1890-1891-1892-1893-1894
- Benjamin F. Rawalt, 84 . . . . . 1884-1885-1886-1887
- James A. Tulleys, 53 . . . . . 1894-1895-1896-1897-1898-  
1899-1900
- Robert E. French, 46 . . . . . 1901 to 1927
- Lute M. Savage, 3 . . . . . 1927 to 1948
- Raymond C. Cook, 6 . . . . . 1948 to 1965
- Robert W. Cook, 33 . . . . . 1965-1966-1967
- Ralph W. Gerry, 281 . . . . . 1968-1981
- Mannie O. Hansen, 1 . . . . . 1981-1984
- T. Leo Stines, 36 . . . . . 1984-1985

### 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	George S. Schwab, 49 . . . . .	1946
*Orville A. Andrews, 50. . . . .	1917	Louis V. Sylvester, 281 . . . . .	1946
*Barclay M. Hickman . . . . .	1916	*Irving S. Johnson, 148 . . . . .	1946
*Andrew H. Viele, 55 . . . . .	1917	*LaVerne A. Walker, 55 . . . . .	1946
*Maro C. Shipherd, 15. . . . .	1920	*Ernest E. James, 1 . . . . .	1948
*Jesse Lowther, 219 . . . . .	1920	*Frank A. Anderson, 17. . . . .	1949
*Franklin C. Tym, 25 . . . . .	1920	*Robert W. Cook, 33. . . . .	1949
*Lute M. Savage, 3 . . . . .	1920	Paul D. Fleming, 93 . . . . .	1949
Frank M. Johnson, 188. . . . .	1920	*Charles M. Frederick, 136 . . . . .	1949
*Lamont L. Stephens, 106 . . . . .	1922	*Sylvester Shumard, 227 . . . . .	1949
*Frances S. Robey, 19 . . . . .	1922	*Ralph M. Carhart, 120 . . . . .	1950
*John B. Lichtenwallner, 275 . . . . .	1923	*Morris V. Balcom, 46. . . . .	1950
*Harry R. Belville, 146. . . . .	1923	*William F. Flicklinger, 56. . . . .	1951
*George R. Patterson, 136. . . . .	1923	*Forest A. Lape, 183 . . . . .	1951
*William J. Birkoffer, 249. . . . .	1923	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314 . . . . .	1954
*D. Horace Schall, 307 . . . . .	1923	Harold M. Wilkerson, 54 . . . . .	1954
*Stanley P. Bostwick, 3 . . . . .	1924	Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9 . . . . .	1955
*William D. Edson, 53 . . . . .	1926	Clifford D. Webster, 321 . . . . .	1956
*Francis B. Rodwell, 224 . . . . .	1926	*Matthias E. Mael, 173 . . . . .	1956
*Edwin H. Gerhart, 305. . . . .	1926	Frank H. Smith, 301 . . . . .	1957
*William McCormack, 268 . . . . .	1926	*Ward V. Whitaker, 310 . . . . .	1957
*Harry L. Mantor, 306. . . . .	1927	Richard L. Ely, 128 . . . . .	1957
*John R. Easley, 49 . . . . .	1927	Asa J. Farnham, 106. . . . .	1958
*I. Donald Huston, 65 . . . . .	1928	Robert B. Conrad, 125 . . . . .	1958
*Elmer Surber, 95 . . . . .	1928	Winston C. Swanson . . . . .	1958
*John M. Bennett, 19. . . . .	1928	*Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210. . . . .	1959
*Earl Barnett, 146 . . . . .	1929	*Edmund D. Shaw, 195 . . . . .	1959
*Jonathan Frye, 1. . . . .	1929	Harry N. Ahl, 112. . . . .	1959
*Ernest R. Reynolds, 124. . . . .	1930	Alfred R. Kenoyer, 148 . . . . .	1960
*Osborne P. Simon, 174. . . . .	1930	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110 . . . . .	1960
*Doc L. Redfern, 300. . . . .	1930	T. Leo Stines, 36. . . . .	1960
Austin F. Whitmire, 306. . . . .	1931	*Erwin J. Imig, 38 . . . . .	1960
*Henning C. Johnson, 171 . . . . .	1932	Sebert A. Stover, 281 . . . . .	1960
Carroll C. Raymer, 164 . . . . .	1932	Stanley E. Brunton, 222 . . . . .	1961
*Ward B. Schrack, 46 . . . . .	1933	Glenn W. Binder, 23 . . . . .	1961
*Byron S. Peterson, 25. . . . .	1933	*Richard L. Wait, 19 . . . . .	1962
*Raymond C. Cook, 6 . . . . .	1933	Gordon Chard, 240 . . . . .	1962
*Ray B. Bottorf, 33 . . . . .	1933	Harold A. Tilton, 71. . . . .	1962
*Wallace E. Linn, 1 . . . . .	1934	Stuart A. Johnson, 169 . . . . .	1964
*Jesse P. Entriiken, 295. . . . .	1934	Arthur S. Dye, 317 . . . . .	1964
Harold D. Weddel, 208 . . . . .	1937	W. Upton Dawson, 135 . . . . .	1964
Cecil C. Gates, 227 . . . . .	1938	Donald R. Davis, 164 . . . . .	1964
*Fred G. Christensen, 33 . . . . .	1938	*Ralph I. Berry, 256. . . . .	1965
*Ross Van Sickle, 184 . . . . .	1938	Carl A. Johnson, 183 . . . . .	1965
*S. William Beck, 43 . . . . .	1940	*Robert W. Boon, 33. . . . .	1965
*Stanley B. Fryar, 139 . . . . .	1940	Augustus W. Clark, 318. . . . .	1965
*Roy S. Planck, 15 . . . . .	1940	Alton S. Mote, 183. . . . .	1965
*Buren P. Wells, 315 . . . . .	1940	Ralph W. Gerry, 281 . . . . .	1965
*Clarence G. McNamee, 55. . . . .	1941	Arnold F. Mains, 15 . . . . .	1965
*F. Ray Dilts, 83. . . . .	1942	Nelson W. Rittenberg, 210. . . . .	1965
*Ernest C. Purdy, 195 . . . . .	1942	*Harold J. Oehlerking, 159 . . . . .	1966
*Lewis E. Baker, 135 . . . . .	1943	Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258 . . . . .	1966
*Howard E. Bradstreet, 261. . . . .	1943	*Ward L. McGlashan, 180. . . . .	1966

Curtis J. Griess, 49 . . . . .	1966	Roger E. Shillington, 180 . . . . .	1976
*Walter Brown, 1 . . . . .	1967	James E. Cornish, 31 . . . . .	1976
*John C. Nelson, 250 . . . . .	1967	Lynn Doty, 251 . . . . .	1977
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65 . . . . .	1967	Marvin R. Weber, 202 . . . . .	1977
Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210 . . . . .	1967	W. Dale Page, 15 . . . . .	1977
Howard G. Whitmore, 161 . . . . .	1967	Harry L. Saum, 308 . . . . .	1979
Frank R. Harris, 77 . . . . .	1967	DeVern A. Engberg, 26 . . . . .	1979
Gerald V. Inslee, 158 . . . . .	1968	Michael L. Peterson, 227 . . . . .	1979
John C. Sierks, 4 . . . . .	1969	Albert W. Watek, 40 . . . . .	1979
Paul D. Jacobsen, 171 . . . . .	1969	Douglas A. Thomas, 183 . . . . .	1979
David O. Kipling, 281 . . . . .	1970	Arthur J. Ferguson, 221 . . . . .	1979
Herman O. Hansen, 3 . . . . .	1970	Leslie G. Weber, 204 . . . . .	1979
D. Wayne Erickson, 146 . . . . .	1970	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75 . . . . .	1980
Walter S. Cork, 75 . . . . .	1970	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3 . . . . .	1981
Richard L. Mauch, 254 . . . . .	1971	David E. Menck, 15 . . . . .	1982
O. Wayne Thompson, 201 . . . . .	1971	Vincent Rosenberger, 183 . . . . .	1982
John A. Brandt, 26 . . . . .	1971	Justin F. Fauss, 55 . . . . .	1982
Dale E. Kube, 55 . . . . .	1971	Augustus W. Clark, 318 . . . . .	1982
Robert E. Kyes, 36 . . . . .	1972	Wayne E. Beatty, 311 . . . . .	1983
Mannie O. Hansen, 1 . . . . .	1973	Leslie Evert, 195 . . . . .	1984
Richard O. Cowles, 217 . . . . .	1975	Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210 . . . . .	1984
Jens P. Nielsen, 121 . . . . .	1975	Gene Sibley, 54 . . . . .	1984
Ralph E. McNutty, 188 . . . . .	1975	William Fogle, 135 . . . . .	1985
Don L. McCoy, 11 . . . . .	1975	Roscoe Malick, 297 . . . . .	1985
Everett K. Dappen, 265 . . . . .	1975	R. Winton Wilson, 199 . . . . .	1985
Alfred V. Peltzer, 148 . . . . .	1975	Robert Kyes, 36 . . . . .	1985
Ben D. Fussell, 79 . . . . .	1976	W. Dale Page, 15 . . . . .	1985
Victor D. Hunt, 62 . . . . .	1976		



### GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA ROCK MAUL AWARD

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Lodge, deemed to be the most outstanding Lodge that year, by the Grand Master.

1981 . . . . .	Geneva Lodge No. 79 . . . . .	Geneva
1982 . . . . .	Shiloh Lodge No. 327 . . . . .	Omaha
1983 . . . . .	Culbertson Lodge No. 174 . . . . .	Culbertson
1984 . . . . .	Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 . . . . .	Gering
1984 . . . . .	Fremont Lodge No. 15 . . . . .	Fremont
1985 . . . . .	Comet Lodge No. 229 . . . . .	Ceresco
1985 . . . . .	Hickman Lodge No. 256 . . . . .	Hickman
1986 . . . . .	Springfield Lodge No. 112 . . . . .	Springfield

## DEPARTED GRAND MASTERS

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. Fletcher	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

**VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS**

Who Have Attended Grand Lodge  
21 Years or More

Benjamin F. Eyre .....	60 years
Carl R. Greisen .....	59 years
Merle M. Hale .....	47 years
Thomas J. Aron .....	45 years
Louis V. Sylvester .....	44 years
Albert B. Osborn .....	40 years
Paul D. Fleming .....	34 years

**VETERAN LODGE SECRETARIES**

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

**LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORY  
OTHER THAN NEBRASKA**

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

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Brazil, Ceara	Francisco Wellington Avis De Sousa	
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Canada	Robert E. Davis	Box 217, Hamilton, Ontario
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Decatur No. 7 - Decatur . . . . .	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 - Columbus . . . . .	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 - Nebraska City . . . . .	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 - Arago . . . . .	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 - Ashland . . . . .	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 - Rock Bluff . . . . .	July 16, 1884
Macy No. 22 - Plattsmouth . . . . .	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 - Lafayette Pct. (later Grant) . . . . .	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 - Palmyra . . . . .	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 - Salem . . . . .	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 - Columbus . . . . .	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 - First . . . . .	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 - Ulysses . . . . .	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 - Waco . . . . .	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 - Doniphan . . . . .	May 12, 1966
Steele City No. 107 - Steele City . . . . .	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 - Arapahoe . . . . .	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 - Brainard . . . . .	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 - Dorchester . . . . .	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 - Odell . . . . .	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 - Indianola . . . . .	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131 - Ainsworth . . . . .	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141 - Johnson . . . . .	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 - North Loup . . . . .	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 - Valparaiso . . . . .	October 9, 1962
Grafton No. 172 - Grafton . . . . .	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178 - Shickley . . . . .	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186 - Grant . . . . .	November 15, 1897
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

### CONSOLIDATED LODGES

- 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.
- Naphthali 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.
- Siloam No. 147** . . . . . Stuart with Atkinson No. 164,  
Atkinson, November 20, 1985.
- Ponca No. 101** . . . . . Ponca with Alpha No. 316,  
South Sioux City.
- Curtiss No. 168** . . . . . Curtiss with McCook 135,  
McCook, February 15, 1986.
- Clay Centre No. 139** . . . . . Clay Center with Midwest No. 317,  
Hastings, March 5, 1986.
- Ponca No. 101** . . . . . Ponca with Alpha No. 316,  
June 1986.
- Curtis No. 168** . . . . . Curtis with McCook No. 315,  
June 1986.
- Siloam No. 147** . . . . . Siloam with Atkinson No. 164,  
June 1986.
- Clay Centre No. 139** . . . . . Clay Centre with Mid West No. 317,  
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Albion .....	78	Carleton .....	199	Falls City .....	9
Allen .....	236	Central City .....	36	Fort Calhoun .....	10
Alliance .....	183	Ceresco .....	229	Franklin .....	264
Alma .....	116	Chadron .....	158	Fremont .....	15
Anselmo .....	258	Chapman .....	239	Friend .....	73
Arapahoe .....	293	Chappell .....	205	Fullerton .....	89
Arlington .....	52	Chester .....	298		
Arnold .....	225	Clarks .....	134	Geneva .....	79
Ashland .....	110	Coleridge .....	219	Genoa .....	125
Atkinson .....	164	Columbus .....	323	Gering .....	201
Auburn .....	124	Cortland .....	194	Gibson .....	189
Aurora .....	68	Cozad .....	188	Gordon .....	195
		Craig .....	241	Gothenburg .....	249
Barneston .....	165	Crawford .....	181	Grand Island .....	33, 318
Bartley .....	228	Creighton .....	100	Grant .....	308
Bassett .....	254	Crete .....	37	Greenwood .....	163
Bayard .....	301	Culbertson .....	174	Guide Rock .....	128
Beatrice .....	26				
Beaver City .....	93	Dakota City .....	5	Hampton .....	245
Bellevue .....	325	Dalton .....	321	Harrison .....	277
Benkelman .....	180	Danbury .....	185	Harvard .....	44
Bennet .....	94	Davenport .....	154	Hastings .....	50, 317
Blair .....	21	David City .....	51	Hay Springs .....	177
Bloomfield .....	218	DeWitt .....	111	Hebron .....	43
Bridgeport .....	285			Herman .....	222
Brock .....	162	Edgar .....	67	Hickman .....	256
Broken Bow .....	148	Elkhorn .....	102	Holdrege .....	146
Brownville .....	4	Elmwood .....	209	Hooper .....	72
Burchard .....	137	Elwood .....	167	Humboldt .....	40
Burwell .....	200	Emerson .....	220	Hyannis .....	234
Butte .....	233				
				Imperial .....	198
Cairo .....	324			Indianola .....	262
Callaway .....	207	Fairbury .....	35		

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Kearney .....	46	Ord .....	103	Springfield .....	112
Kennard .....	232	Orleans .....	60	Stanton .....	41
Kimball .....	294	Osceola .....	65	Stella .....	105
		Oshkosh .....	286	Stratton .....	173
		Overton .....	267	Stromsburg .....	126
		Oxford .....	138	Superior .....	121
Laurel .....	248			Sutherland .....	299
Lexington .....	61			Sutton .....	49
Lincoln .....	19, 54, 210, 227, 250, 297, 300, 314, 320	Palisade .....	216	Syracuse .....	57
Lodgepole .....	306	Palmyra .....	287		
Long Pine .....	136	Papillion .....	39	Table Rock .....	108
Loup City .....	106	Pawnee City .....	23	Tecumseh .....	17
Lyons .....	240	Peru .....	14	Tekamah .....	31
		Phillips .....	62	Theford .....	284
		Pierce .....	153		
		Plainview .....	204	Utica .....	96
		Plattsmouth .....	6		
Madison .....	113	Polk .....	311	Valentine .....	192
Mason City .....	170	Potter .....	313	Valley .....	310
McCook .....	135	Primrose .....	143		
Milford .....	30			Wahoo .....	59
Minatare .....	295	Randolph .....	202	Wakefield .....	83
Minden .....	127	Ravenna .....	289	Wallace .....	279
Mitchell .....	263	Red Cloud .....	53	Walthill .....	274
Morrill .....	271	Republican City .....	98	Wauneta .....	217
Mullen .....	282	Reynolds .....	160	Wausa .....	251
		Rising City .....	81	Wayne .....	120
		Rulo .....	13	Weeping Water .....	97
		Rushville .....	169	Western .....	140
				West Point .....	27
Nebraska City .....	2	Saint Paul .....	82	Wilber .....	64
Nehawka .....	246	Sargent .....	280	Winside .....	235
Neligh .....	71	Schuyler .....	34	Wisner .....	114
Nelson .....	77	Scotia .....	191	Wood Lake .....	221
Newman Grove .....	305	Scottsbluff .....	265	Wood River .....	211
Niobrara .....	87	Scribner .....	132	Wymore .....	104
Norfolk .....	55	Seward .....	38		
North Bend .....	119	Shelby .....	161	York .....	56
North Platte .....	32	Shelton .....	99		
		Sidney .....	75		
Oakland .....	91	Silver Creek .....	266		
Ogallala .....	159	South Sioux City .....	316		
Omaha .....	1, 3, 11, 25, 184, 268, 281, 288, 290, 302, 303, 326, 327, 328	Spencer .....	261		
O'Neill .....	95				
Orchard .....	291				



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Adams .....	50, 317	Gage .....	26, 104, 165, 194	Otoe .....	2, 57, 287
Antelope .....	71, 29	Garden .....	286	Pawnee .....	23, 108, 137
Boone .....	78, 143	Garfield .....	200	Perkins .....	308
Box Butte .....	183	Gosper .....	167	PHELPS .....	146
Boyd .....	233, 261	Grant .....	234	Pierce .....	153, 204
Brown .....	136, 224	Greeley .....	191	Platte .....	323
Buffalo .....	46, 99, 133, 189, 289	Hall .....	33, 211, 318, 324	Polk .....	65, 126, 161, 311
Burt .....	31, 91, 240, 241	Hamilton .....	62, 68, 245	Red Willow .....	135, 185, 228, 262
Butler .....	51, 81	Harlan .....	60, 98	Richardson .....	9, 13, 40, 105
Cass .....	6, 97, 163, 209, 246	Hitchcock .....	173, 174, 216	Rock .....	254
Cedar .....	202, 219, 248	Holt .....	95, 164	Saline .....	37, 64, 73, 111, 140
Chase .....	198, 217	Hooker .....	282	Sarpy .....	39, 112, 325
Cherry .....	192, 221	Howard .....	82	Saunders .....	59, 110, 229
Cheyenne .....	75, 306, 313, 321	Jefferson .....	35, 160	Scotts Bluff .....	201, 263 265, 271, 295
Clay .....	44, 49, 67	Johnson .....	17	Seward .....	30, 38, 96
Colfax .....	34	Kearney .....	127	Sheridan .....	169, 177, 195
Cuming .....	27, 114	Keith .....	159	Sherman .....	106
Custer .....	148, 170 207, 225, 258, 280	Kimball .....	294	Sioux .....	277
Dakota .....	5, 316	Knox .....	87, 218, 251	Stanton .....	41
Dawes .....	158, 181	Lancaster .....	19, 54, 94, 210, 227, 250, 256, 297, 300, 314, 320	Thayer .....	43, 154, 199, 298
Dawson .....	61, 188 249, 267	Lincoln .....	32, 279, 299, 329	Thomas .....	284
Deuel .....	205	Madison .....	55, 113, 305	Thurston .....	274
Dixon .....	83, 220, 236	Merrick .....	36, 134, 239, 266	Valley .....	103
Dodge .....	15, 72, 119, 132	Morrill .....	285, 301	Washington .....	10, 21, 52, 222
Douglas .....	1, 3, 11, 25, 102, 184, 268, 281, 288, 290, 302, 303, 310, 326, 327, 328	Nance .....	89, 125	Wayne .....	120, 235
Dundy .....	180	Nemaha .....	4, 14, 124, 162	Webster .....	53, 128
Fillmore .....	48, 79	Nuckolls .....	77, 121	York .....	56
Franklin .....	264				
Furnas .....	93, 138, 150, 293				



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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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
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
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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
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
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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED		CHARTERED	
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
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	Theford	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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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 8, 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



### 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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