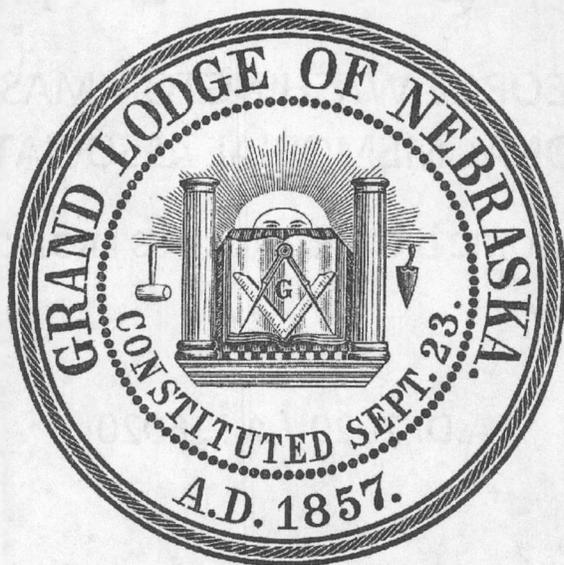


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*of the
One Hundred Thirtieth
Annual Communication of the*

GRAND LODGE

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



Kearney, Nebraska

PART I

June 12 and 13, 1987

**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 Thirtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Kearney, Nebraska, June 12 and 13, 1987, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska this 31 day of January, 1988.



Albert T. Reddish

ALBERT T. REDDISH
GRAND SECRETARY

Grand Lodge of Nebraska



1987-1988-1989



WAYNE LUENENBORG
GRAND MASTER
1987

MASONIC HISTORY
of the
1987 Grand Master
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 Chapter No. 114, Order of Eastern Star

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

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

Member of Tehama Temple of the Shrine

Member of North Platte 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



PAUL R. EVELAND
GRAND MASTER
1988

MASONIC HISTORY
of the
1988 Grand Master
PAUL R. EVELAND

Raised in Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood, Nebraska

Past Master of North Bend Lodge No. 119, at North Bend

Past Patron of Ruth Chapter No. 119 O.E.S., at North Bend

Member of Signet Chapter No. 8, Hiram Council No. 7, and
Mt. Tabor Commandery No. 9, Fremont, Nebraska

Member of Lincoln Valley, Scottish Rite; Member, Tangier
Shrine AAONMS, Omaha: Member National Sojourners, Chapter 19,
Omaha: Member Heroes of '76, Chapter 19, Omaha;

Past President of the Board of Trustees, Masonic-Eastern Star
Home for Children, Fremont



THOMAS W. TYE
Grand Master — Elect

MASONIC HISTORY

of

Grand Master — Elect

THOMAS W. TYE

Ancient Craft Masonry - Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason July 8, 1959; passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason August 6, 1959; and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason September 9, 1959, all in Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, Nebraska. Served as Master of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, Nebraska in 1967.

Grand Lodge - Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in June, 1983 by M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump. Elected M.:W.: Grand Master on February 3, 1989. Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana near Nebraska, having been appointed by M.:W.:Brother Bump in June, 1983. Served as Chairman of the Special Committee to study the Grand Lodge Offices, 1983-1985. Member of the Conference Planning Committee of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America 1988-1989, and has been requested to present the official response on behalf of the Grand Masters of North America to the welcome given at the Annual Conference held in Alexandria, Virginia.

Capitular Masonry - Became a Royal Arch Mason in Kearney Chapter No. 23, Kearney, Nebraska, in 1962 and a Past High Priest, Royal Arch Masons, Chapter No. 23, Kearney, Nebraska, 1968.

Cryptic Masonry - Received the degrees of the Cryptic Rite, 1962, Hastings Council, Hastings, Nebraska.

Chivalric Masonry - Dubbed a Knight Templar in 1962, in Mt. Hebron Commandery No. 12, Kearney, Nebraska, being a Past Commander, Knights Templar, Commandery No. 12, Kearney, Nebraska, 1968.

Scottish Rite - Lincoln Consistory since 1960. Knight Commander Court of Honor, 1986

Shrine - Member of Sesostris Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska and a dual member of Tehama Temple, Hastings, Nebraska, as well as the Fort Kearney Shrine Club and the Raz-Taz Patrol.

Other Masonic Bodies - Member of Tuscan Chapter No. 35, Order of the Eastern Star, Kearney, Nebraska, having served as Worthy Patron in 1968. Member of the Nebraska Veteran Free Masons Association and of the National Sojourners, Omaha Chapter No. 19. Member of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. Treasurer of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation.

Honorary Memberships - Honorary Past Grand Master of Oklahoma.

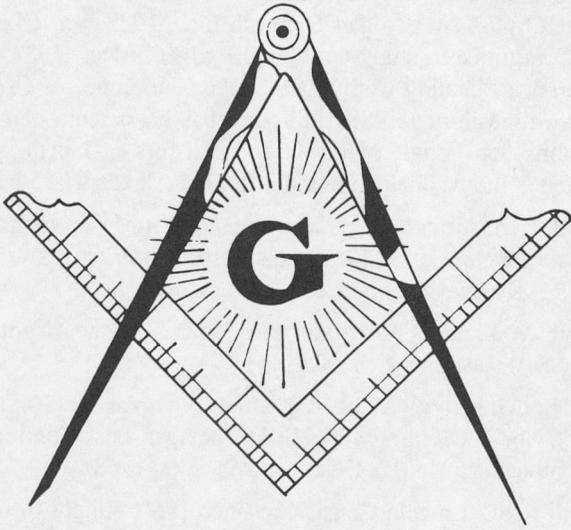


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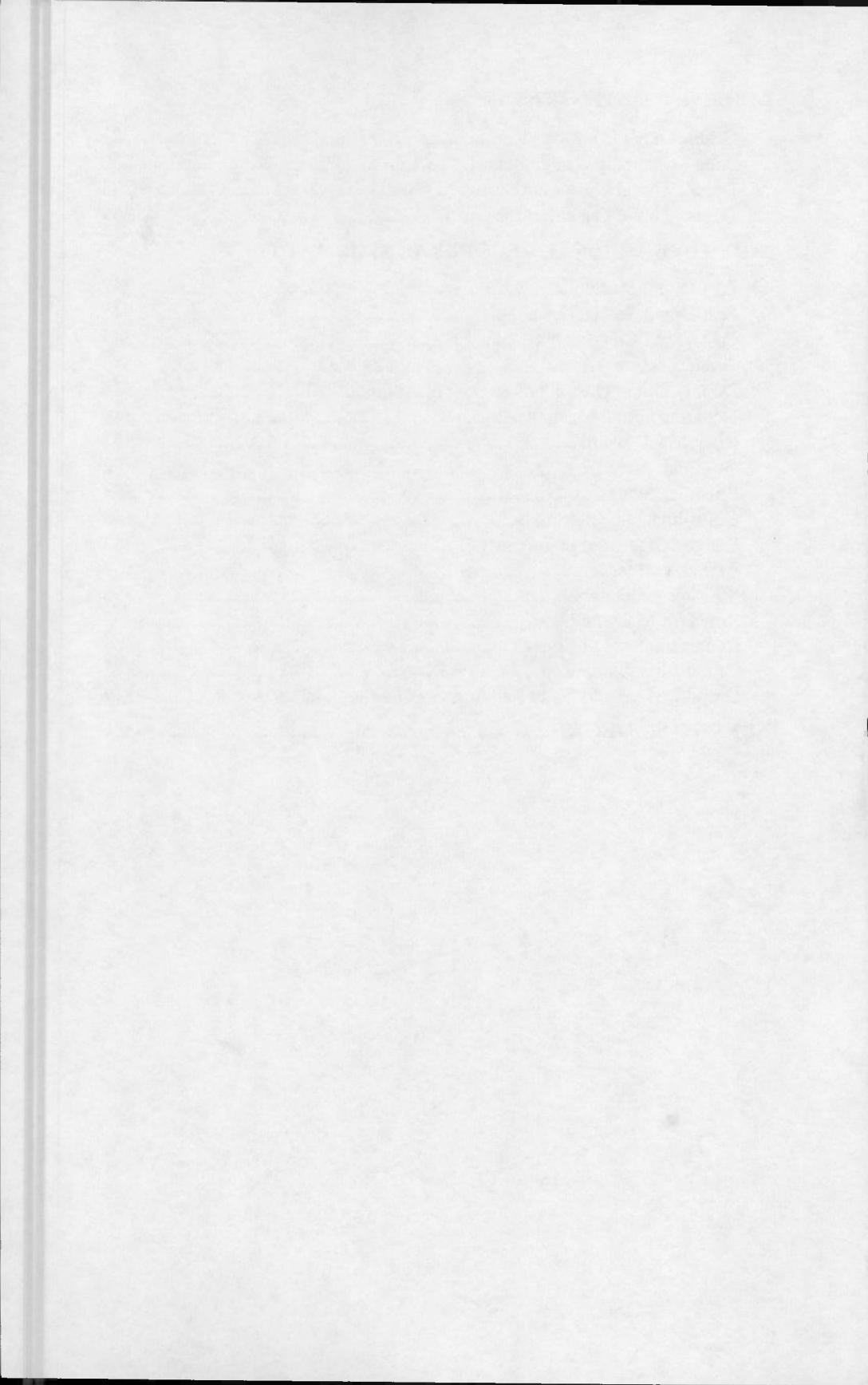
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1987 PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

*ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

Held in Kearney, Nebraska, June 12 and 13, 1987

FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

Friday, June 12, 1987

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m., Friday, June 12, A.D. 1987 A. L. 5987.

M.:W.: Wayne G. Lueningborg, Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, presided.

The Alliance Chapter, DeMolay Color Guard, consisting of Jason Minnick, John Balderson, Mike Bourquin and Chris Stoddard, presented the flag.

Jeff Post, Nebraska Master Councilor of DeMolay, and Tracy Bellamy, Past Grand Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow, representing the Grand Worthy Advisor, made remarks.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.:W.: Louis V. Sylvester, Past Grand Master, presented the following distinguished guests:

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

William E. Loudenslager, Deputy Grand Master of South Dakota
Harry C. English, Deputy Grand Master of Colorado
Claude W. Norris, Deputy Grand Master of Kansas
Donald D. Schoof, Senior Grand Warden of Iowa
Albert O. Arnold, Jr., Grand Secretary of Kansas
Conrad A. Johnson, Grand Senior Deacon of Kansas
J. D. McLaughlin, Grand Lecturer of Utah
Charles I. Gregg, Senior Grand Warden of Alaska
Frank A. Arnold, Senior Grand Steward of Missouri
James A. Jordan, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska

SCOTTISH RITE

Lester Aspergren, Recorder of Scottish Rite, Valley of Hastings
Everett W. Larson, Potentate, Sesostris Temple, Lincoln

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

Hannah Armstrong, Worthy Grand Matron of Eastern Star of Nebraska
Harold O. Swanson, Worthy Grand Patron of Eastern Star of Nebraska

DeMOLAY

Jeff Post, Master Councilor, DeMolay of the State of Nebraska

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW

Tracy Bellamy, Past Grand Worthy Advisor, Order of Rainbow
Mrs. Berneice Breland, Supreme Deputy in Nebraska, International
Order of Rainbow

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS

Major Charles A. Folsom, Past President

NEBRASKA MASONIC EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Ben Harvey, Administrator, Nebraska Masonic Eastern Star Home for
Children

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Raymond F. Evers, Administrator

PAST GRAND MASTERS

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

M.: W.: Thomas J. Aron	86th — 1951
M.: W.: Merle M. Hale.....	91st — 1956
M.: W.: Herbert A. Ronin.....	96th — 1961
M.: W.: Ernest O. Van Wey	97th — 1962
M.: W.: Harry A. Spencer.....	99th — 1964
M.: W.: Louis V. Sylvester	100th — 1965
M.: W.: Lewis R. Ricketts.....	101st — 1966
M.: W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart	104th — 1969

M.:W.: Frank J. Mattoon	108th — 1973
M.:W.: Donald R. Swanson	109th — 1974
M.:W.: Harold Hultman	110th — 1975
M.:W.: T. Leo Stines	111th — 1976
M.:W.: Jack H. Hendrix	113th — 1978
M.:W.: Warren D. Lichty, Jr.....	114th — 1979
M.:W.: Byron C. Jenkins	115th — 1980
M.:W.: Paul R. Pierce	117th — 1982
M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump	118th — 1983
M.:W.: Robert A. Metcalf	119th — 1984-85
M.:W.: Charles W. Amidon	120th — 1986

Past Grand Masters M.:W.: Benjamin F. Eyre, 81st — 1946; Joseph C. Tye, 94th — 1959; and M.:W.: Russell L. Fickes, 106th — 1971, were not in attendance because of illness.

Brother and Honorable Hal Daub, Member of the United States House of Representatives, Second Congressional District of Nebraska, Brother of Florence Lodge No. 281, gave the opening address on the topic of Masonry in the drafting of the United States Constitution in 1787.

The Grand Master adjourned the informal opening ceremonies. All who were not Master Masons were dismissed.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form at 9:50 a.m. by the following officers, of Nebraska subordinate lodges, selected by the Grand Master:

W.:B.: DeLoyt Young	Platte Valley #32	Master
W.:B.: Neil B. Johnson	Papillion #39	Senior Warden
W.:B.: Mike Jones	Fidelity #51	Junior Warden
W.:B.: Rodney B. Johnson	Jachin #146.....	Senior Deacon
W.:B.: Clifford W. Speck.....	Nebraska #1	Junior Deacon
W.:B.: Randall Ogier	Wallace #279.....	Secretary
W.:B.: J. L. Spray	Lincoln #19	Senior Steward
W.:B.: Paul Canaday.....	Lebanon #323	Junior Steward
W.:B.: Robert Hana	Frank Welch #75	Junior Steward
W.:B.: Monte Geis	Ogallala #159.....	Tyler

The Lodge of Master Masons received M.:W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg, Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, who was accorded Grand Honors.

The Grand Master introduced the Grand Lodge officers:

R.:W.: Paul R. Eveland, 119	Deputy Grand Master
R.:W.: Thomas W. Tye, 46.....	Grand Senior Warden
R.:W.: John M. McHenry, 19	Grand Junior Warden
V.:W.: Wilbert W. Wittmuss, 39.....	Grand Chaplain

W.:. Albert T. Reddish, 183	Grand Historian
W.:. Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210.....	Grand Custodian
W.:. Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	Grand Marshal
W.:. James N. DeMoss, 325.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W.:. James L. Eatmon, 294	Grand Junior Deacon
W.:. Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	Grand Tyler

The Grand Master convened an occasional communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska in ample form. The Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Grand Master announced the resignation of the Grand Secretary, Edward M. Cummings, and thereupon appointed Albert T. Reddish as Grand Secretary Pro Tem. The Secretary announced that a quorum was present.

There being a constitutional number, seven lodges represented, the Grand Master declared the 130th 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.

Grand Orator W.:. Del Weber was absent. All other Grand Lodge officers previously introduced were at their stations.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Brethren:

I wish to welcome each and every one of you to this 130th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. It is with a great deal of honor and humility, as well as pleasure, that I am privileged to bring you this message as your Grand Master. I wish that all of you could experience being Grand Master, if just for a short time; and you would realize that it could not, and would not, happen without the support and assistance of each and every Mason in the State of Nebraska.

I bring you this message as your Grand Master and urge each of you to consider carefully the contents of this report, as well as the legislation and other official acts of this Grand Lodge. You are delegates of a democratic system which directs the activities and acts of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Never, never forget that your voice, opinion and vote carry just as much authority as any other. To illustrate this better than I can, I would like to repeat the following quotation:

"Here on the broad platform of Brotherly love, the high, the low, the rich and the poor can meet together with one common purpose, the strengthening of each others' friendship and each others' brotherly love."

One of the greatest rewards I have experienced as a Grand Officer is the development of lasting friendships among you brethren.

This past six months has been filled with joys and disappointments, rewards and frustrations. I assume that most Grand Masters who have preceded me might say the same thing. Just because the Annual Communication will be over soon doesn't mean that my year is necessarily over. I am looking forward to the upcoming activities and the privilege of visiting many more of you.

I thank each and every one of you for sharing your time and efforts to attend this Annual Communication; not only the brethren of this State, but those from other Jurisdictions who have honored us with their presence.

And now, Brethren, I submit to you my activities, decisions and actions of the past six months, keeping in mind that much of this could not be accomplished without the complete support of the Grand Lodge Officers.

NECROLOGY

A number of our beloved brethren have gone on to that Celestial Lodge above. They will be seriously missed, and my sympathy and condolences are with the families and friends they have left behind.

CORNERSTONES

At this writing, we are looking forward to laying a cornerstone on May 24th, for the Butler County Hospital, located at David City. We are also look-

ing forward to laying a cornerstone and dedicating a new temple for Platte Valley Lodge #32 on June 6th at North Platte, Nebraska.

CONSOLIDATIONS

During the past six months I approved the following consolidations:
Gothenburg Lodge #249 with Platte Valley Lodge #32

Unity Lodge #163 of Greenwood with Pomegranate Lodge #110

Granite Lodge #189 of Gibbon with Cement Lodge #211 of Wood River and Amity Lodge #169 of Rushville with Hay Springs Lodge #177 of Hay Springs.

BYLAWS APPROVED

Granted Kimball Lodge #294 permission to change their meeting night.

REINSTATEMENTS

During the period from December to May 1, I approved eight reinstatements.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Appointed the following Grand Representatives:

ARGENTINA	Jerry L. Rittenburg	PENNSYLVANIA	Albert Reddish
DELEWARE	Scott Kreiger	SASKATCHEWAN	James Eatmon
INDIANA	Ernie Lehmkuhler	SWEDEN	Kenneth Fleming
KANSAS	Wilbert Wittmuss	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Keith Winheim
KENTUCKY	Wayne Luennenborg	VENEZUELA	Paul A. Canaday
MISSOURI	T. Leo Stines	SCOTLAND	Steven K. Jones

VISITATION

DECEMBER

- 6 Installation of Officers
Grand Master's Reception, Platte Valley Lodge #32
- 11 Received at Gothenburg #249 — Picked up Charter
- 17 Visited Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 20 Attended Job's Installation
- 21 Attended Platte Valley Lodge #32's Christmas Dinner

JANUARY

- 3 Installed Officers at Fremont Lodge #15
- 4 Attended Installation of Officers of Bellevue Lodge #325
- 6 Installed Officers at Wallace #279
- 8 Visited Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 9 Installed Officers at Papillion #39
- 9 Grand Master's Reception, Papillion
- 10 Installed Officers at Hastings #50 and #317

- 11 Attended Installation of Sutherland Lodge #299
- 15 Visited Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 15 Attended Installation of three lodges in Lincoln
- 17 Installed Officers of Platte Valley #32, North Platte
- 21 Officers' meeting at Kearney
- 22 Installed Officers at St. Paul Lodge #82
- 23 Attended Annual Masonic Home Board meeting at Lincoln
- 24 Installed Officers of Frank Welch Lodge #75 —
Commissioned Gordon Richards of Sidney as Deputy
Custodian
- 25, 26, 27 Attended Colorado Grand Lodge
- 28 Attended Masters and Wardens, North Platte
- 29 Attended Temple Craft Board meeting, North Platte

FEBRUARY

- 5 Meeting at Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 7 Attended meeting with Omaha Masons at Shrine Mosque
- 8 Attended meeting with Prince Hall Masons in Lincoln
- 15, 16, 17 Attended Grand Master's Conference, Calgary, Canada
- 19 Visited Grand Lodge Office
- 20 Attended Officers' meeting and Office Committee meeting,
Kearney
- 21 Attended Past Master's day and Washington's Birthday
celebration, North Platte
- 25 Attended Past Masters meeting, North Platte and Sutherland

MARCH

- 3 Attended E.A. degree, North Platte
- 4 Raised Candidate for Past Master's night, Papillion — Visited
Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 7 Attended Area Education meeting, Lexington
- 15 Attended DeMolay Foundation meeting, Lincoln
- 16 Visited Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 18 Attended F.C. Central School — Bellevue
- 19, 20 Attended Kansas Grand Lodge
- 21 Attended Potentates' Ball, Omaha
- 22 Attended DeMolay Installation, North Platte
- 26 Interviewed job applicants for Grand Lodge in Lincoln
- 27 Visited Grand Lodge Office
- 27 Attended Central School in Lincoln

APRIL

- 2, 3 Attended Minnesota Grand Lodge
- 5 Attended Scottish Rite Foundation, Lincoln
- 6 Visited Kimball Lodge, Kimball, NE
- 9, 10 Attended Grand York Rite in Columbus
- 12 Attended Palm Sunday breakfast — Lodgepole, NE
- 18 Attended Finance and appropriation meeting, Lincoln
- 25 Attended Potentates' Ball — Grand Island
- 30 Visited Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln

MAY

- 1, 2 Confined in Methodist Hospital, Omaha
- 3 Attended 50th wedding anniversary — PGM Paul Pierce,
 Hastings.
- 7 Visited Friendship Lodge #239, Chapman
- 9 Attended Scottish Rite Reunion, Lincoln
- 12 Attended Grand Chapter of Eastern Star, Lincoln
- 18 Visited Robert W. Furnas Lodge #265, Scottsbluff
- 23 Assisted with Shrine Circus, North Platte
- 24 Laid Cornerstone for Butler County Hospital, David City
- 30 Attended Potentates' Ball, Lincoln

JUNE

- 6 Laid Cornerstone and dedicated Platte Valley Lodge #32,
 North Platte

AREA EDUCATION MEETINGS

Meetings were conducted by M.:W.:B.: Paul Pierce and his committee at various locations over the state.

MASONIC HOMES

I am very grateful and appreciative of the manner in which the business of running the homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont has been conducted. My sincere thanks to the Trustees, Ben Harvey, Ray Evers and the Employees.

SPECIAL DISPENSATION

1. Granted Blue Valley Lodge #64, Wilbur, permission to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.
2. Granted Bennett Lodge permission to install officers on December 30, 1987. Father of Master was here from Arizona.
3. Granted Fremont Lodge permission to confer Master Mason's degree with Nebraska work on candidate in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.
4. Granted Tekamah Lodge permission to confer Master's degree with Nebraska work in Clovis, New Mexico.
5. Granted permission to Platte Valley Lodge #32 to move their charter to a new temple
6. Granted permission to Robert W. Furnas Lodge #265 to confer E.A., F.C. and Master degrees on same day. Candidate going into service.
7. Granted special dispensation to Fremont Lodge #15 to attend church services as a group.
8. Granted special permission to Alliance Lodge #183 to participate in the City Parade the 3rd weekend of July.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Liability Insurance

With the fact that many lodges and temple craft organizations carry separate liability insurance in addition to that required by the Grand Lodge and with the ever-rising cost of liability insurance premiums, it is only reasonable to offer the Subordinate Lodges the opportunity to elect to carry their own insurance, be covered by the Grand Lodge policy, or have both.

I therefore recommend the following bylaw amendment:

Section 1-201.02 to be amended to read as follows:

The Grand Lodge shall purchase a policy or policies of comprehensive public liability and property damage insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 public liability and \$250,000 property damage liability, such insurance to cover *those* subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction *which elect to be covered by this policy, and provide proof of their own insurance policies showing the Grand Lodge as a named insured. Any Lodge electing to be covered by the Grand Lodge policy, and any Lodge not providing proof of separate insurance, shall be covered by the Grand Lodge policy, and shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge, its share of such cost in proportion to its membership upon presentation to the subordinate lodge of a statement of such cost.*

2. Fiscal Year; Annual Communication; Installation

At present, even though the Grand Master's term is coordinated with those of the newly installed officers of the subordinate lodges, the June Annual Communication preempts a major portion of the time and effort of the Grand Master in April, May and June. This hampers efforts of the Grand Master to carry forth his program and presents fiscal problems, inasmuch as the current fiscal year of Grand Lodge runs from May 1st to April 30th. A calendar year would bring the finances more in line with the actual term of the Grand Master and would also coordinate with the proposal as to the Annual Communication. Preparation would then be possible as to a calendar year budget rather than the current split year; a Grand Master would be able to prepare for his Annual Communication at the end of his term; and, at the end of the term of office of the masters of the subordinate lodges who work throughout the year with him. It should be further noted that the Internal Revenue Service is in the process of requiring all trusts and charitable non-taxable entities to report on a calendar year basis. Inasmuch as we will be required to so comply to make our reporting, our fiscal year should be changed to a calendar year for all purposes.

For those and other reasons, it is the recommendation of your Grand Master that:

- a. The current fiscal year of Grand Lodge be changed to a calendar year beginning January 1, 1988.
- b. That section 1-101 be amended to read as follows:

Section 1-101 —ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The stated Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at

such place as shall be designated by the Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, beginning on the first Friday of February, and at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Masons Lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven Subordinate Lodges be found present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments, and fill vacancies in the standing committees.

- c. That there be added to the bylaws of Grand Lodge a new section dealing with installation and requiring that installation be held on or before fourteen days following the close of the Annual Communication at a time and place selected by the newly elected Grand Master. I therefore recommend the insertion of the following:

Section 1-101.01 —INSTALLATION

Installation of Grand Lodge Officers shall take place on or before fourteen (14) days following the close of the Annual Communication at such location, time and date as the Grand Master elect shall select which shall be announced prior to the close of such Annual Communication.

3. Assistant Grand Secretary

With the day-to-day administration of the Grand Lodge being performed by an office manager, and the need to communicate with the other Grand Jurisdictions, it is necessary to give a title to the office manager.

I therefore recommend that the following section be added to the bylaws:

Section 1-201.03. The office manager shall have the title of Assistant Grand Secretary and shall be entitled to use said title in all correspondence and other matters pertinent to the execution of his duties as office manager.

4. Abolish Committee on Reinstatements

It is the desire of the Grand Master to abolish the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement and leave the sole discretion on reinstatement to the subordinate lodge and the Grand Master without the necessity of circulating said matters to a committee of three who merely make recommendation to the Grand Master, causing delay in authorization of reinstatement, which should be the primary responsibility of the subordinate lodge. It is therefore recommended that Section 1-312 be abolished, and that Section 3-911 be amended by striking the last sentence thereof which language is as follows:

"To assist the Grand Master in arriving at such understanding, he shall appoint a standing committee of three, advisory to the Grand Master, to which the application and all matters pertaining thereto shall be referred, and such committee shall secure such other information as in its discretion may be deemed advisable, and report to the Grand Master its recommendation."

5. Per Diem of Grand Custodians

Because of the cost of travel and to retain qualified Deputy Grand Custodians, I would recommend an increase in the sum received by the Deputies for conducting schools of instruction.

I recommend that Section 1-202 of the bylaws be amended to:

Delete... "the sum of Five Dollars per day..."

Add ... "the sum of Fifteen Dollars per day..."

6. Merging of the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Appropriations

Like every Grand Master who has gone before me, I have been concerned with proper accountability of the funds of Grand Lodge. In that regard, I specifically appointed Most Worshipful Brother Donald Swanson, PGM, to do an independent audit of all funds received and disbursed by the Grand Lodge Office since moving of the office to Lincoln and establishment of our present automated accounting system. His report, presented in writing and orally to all of the Grand Lodge Line Officers, Finance Committee and Appropriations Committee, has assured us that every dollar received has been accounted for and recorded. Disbursement of funds has also been accounted for and recorded in a manner which leaves proper accounting trails.

Since the accounting system is now automated, has been tested, and can be tracked on a daily basis if necessary, certain modernizations of our present cumbersome methods of budgeting and accountability are appropriate. Our present methods, established in the law years ago to serve the now antiquated methods which were then in operation, are outdated.

In that regard, I recommend that Sections 1-318 and 1-326 of the bylaws be rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

Section 1-381 — BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Committee on Budget and Finance shall consist of five members, each to serve for a period of five years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, and Grand Secretary may not be appointed to or serve as a member of this committee. In case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill such unexpired term. It shall be the duty of this committee to: (1) Fix the amounts to be budgeted to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge; (2) Present this annual budget to the Grand Lodge for approval; (3) Monitor expenditures made to insure they are properly vouchered and within budgetary limits; and (4) Report to the Grand Lodge any expenditures which may have been made which do not properly fall within previously approved or adjusted budgetary limitations.

In the exercise of its duties, this committee has authority to modify

specific line item budgetary limitations previously approved by the Grand Lodge, PROVIDED the overall expenditure budget limitations are not exceeded. In cases of emergency or unforeseen requirements the committee may increase the overall expenditure budget limitations between sessions of the Grand Lodge to the extent of such necessity or requirement, provided, however, that such action must be approved in writing by a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge. The committee shall have authority to employ a certified public accountant at the expense of the Grand Lodge, if, in the judgement of the committee and the Grand Master, it shall be deemed necessary.

In setting the annual budget for Grand Lodge, this committee should be furnished a request in writing from the individual or committee requesting consideration for funds. The committee may hold open hearings on such requests at which time any member of the Grand Lodge may appear and be heard.

ROCK MAUL

It is my intention to continue the tradition established by M.:W.: Byron Jenkins to award the Rock Maul to the lodge most deserving.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

It is the same old song so far as membership is concerned. It appears that we will experience a substantial loss through deaths and suspensions for non-payment of dues. This is the main concern no matter where you go across this United States. Although there seems to be a revived effort to attract members throughout the state, it is a problem that will not disappear overnight. We are competing for a part of the valuable time of the non-active Mason and the prospective candidate. Local lodge activities must be attractive enough to warrant at least part of that valuable time. We have had consolidations — some of which were practical and wouldn't effect the craft that much — some that were very disappointing. Masonry will grow or depreciate according to the efforts of you and me.

APPRECIATION

The year is only half over but there are so many that I am indebted to for their support and assistance. To M.:W.:B.: Paul Pierce for heading an excellent Educational and Leadership program. To Shelley Fey for a tremendous job of running the office until April 20th with lack of personnel. To the Past Grand Masters for their advice and assistance when asked. To the Committees for their untiring efforts. To the Grand Lodge Officers for their support; and above all, to my wife Delphine for her understanding, patience and encouragement.

The Grand Master made the following additional remarks:

We are, to an extent, in a transition period, where we are attempting to do some things to modernize our methods, which; I feel should have been done quite some time ago. It is very necessary that we keep up with the times. I feel it is necessary that we expose Masonry to the public as much as possible, and advertise whenever we can, by wearing the pin, the belt buckle, whatever. We should talk Masonry on the streets. We are competing for time of the younger people. We are in competition with athletics, with television, with church activities, with dramatics in high school, as well. We certainly have to make our meetings at the lodges attractive enough so that we may warrant some of that time. I am not asking for every bit of it. No possible way. I would never let a father have his boy play without him watching him. Yet, with a careful planning of our schedule, we might be able to get some to come to the lodge, simply because we have a program there tonight that they would like to see.

We need to get Masonry on the signboards. In Florida, call it solicitation, whatever you like, but the billboards on the highways going into Florida tell us to join a Masonic Fraternity. There is a drug and alcohol abuse program going on in Philadelphia, and in the east. For the first time in history, we had a float, sponsored by the Masons, in California, in the Rose Bowl Parade. A beautiful thing. We will soon have the Nebraskaland days, which will probably start on Sunday. It is a large parade that will probably be witnessed by some 80,000 people. We are looking forward to getting some exposure by putting a float in the parade and having some of the Masonic dignitaries in the procession. We laid a cornerstone in North Platte last Saturday, and we are very proud of a new building that we have there.

I suggest that, at any chance you get, you promote Masonry; not necessarily, among the brethren. We need to get the word out to the public. That is one of the reasons that we had the informal opening this morning. Our greatest ally, as far as Masonry advertising and solicitation of members, is our wives, our sweethearts and our sisters.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S REPORT

By Jerry L. Rittenburg, Grand Custodian

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.

This year, 109 lodges were again certified. This is the same number as were certified the previous year; however, since the total number of lodges has declined, this is an increase in the percentage of certified lodges.

Individuals certified in one or more degrees number 449. During the past year, with the approval of the Committee on Work and the Grand Master, the rules for individual proficiency have been changed. Under the new rules, an individual may be examined and issued a certificate of proficiency in any one degree. This certificate may be renewed annually by submitting to reexamination in the degree for which it was issued. The brethren must also demonstrate proficiency in all floor movements. This is an addition to our previous rules which applied only to the wording of the ritual.

It was my opinion that this change in the rules would allow many of our brethren to become certified who might have been overwhelmed by the necessity of learning and reciting the entire ritual at one time.

The following brethren are taking advantage of the new procedures and have been examined in the degrees indicated:

- Alfred L. Andrews.....Geneva Lodge No. 79.....F.C.
- Vernon PlattHay Springs Lodge No. 177E.A.
- Alan Ferrel.....Hay Springs Lodge No. 177E.A.
- Edward L. PrenticeArcana Lodge No. 195.....E.A.
- Roy A. Mayfield.....Lancaster Lodge No. 54.....E.A.
- Del Adams.....Lancaster Lodge No. 54E.A. and F.C.
- Frederick C. Way, Sr.....East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 ..E.A. and F.C.
- Robert E. WunderEast Lincoln Lodge No. 210 ..E.A. and F.C.
- Eugene H. KirchoffEast Lincoln Lodge No. 210.....E.A.
- Jeffrey S. WunderEast Lincoln Lodge No. 210 ..E.A. and F.C.
- James L. EatmonKimball Lodge No. 294.....E.A. and F.C.

The brethren listed below were examined either before the new rules took effect or chose to be examined in all three degrees:

- Wesley Suggs.....Papillion LodgeNo. 39
- Scott J. KriegerMid-West LodgeNo. 317
- Dennis A. RavertHarmony LodgeNo. 321
- Joel Waddill.....Arcana LodgeNo. 195

The following brethren have been certified fifty years or more:

Fifty Years:

Warner MillerVictory LodgeNo. 310
 Thomas J. FoyJohn J. Mercer Lodge.....No. 290

Fifty-One Years:

Harold G. Kelberg.....Bee Hive LodgeNo. 184
 Louis J. Bishop.....Bee Hive LodgeNo. 184
 Paul D. Fleming, DGC, Em.Beaver City LodgeNo. 93

Fifty-Two Years:

T. Ross MagowanArcana LodgeNo. 195
 Merle M. Hale, PGM.....Lancaster LodgeNo. 54
 Wayne W. ReeseLancaster LodgeNo. 54

Fifty-Three Years:

Arthur W. KamanOasis LodgeNo. 271
 Carl ThomasOasis Lodge.....No. 271
 Edward H. Lockwood.....Robert W. Furnas LodgeNo. 265

Fifty-Four Years:

James A. ScottMid-WestNo. 314

Fifty-Five years:

Frank H. NewtonBlue River LodgeNo. 30

Fifty-Six Years:

Harold D. Weddel, DGC, Em.Thistle Lodge.....No. 61
 Carroll C. Raymer, DGC, Em.....Atkinson Lodge.....No. 164
 Harry A. Spencer, PGMNorth Star Lodge.....No. 227

Sixty-One Years:

Glendon B. RoshonLincoln LodgeNo. 19
 Paul C. HolbergGrand Island Lodge.....No. 318

Sixty-Three Years:

Benjamin F. Eyre, PGMNebraska LodgeNo. 1

I have examined, and the Grand Master has approved, Worshipful Brother Gordon E. Richards of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 as a Deputy Grand Custodian, replacing Worshipful Brother Kenneth G. Fleming, our Grand Marshal.

The active Deputy Grand Custodians are as follows:

District

1. Harry N. AhlLouisville
2. Don L. McCoyOmaha
3. A.S. ScolaroBellevue
4. Stanley E. BruntonHerman
5. James E. CornishTekamah
6. Leslie G. WeberPlainview
7. Albert W. WasekHumboldt
8. John C. SierksBrownville
9. Lloyd I. EdwardsAshland
10. Roscoe B. MalickLincoln
11. Eugene C. SibleyLincoln
12. R. Winton WilsonBruning
14. Richard L. MauchBassett
15. Justin F. FaussNorfolk
16. Lynn DotyWausa
17. Victor D. HuntPhillips
18. Arthur S. DyeHastings
19. Mervin E. Ransom, Sr.Osceola
20. Robert E. KyesCentral City
21. Wayne E. BeattyStromsburg
22. A.W. ClarkGrand Island
23. D. Wayne EricksonHoldrege
24. Ralph E. McNultyCozad
- 25.
26. Arthur J. FergusonWood Lake
27. Alfred V. PeltzerBroken Bow
28. Vincent RosenbergerHemingford
29. Leslie A. EvertGordon
30. Everett K. DappenScottsbluff
31. Gordon E. RichardsSidney
32. Roger L. ShillingtonMax
33. Harry L. SaumGrant
34. W. Dale PageFremont
35. A.S. ScolaroBellevue
36. Michael L. PetersonLincoln
37. Ben D. FussellGeneva
38. Frank R. HarrisNelson

THE DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERTI ARE:

Carrol C. Raymer	Atkinson, Nebraska
Louis V. Sylvester	Omaha, 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 R. Mains.....	Fremont, Nebraska
Harold A. Tilton	Tuscon, 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. Kyckehahn.....	Lincoln, Nebraska

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

As I have travelled around the State during this past year, I have found the ritual to be well done. I am encouraged by the number of individuals interested in individual proficiency, and my impression is that there are renewed activities and younger candidates than in the past several years. I think this bodes well for the future of Masonry in general, and the ritual, in particular.

I wish to thank Most Worshipful Brother Wayne G. Luenenborg for the privilege of serving as his Grand Custodian.

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

The Grand Custodian made the following additional comments:

During the last year, with the approval of the Grand Master and the committee on work, we started making the job of becoming certified for individuals a little bit easier. Often, when people would consider learning all the ritual

that there is to learn to become certified, they became overwhelmed and failed to even start. So, if we break it down into three sections, maybe it would not be so overwhelming to them. Let each one become certified in one degree only. This serves several purposes. It makes it easier to do in the first place. There are people who only have interest in one particular degree; and, so, he will become proficient in one degree. This year, initially, it seems to be helping. There are more new certified men this year, who have certified in at least one or two degrees, than we have had in the past few years. We had to do something, because our ritualists are fewer and fewer: and, if you look around at the age of our certified men, it is obviously going to continue this way if we don't do something to turn it around. This is one small step that we took this year; and, I have other ideas that I would like to discuss with the Grand Master, in the future, to do some other things, and make some changes that may help. Thank you for your support during this past year, and the attendance that we had at all the central schools was outstanding. Thank you very much.

PAST GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

By M.: W.: Paul R. Pierce, Past Grand Master and
Grand Secretary through July 31, 1986

The time period of this report is from May 1, 1986 to August 1, 1986, while serving as Grand Secretary.

At a meeting of Grand Lodge Officers in February of 1986, after serving as Grand Secretary Pro Tem, beginning June 15, 1985 until October 12, 1985; then, having been elected Grand Secretary at the Grand Lodge Communication on June 14, 1985, and serving as Grand Secretary from October 12, 1985, I advised the officers that I would not be available for reelection or appointment at the 1986 Grand Lodge Communication.

My active and full-time service ended August 1, 1986, after making a request of the Grand Master, Charles W. Amidon, to be relieved of the office of Grand Secretary. R.: W.: Edward M. Cummings, who was elected Grand Secretary at the June 13, 1986 Grand Lodge Communication, was appointed Grand Secretary, pro tem, to serve until December 6, 1986, when he was regularly installed as the Grand Lodge Secretary.

The Secretary's Guide Book, a three ring loose-leaf notebook, made available to the Nebraska Blue Lodge Secretaries in November of 1985, has been especially helpful to new Secretaries. It should be continually edited and improved from suggestions coming from the field to the Grand Secretary. Additional copies of the Guide Book are available from the Grand Secretary.

It is my recommendation that the Grand Lodge continue the courtesy "Secretaries Breakfast" on Friday morning, before Grand Lodge opening. Although the time is limited, brief selected topics by Secretaries, and the presentation of visual aids and papers, make the discussion both instructive and interesting.

Further meetings for Secretaries in smaller area groups throughout the state would be beneficial. A long-range planning committee, composed of representative Secretaries, to develop a suggested, standardized method of record keeping and suggestions for improved forms and communication to the Grand Secretary, would be most helpful for efficiency and good record keeping.

The toll free number of 1-800-558-8029 to the Grand Secretary's office, usable anywhere within the state of Nebraska, is especially good for direct communication, reduction of time involved in correspondence and in paper and postal costs.

After having had the experience of serving as both a Grand Master and a Grand Secretary, I would make two suggestions to improve efficiency and reduce the cost of the Grand Lodge office.

1. The election of a full-time, salaried resident and knowledgeable Mason as Grand Secretary to be in charge of the office.
2. Discontinue the courtesy of doing the accounting for the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. Recording of the

receipts, the payment of the many bills and financial transactions, the use of computers and equipment, as well as clerical and secretarial help by the Grand Lodge office for the Home, occupies the majority of the time of the Grand Lodge employees. One Grand Secretary and one full-time secretary to the Grand Secretary with the efficient use of the 800 telephone number, automatic and electronic typewriters and computers, all now available in the office, could well handle the work of the Grand Lodge Secretary and office.

I enjoyed working with the Secretaries of our Nebraska Lodges and with the Grand Secretaries of other Jurisdictions.

NEBRASKA'S MASONIC HOME

By M.: W.: Harry A. Spencer, Past Grand Master, Chairman

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren:

This is my fourth appearance before you to render an annual accounting of the stewardship of the trustees of your Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. I do so, saddened by the fact that one of our faithful trustees, Worshipful Brother William A. Pettingill has entered his eternal home since my last report. Also, Most Worshipful Brother Byron Jenkins, for reasons of health, and Worshipful Brother James N. DeMoss because of his Grand Lodge commitments, have retired from the Board. They have all been tireless workers with a keen interest in the affairs of the Home. They will be sorely missed. They have been replaced by Worshipful Brother Gary W. Radil, an attorney from Omaha, Nebraska; Right Worshipful Brother Thomas Tye of Kearney, Nebraska, our Grand Senior Warden; and Brother William Lantis of Kearney, Nebraska, who is in the nursing home business. With these replacements, I assure you your Home will receive the same careful attention it received in the past because they join the most dedicated group of individuals with whom I have ever had the pleasure of working.

During the past year we have had the pleasure of having either Right Worshipful Brothers Paul R. Eveland or Thomas W. Tye attend our meetings as representatives of the Grand Master. They have been exceedingly helpful to us and we sincerely appreciate their advice and help.

Once again, Brother Adolph Schlaman promoted the Robert Boone Memorial Food Truck project from central Nebraska. It arrived on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. It was accompanied by Brother and Mrs. Schlaman, Brother Otto and Mrs. Niess, Brother Bayard Payne, Jr., and Mrs. Payne and Brother Edward Rohde. It brought 485 cases of canned goods and other non-perishable merchandise with a total weight of 20,000 pounds with a wholesale value of \$10,059.10. We are extremely grateful to Brother Schlaman and the Brethren and the organizations who made this contribution possible.

Our budget for 1987/1988 will be \$1,519,721.00. Every Nebraska Mason contributes \$2.00, through his dues, to the support of the Home. With approximately 27,000 Nebraska Masons, this produces \$54,000.00 - or less than 4% of our budget. No other Grand Lodge funds are used in the operation of the Home. This means your trustees are required to raise 96% of our budget from other sources. It is only because of the past generosity of those Masons who have contributed to our Endowment Fund over the years, that we are able to keep our Home operation at its present level. For that reason, I urge you to remember your Masonic Home Endowment Fund when you draw your wills. In this way, you can continue to support the work of Masonry long after you have entered the portals of the hereafter.

I take this occasion to express the appreciation of the trustees to all the Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commandries, Masters and Wardens, Eastern Star Chapters, as well as the Omaha Scottish Rite, and other 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, Raymond 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 or Chapter. He will show slides and sketch the progress made in the Home the past year. He will be present throughout this session. Visit with him if you desire a program.

In all my previous reports, I have mentioned the fact that the modernization of our infirmary facilities was becoming a number one priority. Unfortunately, necessary improvements can only be delayed so long. On January 23, 1987, I wrote our entire membership, soliciting support for the addition of a new wing to house a 100-bed infirmary. I said then, we had reached the place where we had to face the fact we could not postpone the inevitable any longer. The studies and the surveys we had made convinced us this addition could be built and furnished at a cost, not to exceed \$2,5000,000.00 While we realized the magnitude of the undertaking, we reached the conclusion we had no alternative but to move ahead.

In my letter, I mentioned the fact that Brother James O. Dishon, now living in Tucson, Arizona, whose name, unfortunately, I misspelled, had sent me a check in 1985 for \$1,000.00 with which to start a Building Fund. This we did. With some fortunate bequests which we were able to transfer to this fund, we have now reached 20% of our goal. This is the good news.

Now, for the BAD news: unfortunately, the response to my letter to our membership has been worse than terrible. From our 27,000 Nebraska Masons, we have only received donations or pledges from 512, or less than 2 percent, for a total donation of \$39,680.00. When we consider that of this \$39,680.00, fourteen of us pledged \$18,000.00, we have the other 498 Masons pledging \$21,680.00, or an approximate average of \$43.53 per member. There is no way we can reach our goal with this type of response. I remind you this is your Masonic Home. As trustees, we are only your agents. The job cannot be done without your help.

I still have faith in Nebraska Masons. It is possible, I did not sufficiently transmit the urgency of our situation. I fully believe, if the Masons understand that urgency, we can get the job done without the expense of hiring high-powered fund raisers. As you know, if we have to do that, a portion of the money raised will go to them. With your help, we can avoid this expense. If we can do the job ourselves, every cent collected goes to the Home. As I have told you before, your Home trustees receive no remuneration of any kind, not even for expenses. If you will do your part to fund this project, and then talk it up with your Brethren, I am sure we will have no problem.

Many of you may have misplaced the pledge cards sent to you with my previous letter. Our Superintendent, Raymond Evers, is at a table outside the door with a supply of these cards. Why not stop and sign one to leave with him. Your pledge may be paid over a period of three years. Also, as your

Masonic Home is a 501(c)(3) corporation, any donation you make will be tax deductible if you itemize your deductions. Further, if you have a substantial capital gain in a stock or a piece of other property, you can donate it to the Home at its present value and take a deduction for that value and avoid the payment of any capital gains tax on it.

I have been purposefully blunt because I am trying to show you how much we need your help. I close with the thought that helping, aiding and assisting those who need your help has always been at the heart of Masonic philosophy. I sincerely trust each of you will do your part to the best of your ability to live up to that philosophy.

PRELIMINARY REPORT, APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

By W.:B.: John Vermaas, Chairman

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

The Appropriations Committee submits this preliminary report for your consideration for the year 1987-88.

At the bottom of the report are some footnotes which reference various line items within the listing of the appropriations. These are provided to explain some of the charges.

As shown in the Finance Committee's report for the year 1986-87, the expenditures were \$272,218.00 which were \$62,142.00 below budget approved by Grand Lodge last year, which was \$334,360.00.

The suggested appropriation for the 1987-88 year is \$340,650.00, which is in excess of the anticipated income of \$336,000.00 and is \$6,290.00 more than was appropriated for the 1986-87 year.

However, Grand Lodge operating supplies' account will be recoverable by the sale of the Ciphers. Taking this into account, actual overall budget will be less than 1986-87 by approximately \$8,800.00

The Committee wishes to report that only one committee submitted a budget request. This make planning for expenditures extremely difficult to assemble an accurate listing. However, in the judgment of this committee, it is felt all areas are covered adequately.

We wish to thank the Grand Lodge officers who contributed time and effort to assist on various occasions.

**1987 - 88 PRELIMINARY REPORT
OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

5102	Mileage Expense.....	\$ 7,000
5103	Per Diem	4,000
5104	Guest Room Rental & Meals	2,000
5110	Grand Masters Banquet.....	2,500
5120	Proceedings	7,000
5130	Grand Lodge Banquet.....	5,500
5150	Ladies Program	1,500
5160	Grand Secretary's Breakfast.....	500
5170	Programs, Incidental, Decorations, Etc.....	1,500
		\$31,000

COMMITTEES

5200	Masonic Education.....	\$10,000
5205	Relief.....	1,000
5210	Trial Commission.....	250
5215	Grand Trustees	1,500
5225	Grand Lodge Office	350
5230	Masonic OES Committee	100
5235	OES Scholarship.....	2,500
5240	Finance.....	100
5250	Grand Historian.....	2,000
5255	Public Relations	2,500
5260	Youth.....	2,000
5265	Temple Advisory.....	100
5270	Appropriations	100
5275	Lodge Advisory	100
5280	Membership	1,000
		\$23,600

TRAVEL EXPENSES

5300	Grand Master Travel	\$ 9,500
5310	Grand Master Auto Expense.....	1,200
5320	Grand Secretary Travel	1,000
5330	Grand Secretary Auto Allowance.....	7,200
5340	Grand Custodian Travel	2,000
5360	Other Officers directed by GM.....	6,000
5370	Deputy Grand Master Travel	1,000
5372	Deputy Grand Custodians Travel to Lodges..	1,000
5373	Deputy Grand Custodians Per Diem.....	1,500
5377	Deputy Grand Custodians Central Schools....	4,000
5380	Grand Secretary Conference	1,000
		\$35,400

SALARIES

5410	Grand Custodian	\$ 6,000	*1
5420	Clerical Staff	35,000	
5430	Employers Share FICA	3,000	
5440	Federal and State Unemployment	1,500	
5450	401 (k) Contributions	450	
		<u>\$45,950</u>	

OCCUPANCY

5500	Office Rent	\$20,000
5505	Parking	840
5510	Utilities	2,000
		<u>\$22,840</u>

GENERAL EXPENSE

5515	Telephone	\$ 9,000	
5520	Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	2,000	
5522	Equipment Rental	200	
5525	Postage	3,500	
5530	Printing & Copying	1,500	
5535	Computer Supplies	1,500	
5537	Accounting Services (Audit)	4,200	
5538	Legal Services	1,000	
5540	Office Supplies & Expenses	5,000	
5550	Computer Consulting	2,000	
5555	Computer Maintenance	1,500	
5560	Dues & Subscriptions	150	
5562	Nebraska Freemason	12,000	*2
5565	Grand Master Jewel & Apron	500	
5567	Grand Master Office and General	1,500	
5568	Grand Custodian & Deputy Custodian Supplies	500	
5570	Lodge Operating Supplies	23,000	*3
5575	Retirement - Carl Greisen	4,650	
5576	Retirement - Mrs. N. Lallman	3,360	
5578	Retirement - others	---	
5580	Secretary Desk Book	2,000	
5585	Bank Charges	350	
		<u>\$79,910</u>	

INSURANCE

5600	Worker's Compensation	\$ 250
5620	Employees Group Health Insurance	4,500
5630	Surety Bonds	2,000
5650	Comprehensive Liability Ins. on Lodges	15,000
5651	Office Contents	550
		<u>\$22,300</u>

CONTRIBUTIONS

5700	Masonic Service Assoc. Dues.....	\$ 1,600
5710	George Washington National Masonic Memorial	1,500
5720	DeMolay Foundation	3,500
5730	MSA - Hospital	5,000 *4
5770	Masonic Relief Assoc.	350
5800	Transfer of Dues to the Nebraska Masonic Home	55,000
5810	Masonic - OES Home for Children	10,000
5820	Research Lodge	2,200
		<u>\$79,150</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$340,650

- *1 The Grand Custodian auto allowance has been deleted. It has been recommended by the auditors that an auto allowance, where no accounting for actual costs are reported, should be reported as wages. Therefore, it appears under Salaries.
- *2 The increase in the Nebraska Freemason is to cover the publishing of at least a quarterly issue. This was not done in 86/87. There were only 2 issues printed; one in May, and one in June Of 1986.
- *3 Estimated cost of printing of the Nebraska Cipher. This will be recoverable subject to the sale of the books @\$5.00 ea.
- *4 The Grand Lodge is committed to a \$2,500 a year contribution to the Masonic Service Association Hospital Fund. In the 85/86 year this amount was not paid. The 1986/87 Budget paid for the 1985/86 year. We are now submitting an amount to cover 1986/87 and 1987/88. Next years budget will show \$2,500.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

W.:B.: James N. DeMoss, Grand Senior Deacon, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the report of the Finance Committee as printed. M.:W.: Donald R. Swanson, Past Grand Master, and member of the Finance Committee, moved that the report of the Finance Committee be amended to include a six-page audit report prepared by M.:W.:B.: Swanson; W.:B.: DeMoss seconded the motion, and, on vote, the amendment was adopted.

The Committee report, as amended, is:

The Grand Lodge Finance Committee met at the Grand Lodge Offices at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 1987, to perform those duties outlined in Section 1-318 of the bylaws.

A thorough review of the financial statements revealed that several line item expense accounts showed an expenditure greater than that set by the Appropriations Committee at the last Annual Communication. These items were determined to be proper expenditures for necessary expense items with nothing improper being involved. These line item exceptions will be referred to the Appropriations Committee for action to adjust as allowed in our law. It is the opinion of the Finance Committee that excessive detail on appropriation listings result in unnecessary over, and/or, under budgeting of many line items. Accordingly, it is recommended that the appropriation approvals in future years be consolidated wherever possible.

Certain instances were noted wherein income would be recorded as a direct credit back to related expense items. This practice has a tendency to distort both the income and expense figures. Action has already been taken in many cases to add income line items to obviate this problem in the future. This matter will be referred to the Grand Lodge Office Committee for action as they deem appropriate.

This committee wishes to recognize and express its sincere thanks and appreciation to SHELLEY FEY of the Grand Lodge Office Staff for her diligence and devotion, under trying circumstances, to the maintenance of accurate accounting records for Grand Lodge.

**GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA
1985 - 1986 FISCAL YEAR**

Memorandum: General Fund Internal Audit

At the direction of Most Worshipful Wayne G. Luenenborg, an internal audit was conducted of the receipts and disbursements of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1985 and ending April 30, 1986. In the course of the audit, all source documents, such as invoices, checks, deposit slips, bank statements, and such other documents as were available, were examined. The review was made on a cash method of accounting which followed the practice of prior years of charging all expenditures to expense in the year paid and showing all receipts when received rather than when earned. For the purposes of this report, out-of-period reimbursements are shown as receipts and not credited to current expenses.

Receipts for the fiscal year totaled \$319,170.00 and disbursements were made in the amount of \$286,765.00. However, for a true picture of the financial condition, it is necessary to adjust receipts and disbursements to include transactions which did not occur until the subsequent fiscal year.

The reconciliation is as follows:

Receipts received during fiscal year.....	\$319,170.00
Dues, assessments, reimbursements, and other income, received during the subsequent fiscal year.....	19,282.00
Total Receipts applicable to 1985/86 fiscal year.....	338,452.00
Disbursements made during fiscal year.....	\$286,765.00
Disbursements made during the subsequent fiscal year..	74,874.00
Total Disbursements applicable to 1985/86 fiscal year..	361,639.00
Excess Disbursements over receipts.....	23,187.00

The receipts and disbursements applicable to the 1985/86 fiscal year which were accounted for in the subsequent fiscal year were graphically displayed in the Finance Committee's Supplemental Report for the 1986/87 fiscal year.

Following is a listing of the receipts and disbursements actually made in the 1985/86 fiscal year.

Per Capital @ \$7.00 per member

1984 -1985 Fiscal Year	44.....	\$ 308.00
1985 -1986 Fiscal Year	27,151.....	190,057.00
Initiations @ \$10.00 each	3,610.00	
Bond Premiums.....	1,317.40	
Liability Insurance Premiums.....	3,003.29	
Sale of Supplies	7,517.16	

George Washington Masonic National Memorial	
@ \$5.00 per raising	1,310.00
Custodian Fees	15.00
Dispensation Fees.....	20.00
Miscellaneous Income.....	4,231.26
Reinstatements @ \$7.00 per member.....	1,211.00
Reimbursement from The Nebraska Masonic Home	10,000.00
General Fund Interest on Investments.....	89,763.81
Sale of Banquet Tickets.....	3,475.00
Bank Account Interest.....	3,331.14
	319,170.06

Note: The above figures do not include receipts for \$237,490 for the redemption and/or sale of securities with an original cost of \$236,988 for a net gain of \$502.00

GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION	APPROPRIATIONS	Actual Disbursements
Payroll	14,300.00	10,306.87
G.M. Dinner	2,635.00	2,407.36
Proceedings	6,000.00	5,514.70
Grand Lodge Banquet.....	6,000.00	4,253.16
Entertainment Distinguished Guests...	3,500.00	730.46
Ladies Program	1,500.00	1,541.75
Grand Secretary's Breakfast.....	400.00	390.57
Programs, Incidentals, Decorations ...	2,700.00	4,615.45
	<u>37,135.00</u>	<u>29,760.32</u>
COMMITTEES		
Education	5,000.00	185.63
Relief.....	2,000.00	300.00
Trial Commissions	750.00	-----
Grand Trustees	4,500.00	5,098.48
Appropriations	150.00	26.85
Grand Lodge Office	3,750.00	2,700.95
Student Fund O.E.S.....	2,500.00	2,000.00
Finance	150.00	-----
Nebraska Work.....	150.00	-----
Grand Historian.....	1,500.00	-----
Public Relations	1,000.00	1,425.51
Youth Committee	2,350.00	1,345.00
Temple Advisory	100.00	-----
Nebraska Freemason.....	11,000.00	4,757.99
Lodge Advisory.....	200.00	-----
Membership Committee.....	750.00	-----
Statue of Liberty Cent. Comm.	2,000.00	1,996.50
Office Study Committee	15,000.00	32.00
	<u>52,850.00</u>	<u>19,868.91</u>

TRAVEL EXPENSE

Grand Master.....	9,500.00	10,311.56
Grand Master Auto Allowance	1,200.00	-----
Grand Secretary.....	4,500.00	2,716.04
Grand Secretary Auto Allowance	5,250.00	5,373.77
Grand Custodian's Dept.	12,000.00	7,052.44
Grand Custodian Auto Allowance	6,000.00	7,199.97
Officers Directed by G.M.	6,500.00	2,607.03
DGM Conference Expense	2,000.00	1,323.23
Conference Expense.....	1,000.00	1,394.09
	<u>47,950.00</u>	<u>37,978.13</u>

SALARIES

Grand Secretary.....	2,500.00	2,546.11
Grand Custodian	-----	-----
Clerical Staff	38,500.00	40,101.86
Social Security	3,600.00	2,749.22
State Unemployment.....	150.00	556.90
Federal Unemployment.....	150.00	284.24
	<u>44,900.00</u>	<u>46,238.33</u>

FIXED EXPENSE

Office Rent.....	20,000.00	20,397.20
Garage Parking Rent	1,149.00	865.50
Office Expense	16,000.00	40,092.17
GM Jewel, Apron and Collar	4,350.00	4,658.91
GM Office Expense	1,800.00	707.20
Supply Account.....	10,000.00	10,015.17
Retirement CRG.....	4,646.40	4,646.40
Retirement Mrs. NWL	3,840.00	3,360.00
Secretary's Desk Book	1,200.00	1,795.48
	<u>62,985.40</u>	<u>86,538.03</u>

COMPUTER EXPENSE

Computer Expense	10,000.00	33,964.15
	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>33,964.15</u>

INSURANCE & ASSESSMENTS

Worker's Compensations.....	225.00	216.00
Relief Association Dues.....	350.00	334.91
Employee's Hospital Insurance	5,000.00	3,492.60
Surety Bond G.L. Officers	100.00	1,075.00
Auto Insurance G.L. Officers.....	100.00	-----
Comprehensive Liability Lodges.....	2,500.00	15,051.67
Fire Insurance Office	400.00	83.00
	<u>8,675.00</u>	<u>20,253.18</u>

MASONIC PROMOTION

Masonic Service Assoc. Dues.....	1,800.00	1,685.20
George Washington Memorial	2,000.00	-----
M.S.A. Hospital	2,500.00	-----
Nebraska DeMolay	3,500.00	3,500.00
50 - 60 Year Pins	1,000.00	383.43
50 - 60 Year Booklets.....	400.00	304.44

G.L. Pins	1,000.00	-----
	<u>12,200.00</u>	<u>5,873.07</u>
CONTRIBUTION		
The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	58,000.00	-----
Masonic Eastern Star Home.....	10,000.00	-----
	<u>68,000.00</u>	<u>-----</u>
OTHER #	-----	6,291.31
Total General Fund Disbursements	\$ 344,695.40	\$ 286,765.43

Payment of The Nebraska Masonic Home's bi-monthly withholding and FICA deposit made June 6, 1985, which was subsequently reimbursed by the Home in May of 1986.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF FISCAL YEAR 1986-87**

The following tabulations show the receipts and expenditures by the various categories and fiscal year to which they pertain. Expenditures are shown for the separate accounts as authorized by the Grand Lodges acceptance of the Appropriations Committees Report. It should be noted under Salaries, account number 5410, Grand Custodian, that there was no appropriations for the \$6,000.00 expenditure. Item # 5350, Grand Custodian Auto Allowance at \$6,000.00 was appropriated for this purpose; but, upon advice of Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, the Auditors, the payments to the Grand Custodian were recorded as salary. Also, under Contributions, #5730 Masonic Service Association, Hospital, a payment of \$2,500.00 was made for the prior fiscal year for which an appropriation had been made but not paid. The payment due for this fiscal year will be appropriated and paid in the next fiscal year. It is noted that \$2,500.00 received in June 1986 for the benefit of the Nebraska Masonic Home was deposited to the Grand Lodge General Fund, and such amount will be transferred to the Home in the 1987-88 fiscal year.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

Acct #	Source	Actual Receipts for Fiscal Year			
		Total	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
4100	Dues for Grand Lodge	\$138,060	\$ 6,895	\$131,165	
4150	Dues for NE Masonic Home.....	55,224	2,758	52,466	
4200	Initiation Dues.....	2,860	310	2,550	
4300	Surety Bond Premium.....	1,380	83	1,297	
4350	Liability Insurance Premium.....	13,295	150	13,145	
4400	Sale of Supplies.....	5,810	315	5,495	
4425	Masonic Education Handbooks	325	---	325	
4440	Sale of Ciphers.....	130	---	130	
4450	Geo Washington Natl Memorial	1,240	165	1,075	
4500	Grand Custodian Fees	15	---	15	
4550	Dispensation Fees	20	---	20	
4600	Reinstatement Fees	1,295	77	1,218	
4620	Sale of Banquet Tickets	3,250	---	2,990	260
4630	Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	605	---	540	65
4650	Reimbursement from NE Masonic H. ..	10,000	---	10,000	
4700	Interest & Dividend Income FNB.....	83,753	---	83,753	
4750	Interest on Checking Accounts	1,772	---	1,772	
4875	Miscellaneous Other Receipts.....	12,789	8,529	4,260	
TOTALS.....		\$331,823	\$19,282	\$312,216	\$325

Notes: There were 13 subordinate lodges that did not remit dues and assessments for the current fiscal year in the amount of \$12,700.00.

The above figures do not include receipts of \$158,044 for the redemption and/or sale of securities with an original cost of \$216,124, for a net loss of \$58,060.

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

	ANNUAL COMMUNICATION	APPROPRIATIONS	TOTAL	Actual Expenditures		
				Expended for Fiscal Year		
				1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
5100	Payroll	150.00	---	---	---	---
5102	Mileage Expense	6,500.00	6,644.00	76.00	6,568.00	---
5103	Per Diem Expense	4,400.00	3,680.00	30.00	3,650.00	---
5104	Guest Room Rental	2,000.00	1,585.00	---	1,585.00	---
5110	G. M. Dinner	2,500.00	2,334.00	---	2,090.00	244.00
5120	Proceedings	8,000.00	4,379.00	---	4,379.00	---
5130	G.L. Banquet	5,000.00	2,976.00	---	2,976.00	---
5150	Ladies Programs	1,500.00	520.00	---	520.00	---
5160	Grand Secretary's Breakfast	500.00	345.00	---	345.00	---
5161	Facility Rental	500.00	---	---	---	---
5162	Flowers & Decoration	500.00	143.00	---	143.00	---
5170	Misc. Annual Communication	2,000.00	3,066.00	---	3,066.00	---
5171	Other Food	500.00	686.00	---	686.00	---
		\$ 34,050.00	26,358.00	106.00	26,008.00	244.00
COMMITTEES						
5200	Masonic Education	10,000.00	4,831.00	---	4,831.00	---
5205	Relief	1,000.00	300.00	---	300.00	---
5210	Trial Commissions	250.00	106.00	---	106.00	---
5215	Trustees	400.00	448.00	---	448.00	---
5220	Audit	50.00	---	---	---	---
5225	Grand Lodge Office	150.00	467.00	---	467.00	---
5230	Masonic OES Committee	50.00	---	---	---	---
5235	OES Scholarship	2,500.00	---	---	---	---
5240	Finance	150.00	---	---	---	---
5245	Nebraska Work	150.00	85.00	---	85.00	---
5250	Grand Historian	2,000.00	298.00	243.00	55.00	---
5255	Public Relations	1,000.00	---	---	---	---
5260	Youth Committee	2,000.00	2,262.00	---	2,262.00	---
5265	Temple Advisory	100.00	---	---	---	---
5270	Appropriations	100.00	119.00	---	119.00	---
5275	Lodge Advisory	200.00	---	---	---	---
5280	Membership	750.00	---	---	---	---
5285	Statue of Liberty Centennial	100.00	---	---	---	---
		20,950.00	8,916.00	243.00	8,673.00	---
TRAVEL EXPENSE						
5300	Grand Master	9,500.00	4,795.00	---	2,735.00	2,060.00
5310	Grand Master Auto Allowance	1,200.00	---	---	---	---
5320	Grand Secretary	2,000.00	1,411.00	---	1,411.00	---
5330	Grand Secretary Auto Allow.	7,200.00	4,822.00	---	4,822.00	---
5340	Grand Custodian	1,200.00	1,088.00	206.00	882.00	---
5350	Grand Custodian Auto Allow.	6,000.00	714.00	714.00	---	---
5360	Other Officers Directed by G.M.	6,500.00	2,250.00	1,994.00	256.00	---
5370	Deputy GM Conferense Expense	2,000.00	1,165.00	---	1,105.00	60.00
5372	DGC Travel to Lodges	1,000.00	370.00	6.00	364.00	---
5373	DGC Per Diem	1,500.00	643.00	10.00	633.00	---
5377	DGC Central Schools	5,000.00	4,798.00	---	4,798.00	---
5380	Grand Secretary's Conference	2,000.00	1,150.00	---	1,150.00	---
		45,100.00	23,206.00	2,930.00	18,156.00	2,120.00
SALARIES						
5410	Grand Custodian	---	6,000.00	---	6,000.00	---
5420	Clerical Staff	35,500.00	29,860.00	---	29,860.00	---
5430	Employers Share FICA	3,000.00	2,548.00	---	2,548.00	---
5440	Federal & State Unemployment	1,500.00	343.00	---	343.00	---
		40,000.00	38,751.00	---	38,751.00	---
OCCUPANCY						
5500	Office Rent	20,000.00	19,451.00	---	19,451.00	---
5505	Office Parking	1,000.00	840.00	---	840.00	---
5510	Utilities	2,200.00	1,617.00	---	1,617.00	---
		23,200.00	21,908.00	---	21,908.00	---

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION	EXPENSE	APPROPRIATIONS	TOTAL	Actual Expenditures		
				Expended for Fiscal Year		
				1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
5515	Telephone	8,200.00	9,148.00	---	9,148.00	---
5520	Eq. Repair & Maintenance	2,000.00	2,157.00	---	2,157.00	---
5525	Postage	5,000.00	3,598.00	---	3,598.00	---
5530	Printing & Copying	5,000.00	360.00	---	360.00	---
5535	Computer Supplies	1,000.00	1,396.00	---	1,396.00	---
5537	Accounting Services	4,000.00	5,275.00	---	5,275.00	---
5538	Legal Service	200.00	---	---	---	---
5540	Office Supplies & Expenses	7,500.00	5,860.00	---	5,860.00	---
5545	Office Maintenance	250.00	220.00	---	220.00	---
5550	Computer Services	2,000.00	9,361.00	---	9,361.00	---
5555	Computer Maintenance	1,000.00	311.00	---	311.00	---
5557	Computer Rental	500.00	---	---	---	---
5560	Dues & Subscription	500.00	151.00	---	151.00	---
5562	Nebraska Freemason	10,000.00	4,379.00	---	4,379.00	---
5565	GM Jewels & Aprons	200.00	140.00	---	140.00	---
5567	GM Office & General Expense	1,500.00	1,734.00	---	1,734.00	---
5568	GC & Deputy GC Supplies	600.00	266.00	---	266.00	---
5570	Lodge Operating Supplies	10,000.00	7,689.00	---	7,689.00	---
5571	50-60 Year Pins	500.00	428.00	---	428.00	---
5572	50-60 Year Books	400.00	435.00	---	435.00	---
5575	Retirement CRG	4,650.00	4,646.00	---	4,646.00	---
5576	Retirement Mrs. NWL	3,360.00	3,360.00	---	3,360.00	---
5580	Secretary's Desk Book	1,200.00	4,667.00	---	4,667.00	---
5585	Bank/Trust Charges	500.00	1,580.00	---	1,580.00	---
		70,060.00	67,161.00	---	67,161.00	---
INSURANCE						
5600	Worker's Compensation	250.00	216.00	---	216.00	---
5610	Masonic Relief Assoc. Dues	350.00	326.00	---	326.00	---
5620	Group Insurance	4,500.00	4,194.00	---	4,194.00	---
5630	Surety Bond	1,100.00	1,841.00	---	1,841.00	---
5650	Comprehensive Liability - Lodges	20,000.00	13,774.00	---	13,774.00	---
5660	Office Contents	100.00	741.00	---	741.00	---
		26,300.00	21,092.00	---	21,092.00	---
CONTRIBUTIONS						
5700	Masonic Service Assoc. Dues	2,000.00	1,608.00	---	1,608.00	---
5710	Geo. Washington Memorial	2,000.00	2,600.00	1,5252.00	2,600.00	---
5720	DeMolay Foundation	3,500.00	3,500.00	---	3,500.00	---
5730	M.S.A. Hospital	---	2,500.00	2,500.00	---	---
5800	Transfer Dues to NE Masonic Hm.	56,000.00	110,468.00	57,570.00	52,898.00	---
5810	Masonic Eastern Star Home	10,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	---
5815	Other Organizations	200.00	50.00	---	50.00	---
5820	Library & Museum	1,000.00	1,338.00	---	1,338.00	---
		74,700.00	142,064.00	71,595.00	70,469.00	---
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		334,360.00	349,456.00	74,874.00	272,218.00	2,364.00

ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS
FISCAL YEAR 1987-88

Acct #	Source	Amount
4100	Dues for Grand Lodge	\$140,660.00
4150	Dues for the Nebraska Masonic Home	56,264.00
4200	Initiation Fees	2,500.00
4300	Surety Bond Premium	1,300.00
4350	Liability Insurance Premium	14,000.00
4400	Sale of Supplies	6,000.00
4425	Masonic Education Handbooks	100.00
4440	Sale of Ciphers	9,900.00
4450	George Washington National Memorial	1,200.00
4600	Reinstatement Fees	1,200.00
4620	Sale of Banquet Tickets	2,500.00
4630	Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	500.00
4650	Reimbursement from the Masonic Home	10,000.00
4700	Interest & Dividends on Investments	85,000.00
4750	Interest on Checking Account	1,000.00
4875	Miscellaneous Other Receipts	3,876.00
	Total	<u>336,000.00</u>

Note: Included in the above figures is a total of \$12,700.00 representing dues, assessments and late filing penalties from 13 subordinate Lodges which did not pay timely.

MASONIC EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

By Brother Charles E. House, President

It is with pleasure that I bring you greetings from the children at the home, and from the board of trustees, for whose untiring efforts and devotion I am greatly appreciative.

For those of you who have taken the opportunity to attend the achievement day program at the home; or the 4-H chili feed; or saw the program given in Lincoln at Grand Chapter; or have seen the children in their everyday activities; the feeling of pride and achievement should be equally with you as it is with your board members. Many people have taken the time to express their notice of the change in the attitude and appearance of all the children in recent years, and this year, in particular. You would have to believe, as we do, that it is nothing more than a reflection of the caliber of care and direction that they are receiving from Superintendent Ben Harvey and his very capable staff. It would surely appear that the goals laid out by previous boards, and carried out by Ben and the staff, are vividly beginning to show.

When Ben joined the staff in 1980, the census of the home was 13. It was previously recognized that a director of child care services was needed, and that was accomplished. That made it possible to put into action many of the things deemed necessary by the board; and through the suggestion of the long range planning committee, the results are a more than double census today of 27. The end product: more and better-cared-for children.

You will notice the rather large increase in the budget for the coming year. This is due in part to additions to the staff because of the scheduled opening of the newly remodeled senior girls cottage. The expanded office area of the administration building, badly needed salary adjustments, and sharply higher insurance costs. We will be forever indebted to those foresighted individuals who saw fit to remember our home in their respective wills. It is because of these wonderful gifts that we can go forward with our plans. Seventy three percent of this year's proposed budget is funded by the income from this, and other forms of gifting. Our two grand bodies have been more than helpful with their gifts, and we are equally grateful. They are always there when we need them.

I would like to express a special thank you to Ed Lorenzen for serving as our farm manager since his retirement from the board, and to James DeMoss for all his expertise in acting as a financial advisor to our finance committee. Caring Masons and Stars serve out of love.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to all previous board Presidents and members. I would like to name two in particular; Joe Lidquist and Paul Eveland. The fruits of their leadership are just now coming to bear. They and we all want nothing less for these children than the very best care and guidance and home atmosphere that we as Masons and Eastern Stars can provide.

I would like to express appreciation to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska not only for its monetary support, but for its fraternal support. All Nebraska Masons should point with pride to their children's home in Fremont. Our home, together with the home for the aged at Plattsmouth, are the two most important charities for our membership. I would like to express appreciation to all individuals who made a contribution, financial or otherwise, to the home during this past year. Every gift or service provided to the home, no matter how small, makes our task just that much easier.

Brother Ben Harvey, Manager of the Masonic Eastern Star Home for children at Fremont, gave the following verbal report on the activities of the home:

I would like to bring all of you greetings from the Children's Home in Fremont. We certainly do appreciate the report that we received from the Grand Lodge and from the Masons throughout Nebraska. One thing that I am pleased to report to you today is that we have, of course, a building that was built in 1927, and was closed in 1970 for many reasons. We have been renovating that building this past winter and the carpet layers are to be in there Monday morning laying carpet. We will have that building open on August 1st, and we will be accepting children for that home. That will raise our overall census. We will be able to serve more children of Nebraska and surrounding states. We are having a rededication of that home on August 23rd, and I would invite all of you to come that day to participate in our 4-H achievement day as well as the rededication of that home. M.:W.: Sir, thank you for calling upon me.

R.:W.:B.: Albert O. Arnold, Jr., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Kansas, spoke as the representative of visiting dignitaries.

M.:W.: Sir: I have been taken somewhat by surprise, and you are probably surprised to see me in the apron of a Past Grand Master of Nebraska. That means that I left my apron home. Thank you so very much. It is always a real great pleasure to be here with you to celebrate with you, as it were, the annual communication.

I am reminded of an incident which occurred just recently. Two immigrant Swedish brothers were coming to this country; and, after a long and trying time, they had accumulated enough money to make the trip, and they had to understand some of our customs and things we do. They arrived late one evening, had not had dinner and decided that they would follow the crowd down the street until they came to a hot dog stand. One of the brothers said what do we do now, Sven. Well, Ole, lets do what the guy in front of us does, so the fellow in front of them stood up and said, hot dog, fries, and coke. Sven said what you gonna do? Ole said hot dogs, fries, and coke and so he

did and paid for it. Sven did too and he said quick, Sven, what part of the dog did you get?

It is always a great pleasure. I thank you on behalf of the other guests and I am sure they can think of a lot more things I should have said, but I want to stop talking before you are through listening. It has been wonderful. Thank you for your many kindnesses and hospitalities to us.

B.: Steven K. Jones, Secretary of Mitchell Lodge No. 263, expressed thanks for a very beneficial secretary's breakfast meeting sponsored by the Grand Lodge.

At 11:40 a.m., the Deputy Grand Master called the lodge from labor to refreshment.

1987 PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

*ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

Held in Kearney, Nebraska, June 12 and 13, 1987

FIRST DAY — SECOND SESSION

Friday, June 12, 1987

The Deputy Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor at 1:30 p.m. June 12, 1987

R.:W.: Charles I. Gregg, Senior Grand Warden of Alaska, asked to be recognized and made the following presentation:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished guests, brethren all. I bring greetings from the Most Worshipful Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. I lived in Nebraska, and this makes me feel like I am home.

At the time that we formed our Grand Lodge in Alaska, in 1981, we had quite a little process to go through. It was the first Grand Lodge that had been formed in 93 years in the United States, so we didn't have a real good set of guide lines; because, when the last one was formed, they didn't have telephones or a whole lot of anything. They did have a Pony Express to get the word around.

We had to start out from scratch; and in the process of doing this, we ran across a few problems. One of our problems was that our Mother Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Washington, had for the Grand Master, a Certified Public Accountant. Now I am not picking on CPA's, but they go by the book. Then as head of our Jurisprudence Committee for the Grand Lodge of Washington was a very distinguished lawyer in the Seattle area. So now, you have a problem compounded by another problem. I am not sure, but I think I am in trouble. When our Grand Lodge was formed, I took the minutes of the very first meeting, when we formed the Alaska Masonic Research Association on June 16, 1976, in Seattle. From that point, we went forward.

When it came time to actually get down to the nitty gritty and do it, our committee on fraternal correspondence wrote to every Grand Master in the United States, and invited them to come to Alaska; because on the 7th day of

February of 1981, we were going to do it one way or another.

I am sure you have probably heard a little bit about it; because, every year, the people come from the Grand Lodge of Alaska and report we have almost canonized our Most Worshipful Brother Byron Jenkins. Brother Byron Jenkins has done more for the Grand Lodge of Alaska than you can possibly imagine.

When we wrote to everyone and asked them to please come, we had expected that our Mother Jurisdiction would grant us immediate interim recognition. The code says you will do this. The code book says you will do that. The code book says you will do something else, but the Grand Master has the ultimate authority and he receives his licks at the end of his session. The Grand Master of our Mother Jurisdiction said I am not going to receive my licks, because I am not going to do anything.

Most Worshipful Brother Jim Williams, who was our first Grand Master, called Brother Jenkins and told him that I have got some really sad news. He says we want you to come, and we already received your word that you will come to Alaska; but we are not going to have the recognition that we thought possible. So, it might be a pretty bleak day when you get to Alaska.

Well, Brothers, I want to tell you why this man is so great in our eyes. When he came to Alaska, just a few minutes before his arrival on the floor, we had gotten word that we had no recognition for sure. When M.:W.:B.: Byron Jenkins got up, he read a letter that granted immediate recognition to the Grand Lodge of Alaska from Nebraska.

That is why we feel so good about this brother.

Looking back on how much the Grand Lodge of Nebraska means to us, M.:W.:B.: Williams has come up with something that we think you might like. He has come up with what looks to be like a gold pan, and it is really a gold pan.

Now, in Alaska, you know, they swirl water around in it, but you won't want to do that to this one. On the surface of this, it says: "To our Esteemed friends and brothers of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska with our thanks for your continued efforts to spread and nurture Masonic excellence, on our 6th anniversary from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, 6 February, 1987."

On the back of this it reads, "Sponsored by Most Worshipful Brother James A. Williams, Chartering Grand Master F & AM Alaska, in honor of M.:W.:B.: Byron C. Jenkins and the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska whose efforts made our chartering possible."

On the bottom, under the pan, is another little plate, "The Gold Pan Trophy awarded annually to the Nebraska Lodge showing the greatest improvement or most significant contributions to Masonry in Nebraska"; and, from the number of plates around the edge, that this is a traveling trophy.

M.:W.:B.: Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge

of Masons of Nebraska, accepted the trophy on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

M.:W.: Paul R. Pierce, Past Grand Master, Chairman of the Masonic Education Committee, introduced B.: John W. Sissler, Chairman of the Masonic Education Committee of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, who made the following remarks:

Brethren, M.:W.: Sir, and M.:W.: Brethren: The thing that makes this fraternity of ours so very meaningful, Brethren All, from wherever we might be. Six and a half years ago, I came to Kearney, Nebraska, and I never thought I would ever come again: Then, less than seven years, I am back. This time the hotel didn't burn down before I came. I have grown; and, on behalf of all of us in Missouri, M.:W.: Sir, I would like to thank you for the invitation.

Your Grand Master was awfully gracious to ask me to tell you a little bit about what we believe, sincerely, to be one of the finest things that has happened in the State of Missouri in the last several years.

Since 1975, we have developed what we consider an excellent, three pronged program, and I will proceed to tell you a little bit about each of those three points.

If you were to ask me to devise a six word idea of what our program would be, it would be to disseminate, communicate, create, for the verbs. Pride, enthusiasm, and commitment for the nouns. If you were to ask me to refine that too, it would be to create commitment. And that is exactly what we think we have done.

The interesting thing about it is the directness, the simplicity, if you will, of our approach.

The first of those areas is the Grand Lodge Achievement Award, which I brought along, and I will leave it with Paul. It was started in 1975. We have an honor lodge program. There are about 10 requirements. We give the lodge who achieves that, a certificate; and, then the Master has a certificate that he keeps himself. This is the Medallion which would also go to the Master. This was added in 1978.

In 1984, the second part of our program was developed. That is the lodge education officer program. Chartered officially now in our constitution, the Grand Master of Missouri, through the Worshipful Masters, appoints a lodge education officer. The name is sent in to our Grand Lodge office. That man may be a Past Master; he may be an officer; he may be none of the above. It is not a requirement. He must have interest, the enthusiasm, the commitment to help his Worshipful Master provide programs for his lodge. He is encouraged to appoint brothers to assist him to create that enthusiasm.

In 1981-82, the then Grand Master of Masonry in Missouri had done a survey, the year he was Deputy Grand Master in Missouri, from the reports that are sent in to the Grand Lodge, to the Grand Master and to the Deputy by

the District Deputy Grand Masters in Missouri. Those are appointed by our Grand Master to serve as his direct representative in that geographical area. One of the questions that is on there is attendance. How many attend lodge, on an average, in addition to the officers. A very interesting statistic came about. It was interesting in one way, sad in another. Exclusive of the officers who attended the Masonic Lodge in 1980-81, there were a whopping 3%, on the average, sideline members who attended those lodges. If you added the officers in it would be 15%. Now that is not a very comforting number. So we determined, then, what the problem is. We have what I call: "we met, we et and we left" meetings. In between, they read the minutes, and that is basically about it.

One of the charges of the lodge education officers, his primary charge, is to assist his W.: Master in the creation of programs at his lodge. The W.: Master is the administrative leader of that lodge, but that man is there to help create, to disseminate some enthusiasm and commitment by having some programs that may or may not be Masonic in nature.

If you would flip through a little bit of this Lodge Officer Manual that your committee has developed, they allude to the idea that there is more than one kind of program. Because there is more than one kind of man who is a Mason. There are people who are interested in sports; there are people who are interested in the ritual; there are people who are interested in Masonic education, per se.

But the beauty of this organization is the fact that we do have that diversity of many who choose to become a Mason.

In 1985, added to the bylaws of the Grand Lodge was the requirement that a lodge have a lodge education officer.

This year, we added what we would call our third part of our program. And that is a commitment on the part of our Grand Lodge, for four years, to develop a leadership training program. One of the things that I will leave with you is the first installment of that program. We use a video recorder. The beauty of this whole thing is that you can put it on. If a fellow has a television and VCR, we send him the tape. All you do is put that in and you can start. It can be in someone's home; it can be in the lodge hall. It is at the point now, where we are encouraging our district deputy grand masters to call more than one lodge together. Now all this requires a committee to have some goals on its own. This year, the committee on Masonic education in Missouri, by Grand Lodge Law, is composed of six members, appointed to come up every year for three year terms. They can be reappointed, or not. On that committee, sitting *ex officio*, but not required to conduct necessary business in terms of quorum, are the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the two Grand Wardens.

Our committee's goals this year were three. We are developing a lodge officer manual, which will be for sale at this Grand Lodge session in St. Louis.

The second goal is to market our achievement award. We want to engender, in a little bit better way than we are doing now, the desire on the part of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Senior Deacon and so forth, of Gardenville Lodge or any other, the desire that "I want to be an Achievement Award winner."

I am the executive vice president of the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association in Missouri. Our professional organization is called the American Society of Association Executives. They have a program for certified association executives, and that is what brought to our minds the whole idea of marketing. They create in you this desire to be a certified association executive.

Why can't it work for us? Well it can. If we develop the marketing tools to get it done. And that is what the second goal this year is.

The third is to develop this four year program in leadership training.

Year one, which we just finished, has been the use of committees in what we call action teams.

Year two, the year that we are in the process of starting, includes goal setting, motivation and time management. Who better, brethren, need to have some help in time management, than all of us? How do I get the most out of my people? How can the man who is going to be Master be motivated and want to do his job? Can we do it better if we learn to set some goals out ahead? That is year two.

Year three covers piloting for progress, worship styles, and the next man. How many of us have sat in organizations, whether it be this or any other, and wondered, who is the man who is behind me? Is he going to be ready? Does he have any idea what he is supposed to do? Does he understand the problems I have? Well, maybe he doesn't, because we don't communicate with him. The fourth year is communication in the lodge and in the community. Those are things that we have now.

Is it going to work for four years? We have the advanced commitment from the next four men in line in our Grand Lodge that they are going to help us. Now, who are we gearing this thing to? We can't do it for everybody at once. We are working on the two wardens. In our achievement award, one of the requirements is that either the Senior or the Junior Warden has to attend the leadership training seminar.

Secondly, we are going to go down the line

How does it work? The program is two hours in length and it works well. We have asked our District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Master's official representatives, to be the spear carriers, the motivators of that program in their districts. The District Deputy has this tape; he has all the books. It is up to him and the members of his lodges to get together to work it out.

Who developed it? Well it was a bunch of your people from the DeMolay headquarters in Kansas City who came together with one of our

committee members to create this excellent program.

What has happened? We have the commitment from the leadership; but, more importantly, we have commitment from the lodges. We have 510 lodges in Missouri, around 80,000 members. Out of those 510, we had 287 send one or the other of those two wardens to that first seminar.

We marketed it as a workshop, because that is what our program started out to be. We changed in September, started the thing in January, and we still had over 50% of those lodges send one of those men to that program. That is the kind of statistic that is neat to know. We are trying very hard to make this thing work.

It reminds me, if you talk about the commitment of the fellow who was a mountain climber. He was a good mountain climber. In fact, he thought he was very good.

He had all the equipment, he had the boots, and he had those things that you stick in the rocks to go up. You can see I am not a mountain climber. No peak was too good, no peak was too steep, no challenge too great for this climber.

One day he proceeded to climb this mountain, that he had never climbed before. On with the boots, and on with the sticks, and he started to go up the mountain. One arm and leg over the other, he was practically to the top, to success, and his foot slips. He starts careening down into what he thinks is his way to oblivion. He is flailing around with his arms, trying to grab hold of something; and by golly, he grabs hold of something; it is a good sized tree, coming out of the mountain. His other arm grabs hold of it, and there he hangs, in the middle of the air, on this tree, scared to death. Naturally.

He starts to scream, "Is there anybody up there?" "Is there anybody up there?" "Help! Help!" "Is there anybody up there?"

All of a sudden, out of this clear, beautiful, blue sky, comes this deep resonant voice. It says: "John." He looks up and doesn't see anybody. "John." Well he answers this time, "Yes."

"John, it is me." He said, "John, do you believe?" He thinks to himself, why not, what chance do I have. "Sure," he says, "I believe."

He said, "John." "Yes?" "Are you committed?" "Yes, I am committed," with all the courage he can muster, as he is holding on to this tree, starting to pull away from this rock.

Now he says, "John, will you do whatever I tell you to do when I tell you to do it?" "Yes, oh yes, I will."

"All right," he says, in this deep resonant voice, "let go of the tree." John holds on a second longer and says "Is there anybody else up there?"

Brethren, in so far as Masonic education, in so far as our challenge, there is nobody else up there. We are it!

And if we maintain the commitment that we are trying to do together, absolutely together, we can make it.

**REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES FOR THE
GRAND LODGE OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
AND THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME**

For the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 1987

By Frank W. Lawson, Jr., 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 at the Grand Lodge Office. Salient, selected figures from these reports are shown below:

For the Grand Lodge - Years ended April 30

	1987	1986
Total Revenues ^(a)	\$ 339,194.00	\$ 315,726.00
Total Expenses	301,544.00	295,172.00
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	37,650.00	20,554.00
Fund Equity (b), End of Year	1,277,983.00	1,298,394.00

(a)Excludes \$58,060.00 net realized Capital Loss in 1987 and \$499.00 Capital Gain in 1986.

(b)Exclusive of Restricted Donations - See Text

For the Nebraska Masonic Home General Fund

Total Revenue before Transfers from		
Endowment Fund	\$ 894,113.00	\$ 808,863.00
Total Expenses	1,503,180.00	1,429,843.00
(Deficit)	(609,067.00)	(620,980.00)
Transfers from E and B Fund	533,000.00	513,000.00
Fund Equity, Year End	1,189,531.00	1,265,598.00

For the Endowment and Bequest Fund

Investment Income Net of Safekeeping		
Expenses	1,350,551.00	1,371,954.00
Gain on Sale of Investments	198,126.00	165,194.00
Endowments & Bequests Received	316,176.00	181,558.00
Fund Equity, Year End	18,189,046.00	16,857,192.00

Comments:

Grand Lodge:

1987 revenues, exclusive of net realized capital gains or losses, were up \$23,468.00 (7.4%) over 1986. Of this increase, \$10,292.00 came from increased Liability Insurance Premiums received. This apparent increase of revenue may be misleading, since it was really a lagged receipt caused by a very significant increase in insurance premiums paid in fiscal 1986. \$7,101.00

came from increased investment income receipts. Neither of these two 1987 "increases" can be expected to repeat in future years.

In these summary reports in prior years, revenues have been reported excluding net realized capital gains or losses. Generally, these amounts have not been significant. This year, however, the amount was significant and was a net loss; substantially, all of which arose from the sale of preferred stocks. These "losses" have been on the books for many years, since these preferreds have been purchased years ago when interest rates were much lower than they have been in the last two decades, or more. Your trustees decided that the time had come to recognize the impairment of value in these securities by selling them and reinvesting the proceeds in securities more appropriate for this fund.

Expenses this year were up 2.2%.

Restricted Funds:

The Emick Scholarship Fund distributed \$5,000.00 for scholarships this year. Its Fund Equity was \$75,859.00 as of April 30, 1987.

The Stephen C. Houghton Trust made an additional \$28,000.00 payment to this Fund in 1987. These monies are given to 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, 1987, the fund totaled \$132,857.00. To date, none of these funds have been disbursed.

Nebraska Masonic Home:

Home operating expenses were up 5.1% (\$73,337.00) and totaled \$1,503,180.00.

Home revenues before transfers from the Endowment Fund were up \$85,250.00, a 10.5% increase.

Home operating deficit was \$609,067.00, and was again covered by transfers from the Endowment Fund.

Endowment Fund Investment income was down 1.6%, reflecting lower interest rates. The Endowment Fund Equity was up 7.9%.

The Grand Master thereupon called for a vote on the recommendations contained in his printed address previously submitted to the Grand Lodge.

M.:W.: Charles W. Amidon, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, offered the report of the Jurisprudence Committee on the Grand Master's recommendations.

A discussion of parliamentary procedure followed.

M.:W.: Harry A. Spencer, Past Grand Master, objected to any member's submitting more than one vote, whether in person or by proxy.

The Deputy Grand Master assumed the East to preside.

Following discussion of parliamentary procedure, the Deputy Grand Master announced the ruling that the chair would not recognize any written proxy. Vote would be by hand or voice as the Deputy Grand Master determined.

M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump protested the ruling, asserting that there is no limit to the number of proxies one person can hold.

M.:W.: Donald R. Swanson recommended that a vote be taken by written ballot, using blank yellow ballot forms.

The Grand Master having appointed a parliamentary committee consisting of M.:W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart, M.:W.: Jack H. Hendrix, and M.:W.: Warren D. Lichty, Jr., all Past Grand Masters. The Deputy Grand Master referred the question of the number of proxies one delegate to the Grand Lodge could vote to the committee on parliamentary procedure.

Pending report of the committee on parliamentary procedure, the Grand Lodge proceeded with receiving of committee reports.

COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

By M.:W.: Louis V. Sylvester, Past Grand Master, Chairman

Your Committee On Work begs to make the following report of its activities for the year 1986-1987:

Following the directive of the Grand Lodge relative to the publishing of a code book of our work, the Committee, together with the Grand Custodian and Junior Past Grand Master, spent many days revising and correcting what was known as A King Solomon edition of our Nebraska work and available to interested brethren in certain book stores.

This edition was full of errors, all of which had to be corrected. After proof reading and revision, the Committee submitted to the printing company the corrected revision and entered into a contract with them for exclusive distribution in Nebraska; but, only through Grand Lodge. At this writing, it is hoped that the new code book will be available at this Grand Lodge session for a nominal cost to those desiring a copy.

The Grand Custodian referred to the Committee his recommendation for the appointment of Brother Gordon E. Richards as a Deputy Custodian to replace Brother Kenneth G. Fleming in District 31, who resigned upon his appointment as Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge. We concurred in this recommendation; and we referred the matter to the Grand Master for his consideration, with the further recommendation that Brother Richards be commissioned.

No other matters were referred to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

By W.:B.: Arnold F. Mains, Chairman

Your Committee on Masonic Relief reports that Mrs. Zelda Mead, widow of H.A. Mead (who died in 1958), is receiving \$25.00 per month assistance, and has done so since the late 50's. Your Committee has done some research in locating Mrs. Mead and determining her present health condition. We found that she has been in Hillhaven Care Center in Omaha since 1982. She has had a leg amputated, plus two other major surgeries, and is confined to a wheelchair. The Grand Lodge records on Masonic Relief can not be located since the move, and no one seems to know how or why she started receiving this assistance. We have, however, been informed that she still is in need of it; and that she gets a small VA pension, Social Security, and Medicaid. Attached to this report are several communications in regard to Mrs. Mead.

During the year we have not received any new requests for assistance. We are very thankful to the Good Lord that the Masons of this State are able to care for themselves and their families. We thank the Grand Master for appointing us on the Committee and we stand ready to serve when requested to do so.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

The following lodges have not registered in attendance 2, 21, 36, 40, 41, 43, 60, 68, 82, 111, 124, 125, 138, 140, 153, 162, 167, 204, 209, 216, 235, 236, 241, 245, 246, 271, 280, 282, 285, 286, 291, 301, 303. This is the preliminary report. The final report will be tomorrow morning.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

By W.:B.: John M. McHenry, Grand Junior Warden, Chairman

This Committee and their terms, appointed by the Grand Master, consisted of the following Master Masons: W.: John M. McHenry, 19 (1990) Chairman; M.: W.: Bevin B. Bump, 158 (1989); W.:B.: Kenneth D. Beebe, 119 (1991); W.:B.: Donald L. Andrews, 15 (1987) and W.:B.: Scott J. Kreiger, 317 (1988). This Committee is charged with the duty to observe and review the workings of the Grand Lodge Offices and to proceed pursuant to Section 1-321 of the bylaws of the Grand Lodge with whatever is necessary to improve the efficiency of the offices for the benefit of Nebraska Freemasonry. The Committee met with the Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, the Finance Committee and the Appropriations committee at various times throughout the year.

The Committee was busy with the transition of Grand Lodge Secretaries, the maintenance of the computer and the review of personnel. The Grand Lodge Office continues to be a pleasant and friendly front door to Nebraska Masonry. The many people who have visited the office have been quite impressed by the image projected and the numerous services that can be provided to the Masons of Nebraska and the public. If you have not visited the office, please take time, when you are in Lincoln, to do so, and become acquainted with the staff.

During the past year, the Office Committee was authorized to investigate the possibility of suing CD Systems of Omaha, Nebraska, through whom the Honeywell Computer, software and programming had been purchased. Those findings and documents are being turned over to Brother J. L. Spray, a Lincoln attorney and present Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, for his recommendation as to the filing of a law suit against CD Systems.

Shortly after the beginning of 1987, Computer Wholesalers of Lincoln did some routine maintenance on the present computer system. In that routine maintenance, they failed to turn off the computer system; and they wiped out all of the memory on the computer. Fortunately, we had the majority of information on back-up discs; however, we had to reconstruct the computer programs. This information and documentation is also being referred to Brother J. L. Spray for his recommendation as to the feasibility of recovering the costs incurred from Computer Wholesalers.

The Office Committee, through W.:B.: Don Andrews, was able to retrieve the membership information that was on the old Honeywell Computer System, and he placed it on the present ITT System. This has greatly aided the office in assisting local Secretary's with requested information.

The Office Committee continued to have watts lines placed in the Grand Secretary's home, in the Grand Lodge office and in the Grand Master's home. The Committee has determined that, in the past, this type of service has been beneficial to those with the watts lines in contacting the membership throughout the state.

Shortly after the first of the year, our Office Manager, Jerry Sharp, resigned. The Committee had worked very closely with Jerry, and was sorry to see that someone with her ability and knowledge was no longer with the Grand Lodge. The committee did meet with the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers to find a replacement for Jerry Sharp. In doing so, we had numerous responses from Masons and non-Masons; and through the interview process, reduced the number to six very qualified candidates. We were pleased to have available to us these candidates, and it was a difficult decision to pick one out of the six. We did, however, employ Darrell Christensen as the new Office Manager. Darrell brings to the job his 30 years experience as a manager with IBM; his membership in Lancaster Lodge No. 54, being Past Master of his Lodge; and his extensive work with Job's Daughters throughout

the State. If you have not already had contact with Darrell, you will find that he is a very pleasant and a very knowledgeable individual.

The Committee invites all Masons to not only visit and contact the Grand Lodge Office for the types of services that can be provided to Masons and the public, but also to communicate to the Chairman, or any of its members, their suggestions, advice or questions.

LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By M.: W.: Charles W. Amidon, Past Grand Master, Chairman

In March of 1986, one member of the Committee, accompanied by the Grand Master, visited Gothenburg Lodge No. 249 in response to its request to consolidate with Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte. The Committee received the impression that the local members of the Lodge were of one mind to consolidate.

Following this meeting, the Grand Master wrote a personal letter to each member of the Lodge, asking, specifically, if any member were willing to accept an officer; or, at least, a committee assignment, in an attempt to salvage what could have been a most important link in the chain of lodges spreading across the State. The results of this survey revealed less than fifteen members who indicated an interest in saving the lodge; and, only two of these were willing to accept an office.

The Grand Master, therefore, reluctantly approved consolidation with Platte Valley No. 32.

Another Lodge, Western No. 140, also has been experiencing problems and was considering consolidation. A member of the Lodge Advisory Committee met with the officers in March of 1987, and reported that interest in continuing the Lodge is still apparent; and, the officers are seriously working to salvage a lodge which has been in existence for one hundred and two years.

MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

By M.: W.: Paul R. Pierce, Past Grand Master, Chairman

This report on Masonic Education deals only with the time table, beginning with the installation of Grand Lodge officers on December 6, 1986, to the end of the Grand Lodge fiscal year, April 30, 1987.

The personnel of the Education Committee was changed from a committee made up of Grand Lodge Officers to Past Masters of various lodges, with emphasis on "Masonology".

The new "Officers Manual" was printed and distributed. Its purpose

was to enable all to learn more about Masonry; then, inspire us to use that knowledge for the good of ourselves, our lodge brothers, and the community in which we live.

The Manual was issued in a three-ring, loose-leaf notebook. It was indexed for Education, Officers' Duties, Committees, Programs, Degree Work, Special Events, Charities and Miscellaneous. The Manual was the result of contributions from many Masonic members, material from other Masonic jurisdictions, and careful editing to develop a planning program for Nebraska Masonic leadership.

Distribution of the Manuals began immediately after the December 6, 1986 installation of Grand Lodge Officers. One copy was given, without charge, to each Worshipful Master of a Nebraska Lodge, with extra copies available at \$5.00 each. Copies may be ordered from the office of the Grand Secretary.

Besides the Grand Lodge Education Committee, others helped to make up Educational Representatives, who assisted in contributing to the Manual; and also helped to organize area meetings within the State. These Brothers and their lodge numbers were: Keith E. Winheim, #1; Richard S. Goble and Arnold F. Mains, #15; John Weidner, #33; T. Leo Stines, #36; Steve Pitman, #50; Ben Fussell, #79; Don R. Monnette, #105; Dean Hunter, #128; Frank Balderson, #183; Roy G. Hart, #228; Robert L. Little, #240; Randy Eatmon, #294; Don D. Bartelt #318; and Alex S. Swiatek, #314;

Area meetings were held in Omaha, Lincoln, Oakland, Humboldt, Auburn, Fremont, Geneva, Grand Island, Lexington, McCook and Bridgeport. Attendance at the meetings was good, and discussion was stimulating and healthy. Approximately, as many Manuals were purchased as were given to the Masters. Additional educational material was displayed. Monitors, Masonic Service Association booklets and Nebraska literature were distributed. Several Manuals were delivered to individual lodges, where travel permitted, while the balance was mailed to the Masters of the lodges.

In arranging times for area meetings, it was found that most regular meetings were held in the first two weeks of the month, with school athletic events on the weekends. Two very well attended Sunday afternoon meetings were held at Geneva and McCook.

In comparing the Nebraska Education's program with other states, it was found that Nebraska lacks a structure to produce, distribute and assist lodges in working with educational programs. Missouri, for instance, elects, not appoints, an Education Officer in each lodge. Then, they have Deputy Grand Masters, each of whom has area supervision on education; then, an Education Chairman of Grand Lodge status overall.

We have in Nebraska, a structure in our ritual work, consisting of a Grand Custodian and 37 Deputy Grand Custodians; each with from 5 to 7 lodges under his supervision.

Nebraska is a big State. There is interest in receiving Masonic education in Nebraska. We should, perhaps, consider a long-range planning committee to develop a state-wide system of organized dispensation of materials and help to our individual lodges under a deputy system. Most states have organized area Masons; one set in charge of ritual, and the other in charge of Masonic Education.

A regular, quarterly publication of the Nebraska Freemason could be an excellent source of Masonic information and education. The Nebraska Masons should be kept informed of Masonic programs, activities and the doings of the Grand Lodge officers. Such a publication would help instill pride in belonging to Nebraska Masonry.

The eventual publication of a cypher and the printed material, to aid the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason to prove up in his work, will also assist in the coaching of the candidates. The new plan of the Grand Custodian of certifying degree by degree, and awarding of certificates for each degree, is expected to improve the quality and pride in ritualistic work. The aim is for certified Masons in every lodge in Nebraska.

The Grand Lodge Education Committee welcomes the receipt of educational materials from interested Masons, who will share successful ventures and programs, as well as your comments and criticisms.

M.:W.:B.: Pierce delivered a supplemental verbal report that follows:

M.:W.: Grand Master, Brethren: When we started this work, we could not put it into effect until December 6th. There were not enough men on the committee to try to disseminate some of the information. Now, we are limited to a number of six on our committee; so, I ask if we could not have an additional group of people, and call them "Educational Representatives".

I was given permission, and I have 16 "Educational Representatives".

I have used part of them to help us put together the "Officer's Manual", which appears to be well received. We have sold as many as we have given away, one to each lodge. These 16 people have helped me put it together, and they also helped in arranging for meetings at different places in the State.

You must understand that the Education Committee has no structure such as the Custodians have, with 37 about the state, each with several lodges.

Whether we want to work toward that, or not, remains to be seen; our good Brother from Missouri tells us how they do it there.

In the state of Kansas, there are 63 Deputy Grand Masters, who are in charge of the educational work. They have areas just like we have of our Custodians in Nebraska.

Our Brother from Missouri said that they have the same number in the

Educational as they have in their Custodial work. He says that he thinks that they can cut that down some. They are having larger meetings, and people are traveling farther to these places. The educational work should be directed, as he has told us just an hour or so ago, to the Junior and Senior Wardens. Those men who are preparing to go up.

The book that we put out contains two things. One is the kind of administration we could have to develop leadership within out different officers and the duties they could perform. The second was to try to provide a program.

In some of our states that are quite sophisticated, they will have one man just on the training of men on how to conduct a meeting - how to administer. They will have another man teaching just education.

We are a long ways from that.

Whether we want to work to that, or not, depends upon the manpower and our budget.

I do appreciate all of you who have attended these area meetings, and who have made some contribution; so, now, I want to say that we are open to suggestions to any kind of work that you would like to present to us on education.

COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

By W. B. Everett Dappen, Chairman

The Committee respectfully submits its report that the address of M. W. Wayne G. Lueningborg, 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 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 and dedication the Grand Master has in the future prosperity of the Craft in Nebraska and the many activities he has supported in 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 served the Craft faithfully during the past year.

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 that the report be forwarded to the Committee on Nebraska Work for their guidance. We can be proud of the leadership of the Grand Custodian and for the many hours of work he has put in for the benefit of the Craft, while still holding a full-time job. All the work of the Craft has been on his own time, and the only pay he receives is the satisfaction of keeping our work at a high level of proficiency. We also thank the Deputy Custodians for their dedication.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

by W. B. Joseph Geisler, Chairman

We had one lodge that we met with, which was Franklin Lodge No. 264. Their secretary was here this morning, but failed to bring his proxy, W. B. Don McCoy; and I, within the hour, drove to Franklin, met the Master, and picked up the Proxy. Everything is in order, and you have your report.

ROSCOE POUND LODGE FOR RESEARCH and NEBRASKA SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH

by B. Lynn Alexander, Secretary

I am pleased to report to you and this Grand Lodge, that the Nebraska Society for Masonic Research and Roscoe Pound Lodge of Research No. 329, have amply satisfied their duties and responsibilities as set forth in their Charter from this Grand Lodge.

The Society continues to collect and preserve artifacts and memorabilia of the history of Freemasonry in the grand jurisdiction. The materials on display at this session represent only a small sample of the extent of the collection that has been entrusted to our care by subordinate lodges, appendant bodies, estates, and friends of the fraternity. As an example of the trust reposed in our work, we received word, only a few days ago, that a man who, after many years as a Freemason, chose to withdraw from the fraternity on the grounds of religious scruples. Nevertheless, he preferred that the Nebraska Society for Masonic Research take possession of his Masonic collection, rather than have it pass out of the hands of a Freemason.

As this Grand Lodge knows, the Society is the custodian of a vast amount of historical material formerly stored in the Grand Lodge Archives. With the dedication of Bro. J. Eugene P. Jorgensen, as curator, books are rebound; documents preserved against the deterioration of time; and artifacts are refurbished. Last year, the Grand Lodge approved a grant of funds with which the Society was able to purchase display cases. The display cases were essential for proper display and protection of items. With the support of our subscribing members, we purchased additional chemicals which are necessary for the neutralizing of acid in paper, so that old documents can be preserved. Our members thank the Grand Lodge, and hope that the Society shall continue to merit the approbation of the members.

In the past year, the Society and Roscoe Pound Lodge have also conducted table lodges in hosting lodges whereat we have presented programs of interest. Bro. Jorgensen has also made himself available as a guest speaker at several Masonic functions. Although, we do not devote our fiscal resources to publishing books and papers, I wish to bring to your attention the fact that Bro. Thomas F. Simpson, Jr., prepared a comprehensive reference manual on the legal issues relative to lodges of research and nonprofit Masonic organizations. This manual was acknowledged by the Masonic Service Association as a significant contribution to Masonic research, and its availability through our organization was noted in their future publication. We believe that Bro. Simpson is a foremost authority on legal issues relative to Masonic organizations. One of our members, Bro. Jeffrey Cook of Illinois, also prepared an article that was published in "Knight Templar" magazine. Finally, Bro. Lynn Alexander's report of the proceedings of the 129th communication of this Grand Lodge, in the newsletter of the Nebraska Society for Masonic Research, was quoted in some detail in The Masonic Review of the Southern California Lodge of Research. That research lodge being the largest in this Country.

A development of significance in the last year is our ability to provide research information to subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction. Forwarded to us through the office of the Grand Secretary, requests were made to us for specific information. In one case, a subordinate lodge requested information as to who their past masters were. The lodge was very old; but we were able to provide considerable detailed information, identifying several past masters

dating back to the late 1800's. In another request, a lodge requested information as to which year in their history they were most active. Researching information in our archives, we were able to give the lodge, numbers of initiations, passings, and raisings, as well as total members for nearly every year of their history.

Obviously, our work demands considerable contributions of time, space and hard work. Our thanks are extended to Bro. J. Eugene P. Jorgensen for serving as our treasurer, curator and principal work horse; to the office manager of the Grand Lodge, W.: Bro. Darrell Christenson, for his generous cooperation with every request; to the East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, where space is provided for our display and storage; and, also, for storage space provided by the Scottish Rite Temple in Lincoln; and to the Masonic Temple Association in Lincoln, representing lodges 300, 19, and 54; as well as the York Rite and Eastern Star bodies at that temple.

Our research organizations need to grow with new members, but many Masons do not consider themselves to be scholarly or research types. I want to emphasize, however, that any Mason who believes that our work is good for Freemasonry is invited to join. For many reasons, membership in the Society may be tax deductible. The same could be true of any contribution to our work.

Our goals are to collect and preserve Masonic historical information and artifacts; to distribute information to our members; and to make that information available to any person or group, with the intent that this work shall be of benefit to this fraternity. These mission we have accomplished. Therefore, I can report, as I did last year, that Masonic research in Nebraska is alive and well; and the Nebraska Society for Masonic Research continues to be a faithful trustee of the continued support of this Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

By M.: W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart

On the question of how many votes a person holding a proxy could cast, the Committee reported that the language of the bylaws with the words "proxies" and "representatives", is ambiguous as to whether one person is entitled to only one vote, whether, as a delegate, or as a proxy; or, if one person can hold proxies for one or more persons, and vote multiple proxies, as well as vote the personal vote as a member of the Grand Lodge. The Committee reported that, since it was apparent that many persons held more than one proxy and were also qualified to vote as members of the Grand Lodge, the amicable decision of the Committee was that all members of the Grand Lodge should be entitled to cast a personal vote; and all persons holding proxies approved by the Credentials Committee should be entitled to vote such proxies. Further, the vote should be by blank, yellow ballots.

The Committee further recommended additional discussion as to the question of whether one person can cast more than one vote, whether as a member of the Grand Lodge, or as proxy, and clarification of the bylaws on that point.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

by M.:W.: Charles W. Amidon, Past Grand Master, Chairman

The Committee met on Thursday, June 11, 1987, and reviewed the following decisions contained in the supplementary report of the 1985-86 Grand Master, as listed on pages 101 and 102 of the 1986 Book of Proceedings:

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. Ruled this was an interpretation of Law and was approved.
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. Approved after deleting,... "and it was my interpretation this included the full Questions and Answers."
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. Approved
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. Ruled a "permission", no action needed.
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. Ruled at "permission", no action needed.
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. Approved.

Taking into account the above deletion, M.: W.: Charles W. Amidon, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, reported the above were each approved by the Committee.

The Committee also reviewed the dispensations of the 1986-87 Grand Master, and reported as follows:

DISPENSATIONS

1. To Miloma Lodge No. 328, to move its Charter to the West Omaha Masonic Temple for the purpose of installation of officers, due to limited seating capacity of its own lodge room. Approved
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. Approved.

Each of the Dispensations granted by the 1986-87 Grand Master was reviewed and approved, as follows:

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

1. Granted Blue Valley Lodge #64, Wilbur, permission to confer Master Mason's degree out of time.
2. Granted Bennett Lodge permission to install officers on December 30, 1987. Father of Master was here from Arizona.
3. Granted Fremont Lodge permission to confer Master Mason's degree with Nebraska work on candidate in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.
4. Granted Tekamah Lodge permission to confer Master's degree with Nebraska work in Clovis, New Mexico.
5. Granted permission to Plate Valley Lodge #32 to move their charter to new temple.
6. Granted permission to Robert W. Furnas Lodge #265 to confer E.A., F.C. and Masters Degrees on same day. Candidate going into service.
7. Granted special dispensation to Fremont Lodge #15 to attend church services as a group.
8. Granted special permission to Alliance Lodge #183 to participate in the City Parade the 3rd weekend of July.

The Jurisprudence Committee reviewed the Recommendations of the 1986-87 Grand Master and recommended action on each Recommendation as

follows:

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Liability Insurance

With the fact that many lodges and temple craft organizations carry separate liability insurance in addition to that required by the Grand Lodge, and with the ever-rising cost of liability insurance premiums, it is only reasonable to offer the subordinate lodges the opportunity to elect to carry their own insurance, be covered by the Grand Lodge policy, or both.

I therefore recommend the following bylaw amendment:

Section 1-201.02 be amended to read as follows:

The Grand Lodge shall purchase a policy or policies of comprehensive public liability and property damage insurance, in the amount of \$1,000,000 public liability and \$250,000 property damage liability, such insurance to cover *those* subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, which *elect to be covered by this policy, and provide proof of their own insurance policies, showing the Grand Lodge as a named insured. Any Lodge electing to be covered by the Grand Lodge policy, and any Lodge not providing proof of separate insurance, shall be covered by the Grand Lodge policy; and shall pay, annually, to the Grand Lodge, its share of such cost in proportion to its membership, upon presentation to the subordinate lodge of a statement of such cost.*

The Committee was unanimous in its opinion that allowing subordinate lodges the option of whether to be included in the blanket Grand Lodge policy would place the Grand Lodge in a precarious position as to its liability in the event of a suit; as, it would be almost impossible to keep track of which subordinate lodge had its own coverage in effect. For this reason, the Committee voted NOT to approve this recommendation. (When the issue was brought to the floor of the Lodge, much discussion prevailed and the Grand Master withdrew his motion to consider recommendation No. 1.)

2. Fiscal Year; Annual Communication; Installation

At present, even though the Grand Master's term is coordinated with those of the newly installed officers of the subordinate lodges, the June Annual Communication preempts a major portion of the time; and effort of the Grand Master in April, May and June. This hampers efforts of the Grand Master to carry forth his program, and presents fiscal problems, inasmuch as the current fiscal year of Grand Lodge runs from May 1st to April 30th. A

calendar year would bring the finances more in line with the actual term of the Grand Master and would also coordinate with the proposal as to the Annual Communication. Preparation would then be possible as to a calendar-year budget rather than the current split year; a Grand Master would be able to prepare for his Annual Communication at the end of his term and at the end of the term of office of the Masters of the subordinate lodges who work throughout the year with him. It should be further noted that the Internal Revenue Service is in the process of requiring all trusts and charitable non-taxable entities to report on a calendar year basis. Inasmuch as we will be required to so comply to make our reporting, our fiscal year should be changed to a calendar year for all purposes.

For these and other reasons, it is the recommendation of your Grand Master that:

- a. The current fiscal year of Grand Lodge be changed to a calendar year, beginning January 1, 1988.
- b. That section 1-101 be amended to read as follows:

Section 1-101 — ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The stated Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held at such place as shall be designated by the Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, beginning on the first Friday of February, and at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Masons Lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven subordinate lodges be found present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments, and fill vacancies in the standing committees.

- c. That there be added to the bylaws of Grand Lodge, a new section dealing with installation; and requiring that installation be held on or before fourteen days following the close of the Annual Communication, at a time and place selected by the newly elected Grand Master.

I therefore recommend the insertion of the following:

Section 1-101.01 — INSTALLATION

Installation of Grand Lodge Officers shall take place on or before fourteen (14) days following the close of the Annual Communication at such location, time and date as the Grand Master elect shall select, which shall be announced prior to the close of such Annual Communication.

2. The Committee reported this Recommendation should NOT be approved.

The Deputy Grand Master submitted Recommendation 2 to a vote by ballot. The ballot resulted in a vote of 326 FOR the Recommendation, and 76 votes AGAINST. The Deputy Grand Master declared Recommendation 2 Adopted.

3. Assistant Grand Secretary

With the day-to-day administration of the Grand Lodge being performed by an office manager, and the need to communicate with other Grand Jurisdictions, it is necessary to give a title to the office manager.

I therefore recommend that the following section be added to the bylaws:

Section 1-201.03. The office manager shall have the title of Assistant Grand Secretary and shall be entitled to use said title in all correspondence and other matters pertinent to the execution of his duties as office manager.

The Committee recommended this Recommendation NOT be approved. After brief discussion, a ballot resulted in 151 votes FOR and 245 AGAINST the Recommendation. The Deputy Grand Master declared Recommendation 3 rejected.

4. Abolish Committee on Reinstatements

It is the desire of the Grand Master to abolish the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement and leave the sole discretion on reinstatement to the subordinate lodge and the Grand Master, without the necessity of circulating said matters to a committee of three, who merely make recommendation to the Grand Master. This causes delay in authorization of reinstatement which should be the primary responsibility of the subordinate lodge. It is therefore recommended that Section 1-312 be abolished, and that Section 3-911 be amended by striking the last sentence thereof, which language is as follows:

"To assist the Grand Master in arriving at such understanding, he shall appoint a standing committee of three, advisory to the Grand Master, to which the application and all matters pertaining thereto shall be referred. Such committee shall secure such other information as, in its discretion, may be deemed advisable, and report to the Grand Master its recommendation.:

The Committee recommended that this Recommendation be approved. After brief discussion, the ballot resulted in 357 votes

FOR and 24 votes AGAINST the Recommendation. The Deputy Grand Master declared the Recommendation Adopted.

5. Per Diem of Grand Custodians

Because of the cost of travel and to retain qualified Deputy Grand Custodians, I would recommend an increase in the sum received by the Deputies for conducting schools of instruction.

I recommend that Section 1-202 of the bylaws be amended to:

Delete "...the sum of Five Dollars per day..."

Add "...the sum of Fifteen Dollars per day..."

The Committee recommended approval of this Recommendation. The ballot resulted in 366 votes FOR and 21 votes AGAINST the Recommendation. The Deputy Grand Master declared the Recommendation Adopted.

6. Merging of the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Appropriations

Like every Grand Master who has gone before me, I have been concerned with proper accountability of the funds of Grand Lodge. In that regard, I specifically appointed Most Worshipful Brother Donald Swanson, PGM, to do an independent audit of all funds received and disbursed by the Grand Lodge Office since moving of the office to Lincoln and establishment of our present automated accounting system. His report, presented in writing and orally to all of the Grand Lodge Line Officers, Finance Committee and Appropriations Committee, has assured us that every dollar received has been accounted for and recorded. Disbursement of funds has also been accounted for and recorded in a manner which leaves proper accounting trails.

Since the accounting system is now automated, has been tested, and can be tracked on a daily basis if necessary, certain modernization of our present cumbersome methods of budgeting and accountability are appropriate. Our present methods, established in the law years ago to serve the now antiquated methods which were then in operation, are outdated.

In that regard I recommend that Sections 1-318 and 1-326 of the bylaws be rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

Section 1-318 — BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Committee on Budget and Finance shall consist of five members, each to serve for a period of five years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member

thereof annually. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, and Grand Secretary may not be appointed to or serve as a member of this committee. In case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill such unexpired term. It shall be the duty of this committee to: (1) Fix the amounts to be budgeted to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge; (2) Present this annual budget to the Grand Lodge for approval; (3) Monitor expenditures made to insure they are properly vouchered and within budgetary limits; and (4) Report to the Grand Lodge any expenditures, which may have been made, which do not properly fall within previously approved or adjusted budgetary limitations.

In the exercise of its duties, this committee has authority to modify specific line item budgetary limitations previously approved by the Grand lodge, PROVIDED the overall expenditure budget limitations are not exceeded. In cases of emergency or unforeseen requirements, the committee may increase the overall expenditure budget limitations between sessions of the Grand Lodge to the extent of such necessity or requirements, provided, however, that such action must be approved in writing by a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge. The committee shall have authority to employ a certified public accountant at the expense of the Grand Lodge, if, in the judgement of the committee and the Grand Master, it shall be deemed necessary.

In setting the annual budget for Grand Lodge, this committee should be furnished a request in writing from the individual or committee requesting consideration for funds. The committee may hold open hearings on such requests at which time any member of the Grand Lodge may appear and be heard.

The Committee disapproved this Recommendation. The ballot resulted in 89 votes FOR and 302 votes AGAINST this Recommendation. The Deputy Grand Master declared the Recommendation rejected.

Each of the Constitution and bylaw Resolutions submitted at the 1986 Grand Lodge Annual Communication was reviewed in detail, and the Jurisprudence Committee made the following recommendation with respect to each.

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.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II:

This amendment was mailed to each subordinate lodge on December 6, 1986, with instructions for each Lodge to ballot on whether to allow the question to be brought to the floor of the 1987 Grand Lodge Communication for consideration. Certified results were directed to be returned prior to April 1, 1987. The Grand Master ruled insufficient returns were received by the April 1, 1987, deadline as required by Law; therefore, the Amendment could not be considered. The Jurisprudence Committee approved the Grand Masters ruling and the issue was omitted from voting.

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.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III

The 1986-87 Grand Master ruled the original resolution contained only two valid signatures of "Members" and therefore was out of form. The Jurisprudence Committee approved the Grand Master's ruling and the item was not submitted for consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1

The Committee recommended that this Resolution NOT be approved, and that the Grand Master appoint a committee to study the issue and bring back a full report at the next Annual Communication. (A floor vote resulted in 118 FOR and 271 AGAINST the Resolution.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2

The Committee recommended that this Resolution NOT be approved. (A floor vote resulted in 251 FOR and 133 AGAINST, which did not meet the 2/3 majority requirement.)

RESOLUTION NO. 3

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3

The Committee recommended this Resolution NOT be approved. (A floor vote resulted in 106 FOR and 103 AGAINST, which did not meet the 2/3 majority requirement.)

RESOLUTION NO. 4

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4

The Committee recommended this Resolution NOT be approved. (A floor vote resulted in 88 FOR and 127 AGAINST.)

RESOLUTION NO. 5

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

The Committee reported the duties of the Grand Secretary are clearly defined in the present bylaws and, therefore, recommended that that this Resolution NOT be approved. (A floor vote resulted in 74 FOR and 142 AGAINST.)

RESOLUTION NO. 6

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6

The Committee recommended that this Resolution NOT be

approved. (A floor vote resulted in 70 FOR and 136 AGAINST.)

RESOLUTION NO. 7

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7

(Supercede by passage of Grand Master's Recommendation No. 2 and removed from balloting.)

At 4:00 p.m. the Deputy Grand Master called the Lodge from labor to refreshment.

1987 PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

*ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

Held in Kearney, Nebraska, June 12 and 13, 1987

SECOND DAY — MORNING SESSION

Saturday, June 13, 1987

The Deputy Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor at 8:30 a.m., June 13, 1987.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

By William G. Hurst, Chairman

In 1986, this Grand Lodge awarded scholarships to: Miss Kathy Kempf of Job's Daughters, Miss Carolyn Sirk of Rainbow and Dan Sidner of DeMolay. Each of these young people was an outstanding representative of his or her organization. In addition, funds were contributed to each of these organizations to further either scholastic or training ends. The amounts thus contributed have been spread much farther than one might expect, as they are well cared for by those responsible.

The story of our youth groups continues to be somewhat discouraging. As one attends their annual meetings, the attendance is declining; but more alarming, the adult attendance and participation is declining much more drastically. We have that handful of good and faithful servants trying to keep these outstanding organizations alive for a fine group of young people, but they need help. They need our presence, not our presents; our active participation and positive reinforcement; not our words of wisdom from atop the mountain, or from afar off. At the present rate of decline in participation, the time is rapidly approaching when the three groups will be able to hold their annual conventions together in a small closet, and we will have no one to blame but ourselves, if there are any of us left to blame; for, we must remember that our numbers, too, are rapidly declining. The unfortunate thing is that many young people in today's society who are looking for the very things that these organizations offer; and, ultimately, the things Masonry offers. It just takes time, patience and perseverance to obtain them.

The good news is our young people still are enthusiastic. They still hold Masonry in high regard. The challenge is there, brethren. All that remains to be done is to accept it.

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

By M.:W.: Frank J. Mattoon, Past Grand Master, Chairman

Your Committee on Grievances, in pursuance of the Order of the Grand Master, reports to this Grand Lodge that the only case submitted to the Committee involves an appeal from the Findings and Order of the Trial Commission entered in the case of Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield, Nebraska, Complainant, vs. James A. Morrison, Respondent.

The facts of this case are virtually undisputed. A brief "abstract of memorandum" is hereby made for reference purposes (Section 1-316 G. L. bylaws).

Respondent petitioned John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 for initiation. Initially, the petition was accepted, but an objection was filed a few days after the initial acceptance. This was duly reported to the Lodge and the petition was rejected. Sometime later (approximately 7 months) Respondent petitioned Springfield Lodge No. 112 for initiation and failed to disclose the action to Mercer Lodge, although Respondent had previously been notified of such action. Further, the petition as presented to Springfield did not contain two signatures of Master Masons of Springfield Lodge.

Charges were filed by Springfield, alleging misconduct of Respondent in (1) failure to disclose the prior rejection; and (2) the petition did not contain the required signatures of recommendation. The third charge was an alleged violation of Section 3-102(a) of the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

The evidence introduced at the trial supports the findings and actions of the Order of the Trial Commission — that Springfield had no jurisdiction over the candidate; and, further, Springfield should not have conferred the degrees of Masonry, inasmuch as the petition presented to Springfield had only one signature of recommendation. The Trial Commission further concluded that the charges could not be considered or acted upon by the Trial Commission for lack of jurisdiction and the fact that the Respondent "was never a legally constituted Mason***".

An appeal was filed by a Masonic Brother acting as counsel for Respondent. Thereafter, Springfield Lodge filed an "amendment/appeal" which was summarily overruled by the Grand Master on March 2, 1987.

Also, extraneous matters outside the record of the proceedings were filed either with the office of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. The Committee on Grievances considered all of the evidence completely and thoroughly, as well as the opinion, Findings and Order of the Trial Commission and all relevant factors.

Therefore, your Committee on Grievances is of the opinion and recommends:

1. That the Findings and Order of the Trial Commission should be approved, and the charges against Respondent be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction of the matter in Springfield Lodge; and for the further reason, as stated in the Findings of the Trial Commission, that Respondent was never a "legally constituted Mason".
2. That all extraneous matters filed in said case since the filing of the appeal of Respondent are irrelevant and should not be considered.
3. That the March 2, 1983, Ruling of the Grand Master relating to the amendment/appeal filed by Springfield Lodge under date of December 9, 1986, should be approved.

GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

by M.:W.: Warren D. Lichy, Past Grand Master, Chairman

The report of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee consisted of the showing of slides of the Memorial on Thursday afternoon, June 11, 1987.

COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

By M.:W.: Louis V. Sylvester, Past Grand Master, Chairman

I can say that the Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests has tried to make our distinguished guests welcome, provide for their convenience, and extend such courtesies as we possibly could. They all seem to be happy. We are delighted to have them all with us, and I think they will tell you that they have enjoyed themselves.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Office	Elected
Grand Master	Paul R. Eveland
Deputy Grand Master	Thomas W. Tye
Grand Secretary	Albert T. Reddish
Grand Senior Warden	John M. McHenry
Grand Junior Warden	James N. DeMoss

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- 1) That Section 2-99 of the bylaws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows: "Advancement: no entered Apprentice Mason or

Fellowcraft Mason shall receive the next succeeding degree until he shall have been declared proficient in such preceding degree as provided in Section 2-402." Proponent states that the amendment, if adopted, would eliminate the 28-day waiting period.

- 2) That Section 2-901 of the bylaws of the Grand Lodge be repealed. The proponent stated that Section 2-901 is the provision that deals with solicitation.
- 3) Amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution, that the paragraph be amended concerning the Grand Junior Warden to read "Grand Junior Warden be elected from the floor of the Grand Lodge on a separate ballot. The Grand Junior Warden will be recommended to the Brethren by a committee of not more than 15 and not less than nine Past Masters. The committee to be appointed across the State."
- 4) Amendment to Article 2 of the Constitution, Be it Resolved that Article 2 be amended to include all Past Masters as permanent members of the Grand Lodge.
- 5) Be it Resolved that at the 1984-85 Grand Lodge meeting in June of that year, in Lincoln, Nebraska, permission was granted to a committee to use the name of Nebraska Masonic Foundation for the purpose of building a new building in Lincoln, Nebraska. It is requested that the words "Nebraska Masonic" be deleted from its title.
- 6) Be it Resolved that 1-102 of the bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed: "Section 1-102, Chartered Subordinate Lodges; How Represented. Each chartered subordinate lodge shall be represented at the Communication of the Grand Lodge by its Master and Wardens by their proxies thereunto appointed. Each subordinate lodge shall have three votes in the Grand Lodge which may be cast by its representatives present, provided that no one representative of a subordinate lodge may have more than one vote, nor hold a proxy for more than one subordinate lodge officer."
- 7) Be it Resolved that Article 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended to delete the words "such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of subordinate lodges."
- 8) Be it Resolved that the following be deleted from the Nebraska Work: "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 essence of fidelity."

FINAL REPORT, APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Brother John VerMaas stated that the report of the Appropriations Committee given yesterday is correct and there should not be any changes.

Motion made, seconded and duly past to adopt the budget as proposed.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Charles Folsom, Chairman

M.: W.: Grand Master, Brethren. Your Membership Committee has been working in a somewhat new area to stimulate the individual Nebraska Masons to better communicate with non-Masons. We have been laboring, for a number of years, under an almost archaic thinking that you could not discuss Masonry with a non-Mason. Especially, unless he broached the subject.

We have many, many Masons within this Grand Jurisdiction, and within all Jurisdictions, who are not aware of what they can discuss with a non-Mason, and how to encourage that non-Mason, in one way or another, to ask the ultimate question. Now, in Nebraska, we are very familiar with fellowship dinners and fellowship functions, which are now legal in nearly all Grand Jurisdictions. There are about a dozen who frown on them. Five, I believe, who actually prohibit them.

We have discovered a publication called "100 Questions A Mason Can Answer For A Non-Mason." Not to be confused, this is not the publication that we have in our Grand Lodge, "100 Questions About Masonry," or the "101 Questions About Masonry", or the Masonic Service publication of the same name. This is a separate pamphlet. 100 questions that a Mason can answer for a non-Mason.

It answers such questions as: Can a Catholic join Masonry ?; Is Masonry a religion?; What can I expect from Masonry?; What does Masonry want from me? It is the type of publication that can be left, actually, in the hands of a non-Mason. It is plain, good reading. And it is certainly an excellent communication and educational vehicle.

We have a letter, currently prepared, to go to all the Grand Masters of all the Grand Jurisdictions, and all the Grand Secretaries, to find what they have in this area, with the idea that we will publish a booklet of questions that a Mason can answer for a non-Mason. In fact, we have an angel who will finance the publication of this; and, after approval by the Grand Lodge, a possibility of sending it out, one copy to each Mason within the Grand Jurisdiction, as an enclosure with our Nebraska Free Mason, whenever it is published. This would be a vest pocket booklet. Upon approval, it could be stocked at the Grand Lodge level, but that method of distribution would get it in the hands of every Mason in the Jurisdiction and hopefully a significant number of them would read it and use it.

Now this lends itself to a second publication called, possibly, "So You Want Him To Ask." These are tips on the various things that you can do to get a man who, you feel, would make a good Mason to ask you about Masonry. Many of our members are very reluctant, even afraid, to discuss Masonry with non-Masons, but many non-Masons are equally afraid to discuss, to ask about Masonry to a Mason.

They feel that if I am a good enough man to be a Mason, somebody will

ask me. We have many, many potential brethren, potential candidates, who have never asked.

In my particular position with National Sojourners, I have discovered this repeatedly. We have a young man in Papillion Lodge, who last year took seven petitions from professional military men, active duty military men, aboard Offutt Air Force Base, just because he has a way of communicating. These people are proud. They won't ask, and we have the same problem.

If you went down a list in your home town of people you wanted to be a Masons, in many cases they are not going to ask you, unless you can find some way to communicate. So these two: first, "Questions A Mason Can Answer For A Non-Mason"; and secondly, if that is approved, published and distributed, a booklet, "So You Want Him To Ask."

And we are communicating with the other Jurisdictions to find out what they have in this area and use their expertise; and, hopefully, come up with a better product in Nebraska which will help turn the curve on our membership. Thank you, M.: W.: Sir.

CIPHERS

By M.: W.: Charles W. Amidon, Past Grand Master

The ciphers were prepared by a committee which consists of M.: W.: B.: Louis V. Sylvester, the chairman, and M.: W.: B.: T. Leo Stines, and M.: W.: B.: Byron C. Jenkins. The Grand Custodian, Jerry Rittenburg, sat in on the meetings also. One thousand have been received and are available at this Annual Communication. The remaining four thousand copies we ordered printed will be shipped to the Grand Lodge Office and will be available. The charge is \$5.00 each.

The Grand Master, in order to recognize every Master of every lodge that is present, asked them to state name and lodge number. Those present and reporting were:

Gary D. Lee, St. John's Lodge #25, Omaha; Robert G. Sorensen, Minden Lodge #127, Rolland L. Wallick, Lancaster Lodge #54, Lincoln; Gerald L. Halling, Comet Lodge #229, Ceresco; Frederick C. Way, East Lincoln Lodge #210, Lincoln; W. Raymond Sack, Rob Morris Lodge #46, Kearney; Robert E. Hahn, Frank Welch Lodge #75, Sidney; Deloyt A. Young, Platte Valley Lodge #32, North Platte; Richard Van Rotz, Sutherland Lodge #299, Sutherland; Monte S. Gies, Ogallala Lodge #159, Ogallala; John D. L. Dubs, Zion Lodge #234, Hyannis; John Osler, Purity Lodge #198, Imperial; LeRoy L. Peterson, Cotner Lodge #297, Lincoln; Glenn D. Arbogast, York Lodge #56, York; Karl H. Rasmussen IV, Fremont Lodge #15, Fremont; Neil M. Gatch, Minatare Lodge #295, Minatare; Robert R. Saum, Geneva Lodge # 79, Geneva; Warren L. Weber, Friend Lodge # 73, Friend; William G. Hurst, Roscoe Pound Lodge #329, Lincoln.

FINAL REPORT, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

By Gary Powell, Chairman

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Lodges were present except the following: 2, 21, 40, 41, 43, 60, 68, 111, 124, 125, 138, 140, 153, 162, 167, 204, 209, 216, 235, 236, 241, 245, 246, 271, 280, 282, 285, 286, 291, 301 and 303.

Total number of Lodges: 215

Number not represented: 31

Lodges not represented for two years: Nehawka 246 - Nehawka, Oasis 271 - Morrill, Mullen 282 - Mullen, Camp Clarke 285 - Bridgeport, Oshkosh 286 - Oshkosh and Bayard 301 - Bayard.

There were 21 Past Grand Masters and 4 Widows of Past Grand Masters present. All of the Grand Lodge Officers were present. 22 Deputy Grand Custodians and 7 Deputy Grand Custodian Emeriti were present. There were 106 Worshipful Masters, 62 Senior Wardens and, 42 Junior Wardens in attendance. 71 Worshipful Masters, 85 Senior Wardens and, 87 Junior Wardens were represented by proxies. A total of 336 Masons represented 453 officers. 44 non-delegates were also present.

10 Distinguished guests representing foreign jurisdictions and 12 distinguished guests from Nebraska were in attendance.

COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAW

By Bernard T. Pipher, Chairman

That Section 1-101 of the bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

Section 1-101-ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS-The stated Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held at such place as shall be designated by the Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, beginning on the first Friday of February, and at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Masons' Lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven subordinate lodges be found present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business; and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments, and fill vacancies in the standing committees.

That a new Section shall be enacted and be added to the bylaws of this Grand Lodge to read as follows:

Section 1-101.01-INSTALLATION-Installation of Grand Lodge Officers shall take place on or before fourteen (14) days following the close of the Annual Communication at such location, time and date as the Grand Master elect shall select, which shall be announced prior to

the close of such Annual Communication.

That a new Section shall be enacted and placed in the bylaws of this Grand Lodge as follows:

Section 1-101.02-FISCAL YEAR-That the fiscal year for budgeting, finance and accounting shall be the calendar year, beginning January 1, 1988.

That Section 1-312 of the bylaws of this Grand Lodge relating to Applications for Reinstatement be repealed.

And that Section 1-301 of the bylaws be amended by striking the words "Applications for Reinstatement" in the list of Standing Committees; but, otherwise, said section shall remain unchanged.

That Section 3-911 of the bylaws of this Grand Lodge relating to reinstatement three years after suspension for nonpayment of dues be amended by striking the last sentence thereof, which reads as follows: "To assist the Grand Master in arriving at such understanding, he shall appoint a standing committee of three, advisory to the Grand Master; to which the application and all matters pertaining thereto shall be referred, and such committee shall secure such other information as in its discretion may be deemed advisable, and report to the Grand Master its recommendation." Otherwise, said Section shall remain unchanged.

That Section 1-201 of the bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to provide the sum of \$15.00 per day for Deputy Grand Custodians while conducting Schools of Instruction, rather than the \$5.00 per day now provided in said Section. Otherwise, said Section shall remain unchanged.

COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

By Donald R. White, Chairman

Your Grand Lodge Committee on Reinstatements has received and acted favorably on twenty-four applications for reinstatement this past Masonic Year.

We have acted on applications from twenty different lodges throughout the State of Nebraska. It is very rewarding to see so many worthy Brethren again becoming active Masons in their respective Blue Lodges. As you know, they are needed.

In receiving the applications, we find that many of them are not complete. This, in many instances, causes undue delay in making a decision on the matter of reinstatement. When submitting Applications for Reinstatement, please see that sufficient information is reported in all sections of the Application.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

By Emil E. Blazek, Chairman

Your Grand Lodge Committee on Returns dutifully delights in submitting the following report:

The Committee on Returns journeyed from Omaha to the Grand Lodge Office on Thursday, March 26, and examined the annual returns as submitted by the several Masonic Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Although it was apparent that "Our cup runneth not over," yet, we rejoiced that our glass was "mostly filled." Of the 208 annual reports your committee examined, 141 were recorded as having understood the importance of observing the deadline date of February 10, and were received on or before that date. All but 19 were properly signed, and displayed the signatures of the Worshipful Masters. 206 returns had been properly signed by the Secretaries. 199 were embellished with the official seals of their respective lodges. 198 supplied the pertinent information requested concerning the holders of the Jordan Bronze Medals. 189 included a statement concerning the financial strength of their lodge, and seventeen were still occupied with the troublesome details of completing and forwarding their returns to the office of the Grand Lodge at the time of our inspections.

As an overall observation, with the few noted exceptions, the secretaries of the various lodges are to be commended on their efforts to provide this needed and highly informative report of the affairs of their lodges. The staff of workers at the offices of the Grand Lodge were very cooperative and accommodating and, we trust that our invasion of their work place did not unduly disrupt their routine.

Special commendation is offered to the following: to Sebert Stover for supplying records of the work of this committee when he was active in it; to R.:W.: Ralph Gerry, who agreed to accompany the committee and to work with them. His knowledge and experience certainly served us extremely well and we are all grateful to him. To W.: Wes Suggs, who assumed the leadership of the committee, arranging with the Grand Office staff to have the returns available and clearing the date of our effort; arranging our transportation, the time and place of gathering, and really being the "Spark Plug" of the whole effort. To W.: Eugene Fishback, for providing the use of Luxury Line and doing the driving, in order that we should have an enjoyable ride to and from Lincoln.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

By Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

The Committee is presently working on computerizing the list of Grand Jurisdiction Representatives. In order to complete this process, we need to

have all representatives check their entries in the Proceedings and verify that it is correct. All corrections need to be reported to the Committee through the Grand Secretary, or directly to a committee member, so that our records will be correct.

The Committee makes no recommendations for changes in recognition of Foreign Jurisdictions this year.

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

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

By A.A. Wise, Chairman

The report on the Fraternal Dead is as follows:

There were reported to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska the deaths of 785 Masons in the Grand Lodge Year. There were no Past Grand Masters in this count.

MASONIC EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

By Bernard L. Paden, Past Grand Patron

First of all, I would like to name the brothers who served on this committee the past year. They are Brothers Sanford Nelson, Donald E. Rasmussen, Benjamin Harvey and myself.

We are sorry to report there has been no activity by this committee this year, since there were no High School graduates from the Home who desired to further their education.

131ST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

R.:W.: Paul R. Eveland, Grand Master elect, moved that the 131st Annual Communication be held at a site to be selected in Lincoln, the 1st Friday in February, 1988. Motion was seconded and carried.

CLOSING

The Grand Chaplain led the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska in prayer.

The Grand Master declared the Annual Communication closed in ample form, and directed the Marshal to make proclamation thereof.

The Marshal proclaimed the 130th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska closed in ample form.

GRAND ORATOR'S REMARKS

By Dr. W. Del Weber, Grand Orator

Delivered at Grand Master's Banquet, June 12, 1987.

EXCELLENCE

In discussing the principles and tenets of Free Masonry, the Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, Henry C. Clausen, described its mission as follows:

To seek that which is of most worth in the world;

To exalt the dignity of every person, the human side of our daily activities, and the maximum service to humanity;

To aid mankind's search in God's universe for identity, for development, and for destiny;

And thereby achieve better men in a better world, happier men in a happier world, and wiser men in a wiser world.

What a wonderful statement of mission. How compelling! How exhaustive a description of what the human life should be about! As I reflected on my remarks for this evening, I asked myself: "Have we found that which is of most worth? Do we, as a matter of course, treat all persons with dignity? Are we developing better men today? Happier men? Wiser men?" I was forced to conclude, and I'm sure you would agree, that we are falling short of our mark.

I asked myself, "What must we, as Masons, do if we wish to bring to fruition that wonderful, all-encompassing statement of mission and purpose?" The answer is simple. We must achieve excellence in all we do; and so, it is to that topic that I wish to address myself in the next few minutes.

A few years ago, John W. Gardner, the former secretary of HEW, wrote a book called Excellence. That book is now a landmark, and I would urge all here to read it. In that book, he said:

"We must recognize that there may be excellence or shoddiness in every line of human endeavor. We must learn to honor excellence in every socially accepted human activity, however humble the activity, and to scorn shoddiness, however exalted the activity. An excellent plumber is infinitely more admirable than an incompetent philosopher. The society that scorns excellence in plumbing, because plumbing is a humble activity, and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy, because it is an exalted activity, will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water."

Today, our Country is engaged in an economic war designed to maintain our economic superiority and maintain our way of life. Increasingly, we hear the term "competitiveness" used to describe the battle. It is clear that our natural resources no longer give us a competitive edge, and that the American worker no longer holds a monopoly on the work ethic.

Whether we win the competition in which we find ourselves will depend on our ability to hone excellence. And whether we, as Masons, fulfill our goals of exalting dignity and achieving happier men, better men, and wiser men, will depend upon our ability to maintain a high degree of excellence within the context of that competition.

What is excellence? Depending on whose dictionary you use, the term is defined in many ways: superiority, preeminence, perfection, worth, value, goodness — the state of possessing good qualities to an eminent degree.

But it is more than a definition. Excellence is a quality which embodies a set of personality traits. Today, I want to share with you four of those traits. I do not pretend that they exhaust the topic, but I can assure you that, if they are followed, excellence will be achieved.

As you might expect, the first attribute is ability. In its most simplistic form, we can define ability in terms of the skills an individual possesses or their competence in doing a certain task. This can be related to a comparison of others doing the same job, or in relationship to the difficulty of the job itself. You, as a Mason, obviously have it, or you wouldn't be here today.

The second attribute is that of effort expended. Andrew Carnegie once said that the average person puts about 25% of his energy and ability in his work. The world takes off its hat to those who put in more than 50% of their capacity, and stands on its head for those few souls who devote 100%.

It is interesting to note that motivation specialists, who have tested thousands of employees in industry, say that the difference between an outstanding employee and one that just gets by is only about 2% — 2% more effort, more interest, and more consistency of work. It is that desire to give just a little bit more effort, a little more interest, a little more time, a greater willingness to invest a little bit more of oneself that is one of the single most important determinants of true excellence. Let me assure you that not one of the outstanding classical musicians, the noble prize winners, the CEO's of Fortune 500 companies, or the great athletes of today ever achieved excellence without extra effort. I ask you — are you giving that little bit more of the effort that makes the difference to your work in Masonry?

The third attribute generally found in those who seek excellence is persistence. Many people fail in life because they believe in the adage: "If at first you don't succeed, try something else."

The problem with such an attitude is that success will elude those who follow this path. Most people have dreams of the perfect life; but, too often, these dreams never materialize, because the persistence needed to make them come true is never demonstrated. If you want excellence, you must pay the price.

Hubert Humphrey, in his final struggle with cancer said: "The biggest mistake some people make is giving up. Adversity is an experience, not a final act. Some people look upon any setback as the end. They are always looking for the benediction rather than the invocation..."

But achievers of excellence do not give up. Take, for example, Thomas Edison, whose invention of the incandescent light bulb revolutionized our lives. He had 586 experimental failures before developing the right filament.

Admiral Perry, admired by the world as one who achieved true excellence in the field of exploration, had his share of failures, as well. He is remembered as being the first to reach the North Pole; yet, remember that it took him 23 years and 7 abortive attempts to success.

Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, a champion of human rights, was born to poverty. Her father was an immigrant from Guyana; her mother an unskilled laborer in a burlap bag factor. She had to conquer not only poverty, but also racial and sexual prejudice, to make her dreams come true for herself and for the good of so many others.

And finally, one of the great men of all time was faced with adversity throughout his life. He failed at business in 1831 and was defeated in his try for the state legislature in 1832. His business failed again in 1833; and, three years later, he suffered a nervous breakdown. He lost his bid for Congress in 1843; and, once elected in 1846, lost again in 1848.

His unsuccessful U.S. Senate bid in 1855 was followed by the loss of the Vice Presidency in 1856. He was once again defeated for the Senate in 1858; but, in 1860, won the Presidency. We know him as Abraham Lincoln, and he did not give up!

These individuals I have just mentioned chased their dreams, and, in doing so, achieved excellence. But their successes were not immediate, and the adversity which preceded it could very nearly have cost them their chance at the gold ring.

On the flip side of the coin, however, are stories of opportunities missed, because persistence was never in the game plan.

One of the most dramatic examples of this is the story of the video cassette recorder — an American invention conceived in the 1960's by Ampex and RCA. Today, the sales of VCR's — 36,000 per day — is a \$5.9 billion business. Yet, not one of these machines is still made in the U.S. The market has been cornered by the South Koreans and the Japanese, whose patience and determination solved the problems first associated with the early machines.

It seems that the early VCR's would only record one hour of programming, while the public demanded a two-hour tape for movies. By the mid-70's, every American manufacturer had pulled out of the business, and judged the venture as a flop. What they didn't count on was that the Japanese would continue to work on the VCR project; and, within two years, produce what the public wanted. Both Sony and JVC brought out the two hour machine. Following on their heels was Matsushita, who developed the four hour VCR. What could have easily been a U.S. foothold, in an attempt to balance our trade deficit, was lost; because the persistence needed to make the project go, gave way to the immediate need to bolster the profit and loss sheets.

Clearly, the Japanese persistence has paid off in the manufacture of the video cassette recorders, and the American reluctance to pursue the project has taught bitter lessons.

The final attribute found in those who achieve excellence is that of integrity. Just as one cannot be considered truly excellent without ability, effort, and persistence; similarly, you cannot find an individual of excellence without a high level of integrity as well. In any discussion of excellence, this may very well be the most important attribute of all. Sad to say, we suffer as a nation from a lack of moral leadership at all levels.

The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and other print and television media are filled, unfortunately, with stories of wrongdoing.

- E.F. Hutton check kiting
- Insider trading on Wall Street
- Unfair company takeovers
- Lawyers helping prisoners escape from prison
- Doctors ripping off Medicare
- Athletes and coaches cheating
- A college administrator plagiarizing his dissertation, and
- Government officials exceeding their power by abusing constitutional rights

And the list goes on.

Are we, as a nation, spending too much time on the technical aspects of doing business, and not enough time on the development of its moral qualities? I think so. To achieve excellence, we must have people who understand the difference between right and wrong; who practice it — practice it because they have their roots deeply planted in the study of the Bible, comparative religion, ethical philosophy, psychology, and great literature. We must foster people who aspire to excellence with a finely honed conscience. Winston Churchill said it well:

"The only guide to a man is his conscience. The only shield to his memory is the rectitude and sincerity of his actions. It is imprudent to walk through life without this shield, because we are so often mocked by the failure of our hopes. But, with this shield, whatever our destiny may be, we always march in the ranks of honor."

Martin Luther said the same thing differently when he said: "Here I stand." If we are to be truly excellent in our careers, in our personal life, or as Masons, we must have integrity; not, as something to be mastered and put on the shelf, but as an active, living virtue which we display again and again; and, which, through its display, inspires trust and respect in others.

I have mentioned today many individuals that we could point to from which to emulate our own lives of excellence. And, in addition to those famous names, we could add the names of those "silent heroes" that each of us has encountered in our own lives.

Free Masonry is one of the great movements of our time, but I suggest that it has not reached its potential.

Think of the impact that Free Masonry could have if every member put

to work the four principles of excellence which I have outlined. The enormity of the power of 3.5 million Masons, nationwide, speaking for human dignity, justice, morality, and civic responsibility, and living lives which are the very emulation of excellence, is almost beyond comprehension.

Excellence is a highly personal goal. I urge each of us to make that commitment to seek it in ourselves, to apply it to our work in Masonry, and to seek it in others, starting today. Take your God-given ability; utilize it to its full capacity; apply it consistently over a long period of time; leaven it with a full measure of integrity; and Free Masonry will remain the outstanding positive force for good, for which we all hope. More importantly, mankind's moral, spiritual, and intellectual development, which is our ultimate goal, will be fulfilled.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE NAME	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	1	Clifford W. Speck.....	Arthur J. Matcha.....	Carl E. Thompson*.....
Western Star	2	.....	.....	.....
Capitol	3	Freeman E. Sales.....	Charles R. McIntosh.....	Dennis A. Newman.....
Nemaha Valley	4	Stephen C. Kennedy.....	Melvin Andrews.....	Philip Walker*.....
Omadi	5	Gordon G. Piper*.....	.....	.....
Plattsmouth	6	Robert J. Piper.....	Ronald R. Wilson.....	James Gruber*.....
Falls City	9	Robert M. West*.....	.....	.....
Solomon	10	Carmine W. Pane*.....	Gordon Burkhead*.....	Russell G. Christensen.....
Covert	11	Roy E. Housh.....	Larry McCain*.....	Keith Frederickson*.....
Orient	13	John E. Scholl.....	.....	Harold Johnson*.....
Peru	14	Guy Grafton*.....	Kenneth L. Fike*.....	Stanley A. Vanderford.....
Fremont	15	Karl H. Rasmussen.....	Brad N. Johannesen.....	Vernon G. Gibson, Jr.....
Tecumseh	17	Warren D. Brown.....	Rickard M. Pope*.....	Charles Dieckgrafe*.....
Lincoln	19	John L. Spray.....	Michael J. Gabel*.....	Reginald S. Kuhn*.....
Washington	21	.....	.....	.....
Pawnee	23	Richard A. Mach.....	Lawrence Bradbury*.....	Ronald Schultz*.....
St. Johns	25	Gary D. Lee.....	Franklin O. Shuffty.....	Richard L. Merrill*.....
Beatrice	26	Kenton R. Thomas.....	Theodore J. Johnson*.....	.....
Jordan	27	Norbert H. Meyer.....	Bill C. Schroeder.....	Donald Starr*.....
Blue River	30	Frank E. Tauriella.....	James Boshart*.....	.....
Tekamah	31	John L. Hardy.....	Robert C. Ray.....	Robert J. Schmidt*.....
Platte Valley	32	Deloyt A. Young.....	Clyde A. Betts.....	Michael D. Nelson.....
Ashlar	33	Henry C. Beatty.....	Gary B. Witt.....	David A. Zlomke.....
Acacia	34	Harold R. Ladehoff.....	Clarence L. Stark*.....
Fairbury	35	Robert A. Sloan*.....	Willard E. Walke*.....	Bruce E. Ackerman*.....

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LODGE NAME	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Lone Tree	36	James F. Heins*	_____	_____
Crete	37	James A. Clark*	_____	_____
Oliver	38	Bruce E. Dickinson*	Albert R. Patterson	Steven R. Schmidt*
Papillion	39	Walter H. Sperzel*	Neil G. Johnson	_____
Humboldt	40	_____	_____	_____
Northern Light	41	_____	_____	_____
Hebron	43	_____	_____	_____
Harvard	44	Fred D. Haseloh.....	_____	Bruce W. Schwenk*
Rob Morris	46	W. Raymond Sack	Norman L. Coe	Gary L. Martin*
Fairmont	48	Victor Jensen*	John McBride*	Andrew Anderson*
Evening Star	49	Keith Hendricksen.....	Wallace Bender	_____
Hastings	50	Randall D. Jones.....	Vern D. Tindall	W. Glen Jorgenson.....
Fidelity	51	Michael E. Jones	Charles H. Welker*	_____
Hiram	52	Charles G. Parr*	Jay Thomsen*	Reuben Olson*
Charity	53	William E. Richards	Virgil A. Goos*	Robert D. McCartney*
Lancaster	54	Roland L. Wallick	B. Lynn Alexander.....	Don. L. Jelinek
Mosaic	55	Webb L. McNally	Willotte D. Medow	Danny Heitman*
York	56	Glenn D. Arbogast.....	Ernest Stern.....	James J. Wallingford*
Mount Moriah	57	George D. Fannon*	Forrest Halvorsen*	Ralph Ross*
Wahoo	59	Robert W. Beaman	Douglas F. Hutmacher	Louis L. Austin*
Melrose	60	_____	_____	_____
Thistle	61	Jerry W. Bennett*	Edward W. Bennett.....	Rex S. Hunt
Keystone	62	Alvin I. Bish	Melvin H. Obermeier*	Eldon L. Bish.....
Blue Valley	64	Dennis Aksamit*	Harold Schwabauer*	_____
Osceola	65	Edward D. Watts	Lewellen C. Nielsen	David R. Coffin*

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LODGE NAME	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Edgar	67	R. A. Koontz*	John Horst*	Martin W. Saum*
Aurora	68	.....	.....	.....
Trowel	71	Duane E. Johnson	Albert A. Halls*	Charles L. Eggers*
Hooper	72	Roger L. Huntman	John Liston* .....	.....
Friend	73	Warren L. Weber	Wayne W. Yokel*	Charles A. Cogswell
Frank Welch	75	Robert E. Hahn .....	.....	.....
Nelson	77	Richard D. Wroughton	Earl Adamson*	Jerry L. Drohman*
Albion	78	John W. Williams	Ron Coakes*	Merlin Weber*
Geneva	79	Robert R. Saum	Rodney J. Renken	Max H. Miller
Composite	81	Frank Parish .....	.....	.....
Saint Paul	82	James Ross* .....	.....	.....
Corinthian	83	Dean Boeckenhauer*	Thomas M. Gustafson*	Gerald Muller*
Ionic	87	Kenneth D. Peed*	Paul A. Thierolf	Howard W. Mayberry*
Cedar River	89	Larry Phillips	Bruce L. Phillips*	Gary L. Loseke*
Oakland	91	John M. Helzer*	Gerald F. Sieck*	Peter B. Kruse*
Beaver City	93	Robert J. Gardner* .....	.....	.....
Bennet	94	C. Eric Wenz*	Edwin J. Carter	Billy D. Brown*
Garfield	95	Kevin P. Shellhamer*	Virgil W. Walstrom*	John D. Truman
Utica	96	Robert O. Rhodes	Steven R. Rhodes*	Mark L. Eberspacher
Euclid	97	Darryl M. Hunt	Michael J. Saxton*	Matthew L. Mogensen*
Republican	98	Thomas Moore*	Kyle M. Kammerer*	Scott R. Randall
Shelton	99	Alvin Jaeke	Frank McCulla* .....	.....
Waterloo	102	James W. Wislicen	Louis Bertelsen	Frederick Bull, Jr.
Ord	103	Clarence E. Fox
Wymore	104	Kenneth E. Harris	Lester E. Shalla*	Robert A. Norris*

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LODGE NAME	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Stella	105	Richard A. Vlack*	D. P. Jones*	Don R. Monnette
Porter	106	Jack Charlton	Albert Smith*	Kenneth Bills
Table Rock	108	Robert Pope*	Jerry Vrtiska*	David Pope*
Pomegranate	110	David B. Campbell	Jack H. Eager*	Harold G. Gilford*
DeWitt	111	.....	.....	.....
Springfield	112	Joseph L. Beister	Gerald L. Carter*	John M. Hobbs*
Globe	113	Donald L. Dover .....	.....	.....
Wisner	114	Emil A. Ahokas	Larry L. Merchen*	Dennis Eckard*
North Bend	119	Michael L. Ough	Scott H. Eveland	Danny L. Watts
Wayne	120	Darrel D. Fuelberth*	Edward F. Fletcher*	Lloyd H. Straight*
Superior	121	Chauncey Mickelsen* .....	.....	.....
Auburn	124	.....	.....	.....
Mount Nebo	125	.....	.....	.....
Stromsburg	126	Willis Waller	Kip Allison	Joel Stevens
Minden	127	Robert G. Sorensen	David L. Craig*	John M. Fitzsimmons*
Guide Rock	128	Lewis R. Ohmstede .....	.....	.....
Scribner	132	David H. Otteman	Harry H. Hummel*	Harold H. Goodrich*
Solar	134	Phillip E. Foulk* .....	.....	.....
McCook	135	Emory W. Putz*	Louis L. Keene	Leland V. Petsch
Long Pine	136	Norman D. Johnson	Hardie Johnson*	James A. Fredrickson*
Upright	137	Ronald Leitschuck	Marvin Stake*	Albert Stake*
Rawalt	138	.....	.....	.....
Western	140	.....	.....	.....
Crescent	143	Richard T. Jackson	Nelce A. Martinsen*	Paul R. Smith*
Jachin	146	Rodney D. Johnson	Douglas A. Simpson	Lon C. Clark

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LODGE NAME	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Custer	148	Willard Still	Maurice Thompson*	Keith Leibhart*
Cambridge	150	Robert L. Heumphreus*	R. Joe Raburn*	William W. Mousel*
Evergreen	153	.....	.....	.....
Lily	154	Richard D. Mosler	R. Dale Pfeifer	Craig A. Pope*
Samaritan	158	Theodore Y. Vastine*	John L. Thompson*	Brett B. Bump*
Ogallala	159	Monte S. Gies .....	.....	Thomas M. Morrissey*
Zeredatha	160	Floyd McNay .....	.....	.....
Mount Zion	161	Gail Gonnerman	Greg Whitmore	Don Linton
Trestle Board	162	.....	.....	.....
Atkinson	164	Randy S. Stolcpart .....	.....	.....
Barneston	165	Arlyn H. Weyer*	Ronald D. March*	Charles J. Thomas*
Elwood	167	.....	.....	.....
Mason City	170	Lyle O. Lovitt	Allen Marquart*	Francis Standage
Robert Burns	173	Loren Hawkinson	Lynne E. Sutton*	Scott McDonald*
Culbertson	174	Barney L. Whatley*	Bernard R. Baker	Riley R. Morthole*
Hay Springs	177	Harry E. Honstein*	Marvin Kampbell*	Tom March*
Justice	180	Wilmer W. Seybold* .....	.....	.....
Alliance	183	James F. Pittman*	James S. Fitzsimmons*	Frank L. Balderson
Bee Hive	184	Robert Q. Tefft	Roger S. Price*	Carlton R. Tefft
Meridian	188	Vernon Cullers*	George E. Commins	Dallas Nichols*
Crystal	191	.....	.....	Raymond W. Toogood
Minnekadusa	192	John F. Daniels*	U. Wesley Fox .....	.....
Highland	194	Richard C. Sutter*	Lamar Lueders*	Lloyd Balderson*
Arcana	195	Edward L. Prentice	Clifford M. Case*	James O. Smith*
Purity	198	John D. Osler	Tom Elder

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Gavel	199	A. DeRoy Miller*	Roger E. Bonin*	Gerald K. Brinegar*
Blazing Star	200	Bruce Treffer	Alan Petersen*
ScottsBluff	201	John A. Bays	Stephen R. Gilmore*	Jack C. Hawkins*
Golden Sheaf	202	Keith Johnson	Clyde A. Carpenter* .....	.....
Plainview	204	.....	.....	.....
Golden Fleece	205	Jerome G. Criswell	James M. Prince*	Robert A. Hayes
Parian	207	Kenneth Eggleston*	Kenneth Vollenweider .....	.....
Canopy	209	.....	.....	.....
East Lincoln	210	Frederick C. Way, Sr.	Robert E. Wunder	Dale L. Babcock, Jr.
Cement	211	Edmund A. Brown*	Dewey G. Heminger	Dewey R. Heminger*
Palisade	216	.....	.....	.....
Wauneta	217	Teddy D. Anderson* .....	.....	.....
Bloomfield	218	Donald Petersen* .....	.....	.....
Relief	219	Daniel R. Pierce	Arnold Anderson .....	.....
Magnolia	220	Earl W. Carper .....	.....	.....
Wood Lake	221	Timothy E. Ferguson*	Dan R. Osburn*	E. Allen Shaul*
Landmark	222	Brent I. Thone	Donald N. Eppley*	Randall L. Hart*
Silver Cord	224	Jackson M. Roard	Mike Baxter*	Fred W. Rose*
Cable	225	.....	Fay L. Wilson* .....	.....
North Star	227	Steve Wetzel*	Max Nelson*	Mike Buttz
Bartley	228	Marvin K. Colson	Kenneth L. Downer	Lester F. Webb*
Comet	229	Gerald L. Halling	Richard E. Johnson*	W. Dean Beck*
John S. Bowen	232	Robert L. Anderson*	Roscoe C. Anderson*
Gilead	233	Max O. Brown
Zion	234	John L. Dubs

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LODGE NAME	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Fraternity	235	_____	_____	_____
Golden Rule	236	_____	_____	_____
Friendship	239	Plin L. Robotham*	_____	_____
Pilot	240	Monty R. Preston*	James A. Shuey*	_____
George Armstrong	241	_____	_____	_____
Hampton	245	_____	_____	_____
Nehawka	246	_____	_____	_____
Laurel	248	Thomas M. Fredricksen*.....	_____	_____
George Washington	250	Olin F. Wissler.....	Elmer Owen.....	Larry L. Kirwan*.....
Wausa	251	Rodge Bonde*.....	Tim Suhr*.....	_____
Bassett	254	August Schuman*.....	Richard Mauch.....	Dennis Graf*.....
Hickman	256	_____	Del D. Hamilton.....	_____
Anselmo	258	_____	Marion E. Mason.....	_____
Ornan	261	Charles Luedke*.....	Clyde Colman*.....	Thomas Blake*.....
Endeavor	262	Willard Elmer*.....	_____	_____
Mitchell	263	Lee M. Hughson*.....	Richard L. Bretthauer*.....	Donald S. Elliott*.....
Franklin	264	Ron D. Marcellus*.....	Vernon F. Duncan*.....	_____
Robert W. Furnas	265	Harold L. Rogers*.....	William C. Barbour*.....	Gary D. Powell*.....
Silver	266	Bruce Cowgill.....	Dennis Ditloff.....	Robert Viergutz.....
James A. Tulleys	267	Harold J. Rutter.....	Marvin D. Braddy*.....	Gary L. Kiem.....
George W. Lininger	268	Dudley W. Rinaker.....	Gary W. Radil.....	Todd F. Malouf*.....
Oasis	271	_____	_____	_____
Olive Branch	274	Donald Boeg.....	Lee Fahrenholz.....	Frank Hermelbracht*.....
Sioux	277	Criss Hamaker*.....	Leo Turner.....	Dale E. Buckley*.....
Wallace	279	Gary S. Melton*.....	Randall E. Ogier.....	Lyle D. Clapp*.....

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Swastika	280	_____	_____	_____
Florence	281	Robert O. Leichti.....	William L. Weber.....	Cary L. Mason*.....
Mullen	282	_____	_____	_____
Seneca	284	Allen Robinson.....	James E. Sharp*.....	Calvin Jones.....
Camp Clarke	285	_____	_____	_____
Oshkosh	286	_____	_____	_____
Union	287	Galen Lee Crawford*.....	_____	_____
Omaha	288	Charles L. Livengood*.....	Thomas A. Scheef.....	James A. Dees.....
Lotus	289	Tren Miller.....	_____	_____
John J. Mercer	290	V. Kaye Ramsey.....	Gerald F. Reeves.....	Weldon D. Jacobs.....
Diamond	291	_____	_____	_____
Monument	293	Roland E. Emmett.....	_____	Gary W. Thompson*.....
Kimball	294	Robert E. Arraj*.....	_____	_____
Minatare	295	Neil M. Gatch*.....	Harold J Bishop.....	Rodney D. Johnson*.....
Cotner	297	LeRoy L. Peterson.....	George E. Hill*.....	Charles J. Cummings*.....
Chester	298	James M. Williams*.....	_____	_____
Sutherland	299	Richard Van Rotz.....	_____	_____
Liberty	300	Roger W. Miner.....	Kenneth D. Rouch.....	_____
Bayard	301	_____	_____	_____
Mizpah	302	_____	_____	William H. Taff.....
Right Angle	303	_____	_____	_____
Newman Grove	305	James Wyant.....	Elvin Ditter*.....	Donald Matl*.....
Golden Rod	306	Gale M Beers.....	Mal M. Minshall*.....	Russell L. Olson*.....
Perkins	308	Richard H. Roberts.....	_____	_____
Victory	310	_____	LeRoy Miller*.....	Earl F. Long*.....

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LODGE NAME	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Polk	311	Alan W. Pickrel	Dennis W. Ditloff.....	Robert J. Viergutz.....
Potter	313	Douglas Reetz*	Leslie L. Lipska* .....	.....
Craftsmen	314	Joseph D. Gillam*	Vance C. Colling.....	Dennis H. Brydl.....
Alpha	316	Edward S. Matz*	R. Scott Rager*	Robert H. Hodges*
Mid-West	317	Hugh B. Nehls*	Roger A. Deininger.....	Joe L. Meuser*
Grand Island	318	Donald D. Bartelt	H. Gene Gustafson.....	Roger L. Galusha.....
College View	320	Paul D. Entsminger	Wallace R. Ritchie .....	.....
Harmony	321	Norman D. Aurich*	Dennis A. Ravert*	Gordon Lee Carley*
Lebanon	323	Paul A. Canady.....	Kevin Koutnik*	Jamie Ferguson*
Cairo	324	Lawrence Rolofson	James Sheeks* .....	.....
Bellevue	325	Richard L. Nieman	Martin G. Olsen	Robert J. Beaton
Centennial	326	Eugene A. Holman, Jr.	Michael G. Horton.....	.....
Shiloh	327	Russell L. Mason*	Brent A. Hart*	Frank Lastovica, Jr.*
Miloma	328	Daniel Denney.....	LeRoy Crye.....	Richard J. Primo
Roscoe Pound	329	William Hurst.....	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.*	Tom Simpson, Jr.

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NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS														LODGE NO.					
	LODGE NO.	INITIATED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986	PASSED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986	MEMBERSHIP DEC. 31, 1985	GAIN				LOSS									
							RAISINGS	AFFILIATIONS	DUAL/PLURAL MEMB.	REINSTATED	CONSOLIDATED	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL GAIN	DEMITTED		DEATHS	SUSPENDED	EXPULSIONS	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL LOSS	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986
Nebraska Western Star	1	2	8	3	4	513	3	0	1	0	0	5	4	20	6	0	2	32	486	1
Capital	2	5	0	5	10	253	6	2	0	0	14	4	7	7	2	0	0	13	254	2
Nemaha Valley	3	5	8	3	1	290	3	0	0	0	7	1	1	11	2	0	1	15	282	3
Omaha	4	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	46	4
Plattsmouth	5	1	3	1	0	82	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	4	81	5
Falls City	6	1	4	2	0	272	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	9	5	0	0	14	262	6
Solomon	9	0	0	0	0	135	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	2	0	0	8	128	9
Covert	10	2	3	1	0	95	1	0	2	0	0	3	1	1	2	0	0	4	94	10
Orient	11	6	8	6	3	906	4	1	10	0	0	16	7	22	38	0	0	67	855	11
Peun	13	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	37	13
Freemont	14	1	0	1	0	64	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	6	65	14
Tecumseh	15	9	5	5	1	500	4	3	0	0	8	2	7	17	0	0	0	26	482	15
Lincoln	17	0	0	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	17
Washington	19	7	9	6	3	427	3	1	0	0	9	1	12	6	0	0	0	19	417	19
Pawnee	21	0	4	1	5	111	1	0	2	0	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	7	107	21
St. Johns	23	1	2	0	0	81	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	79	23
Batrice	25	2	0	3	2	388	1	0	1	8	0	10	0	18	2	0	0	20	378	25
Jordan	26	3	5	3	4	288	4	0	1	0	0	5	0	5	8	0	0	13	290	26
Blue River	27	0	2	0	0	46	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	47	27
Tekamah	30	1	1	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	61	30
Plate Valley	31	6	9	5	3	169	3	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	167	31
Ashlar	32	4	14	5	4	395	4	2	0	4	0	10	1	14	9	0	0	24	381	32
Acacia	33	2	0	0	0	311	1	0	7	0	8	0	0	3	2	0	0	11	308	33
Fairbury	34	0	0	0	0	127	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	122	34
Lone Tree	35	2	3	2	1	135	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	4	132	35
Cele	36	0	3	0	0	119	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	5	114	36	
Oliver	37	2	1	3	2	135	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	3	0	0	5	131	37
Papillion	38	3	4	1	1	90	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	89	38
Humboldt	39	20	17	12	24	315	17	0	1	0	18	2	1	0	0	2	5	328	39	39
Northern Light	40	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	40
Hebron	41	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	3	62	41
Harvard	43	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	4	67	43
Rob Morris	44	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	60	44
Falmont	46	4	13	3	6	264	2	2	2	0	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	16	264	46
Evening Star	48	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	50	48
Hastings	49	0	2	0	1	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	61	49
Fidelity	50	3	10	1	1	323	1	1	0	0	3	1	7	2	0	0	0	10	316	50
Hiram	51	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	75	51
Charity	52	0	2	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	56	52
Lanester	53	0	0	0	1	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	100	53
Mosaic	54	3	15	7	3	731	6	2	2	0	10	0	17	11	0	0	0	28	713	54
York	55	6	8	2	1	204	1	0	3	0	5	2	5	2	0	0	0	200	55	55
Mount Moriah	56	1	0	0	0	199	1	1	0	0	3	1	4	1	0	0	0	6	196	56
Waldo	57	8	0	0	3	66	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	6	64	57
	59	5	7	4	3	171	1	0	0	0	1	0	11	2	0	0	0	14	158	59

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NAME OF LODGE	LODGE NO.	INITIATED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986	PASSED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986	MEMBERSHIP DEC. 31, 1985	MASTER MASONS										ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986	LODGE NO.			
							GAIN					LOSS									
							RAISINGS	AFFILIATIONS	DUAL/PLURAL MEMB.	REINSTATED	CONSOLIDATED	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL GAIN	DEMITTED	DEATHS	SUSPENDED			EXPULSIONS	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL LOSS
Melrose	60	0	1	4	2	94	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	94	60
Thistle	61	2	8	1	1	169	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	165	61
Keystone	62	0	0	2	2	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	62
Blue Valley	64	1	3	0	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	57	64
Oscola	65	2	3	6	2	66	4	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	3	68	65
Egger	67	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	43	67
Aurora	68	0	5	0	1	80	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	5	77	68
Townel	71	0	1	0	1	82	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	0	0	5	75	71
Hooper	72	1	1	1	3	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	8	73	72
Friend	73	0	0	2	0	48	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	73
Frank Welch	75	4	6	3	2	163	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	4	0	0	8	138	75
Nelson	77	0	0	0	0	99	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	6	2	0	0	0	77	77
Albion	78	0	0	1	1	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	59	78
Genova	79	1	0	2	1	147	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	4	0	10	142	79	79
Composite	81	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	81
Saint Paul	82	0	0	0	0	101	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	6	96	82
Carinthian	83	0	2	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	5	47	83
Home	87	0	4	0	2	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	87	87
Cedar River	89	3	3	2	1	70	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	7	72	89
Oakland	91	0	1	0	0	76	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	73	91
Beverly City	93	0	3	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	54	93
Bennett	94	0	3	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	7	48	94	
Garfield	95	3	5	2	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	77	95
Ulta	96	0	0	0	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	49	96
Eudick	97	1	4	1	1	99	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	0	1	8	92	97
Republican	98	0	2	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	32	98
Shenkan	99	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	99
Warricko	102	1	5	1	3	144	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	3	143	102	
Ord	103	0	0	0	0	78	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	5	74	103
Wymore	104	0	3	0	4	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	96	104
Stella	105	1	0	0	1	31	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	31	105	
Porter	106	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	106	
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	23	108	
Fortranne	110	3	9	4	3	138	4	2	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	1	0	3	161	110	
DeWitt	111	0	2	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	26	111
Springfield	112	16	1	6	2	68	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	3	69	112
Globe	113	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	6	40	113
Wilsner	114	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	5	75	114
North Bend	119	3	6	0	1	89	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	90	119	
Wayne	120	1	6	2	1	142	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	7	136	120
Superior	121	2	0	2	0	134	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	2	0	0	8	128	121
Aurora	124	0	0	0	1	79	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	0	6	74	124
Mount Nebo	125	0	0	0	1	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	41	125
Strasburg	126	1	5	1	1	136	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	4	135	126	
Minden	127	1	4	0	0	69	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	70	127	

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	LODGE NO.	INITIATED					MEMBERSHIP DEC. 31, 1985	GAIN						LOSS								
		ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986						RAISINGS	AFFILIATIONS	DUAL/PLURAL MEMB.	REINSTATED	CONSOLIDATED	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL GAIN	DEMITTED	DEATHS	SUSPENDED	EXPULSIONS	OTHER CAUSES			TOTAL LOSS
		INITIATED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986	PASSED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986	MEMBERSHIP DEC. 31, 1985																
Guide Rock	128	0	0	3	3	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	68	128	
Scribner	132	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	132	
Solar	134	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	134	
McCook	135	4	9	2	2	211	1	0	2	0	65	0	68	2	9	0	0	2	13	266	135	
Long Pine	136	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	136	
Upright	137	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	33	137	
Rawl	138	3	4	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	0	8	46	138	
Western	140	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	21	140	
Crescent	143	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	17	143	
Jachin	146	0	4	0	0	144	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	7	143	146	
Custer	148	1	3	0	0	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	6	151	148	
Cambridge	150	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	6	45	150	
Evergreen	153	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	23	153	
Lily	154	0	2	3	1	44	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	46	154	
Samaritan	158	1	2	1	0	171	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	6	5	0	0	12	162	158	
Ogallala	159	1	3	0	2	127	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	6	124	159	
Zeredatha	160	1	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	160	
Mount Zion	161	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	161	
Trestle Board	162	1	0	1	0	51	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	50	162	
Unity	163	0	1	0	1	41	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	40	163	
Atkinson	164	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	164	
Barneston	165	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	26	165	
Elwood	167	0	0	0	0	59	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	59	167	
Amity	169	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	33	169	
Mason City	170	1	1	1	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	5	31	170	
Robert Burns	173	0	1	1	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	173	
Culbertson	174	0	0	0	0	55	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	55	174	
Hay Springs	177	0	0	0	1	74	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	73	177	
Justice	180	0	5	0	1	88	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	4	85	180	
Alliance	183	0	5	0	2	261	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	8	11	0	0	20	244	183	
Bee Hive	184	3	76	3	50	565	3	0	0	5	0	0	8	1	19	19	0	0	39	534	184	
Meridian	188	0	1	0	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	94	188	
Crystal	191	0	1	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	191	
Minnekadusa	192	1	5	0	1	108	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	107	192	
Highland	194	2	0	1	2	57	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	56	194	
Arcana	195	0	5	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	90	195	
Purity	198	1	2	1	1	77	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	5	73	198	
Gavel	199	1	1	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	5	27	199	
Blazing Star	200	0	0	0	1	53	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	52	200	
ScottsBluff	201	2	1	2	0	130	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	0	0	7	125	201	
Golden Sheaf	202	0	1	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	34	202	
Plainview	204	0	1	2	0	114	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	1	7	109	204	
Golden Fleece	205	0	1	0	0	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	103	205	
Parian	207	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	27	207	
Canopy	209	1	5	1	1	55	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	58	209	

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		ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986	PASSED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986	MEMBERSHIP DEC. 31, 1985	RAISINGS		AFFILIATIONS	DUAL/PLURAL MEMB.	REINSTATED	CONSOLIDATED	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL GAIN	DEMITTED	DEATHS	SUSPENDED	EXPULSIONS	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL LOSS		
East Lincoln	210	17	15	16	4	680	17	1	2	17	0	37	3	19	28	0	0	50	667	210	
Cement	211	0	2	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	49	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	211	
Palisade	216	0	1	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	66	216	
Wauneta	217	0	2	0	1	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	217	
Bloomfield	218	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	218	
Relief	219	0	3	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	59	219	
Magnolia	220	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	26	220	
Wood Lake	221	0	0	0	1	68	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	66	221	
Landmark	222	1	1	0	0	74	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	74	222	
Silver Cord	224	1	6	1	1	93	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	5	3	0	0	8	89	224	
Cable	225		2	0	0	64	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	2	0	2	8	57	225	
North Star	227	7	19	5	9	248	5	0	1	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	2	252	227	
Barley	228	3	4	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	33	228	
Comet	229	4	4	3	0	94	3	0	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	98	229	
John S. Bowen	232	1	1	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	34	232	
Gilead	233	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	29	233	
Zion	234	1	4	0	1	73	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	6	68	234	
Fraternity	235	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	7	15	235	
Golden Rule	236	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	236	
Friendship	239	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	53	239	
Pilot	240	2	4	0	2	134	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	8	8	0	0	16	120	240	
George Armstrong	241	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	37	241	
Hampton	245	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	245	
Nehawka	246	0	2	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	69	246	
Laurel	248	0	0	2	0	57	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	57	248	
Gothenburg	249	0	1	0	0	93	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	3	14	0	0	18	78	249	
George Washington	250	0	13	0	0	190	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	6	4	0	0	12	179	250	
Wausa	251	1	6	0	5	62	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	251	
Bassett	254	1	5	0	2	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	254	
Hickman	256	4	22	4	14	103	4	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	7	0	0	8	100	256	
Anselmo	258	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	44	258	
Oran	261	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	6	56	261	
Endeavor	262	1	3	0	0	59	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	1	6	54	262	
Mitchell	263	2	3	2	0	113	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	4	0	1	7	109	263	
Franklin	264	0	5	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5	60	264	
Robert W. Furnas	265	4	3	5	5	307	2	2	1	0	0	5	0	17	4	0	0	21	291	265	
Silver	266	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	42	266	
James A. Tulleys	267	0	1	0	1	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	65	267	
George W. Lininger	268	6	0	6	1	229	5	1	0	1	0	7	0	4	4	0	0	8	228	268	
Oasis	271	3	2	2	0	123	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	123	271	
Olive Branch	274	0	5	0	0	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	1	0	0	10	104	274	
Sioux	277	0	0	0	0	35	1	0	0	0	42	43	0	3	3	0	0	6	72	277	
Wallace	279	0	2	0	0	31	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	279	
Swastika	280	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	5	48	280	
Florence	281	1	5	2	1	502	2	1	0	7	0	10	4	22	19	0	1	46	466	281	

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	LODGE NO.	INITIATED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986	PASSED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1986	MEMBERSHIP DEC. 31, 1985	GAIN					LOSS													
							RAISINGS	AFFILIATIONS	DUAL/PLURAL MEMB.	REINSTATED	CONSOLIDATED	OTHER CAUSES		TOTAL GAIN	DEMITTED	DEATHS	SUSPENDED	EXPULSIONS	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL LOSS					
Mullen	282	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	282	
Seneca	284	0	0	0	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	24	284	
Camp Clarke	285	3	8	0	1	84	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	5	11	74	285
Oshkosh	286	0	6	0	1	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	80	286	
Union	287	0	3	0	2	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	4	63	287
Omaha	288	3	0	5	0	216	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	10	5	0	0	0	15	208	288
Louis	289	0	7	1	1	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	5	87	289	
John J. Mercier	290	9	0	7	9	1027	16	5	0	10	0	32	1	32	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	1007	290	
Diamond	291	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	3	3	0	0	0	5	47	291	
Mountant	293	0	5	1	2	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	40	293	
Kimball	294	3	6	0	3	127	3	2	0	2	0	0	5	2	2	5	2	5	0	0	0	7	125	294	
Minatare	295	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	41	295	
Center	297	1	3	1	0	249	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	0	4	13	0	0	0	0	0	17	236	297	
Chester	298	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	39	298		
Sutherland	299	0	4	0	3	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	4	4	4	71	299		
I. liberty	300	2	3	3	1	288	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	0	0	12	276	300					
Byard	301	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	301		
Mizpah	302	7	11	2	2	598	2	0	0	12	0	14	2	20	16	0	0	38	574	302					
Right Angle	303	0	0	0	0	229	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	3	0	0	15	214	303					
Newman Grove	305	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	3	1	0	4	49	305					
Golden Rod	306	0	1	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	48	306					
Perkins	308	0	0	1	0	63	0	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	3	63	308					
Victory	310	2	4	4	1	131	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	3	2	0	0	6	128	310					
Polk	311	1	0	2	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	50	311					
Peter	313	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	313	
Craftsmen	314	0	6	4	0	380	4	2	0	0	0	6	1	11	10	0	0	22	364	314					
Alpha	316	0	0	1	1	137	1	1	0	0	0	42	1	6	11	0	0	18	161	316					
Mid-West	317	8	16	5	1	468	3	7	1	0	0	66	3	10	8	0	0	21	513	317					
Grand Island	318	1	3	2	2	234	0	1	1	57	0	4	0	12	5	0	0	18	220	318					
College View	320	0	3	0	0	108	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	107	320					
Harmony	321	0	5	2	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	45	321					
Lehman	323	4	0	5	2	167	3	3	0	2	0	5	0	6	3	0	0	9	165	323					
Cairo	324	0	7	1	0	400	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	51	324					
Bellevue	325	3	2	0	1	51	0	0	0	5	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	22	386	325					
Centennial	326	0	0	0	2	312	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	4	4	0	0	9	306	326					
Shiloh	327	3	5	3	0	119	3	3	1	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	4	128	327					
Millora	328	21	39	12	12	153	11	2	1	0	0	14	0	2	1	0	0	2	165	328					

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