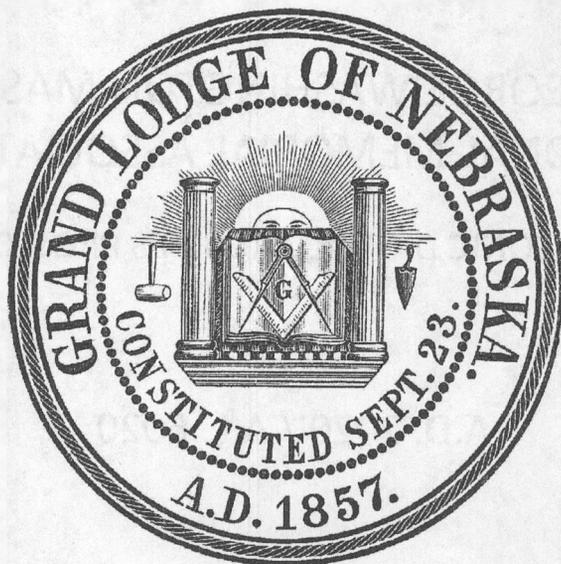


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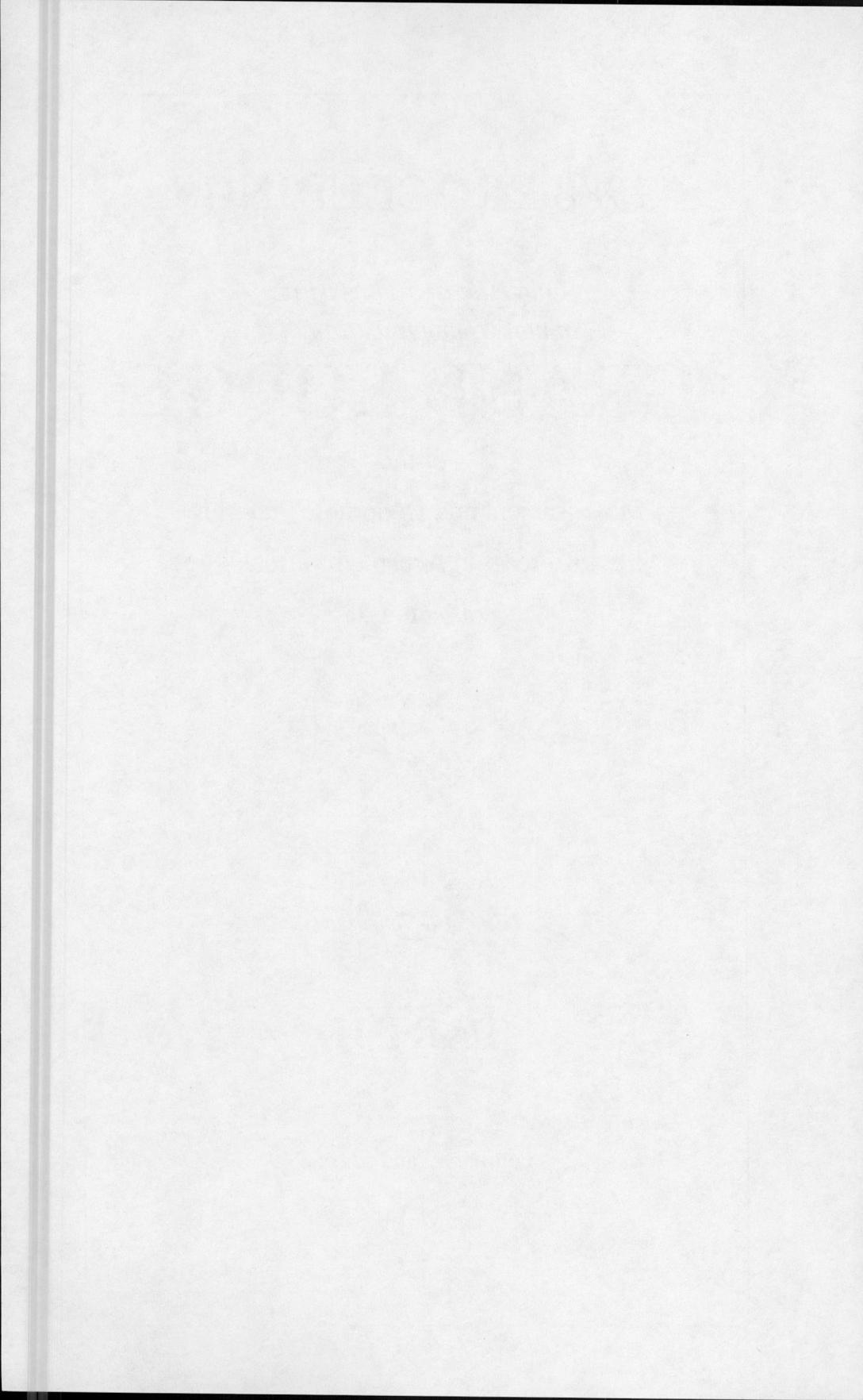
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**PART II**

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February 5 and 6, 1988



**1988 PROCEEDINGS**

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*ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIRST*

*ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

*Held in Lincoln, Nebraska, February 5 & 6, 1988*

*FIRST DAY — OPENING SESSION*

*Friday, February 5, 1988*

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, Lincoln, Nebraska, at 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 5 A.D. 1988 A.L. 5988. M.:W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg, Grand Master of the Masons of Nebraska, presided.

Very Worshipful Wilbert W. Wittmuss, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of deity during this Grand Lodge Communication.

Sir Knights from the St. John's Commandery of Knights Templar, Number 16, McCook, Nebraska, presented the colors. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Knights who presented the flag were Deputy Grand Commander V. F. Leawisbald, E. F. Fred R. Parrell, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska, Donald O. Bickrin, Grand Orator, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska.

W.:B.: Nelson W. Rittenburg delivered tribute to the flag of the United States.

**RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

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

**GRAND MASTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES  
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

- M.:W.: Ralph L. Hultquist .....Grand Master of Minnesota
- M.:W.: Clifford D. Knauss .....Grand Master of Kansas
- M.:W.: George D. Weed .....Grand Master of Iowa
- R.:W.: Claude W. Norris.....Deputy Grand Master of Kansas
- R.:W.: Donald P. Smith, Jr. ....Senior Grand Warden of Colorado
- R.:W.: Leslie M. Spies .....Senior Grand Warden of South Dakota
- W.: Franklin L. Coonley .....Senior Grand Deacon of Nevada
- W.: Conrad F. Johnson.....Senior Grand Deacon of Kansas
- W.: George C. Smith .....Grand Marshal Wyoming
- M.:W.: Arris Johnson .....Past Grand Master of Kansas
- W.: Gene Galbraith .....Grand Representative from Ohio
- W.: Leonard Strycharz.....Grand Representative from Delaware
- CDR John S. Henderson .....National President, National Sojourners  
San Antonio, Texas

**LEADERS OF YORK RITE**

- B.: Morgan A. Hartman.....Grand High Priest,  
Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- B.: Gordon B. Pinney.....Most Illustrious Grand Master  
of the Grand Council  
of Cryptic Masons of Nebraska
- B.: Bob Franklin .....Grand Commander

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NEBRASKA**

- B.: Floyd R. McKenzie.....Grand Secretary  
Recorder of the  
Grand York Rite of Nebraska

**SCOTTISH RITE**

- M.: W.: Herbert A. Ronin .....Lt. Grand Commander, Supreme Council  
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of  
Free Masonry for the Southern Jurisdiction  
of the United States  
of America;  
Sovereign Grand Inspector  
General for Nebraska
- B.: Lester W. Aspergren .....Secretary - Recorder of Scottish Rite  
Valley of Hastings

**EASTERN STAR**

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

**JOB'S DAUGHTERS**

- Heidi Sieck.....Grand Bethel Honored Queen  
International Order of  
Job's Daughters of Nebraska
- Stephanie Wood.....Miss International Job's Daughter  
Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter  
Miss Nebraska Congeniality
- Julie Reno .....Grand Guardian

**INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS OF NEBRASKA**

- Larry Austin .....Grand Associate Guardian  
International Order of  
Job's Daughters of Nebraska

**DeMOLAY OF NEBRASKA**

- Tony Lamb.....Master Councillor  
DeMolay of the State of Nebraska

**INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW**

- Jodi Nielsen.....Grand Worthy Advisor
- Mrs. Berniece Breland.....Supreme Deputy in Nebraska
- Mrs. Eugene Domingo .....Member of Grand Executive Board  
International Order of Rainbow

**PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS**

M.:W.: Louis V. Sylvester, Past Grand Master, presented the following Past Grand Masters of Nebraska:

Thomas J. Aron .....	(86th) .....	1951
Merle M. Hale .....	(91st) .....	1956
Herbert A. Ronin.....	(96th) .....	1961
Harry A. Spencer.....	(99th) .....	1964
Louis V. Sylvester .....	(100th) .....	1965
Lewis R. Ricketts .....	(101st) .....	1966
Frank J. Mattoon .....	(108th) .....	1973
Donald R. Swanson .....	(109th) .....	1974
Harold Hultman.....	(110th) .....	1975
T. Leo Stines .....	(111th) .....	1976
Jack H. Hendrix.....	(113th) .....	1978
Warren D. Lichty, Jr. ....	(114th) .....	1979
Bevin B. Bump.....	(118th) .....	1983
Charles W. Amidon .....	(120th) .....	1986
Carl R. Greisen .....	(Honorary)	

The Past Grand Masters were conducted to the East and given Grand Honors. The following Past Grand Masters were unable to attend: Benjamin F. Eyre (81st) 1946; Joseph C. Tye (94th) 1959; Ernest O. Van Wey (97th) 1962; Hugh W. Eisenhart (104th) 1969; Russel L. Fickes (106th) 1971; Byron C. Jenkins (115th) 1980; Paul R. Pierce (117th) 1982; and Robert A. Metcalf (119th) 1984-85.

**MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION**

Bob Adamsheck, Masonic Service Association — Hospital Visitor

M.:W.: Herbert A. Ronin, P.G.M., Chairman Emeritus of the Masonic Service Association and Executive Committee Member, on behalf of the Masonic Service Association presented Brother Adamsheck with a plaque recognizing his 15,000 hours of service in visitations to patients at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**GRAND ORATOR'S ORATION**

The Grand Orator, Worshipful Brother Del Weber, delivered his oration.

It is indeed a pleasure for me to address this distinguished gathering of Masons from throughout Nebraska. This meeting is one of coming together, of reflection — an opportunity to assess both our strengths as an organization, and our shortcomings. It is an opportunity to collectively and individually examine our conscience and take stock of our standing as Masons, and as members of the larger society.

We have much in common — we are citizens and contributors to the same State, we are brothers in one of the oldest and most respected fraternal organizations in existence. And most importantly, we are bound together by a set of principles or tenets which guide not only our actions, but those of fellow Masons worldwide. We know that being a member of this brotherhood requires — no, demands — of us an adherence to three attributes: brotherly love, relief and truth.

The first, brotherly love, suggests a relationship that goes beyond the typical camaraderie which is part of belonging to any organization. It suggests a much stronger bond, based in friendship, forged by respect, and maintained by a mutual sense of the sacredness of fraternal brotherhood. It suggests a code of behavior between lodge members where standards are higher than found in society — unquestioning loyalty, honesty, integrity and a sense of responsibility for the actions of oneself and fellow Masons. Out of this very special relationship flows an adherence to the second tenet — relief.

As Masons, we accept that we are, in fact and in practice, "our brother's keeper." We have not only a social, but a moral responsibility, to extend the hand of charity and friendship to all those in need.

The final tenet of Masonry is truth, and it is the foundation of the first two. Brotherly love cannot exist where suspicion resides. And true charity and relief cannot be extended, if done for any other motive. Truth is what binds us as brothers. It is what we represent to the society. It is what being a Mason is really all about.

I am concerned about the current state of truthfulness in today's society. As so many others, I am shocked by what I read in the papers; and I am disappointed in a trend looming on the horizon — the misguided notion that something less than honesty is acceptable if the cause is right, a trend which tells our youth that "get rich quick" schemes are O.K. so long as no one is hurt...or worse yet, if you don't get caught. I see politicians and businessmen, who should be setting examples, defending, denying, or excusing their wrongful actions. And I see a real and present need for Masons and Masonry to exercise leadership. It is, therefore, upon truth, our final tenet, that I wish to base my remarks today.

If we are to examine the concept of truth or truthfulness, then perhaps we should define it. We can agree that for the purposes of our discussion, the term transcends the act of not lying. It involves many subtleties and nuances. Among them:

- loyalty
- trustworthiness
- sincerity
- reality
- genuineness
- honesty

The Masonic definition of the word is even more explicit. As Apprentice Masons, we learned an even more explicit definition of the word.

"By Truth, the last of the Principal Tenets, is meant something more than the search for the true in the intellectual sense...Truth is a divine

attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. In any permanent Brotherhood, members must, in character and habits, be truthful, dependable, honorable men, on whom we can rely for faithfulness and loyalty. Truth is a vital requirement if a Brotherhood is to endure..."

As Masons, we accept unquestioningly that our relationships with fellow Masons are based in truth. But I would like us to examine the balance of our dealings with others, as well. If we are to live up to our mission as defined by one of our illustrious brothers, then we must also seek to "achieve better men in a better world, happier men in a happier world, and wiser men in a wiser world."

We should not be content to promote these ideals only within our brotherhood. We must, rather, serve as role models by living the ideal every hour of the day. Truthfulness must be the foundation upon which we build our reputation as Masons, as businessmen and leaders, and as human beings.

Willard C. Butcher, Chairman of the Chase Manhattan Corporation told an audience recently: "Whether you aspire to business or any other calling, ethical behavior and effective leadership are intertwined and inseparable." "Meaningful leadership," he said, "cannot be accompanied by moral collapse. The leader who acts ethically will ultimately succeed. The leader who lacks an ethical foundation will ultimately fail."

Peter Scotese, the retired CEO of Springs Industries, said it all in a different way when he said: "Integrity is not a 90 percent thing, not a 95 percent thing; either you have it or you don't."

Simple, straightforward advice — so how is it that we become confused when it's time to apply it? It seems that in our society today, the lines between truthfulness and lying, integrity and dishonesty, have blurred. Or, perhaps, what is blurred is our response as a society to those who are less than truthful. You don't have to be much of a scholar in current events to see that what has been called a "church on Sunday, sin on Monday" mentality is permeating the front pages.

Among the highlights, or should I say, "lowlights," to receive attention:

Insider trading on Wall Street, with a cast of characters represented by Ivan Boesky and Dennis Levine, threatens the very structure of the securities-trading and investment-banking marketplace, a business based on trust. The sad fact is, that for many businessmen, Boesky's crime was not using inside information to pocket illicit gains — it was getting caught.

Gary Hart, whose Bimini "monkey business" at one time threatened to topple his political career, is riding high again. And the press, which exposed this rather shady side of his character, was vilified for "bringing his personal life into the campaign." Hart became the injured party — not his wife, not those who had invested time and money into his campaign, not the thousands of people who believed in him, who trusted him.

The Iran-Contra escapade made Ollie North a national hero, and put the U.S. constitution, military integrity and our laws to the test. North openly admitted to lying, and to shredding documents for a cause that was more important than telling the truth. Sad to say, he had the Select Committee, and a majority of Americans, including young people newly involved in the polit-

ical process, believing that it is O.K. to lie if the cause is justified in your own mind.

And within my own field, education, scandals have rocked some ivied halls as athletes and coaches have been caught lying to preserve eligibility—prompting commentator George Will to rename several institutions "schools for scandal."

In a speech to the Allstate Forum on Public Issues in Chicago, recently, the President of Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company, Andrew V. Smith, told his audience such behavior was not a new phenomenon in America. "Doing wrong," he said, was often a shortcut to "making good." But, what is disturbing to Mr. Smith is a new attitude toward ethics that make the situation graver than in the past. He gives three reasons:

"Graver," he says; "because the abusers themselves either won't acknowledge or can't understand that they have done anything wrong. Everyone does it, they say; besides, our lawyers will get us off.

"Graver because ethical abusers are treated more like celebrities than pariahs." Mr. Smith quotes a New York Times article, stating: "to ensure the success of your next dinner party, invite Ivan Boesky, Dennis Levine or the Mayflower Madame. The pervading attitude seems to be "if you indicted — you're invited!"

And finally, according to Smith, the situation is graver "because the average citizen has almost become inured to such behavior. People are starting to accept ethical abuse as the social norm."

I would add a fourth point to the list, and that is, for all of the above reasons, our youth are more capable of being influenced than previous generations might have been. Television lends instant credibility to all manner of ideas, however poorly reasoned. Our heroes come and go in rapid-fire succession, and society's materialistic attitude makes suspicious business practices more palatable. Children believe what they hear; and, my friends, what they are hearing about ethics is way off the mark. We are sending the wrong message to the next generation.

Miami Herald writer Kathleen Krog made a similar point when she asked in a recent editorial: "Where do children learn to make excuses for bad actions? From parents — good Americans all who are losing the will to teach, to demand that each of us take responsibility for his actions."

So how can we as Americans, as Masons, as leaders and role models in our communities, do our part to infuse our society with a much needed dose of honesty and candor?

First, we need to demand truth from our leaders. We should not accept or elect those who serve us less. We should not accept "excuse making" or today's favorite phrase, "I forgot" as an out. The Iran-Contra hearings provided viewers with a cavalcade of faulty memories — George Bush forgot that he knew about the deal with Iran to trade arms for hostages. Attorney General Ed Meese could not remember, recollect or recall 189 times during his testimony. And National Security Advisor John Poindexter lost his memory 186 times during the hearings.

We need to hold up as examples those who have stood up for truth in

the face of adversity. Individuals such as Jim Burke, the chairman of Johnson and Johnson, who, despite a heavy toll of lost profits, moved swiftly during the Tylenol tampering scare to keep the public out of danger. Or a John Shad, former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, now ambassador to the Netherlands, who fought hard to make ethics a part of the curriculum at the Harvard Business School. Or, despite what you might think of his record overall, a Jimmy Carter who, when the hostage rescue attempt failed, had the conviction to say: "I accept the blame, it was my fault."

As Masons, we need to show by example that we not only ascribe to our tenets of truthfulness, but that we live them. French philosopher Henri-Frederick Amiel wrote: "Pure truth cannot be assimilated by the crowd, it must be communicated by contagion." We must begin by examining ourselves, our motivations and assess our own character. I suggest we start by asking ourselves these questions:

—Are my business relationships guided by honesty, no matter the cost?

—Am I willing to lose an account, an employee, even a friend, for the sake of ethics and principle?

—Am I, by example, teaching my children, or any young person I come in contact with, that fairness, truth and traditional values are still necessary and highly valued?

—Finally, do I turn a deaf ear towards those who are not ethical to avoid confrontation or embarrassment?

There has been much concern expressed about the alarming decline in membership in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Brother Joe Baker has chronicled them clearly — a decline in the period 1966 to 1986 from 43,969 members to 27,710, or a decline of 16,250 members in 20 years — a net loss of almost 37 percent. As I have noted elsewhere these numbers force me to conclude that we are falling short of our mark. If in fact, we are developing better men, happier men and wiser men through Masonry, we have not been able to sell it to the next generation.

No amount of short fixes will suffice to solve our membership problems. Only a reaffirmation of the principles for which we stand and a renewal of our commitment to them will work. I believe more firmly than ever that we can increase both the membership and the prestige of Masonry by providing an outstanding example for others to emulate. The decline in numbers can be stemmed by our reinforcement of the concept that Masonry stands for something that our society sorely needs — that we represent men of honor, honesty, of conviction. Our basic tenets of brotherly love, charity and truth are the very foundations upon which our Country was founded. They are the principles to which it must return. To that end, Masons and Masonry must lead the way. The rules of right and wrong have not changed. They just need to be applied.

We need only to trust in the truth and have the courage to live the tenets of Masonry. I leave you with these words of Leo Tolstoi in *War and Peace*, "For us, with the rule of right and wrong given us by Christ, there is nothing for which we have no standard. And there is no greatness where there is not simplicity, goodness and truth."

Thank you...

The Grand Master closed the informal public opening ceremony and dismissed all who were not Master Masons.

### LODGE OPENING

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form at 3:30 p.m. by the officers of Fremont Lodge No. 15, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

The Lodge of Master Masons received the Most Worshipful Brother, Wayne G. Luenenborg, Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska.

The Grand Master directed the Senior Deacon to conduct the officers of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to the East, facing West, and introduced the Grand Lodge Officers:

M.: W.:	Wayne G. Luenenborg .....	Grand Master
R.: W.:	Paul R. Eveland.....	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.:	Thomas W. Tye .....	Grand Senior Warden
R.: W.:	John M. McHenry.....	Grand Junior Warden
R.: W.:	Albert T. Reddish.....	Grand Secretary
V.: W.:	Wilbert W. Wittmuss .....	Grand Chaplain
W.:	Jerry L. Rittenburg.....	Grand Custodian
W.:	Kenneth G. Fleming.....	Grand Marshal
W.:	James N. DeMoss.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W.:	James L. Eatmon.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W.:	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler .....	Grand Tyler

The Grand Master proclaimed the 131st Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Nebraska, open in ample form at 3:38 p.m., February 5, 1988.

The Worshipful Grand Marshal made proclamation thereof.

The Grand Secretary reported that there was a constitutional number of subordinate lodges represented to constitute a quorum.

The Grand Master proceeded with business of the 131st Annual Communication.

## ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Brethren:

Seven months have now almost passed since the 130th Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Because of the change in dates for the Communication to be held, it is again my privilege to welcome you to the 131st Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska.

It is with mixed emotions that I bring you this address. First the realization that my term as Grand Master is almost over, and the honor and privilege of serving you will soon become pleasant memories. On the other hand, I am looking forward with a sigh of relief to be relieved of the tremendous responsibilities of being your Grand Master and serving as many as possible of you good Masons in a satisfactory manner.

As I look back, I see many projects to be completed, as well as goals to be achieved. My defense is that "Rome was not built in a day." There is somewhere in the work where it says: "Time, patience and perseverance accomplish all things." Hopefully, this will come to pass.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the Grand Officers who served with me this year. I have never in my entire life been associated with a finer group of brethren who are so dedicated to Masonry and its future. Thank you all for your untiring support. As in every organization things are not rosy all the time; and, it is during those times when their counsel, assistance and dedication is truly appreciated.

I have become well acquainted with the leaders of the other bodies: the Job's, Rainbow, DeMolay, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, etc., and it is my sincere wish that these bodies become closer united for one cause; and, that is, to promote Masonry and to solve the ever present problem of membership. I also want to pay a special tribute to the Board of Trustees for their untiring efforts in making the new building project at the Plattsmouth Home a reality. The Board of the Masonic Eastern Star Home at Fremont is also to be commended for the splendid and efficient manner of handling the affairs of that fine facility.

As I look back, I see a number of things that should have been accomplished; and, yet, I feel tremendous strides have been made in a more efficient Administrative Office, as well as creating a closer relationship among the brethren. In order to realize success in changes, they must be given sufficient time to function. Remember, happiness is not the lack of controversy, it is the ability to cope with it.

I am very much concerned about the resolution passed at the Imperial Session of the Shrine last June which deals with a Shriner being able to retain his membership while suspended by the Masonic Grand Lodge.

As for projects that I personally would like to see become a reality: I would like to see a Masonic Lodge built in the Stuhr Museum at Grand Island for tourists from all over this great Country to see. I would like to see the Grand Lodge Office moved to the Scottish Rite Building in Lincoln until such

time as it is feasible to build a Grand Lodge office, so that we can assist in the maintenance and overhead of this magnificent structure.

A special thanks to all the brethren of Nebraska for the support and recognition given me. Also, to Darrell Christensen and Shelley Verch for the efficient manner in which they have handled the administrative affairs of the Grand Lodge.

And now, Brethren, I submit to you my activities, decisions and actions of the past seven months, keeping in mind that much of this could not have been accomplished without the support of you brethren, the Grand Lodge Officers and the Office Staff.

### NECROLOGY

There have been a number of our beloved brethren who have passed on to that Celestial Lodge above. Among them, a dear friend of mine and a Deputy Custodian Emeritus, Harold Weddel. May their souls rest in peace.

### CORNERSTONES

On May 24, 1987, the Grand Lodge Officers laid a cornerstone for the Butler County Hospital in David City.

On June 6, 1987, I had the privilege, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, to lay the cornerstone and dedicate the new Masonic Temple at North Platte.

On September 13th, the new Masonic Temple at Bartley was dedicated.

### BYLAWS APPROVED

Approved Potter Lodge #313 to change meeting day of regular meeting.

Approved Union Lodge #287 to raise dues.

Approved Florence Lodge #281 to raise dues.

Approved Hickman Lodge #256 to raise dues.

Approved Arcana Lodge #195 to limit regular meetings to one per month.

Approved Culbertson Lodge #174 to raise dues.

Approved changing meeting night of Evening Star Lodge #49.

Approved Long Pine Lodge #136 to raise dues.

Approved Omaha Lodge #288 to raise dues.

Approved Papillion Lodge #39 to raise dues.

### REINSTATEMENTS

During the period from June 12 to December 31, I approved seven reinstatements.

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Appointed Steven K. Jones, Mitchell Lodge #263, as Grand Representative from Nebraska to Scotland.

## VISITATIONS

## JUNE

- 10, 11, 12, 13 Grand Lodge Communication – Kearney  
 13 Rainbow for Girls – Crete  
 20 Rode on Masonic Float in Nebraskaland Days  
 Parade – North Platte  
 21-26 Imperial Shrine Session – Las Vegas

## JULY

- 10 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting – Lincoln  
 11 Attended Table Lodge – Fremont No. 15  
 17 Tehama Shrine Golf Tournament – North Platte  
 25 Attended DeMolay Conclave – Lincoln  
 31 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting – Lincoln

## AUGUST

- 1 Shrine Bowl Game – Lincoln  
 5 Shrine Club Picnic – North Platte  
 8 Participated in Theford Centennial Parade  
 9, 10, 11 Wyoming Grand Lodge Communication – Lander  
 16 Centennial - Ogallala Lodge #159  
 21 Visited Grand Lodge Office  
 22 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting – Lincoln  
 23 4-H Achievement Day – Masonic Eastern Star Home,  
 – Fremont  
 28 Presented Ralph Gerry Grand Custodian Emeritus –  
 Omaha Masonic Manor  
 30 York Rite Centennial – McCook

## SEPTEMBER

- 12 Participated in Arnold City Centennial Parade  
 13 Bartley Dedication  
 17, 18, 19 Attended Iowa Grand Lodge Communication –  
 Waterloo  
 19 Attended George Washington Lodge No. 250 Friendship  
 Night – Lincoln  
 20 Central City Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 – presented two  
 60 year pins  
 22 Visited Springfield Lodge No. 112  
 23 Attended Past Masters Meeting – Hershey  
 27, 28, 29 Attended Missouri Grand Lodge Communication –  
 St. Louis

## OCTOBER

- 4 Attended Centennial for Zeredatha Lodge No. 160 –  
 Reynolds  
 6 Visited Cable Lodge No. 225 – Arnold  
 13 Attended Home Board Meeting and Ground Breaking  
 Ceremonies – Plattsmouth Masonic Home  
 14 Performed Graveside Services – North Platte  
 14 Attended Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 – North Platte  
 16 Commissioned Harold W. Noble Deputy Grand Custodian –

**OCTOBER**

- Bellevue Lodge No. 325  
 17 Attended DeMolay Grand Masters Class at Hastings  
 17 Attended Scottish Rite Reunion in Alliance  
 20 Attended Milford's 60 year celebration and presented  
 60 year pin  
 25 Performed Graveside Services – North Platte  
 28 Attended Past Masters Meeting – North Platte

**NOVEMBER**

- 3 Visited George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 – Omaha  
 4 Visited Grand Lodge Office – Lincoln  
 7 Attended Job's Daughters Workshop Banquet –  
 North Platte  
 9 Presented 50 year pin to PGM Ernest O. Van Wey at  
 Gothenburg  
 9 Attended dinner and meeting of OES – Gothenburg  
 17 Attended Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 Two Master  
 Degrees  
 18 Past Masters Meeting Papillion Lodge No. 39 –  
 Papillion  
 19 Table Lodge Liberty No. 300 – Lincoln  
 20 Grand Lodge Officers' Meeting – Grand Island

**DECEMBER**

- 2 Attended Sutherland Lodge No. 299 – Sutherland  
 3 Visited Grand Lodge Office – Lincoln  
 4 Attended KCCH – Lincoln  
 5 Presented 70 year pin to Uncle Art Bull at Millard  
 7 Attended Shrine Club Meeting – North Platte  
 10 Took Proficiency Exam at Cozad  
 12 Presented 70 year pin to Henry Mumen at Hay Springs  
 16 Past Masters – Stockman Inn at North Platte  
 18 Attended Installation of Officers of the North Platte  
 Shrine Club  
 19 Attended the International Order of Job's Daughters  
 Installation at Columbus Bethel No. 39

**JANUARY**

- 2 Installed Officers of Fremont Lodge No. 15 – Fremont  
 9 Installed Officers of Hastings Lodge No. 50 and  
 Mid West Lodge No. 317 – Hastings  
 10 Installed Officers of Papillion Lodge No. 39 – Papillion  
 16 Installed Officers of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 –  
 North Platte  
 21 Installed Officers of Endeavor Lodge No. 262 –  
 Indianola

**SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS**

1. Approved Consolidation of Amity Lodge No. 169 and Hay Springs Lodge No. 177.
2. Approved Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to solicit Lodge for Food Truck for Masonic Home.
3. Granted Waiver of Jurisdiction to allow Mr. James K. Spearman to petition Landmark Lodge No. 103 located in Sioux City, Iowa.
4. Granted Garfield Lodge No. 95 permission to participate in City Parade.
5. Granted Bartley Lodge permission to move Charter to their new Lodge Building.
6. Granted Cerulean Lodge No. 550 of Iowa to participate in parade in Sioux City, Nebraska.
7. Granted Special Dispensation to confer degrees on Troy Votruba by Scottsbluff Lodge No. 201 without regard to time.
8. Granted Miloma Lodge permission to move Charter to Papillion for purpose of Installation January 9, 1988.
9. Granted Master Lodge permission to move regular meeting from January 1 to January 8, in 1988.
10. Granted Special Dispensation to Geneva Lodge No. 79 to confer degrees of Masonry without regard to time.
11. Granted Fremont Lodge No. 15 permission to have Hancock Lodge No. 311 of Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas to do Kansas work in their lodge.
12. Granted special dispensation to Papillion Lodge No. 39 to confer degrees of Masonry on Tracey L. Danielson without regard to time.
13. Granted Alliance Lodge No. 183 permission to participate in a City parade.
14. Granted Cable Lodge No. 225 permission to participate in a parade.
15. Granted Scribner Lodge No. 132 special dispensation to hold election of Officers in January of 1988 due to lack of a quorum in December, 1987.
16. Granted special dispensation to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 for the purpose of electing a Secretary in January, 1988 which they were unable to do in December, 1987.

**ROCK MAUL**

Due to the short term from June to February, it is my intention to leave the Rock Maul and the Gold Pan at the same location until the next Regular Communication.

**STATE OF THE CRAFT**

I cannot honestly tell you that the State of the Craft is good when we again realize a loss in membership. I have crossed this state several times in the past seven months and in doing so I have observed a number of healthy, progressive lodges. This is obviously due to aggressive, dedicated leaders

who have provided attractive, well-planned programs throughout the year. I have also found those who are, for one reason or another, ready to close the door. I am told that our neighboring State of Colorado has shown an increase of membership. This tells me it can be done with an extra effort from each and every one of us.

### APPRECIATION

I would like to express my appreciation to the various committees, the Office Staff, the Past Grand Masters, the Grand Officers and, especially, the members and delegates for their efforts during my term as Grand Master. For the progress and improvement toward a better fraternity, the credit belongs to you and I thank each and every one of you for it.

### GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Grand Master made the following recommendations:

#### 1. Fiscal Year:

As a result of changing in the June, 1987, Annual Communication, the fiscal year of Grand Lodge to a calendar year, beginning January 1 and ending December 31st, the following bylaws should be harmonized.

- (a) That Section 1-201 of the bylaws of this Grand Lodge relating to the duties of the Grand Secretary be amended by striking the portion thereof which reads as follows: "shall notify each subordinate lodge of my indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the 20th day of March of each year and shall close all accounts of subordinate lodges on the 1st day of May of each year: and by inserting the following therein: "shall notify each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the 1st day December each year, and shall close all accounts of subordinate lodges on the 31st day of December of each year. Otherwise said Section shall remain unchanged.
  - (b) That Section 2-309 of the bylaws of this Grand Lodge relating to Amendments to Grand Lodge Constitution be amended to change the month for the Master of each subordinate lodge to report the action thereof by said lodge to the Grand Secretary from April to December. Otherwise said Section shall remain unchanged.
- #### 2. Change Codification of Law Committee from a Regular Committee to a Standing Committee.

In order to improve the continuity of the membership of the Codification of the Law Committee and to have the Committee available to assist the Grand Master in preparing his recommendations, it is hereby proposed:

- (a) That Section 1-301 of the bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking the words "Codification of the Law" in the list of Regular Committees, and inserting the words in the list of Standing Committees.
- (b) That Section 1-315 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

"Section 1-315 Codification of the Law - The Committee on Codification of the Law shall consist of three members, each to serve for a period of three years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The Committee shall digest the approved decisions of the Grand Master, and the approved reports of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and any proposed law referred to it by the Committee on Jurisprudence; and, after harmonizing the same as far as may be possible, shall submit them in the form of proposed bylaws to the Grand Lodge at the same communication.

### 3. MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE —

It is the recommendation of the Grand Master that a new Masonic Funeral Service be adopted by the Grand Lodge, and that this new service be authorized and approved in addition to the service presently found in the 1962 addition of the Monitor and Ceremonies. In accordance therewith, with Section 2-1209 of the bylaws of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge does hereby approve and authorize an additional Masonic Funeral Service to that found in the 1962 addition of the Monitor in the following form:

Friends and Brethren:

From time immemorial, it has been the custom of the fraternity of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, when requested to do so, to conduct for a departed brother the time-honored ceremony of the Order. We have assembled as Master Masons, to offer this tribute of affection in the memory of our Masonic Brother (John Doe), thereby demonstrating our past esteem for him and our fidelity to the principles of this fraternal order.

Again we are called to acknowledge the loss of a brother, overtaken by that fate which shall eventually overcome us also. No power or station, no virtue or bravery, no wealth or honor, no tears of friends or kindred, can avert that destiny. This occasion teaches the impressive lesson that, ere long, each of us must pass through the valley of the shadow of death, to be known no more among men.

He who is our brother now slumbers in that last unbroken sleep. With him we have walked the pilgrimage of life, together we have kept ward and watch in its trials and tribulations. Now he has gone to accomplish in the profound slumber of death the destiny of all mankind.

But is this the end of man and aspiring hope of a faithful Mason? No! Blessed be God! The Bible, that Great Light in Masonry, reveals the way of eternal life, and bids joy and hope arise to cheer and sustain the departing spirit. It points beyond the valley of the shadow of death and bids us turn our eyes with faith and confidence to the opening scenes of vast and boundless eternity.

We know that, beyond the veil which we cannot penetrate, lies that promised land. Masonry teaches us to believe in immortality. "I am the resurrection and the life," said the Lord. "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die".

Our secretary will now read the roll.

The lambskin, or white apron, is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason. We display it here in token of our brother's labor in the Craft and our kindred sonship with our Heavenly Father.

This evergreen is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By it, we are reminded of our high and glorious destiny beyond the grave, and that there dwell in these frail tenements of clay, an immortal spirit over which death hath no power and the grave no victory. This occasion teaches us that life's events cannot be foretold, that its mysteries cannot be fully understood, and that its ultimate end is inevitable. Mindful of life's uncertainty, let us not postpone our preparation for the moment when the summons for our departure shall come; so that we may be ready and unafraid to enter into the presence of that Great Judge to whom the secrets of every life are known. May our remaining years, therefore, reflect boundless charity for our less fortunate neighbor; may our lives give evidence of our faith in the brotherhood of all mankind; and may our hope and confidence in a Divine Providence be rewarded with an eternity for us all.

And when, at last, we stand in the presence of our Master, and submit to his judgment our performance of the duties we owe to God, to our neighbors, to our families, and to ourselves, may it be our reward to hear from Him, who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, those welcome words: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

To you, the family and friends, we extend our heartfelt sympathy. In this hour of sorrow and bereavement, we offer our most sincere and affectionate consolation.

In this faith, my brethren, we leave our brother in the hands of the One "Who doeth all things well; who is glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders."

Let us pray. Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we thank You for the life and memory of our brother and for his labor and fellowship in Masonry. May we ever remember that a Divine Providence is in our midst to inspire us to noble endeavors, and to undergird us with strength sufficient for our tasks. Grant us the wisdom to discern the living of the abundant and useful life. And when our days are completed upon this earth, may we be received into that realm of fadeless light where faith and hope shall be rewarded with Eternal Life. And Thine, O Blessed Father, be the glory forever. AMEN

#### INTERMENT

Friends and Brethren:

In the sacred writings of Holy Scripture in Ecclesiastes 12, these words are expressed: "Because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets; or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

Since therefore Almighty God hath taken unto himself the soul of

our brother, we offer this tribute of our affection for him.

We commit his remains to this place.

We commend his spirit to God who gave it.

We cherish his memory in our hearts.

Let us pray. O Lord our God, and our Eternal Father, through your servants and the sacred scriptures you have revealed to us: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

We thank thee, dear Lord, for the love that encompasses us whether in life or in death. In this solemn moment of stress and strain, enable us to hear Thy voice saying: "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God."

Sanctify to us the hallowed memories of the past, strengthen and uphold us amid the sorrows of the present, guide and sustain us in the journey of the future, so that we may grow in faith, in hope, in love, and know "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding."

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

AMEN. (Brethren: "So Mote It Be".)

#### 4. Permissive Legislation

WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska has welcomed into Masonic Fellowship the practice of Arts and Sciences by many different bodies and orders, and

WHEREAS, Nebraska members of one such appendant order now seek to be included in such fellowship by formal organization, and

WHEREAS, Statistical membership information in the form of a Directory, together with a copy of its Uniform Code of Bylaws, accompany this resolution, and

WHEREAS, This Masonic Body, known as a York Rite College, must always pledge its fealty to the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction it is situated, and

WHEREAS, Colleges have no membership drives, no state organizations, and are not in competition with any other Masonic Body or Order, and

WHEREAS, Its mission is "to support the York Rite, beginning with the Masonic Lodge, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge authorize the establishment of a York Rite College within the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska and Section 3-102, Paragraph "G" of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended by inserting after the, "Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem", the words: "The York Rite Sovereign College of North America."

**5. Bylaws - Sec. 1-105 Mileage and Per Diem**

Mileage and Per Diem - The retiring Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and one representative from each chartered subordinate lodge, according to official rank, if present, and each member of a standing committee, shall be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge an amount of Ten Dollars per day for each day's attendance.....

Change the reading to: and each member of a regular and standing committee,

**6. Bylaws - Sec. 2-803 Resident Required**

No subordinate lodge shall receive or act upon a petition for initiation from any person who has not resided continuously within the State of Nebraska for twelve months...

Change the reading to: resided continuously within the State of Nebraska for six months...

The Nebraska State Law requires only six months to become a resident.

The Bylaws of the Grand Lodge should conform to the laws of the State.

**7. Perpetual Membership**

Perpetual memberships are authorized in subordinate lodges subject to the following terms and conditions:

- A. Any member in good standing and possessing a current dues card in a subordinate lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction may become a perpetual member in that lodge pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- B. The member desiring a perpetual membership shall apply to the secretary of his lodge for such a membership on forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge and shall tender therewith a minimum sum of fifteen (15) times the annual dues of his lodge at the time of application, or Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) minimum. The lodge secretary shall complete his part of the application and shall forward the same together with the full fee due, to the Grand Secretary. The date of the application shall be the date the Grand Secretary certified he received the application.
- C. The application shall be signed by the applicant and have the certification of the lodge secretary. The application shall not become effective until the applicant's record has been certified by the Grand Secretary. The application shall contain thereon the computations upon which the perpetual membership fee is predicated. If the Grand Secretary determines that the minimum fee tendered by the applicant is in excess of that required, he shall have the power to correct the application and the lodge secretary's computations of the fee, accept the application as corrected, and refund any excess fee to the applicant through the subordinate lodge secretary. If the fee tendered is insufficient, the Grand Secretary shall return the application and fee to the subordinate lodge secretary for correction and resubmittal. A copy of the completed and accepted perpetual membership application and a certificate of perpetual membership shall be furnished to the applicant and his lodge by the Grand Secretary. These provisions shall be construed so as to permit the Grand Secretary to use computerized records.

- D. After the perpetual membership application and fee have been received and accepted by the Grand Secretary, the perpetual membership fee shall not be refundable except under circumstances determined by the Grand Secretary to be mistakes of fact rendering the applicant ineligible for perpetual membership as of the date of the application.
- E. After the applicant's perpetual membership has been accepted by the Grand Secretary, the funds shall be placed collectively in restricted perpetual-membership accounts. These funds shall be accounted for on an individual-lodge basis, listing the amount a person paid into the fund for both lodge dues and Grand Lodge per capita and any assessments in effect. The funds shall be accounted for separately, by the Grand Secretary, from all other Grand Lodge funds. The funds shall be audited annually as required in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- F. A perpetual member shall owe no further dues to the lodge of which he is a perpetual member. An annual dues card shall be issued by the lodge secretary who shall denote perpetual membership thereon.
- G. The perpetual membership fee, less any amount required to supplement earned interest to pay the constituent lodge the first year's dues and per capita, shall be considered principal and shall never be spent. The total amount of interest derived therefrom shall be paid proportionally, annually to each subordinate lodge for each perpetual member at the time of per capita billing.
- H. The Grand Secretary shall, at the time of the annual interest distribution, submit a statement to the lodge for an amount covering the proportionate per capita and assessment in effect at the time the member joined the plan. The lodge shall, during the members lifetime, and thereafter, pay to the Grand Lodge the amount designated by the Grand Secretary's per capita statement.
- I. The obtaining of a perpetual membership in one lodge by a dual member shall have no effect on his membership in the other lodge to which he belongs. Dual perpetual memberships are permitted.
- J. A perpetual member may demit. If the demit is within this Grand Jurisdiction, the entire perpetual membership fee he originally paid shall be transferred to the account of the lodge to which he demits. If the dues are greater than the amount of his original perpetual fees submitted, he shall be required to pay the difference. If the demit is outside this Grand Jurisdiction, the entire perpetual membership fee shall remain with the lodge of which he was a perpetual member.
- K. Any certificate of good standing issued to a perpetual member shall have endorsed thereon the fact that the holder is a perpetual member and the amount of the perpetual membership fee.
- L. If a perpetual member shall be suspended, expelled, or withdraws, and is subsequently restored to good standing, or reaffiliates from out of state, his perpetual membership shall be deemed to be also restored.
- M. If a lodge consolidates, surrenders its charter, or has its charter arrested, the funds credited to that lodge in the perpetual membership fund shall follow the members according to the relevant sections of the constitution and bylaws dealing with consolidations, surrendering and arrest of char-

ters.

- N. A memorial, perpetual membership may be purchased by any person for a deceased Master Mason by following the same procedures as outlined in this section using the dues, per capita and any assessments in effect on the date of the members death; but, in no event, shall the dues, per capita and any assessments in effect be less than \$20.00 (Twenty). Interest derived therefrom shall be in accordance with sub-sections G and H.
- O. A brother, at any future time, may add any amount to his perpetual membership fee through his local lodge secretary.
- P. Applications for perpetual membership shall be on forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary shall provide all forms required for the implementation of this section.
- Q. Where perpetual members have not been heard from for more than seven (7) years, the Worshipful Master shall direct the secretary to report the names of such missing brethren to the Grand Lodge on the monthly report form as being deceased. Their names shall then be transferred to the rolls of deceased, perpetual membership, but this action shall have no effect on the amount of money paid the lodge and Grand Lodge for that perpetual member as set forth in sub-sections G and H.
- R. There shall be an administrative charge of no more than .05 (5%).

#### **PRELIMINARY REPORT, APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Bob Carhart, for John VerMaas, Chairman

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

The Appropriations Committee submits this preliminary report for your consideration for the year 1988.

Total expenses for 1987 from May 1 to December 31, eight months, were \$23,398. Appropriations for 12 months for 1987/88 were \$340,650.

The suggested appropriations for 1988 are \$343,750. This exceeds the 1987/88 budget by \$3,100, and exceeds the estimated receipts by \$29,950.

Printing expenses and insurance are two items that have increased. A leadership committee is being established to provide assistance and public relations has been increased.

Cipher sales exceeded \$11,000. That figure may come down somewhat this year; however, the market is far from saturated, and we would hope the sales will continue to go well.

Only two committees submitted a budget request. This is one better than last year; however, planning for expenditures is extremely difficult, not knowing what to expect, and funds may be eliminated next year.

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

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

**1988 PRELIMINARY REPORT  
OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

<b>ANNUAL COMMUNICATION</b> .....	<b>29,100</b>
5102 Mileage Expense .....	\$ 7,000
5103 Per Diem .....	4,500
5104 Guest Room Rental.....	100
5110 Grand Master's Dinner.....	2,500
5120 Proceedings.....	4,500
5130 Grand Lodge Banquet.....	6,000
5150 Ladies' Program .....	1,500
5160 Grand Secretary's Breakfast .....	500
5170 Miscellaneous Annual Communication. ....	3,000
<b>COMMITTEES</b> .....	<b>26,100</b>
5200 Masonic Education .....	\$ 6,000
5202 Leadership .....	6,000
5205 Relief .....	1,000
5210 Trial Commission .....	250
5215 Trustees.....	500
5225 Grand Lodge Office.....	250
5230 Masonic OES Committee .....	100
5235 OES Scholarship.....	2,500
5240 Finance .....	100
5250 Grand Historian .....	1,000
5255 Public Relations.....	5,000
5260 Youth Committee.....	2,100
5265 Temple Advisory .....	100
5270 Appropriations.....	100
5275 Lodge Advisory .....	100
5280 Membership.....	1,000
<b>TRAVEL EXPENSES</b> .....	<b>40,400</b>
5300 Grand Master Travel.....	\$ 9,500
5310 Grand Master Auto Expense .....	1,200
5320 Grand Secretary Travel.....	1,000
5330 Grand Secretary Auto Allowance.....	5,000
5340 Grand Custodian Travel.....	2,000
5360 Other Officers directed by GM.....	8,000
5370 Deputy GM Conference Expenses .....	3,000
5372 Deputy Grand Custodians Travel to Lodges	1,700
5373 Deputy Grand Custodians Per Diem .....	3,300
5377 Deputy Grand Custodians Central Schools .	4,200
5380 Grand Secretary Conference.....	1,500
<b>SALARIES</b> .....	<b>47,500</b>
5410 Grand Custodian .....	\$ 6,000
5420 Clerical Staff.....	36,500
5430 Employers Share FICA.....	3,000
5440 Federal and State Unemployment .....	1,500
5450 401 (k) Contributions .....	500

**OCCUPANCY .....96,400**

5500	Office Rent .....	\$20,000
5505	Parking.....	840
5510	Utilities .....	2,000
5515	Telephone .....	9,000
5520	Equipment Repairs & Maintenance.....	2,000
5522	Equipment Rental .....	100
5525	Postage.....	4,000
5530	Printing & Copying .....	1,500
5535	Computer Supply .....	1,500
5537	Accounting Services (Audit) .....	4,200
5538	Legal Services .....	10,000
5540	Office Supplies & Expenses .....	5,500
5550	Computer Services.....	2,000
5555	Computer Maintenance .....	1,000
5560	Dues & Subscriptions .....	150
5562	Nebraska Freemason .....	12,500
5565	Grand Master Jewel & Apron.....	1,000
5567	Grand Master Office and General .....	1,500
5568	Grand Custodian & Deputy Custodian Supplies	500
5570	Lodge Operating Supplies .....	7,000
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.....	100

**INSURANCE.....27,900**

5600	Worker's Compensation.....	\$ 350
5620	Employees Group Health Insurance.....	3,000
5630	Surety Bonds .....	3,600
5640	Directors/Officers Liability .....	4,000
5650	Comprehensive Liability Ins. on Lodges....	16,400
5651	Office Contents.....	550

**CONTRIBUTIONS.....76,350**

5700	Masonic Service Assoc. Dues .....	\$ 1,500
5710	George Washington National Masonic Memorial	1,500
5720	DeMolay Foundation.....	3,500
5730	MSA - Hospital.....	2,500
5770	Masonic Relief Assoc.....	350
5800	Nebraska Masonic Home Dues .....	55,000
5810	Masonic Eastern Star Home .....	10,000
5820	Library & Museum .....	2,000

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS ..... \$343,750**

**W. : 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.

During 1987, ninety one lodges were examined and certified in the ritual. This number is down considerably from past years; however, I believe there will be reports submitted from Deputy Grand Custodians which will increase this number to some extent. Traditionally, some reports are late arriving at the Grand Custodian's office; and, as this report must be compiled previous to Grand Lodge, the records may not be accurate.

Since individual certificates are for the Grand Lodge year, rather than the calendar year, the numbers also may not be accurate. The number of certified men, according to current records, is four hundred fifty-two, which is an increase of three since last June. Over the past several years, the number of certified men has been declining. The slight increase we have experienced may indicate some success in changing the requirements for certification to allow individuals to certify in one degree only.

Brethren who have become certified in one or more degrees since June of 1987 are:

- Merl R. Core .....Florence Lodge No. 281 .....All Degrees
- Harold E. Gilliam, Jr. ....John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290.....All Degrees
- Norman C. Major.....John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290.....All Degrees
- Leonard L. Finnegan.....Mizpah Lodge No. 302 .....E.A.
- Robert R. Atteberry.....Waterloo Lodge No. 102.....All Degrees
- Robert C. King .....Victory Lodge No. 310 .....E.A.
- John R. Spealman .....East Lincoln Lodge No. 210.....F.C.
- B. Lynn Alexander .....Lancaster Lodge No. 54 .....E.A. and F.C.
- Theodore Johnson .....Beatrice Lodge No. 26 .....All Degrees
- Stanley Gross .....Omaha Lodge No. 288.....All Degrees

The following brethren have been certified fifty years or more:

**Fifty Years**

- Charley C. Talbot .....Custer Lodge No. 148
- Louis V. Sylvester, PGM .....Florence Lodge No. 281
- Lewis R. Ricketts, PGM .....Lincoln Lodge No. 19

**Fifty One Years:**

- Warner Miller .....Victory Lodge No. 310
- Thomas J. Foy.....John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290

**Fifty Two Years:**

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

**Fifty Three Years:**

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

**Fifty Four Years:**

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

**Fifty Five Years:**

- James A. Scott.....Mid-West No. 317

**Fifty Six years:**

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

**Fifty Seven Years:**

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

**Sixty Two Years:**

- Glendon B. Roshon.....Lincoln Lodge No. 19
- Paul C. Holberg.....Grand Island Lodge No. 318

**Sixty Four Years:**

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

I have recommended, and the Grand Master has approved, Worshipful Brother Harold W. Noble of Bellevue Lodge No. 325 as a Deputy Grand Custodian in the Omaha area.

The active Deputy Grand Custodians are as follows:

Harry N. Ahl	Don L. McCoy	A. S. Scolaro
Stanley E. Brunton	James E. Cornish	John C. Sierks
Lloyd I. Edwards	Eugene C. Sibley	R. Winton Wilson
Richard L. Mauch	Justin F. Fauss	Lynn Doty
Victor D. Hunt	Arthur S. Dye	Mervin E. Ranson, Sr.
Robert E. Kyes	Wayne E. Beatty	A. W. Clark
D. Wayne Erickson	Ralph E. McNulty	Arthur J. Ferguson
Alfred V. Peltzer	Vincent Rosenberger	Leslie A. Evert
Everett K. Dappen	Gordon E. Richards	Roger L. Shillington
Harry L. Saum	W. Dale Page	Harold W. Noble
Michael L. Peterson	Ben D. Fussell	Frank R. Harris

We were all saddened by the death of Leslie G. Weber, Deputy Grand Custodian of Plainview, Nebraska. He will be missed.

As of this writing, the Grand Master has not appointed any Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus.

The Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti are:

- 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
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
Herman O. Hansen .....	Omaha, Nebraska
Jens P Nielsen .....	Superior, Nebraska

At the Grand Lodge session held in Omaha, Nebraska in June of 1986, upon the recommendation of the Grand Master, the delegates voted to adopt a "Key" or "Cipher" of the Nebraska ritual to be written by the Committee on Work. During the following several months, the Committee on Work and I met with Most Worshipful Brother Charles Amidon for the purpose of correcting the ritual as published and sold by the Allen Publishing Company. When our work was completed, the corrected ritual was sent to the printer to obtain a cost estimate for publishing the book. Printer's proofs were returned for our approval. In going through these proofs, we found many, many errors overlooked during our earlier deliberation. We met again for numerous hours, and went through the ritual, word for word, until we were certain that there were no mistakes. The new copy was sent to the printer and a supply of books ordered. These arrived and were put on sale at the Grand Lodge session held at Kearney, Nebraska in June of 1987. In the first book I saw, an individual called an error to my attention. I have since gone through this code book several times, and have discovered fourteen errors so far. There may be more. At this point, I think that the book is reasonably accurate and a major improvement over the then illegal Allen Publishing Company book distributed in Nebraska for many years.

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

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

The Grand Custodian introduced the following Deputy Grand Custodians who were present:

Harry N. Ahl	Arthur S. Dye	A. W. "Bud" Clark
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr.	Frank R. Harris	John C. Sierks
D. Wayne Erickson	Richard L. Mauch	Ralph E. McNulty
Don L. McCoy	Everett K. Dappen	Ben D. Fussel
James E. Cornish	Lynn Doty	Michael L. Peterson
Augustine S. Scolaro	Justin F. Fauss	Vince Rosenberger
Wayne E. Beatty	Leslie A. Evert	R. Winton Wilson
Gordon Richards	Harold Noble	
Arnold Mains, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus		

The Grand Custodian then reported that Everett K. Dappen and Richard L. Mauch requested that they be granted status as Deputy Grand Custodians Emeritus. He thereupon presented a certificate to each Brother Mauch and Brother Dappen as Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus.

**GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT**

By R. : W. : Albert T. Reddish, Grand Secretary

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

With the change in the fiscal year, this is the report for the short period from May 1, 1987 through December 31, 1987. This is a preliminary report, as final returns are not all due and have not been processed.

**CONSOLIDATIONS**

No consolidations have been approved during this fiscal year. Several lodges are discussing consolidation.

**HONOR PINS**

Pins presented during this fiscal year are:

50-year pin presentations: 51

60-year pin presentations: 38

70-year pin presentations: 18

This reverses a trend of several recent years when more sixty-year pins were presented than fifty-year pins.

**GRAND SECRETARY'S CONFERENCE AND VISITATIONS**

There was no Grand Secretary's Conference during this period. The next Grand Secretary's Conference is scheduled for February 21-24, 1988 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Grand Secretary will appear on a panel to discuss separation of the position and duties of the ceremonial Grand Secretary, and of the officer manager. Darrell D. Christensen will attend the conference also.

The Grand Secretary attended the Wyoming Grand Lodge Communication in 1987.

**RETURNS**

Note: These are preliminary returns, recorded from monthly reports. The final tabulation from the annual returns will appear in the proceedings.

No. of Lodges .....	215
Initiated .....	253
Passed.....	202
Raised.....	221
Deaths .....	711
Membership 12-31-86.....	26,740
Net Gains .....	441
Net Losses .....	(1,114)
Preliminary Membership 12-31-87.....	26,067

### GRAND LODGE OFFICE

Darrell D. Christensen was appointed office manager of the Grand Lodge Office in April, 1987. Shelley Fey served as office secretary into August, 1987. Shelley Verch joined the staff to replace Mrs. Fey in September, 1987.

Although there have been occasional problems with the computer, most all problems have been resolved, and the computer is expanding the work load and the services of the Grand Lodge Office. As each program becomes operative, new programs are reviewed and added.

Darrell Christensen supervises the day-to-day office operations, and maintains regular communication with both the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge Office personnel have greatly expanded their service to Grand Lodge officers and offer expanded service to the secretaries of the subordinate lodges and the Grand Lodge membership.

Some logistics and effort require review and improvement for near-perfect functioning of the services and duties of the Grand Secretary with the Grand Lodge. The relationship is excellent and beneficial to the overall functioning of the Grand Lodge and its services to Masonry in Nebraska.

### VOTE ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

There were three Amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution proposed at the 130th Annual Communication in June, 1987.

The Grand Master declared an edict August 6, 1987, that these amendments would be submitted to the Masters of the subordinate lodges to be presented as provided in Sec. 2-309 of the bylaws, except that the Master of each subordinate lodge would report the action thereon to the Grand Secretary before December 1, 1987, preceding the next session of the Grand Lodge. If the Grand Secretary did not receive such report by December 1, 1987, the Grand Master would require the Masters of all delinquent subordinate lodges to submit the question at the next regular meetings of their lodges, and to immediately report the results to the Grand Secretary.

The edict provided that any proposed constitutional amendment which did not have the approval of a majority of the subordinate lodges at the time of the 131st Annual Communication, February 5, 1988, would not be submitted to a vote on the floor of the annual communication pursuant to Article XIII of the Constitution. There were 215 subordinate lodges December 31, 1987. Approval of a majority of the subordinate lodges, or 108, is required for an amendment.

There were 215 subordinate lodges. Approval of a majority of the subordinate lodges, or 108, is required for an amendment to be submitted on the floor of the Annual Communication. The amendments and the vote thereon were:

1. Proposal to amend Article II to eliminate Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as members of the Grand Lodge:

"Article II: Be It Resolved: That the Words: "And such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of a subordinate lodges", be deleted from the Constitution."

For Amendment: 65

Against Amendment: 63

(Note: 108 "for" votes needed to bring question to floor of Annual Communication.)

2. Proposal to amend Article II to include all Past Masters as permanent members of the Grand Lodge:

Amendment to Article II of the Constitution. Be It Resolved that Article II be amended to include all Past Masters as permanent members of the Grand Lodge.

For Amendment: 50

Against Amendment: 78

3. Proposal to amend Article VII to change method of selection of Junior Warden:

Amendment to Article VII of the Constitution. That the paragraph be amended concerning the Grand Junior Warden to read: "The Grand Junior Warden be elected from the floor of Grand Lodge on a separate ballot. The Grand Junior Warden will be recommended to the brethren by a committee consisting of not less than nine Past Masters from across the State."

For Amendment: 54

Against Amendment: 73

### RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were submitted at the 130th Annual communication in June, 1987:

1. Amend Sec. 1-102 of the bylaws relating to representation of subordinate lodges by proxy:

Be It Resolved that Section 1-102 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows, and that the original of said section be repealed:

Sec. 1-102 — CHARTERED SUBORDINATE LODGES, HOW REPRESENTED —Each chartered subordinate lodge shall be represented at the communications of the Grand Lodge by its Master and Wardens, or by their proxies thereunto appointed. Each subordinate lodge shall be entitled to 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 from more than one subordinate lodge officer.

2. Repeal bylaw provision relating to Solicitation:

Be It Resolved that Section 2-901 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby repealed.

3. Amend Sec. 2-909 of the bylaws to eliminate a 28-day waiting period between degrees:

That Section 2-909 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

Section 2-909 — ADVANCEMENT — No Entered Apprentice, Mason, or Fellowcraft Mason shall receive the next degree until he shall have been declared proficient in such preceding degree as provided in Section 2-402.

4. Eliminate the preamble to obligations recently adopted:

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 lessons of fidelity."

5. Request to eliminate words "Nebraska Masonic" from name of "The Nebraska Masonic Foundation":

Be It Resolved that at the 1984-1985 meeting in June of that year at the Grand Lodge Communication in Lincoln, Nebraska, permission was granted to a committee to use the name of "The Nebraska Masonic Foundation" for the purpose of building a new building in Lincoln, Nebraska. It is requested by the undersigned that the words "Nebraska Masonic" be deleted from that title.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

By W. James N. DeMoss, Grand Senior Deacon, Chairman

Your Committee on Finance has examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary. Particular attention was paid to the receipts and expenditures of cash. The deposits were verified and the expenditure vouchers were examined and proper documentation was made for all but eight of the vouchers.

Attached is a report detailing the cash transactions of the general fund including the estimated and actual receipts and the appropriated and actual expenditures. It should be noted that the estimated receipts and appropriations were based upon a twelve-month fiscal year. A total of \$117,287.30 was received and \$238,398.49 was expended during the fiscal year of May 1, 1987 through December 31, 1987. Expenditures exceeded receipts by \$121,111.19 with nine separate appropriations being exceeded. An increase in these appropriations was not obtained as provided in Section 1-325 of the bylaws.

Thirteen subordinate lodges did not pay their dues and assessments during the previous fiscal year which ended April 30, 1987. Twelve of those

lodges did pay their delinquent indebtedness this year in the amount of \$11,959.19, which included \$222.20 as a penalty for late payment. The other Lodge, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport had paid \$641.24 of their indebtedness of \$714.34 as of January 21, 1988.

The audit being prepared by Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, Certified Public Accountants, was not available at the writing of this report.

The Committee wishes to commend the office staff for the manner in which they have maintained the records, and to thank them for their cooperation and courtesy in the preparation of this report.

### RECEIPTS

Fiscal Year, May 1, 1987 to December 31, 1987

Acct.#	Source	Estimated 12 Months	Actual (8) Months
4100	Dues for Grand Lodge	\$140,660	\$ 6,520
4150	Dues for The Nebraska Masonic Home	56,264	2,608
4200	Initiation Fees	2,500	380
4300	Surety Bond Premium	1,300	60
4350	Liability Insurance Premium	14,000	681
4400	Sale of Supplies	6,000	1,815
4425	Masonic Education Handbooks	100	35
4440	Sale of Ciphers	9,900	11,062
4450	George Washington National Memorial	1,200	135
4600	Reinstatement Fees	1,200	14
4620	Sale of Banquet Tickets	2,500	3,039
4630	Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	500	596
4650	Reimbursement from the Masonic Home	10,000	10,000
4700	Interest & Dividends on Investments	85,000	72,728
4750	Interest on Checking Account	1,000	2,087
4875	Miscellaneous Other Receipts	3,876	5,527
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$336,000</b>	<b>\$117,287</b>

		Estimated (12 Months)	Actual (8 Months)
<b>ANNUAL COMMUNICATION</b>			
5102	Mileage Expense .....	\$ 7,000	\$6,300
5103	Per Diem .....	4,500	4,260
5104	Guest Room Rental & Meals .....	2,000	1,428
5110	Grand Master's Banquet .....	2,500	1,865
5120	Proceedings .....	7,000	212
5130	Grand Lodge Banquet .....	5,500	3,847
5150	Ladies' Program .....	1,500	775
5160	Grand Secretary's Breakfast .....	500	275
5170	Programs, Incidentals, Decorations, etc. ....	1,500	3,308
	Total .....	\$31,500	\$22,270
<b>COMMITTEES</b>			
5200	Masonic Education .....	\$10,000	\$2,421
5205	Relief .....	1,000	425
5210	Trial Commission .....	250	---
5215	Grand Trustees .....	1,500	293
5225	Grand Lodge Office .....	350	11
5230	Masonic OES Committee .....	100	---
5235	OES Scholarship .....	2,500	---
5240	Finance .....	100	---
5250	Grand Historian .....	2,000	---
5255	Public Relations .....	2,500	97
5260	Youth Committee .....	2,000	1,988
5265	Temple Advisory .....	100	---
5270	Appropriations .....	100	---
5275	Lodge Advisory .....	100	25
5280	Membership .....	1,000	---
	Total .....	\$23,600	\$5,260
<b>TRAVEL EXPENSES</b>			
5300	Grand Master Travel .....	\$ 9,500	\$ 4,500
5310	Grand Master Auto Expense .....	1,200	---
5320	Grand Secretary Travel .....	1,000	166
5330	Grand Secretary Auto Allowance .....	7,200	2,150
5340	Grand Custodian Travel .....	2,000	666
5360	Other Officers directed by GM .....	6,000	3,934
5370	Deputy Grand Master Travel .....	1,000	---
5372	Deputy Grand Custodians Travel to Lodges .....	1,000	207
5373	Deputy Grand Custodians Per Diem .....	1,500	905
5377	Deputy Grand Custodians Central Schools .....	4,000	4,111
5380	Grand Secretary Conference .....	1,000	---
	Total .....	\$35,400	\$16,639
<b>SALARIES</b>			
5410	Grand Custodian .....	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,746
5420	Clerical Staff .....	35,000	21,273
5430	Employers Share FICA .....	3,000	1,225
5440	Federal and State Unemployment .....	1,500	305
5450	401 (k) Contributions .....	450	---
	Total .....	\$45,950	\$26,549
<b>OCCUPANCY</b>			
5500	Office Rent .....	\$20,000	\$12,968
5505	Parking .....	840	560
5510	Utilities .....	2,000	1,029
	Total .....	\$22,840	\$14,557

		Estimated	Actual
		(12 Months)	(8 Months)
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
5515	Telephone.....	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,588
5520	Equipment Repairs & Maintenance.....	2,000	1,427
5522	Equipment Rental.....	200	202
5525	Postage.....	3,500	3,439
5530	Printing & Copying.....	1,500	2,799
5535	Computer Supply.....	1,500	264
5537	Accounting Services (Audit).....	4,200	3,770
5538	Legal Services.....	1,000	1,801
5540	Office Supplies & Expenses.....	5,000	5,173
5550	Computer Services.....	2,000	192
5555	Computer Maintenance.....	1,500	---
5560	Dues & Subscriptions.....	150	95
5562	Nebraska Freemason.....	12,500	6,051
5565	Grand Master Jewel & Apron.....	500	418
5567	Grand Master Office and General.....	1,500	654
5568	Grand Custodian & Deputy Custodian Supplies....	500	121
5570	Lodge Operating Supplies.....	23,000	16,774
5575	Retirement - Carl Greisen.....	4,650	3,098
5576	Retirement - Mrs. N. Lallman.....	3,360	2,240
5578	Retirement - others.....	---	---
5580	Secretary Desk Book.....	2,000	---
5585	Bank Charges.....	350	---
	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$79,910</b>	<b>\$55,116</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
5600	Worker's Compensation.....	\$ 250	\$ 266
5620	Employees Group Health Insurance.....	4,500	1,940
5630	Surety Bonds.....	2,000	3,397
5650	Comprehensive Liability Ins. on Lodges.....	15,000	14,871
5651	Office Contents.....	550	270
	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$23,500</b>	<b>\$20,744</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
5700	Masonic Service Assoc. Dues.....	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,570
5710	George Washington National Masonic Memorial ..	1,500	---
5720	DeMolay Foundation.....	3,500	3,500
5730	MSA - Hospital.....	5,000	5,000
5770	Masonic Relief Assoc.....	350	350
5800	Nebraska Masonic Home Dues.....	55,000	54,648
5810	Masonic Eastern Star Home.....	10,000	10,000
5820	Library & Museum.....	2,200	2,195
	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$79,150</b>	<b>\$22,270</b>
	<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$340,650</b>	<b>\$238,398</b>

**RECEIPTS**

Fiscal Year, JANUARY 1, 1988 to December 31, 1988

Acct.#	Source	Estimated Amount
4100	Dues for Grand Lodge .....	\$132,500
4150	Dues for The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	53,000
4200	Initiation Fees .....	2,500
4300	Surety Bond Premium .....	3,400
4350	Liability Insurance Premium .....	14,800
4400	Sale of Supplies .....	6,000
4440	Sale of Ciphers .....	1,000
4450	George Washington National Memorial .....	1,200
4600	Reinstatement Fees .....	1,200
4620	Sale of Banquet Tickets .....	2,700
4630	Sale of Ladies' Luncheon Tickets .....	500
4650	Reimbursement from the Masonic Home .....	10,000
4700	Interest & Dividends on Investments .....	82,000
4750	Interest on Checking Account .....	500
4875	Miscellaneous Other Receipts .....	2,500
	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$313,800</b>

The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

**MASTER MASON'S DEGREE**

At 7:30 p.m. on February 5, 1988, a Master Mason's Degree was conferred, the Grand Lodge officers presenting the first section. A group of proficient Masters, selected by the Grand Custodian, dressed in full regalia, presented the second section.

**1988 PROCEEDINGS***of the Most Worshipful*

Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons  
of Nebraska

*ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIRST  
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

*Held in Lincoln, Nebraska, February 5 & 6, 1988*

*SECOND DAY — SECOND SESSION*

*Saturday, February 6, 1988*

The 131st Annual Communication of the Honorable Grand Lodge, A.:F.: & A.:M.:, of Masons of Nebraska was called from labor to refreshment at 9:00 a.m., February 6, 1988, at the Nebraska Center for continuing Education in Lincoln, Nebraska, by the Most Worshipful Wayne G. Luenenborg, Grand Master.

The session opened with prayer led by the V.:W.: Wilbert W. Wittmuss, Grand Chaplain.

**MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME  
FOR CHILDREN AT FREMONT - REPORT**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Wayne, Grand Lodge Officers, visiting Brethren, and brothers all: It is my distinct pleasure to be here this morning to bring you a report about your home at Fremont, Nebraska, the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children

I always like to start out the talk about the home by thanking those that are involved in the work of the home, and I want to start that thanks with the Grand Lodge and to Masons in general from Nebraska for not only their monetary help, but for help in a physical fashion. We have lots of Masons in Nebraska that find it important in their lives to do something for the children at the home, in whatever form that they choose. And we do heartily appreciate that help.

I also like to thank the board of directors, with whom I have the pleasure of serving. They are appointed half by the Grand Master, and half by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star. And both of these official persons have taken it upon themselves to pick very, very hard-working people to be members of our Board. And we do appreciate their efforts always.

I also like to thank the staff of the children's home, and that staff is headed by one Ben Harvey. You can find him in the hallway outside. We have a booth over in the corner where we show some pictures, and other things about the home. We would like to have you stop and visit at that booth and become acquainted with the home, if you are not already acquainted, and reacquainted if you have already been there. It is changing.

While I am talking about Ben, he has been with us now for a little over eight years, approaching nine. When he arrived at the home, there were eight

children in residence. Today, I am happy to say that our census numbers 28. It has been a steady climb, or increase, in census ever since Ben has come to join us as superintendent.

He has gathered around himself a very fine staff. I think you have to realize that the house parents burn out after a period of time, and we have a changeover of house parents. But he has done a magnificent job, and I think we all owe him a round of applause. I think you know that his work and efforts make our work and effort a lot easier, and we do appreciate it.

While I am thanking people, there is another gentleman that is seated right in front, down here. He is the Grand Senior Deacon, right at the moment, and he is going to be elevated to Grand Junior Warden. I would like to have Brother Jim DeMoss stand and receive a round of applause; then, I'll tell you why.

Jim has been a friend of the home for years. He has served as Worthy Grand Patron in the Eastern Star and he became very familiar with the operations of the home; but, he has remained a friend of the home even in the years afterwards. He serves all the time, daily, when necessary, as our financial advisor to the finance committee on the home board. We do appreciate his efforts. He has done a marvelous job of keeping us solvent, and we really thank him for that. You should thank him for that, and you have by your applause.

The funds that you donate to the home go into an endowment fund. Sometimes, they are earmarked specifically for some project, but they all go into the endowment fund for safe caring until they are needed. So you can see how important it is to you and to us.

I would like also to tell you that home life in this world of ours is changing. When I speak of home life, I mean of young homes. Young couples who just started out in marriage; and, as they have children, the care of those children and how they receive help at home is changing. I am sorry to say it is not for the better.

Most of the current problems with out children come from poor care at home, in their own home. Not because their parents don't want to give them care, but it is because their parents aren't there to give them the care. They both work. They are away from home. They only see their children a short time each day; and, now, we are having the results of that in some of the children that we receive at the home. It is difficult, gentlemen, to stand by and watch what happens to young people. It is a very touching scene. But I want you to know that we make every effort to correct what we can do, in our fashion, to make a real home for these children. And set them out on a good path for future adulthood.

We try to give them things that they can't have in their own home. One of those things is a substitute for parents, if you would. Some place for these children to put their love. Their love can be transferred to an animal, if you please. We operate a very fine 4-H program for these children. One of the things that make this 4-H program so well operating, is because people like yourselves, who see fit to donate funds or the animals themselves for the 4-H program. You would be surprised what those animals do for the kids. They don't have a mom and dad to love, but they can love an animal, care for it.

Sometimes they take their frustrations out on the animal. But, we've got good guidance; and, through that guidance, and their own work, they learn and live and grow, and so do the animals. It is a fine program. And I thank you all for your support in that.

I think you find me saying thank you all the time. That is really what I am doing. I am here to say thank you for being a good supporter of our home. Thank you very much.

### NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Plattsmouth, Nebraska

M.: W.: Harry A. Spencer, Past Grand Master, President

Once again, I have the privilege to appear before you to render an accounting of the stewardship of the trustees of your Masonic Home. While I appear in my capacity as President, I make this report on behalf of all of our fifteen Trustees.

First, I am saddened to report that, during the year, we lost one of our active trustees, Worshipful Brother William A. Pettengill, 33°, who passed from this life into eternal rest on April 25, 1987. Worshipful Brother Bill who came on the Board in 1975 was an active participant and a diligent committee member. He will be sorely missed.

This past year has been a busy one for your trustees. We have accomplished much during the year. As I advised you in my last report, we were moving into a major improvement of our Home facilities. We have contracted for the construction of a 100-bed Infirmary. This involved several meetings with architectural firms to select an architect. There were several meetings with the architectural firm selected, Dana, Larson & Roubal, to determine the type of addition we wanted and to be certain it would blend in with our present structure. The construction bids were accepted by the Committee on September 30, 1987, and approved by the Board of Trustees at our October 3, 1987 meeting.

Upon the recommendation of the architects, we accepted what appeared to be the lowest and the best bids. The contractors are as follows:

General Contractor:	Radec Construction Company
Mechanical Contractor:	W. R. Lesoing
Electrical Contractor:	Donovan Electrical Company

Their bids totaled \$2,274,488.00. These bids, however, do no include the renovation of our boiler, water, and cooling systems, which will add approximately \$350,000.00 to that cost.

On October 13, 1987, we broke ground for the addition, when the Grand Master and I turned over the first shovel full of dirt for the excavation on the hill west of the present building. It is my understanding that the general contractor has most of the foundation in. When the weather moderates, Radec will resume further construction.

Our immediate problem is raising sufficient funds to finance the project. As of the first of the year, we had raised \$760,882.82. We do have some

estates in probate which may increase this figure to \$1,000,000.00 which will be approximately 40% of our goal.

As you know, I wrote a letter to every Nebraska Mason, explaining our need and enclosing a pledge card requesting his help. The disappointing note is that less than 600 of our 27,000 members responded to my appeal. It is my hope that most of the others are waiting to be sure we are actually going ahead with the project, and will now respond. It is my earnest plea that those of you who have not responded will do so now. This is your Masonic Home. The obligation is yours as well as ours. Please help us meet this obligation without resorting to paid solicitors. I remind you, your contributions are tax deductible if you itemize your deductions.

Our largest individual contribution to the Building Fund to date is that of Brother and Mrs. J. Vernon Nicodemus of David City, who turned over stock to the Home valued at \$23,074.22. All contributions now being made to the Home, unless designated for a specific purpose, are added to our Building Fund.

Probably the major moves we have made this year are the changes in our Administrative Staff. Raymond Evers, who succeeded his Father as Superintendent of the Home many years ago, has now assumed a new job - Director of Development. It will be his primary task to supervise all fund raising activities and all publicity, and to serve as our Public Relations Representative. Raymond, who has grown up with the Home, is ideally equipped to perform the duties of this position. He will be directly responsible to the Board of Trustees.

I commend our new Director of Development for the many years of fine service he has given to our Masonic Home. We are particularly fortunate in having him assume this new responsibility. Through the year, Brother Ray has appeared before several Masonic and Eastern Star groups to talk about and show slides of our Home. During the coming year, he will show programs on the Home to any interested Lodge or Chapter. He has already started on making contacts to increase our fund raising potential. If your Lodge is interested in a program, contact Raymond.

With Ray's elevation to this new position, we were faced with the task of securing a new Superintendent. A committee was appointed for this purpose. They notified the Nebraska Lodges of the vacancy, advertised the position, and with the help of W. B. Will Lantis, one of our trustees, who is in the Nursing Home Business, contacted organizations in this field to see if there were any applicants desiring to interview for the position. After a diligent search, the Committee recommended one of our trustees — Arthur R. Sharp, the Chairman of our Personnel Committee. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska in Business Administration, has an accounting background and has worked in personnel with the Lincoln Telephone Company for several years. Brother Sharp took early retirement from the Lincoln Telephone Company to assume this position. He is exceptionally well qualified for it. He resigned as a Trustee, effective January 18, 1988, when he assumed his new responsibilities.

When the Committee reviewed the responsibilities of the position and compared it with like institutions in other places, it suggested the title "Superintendent" was not descriptive of the position and recommended that it

be changed to Executive Director. Our bylaws have been amended to reflect this change of title.

I am particularly happy to have Brother Arthur R. Sharp on board as our Executive Director. Art has been an active worker on the Board. Fortunately, as Chairman of the Committee on Personnel, he has become acquainted with the employees and many of the residents, so he was able to move into his new position with very little difficulty. Raymond has agreed to be available to assist him in any way possible to make this transition smooth. With Art's background and experience, I am certain the Home will move forward under his leadership.

The budget adopted in May for fiscal 1987/1988 came to \$1,519,321.00. This is our highest budget figure to date. This is understandable when we consider that costs are continually increasing and our building does require major repairs.

During the course of the year, we had the exterior of the building cleaned and replaced the eave troughs and downspouts. We also replaced shades and blinds and some of our carpeting, as well as making other repairs.

The Robert W. Boone Memorial Food Truck arrived at the Home on November 21, 1987. This truck, under the sponsorship of Worshipful Brother Adolph Schlaman, delivered 472 cases of food weighing over 20,000 pounds, to the Home. This, as you can appreciate, is a major contribution to our food budget.

We are grateful to Brother Schlaman, and to the lodges, other Masonic bodies, and the members and friends in central Nebraska who contributed and helped him with this project.

During the course of the year, we were advised that the Nebraska Masonic Home was mentioned in the wills of the following individuals. These wills are now in the process of probate:

Clara Franklin	Margaret Esther Heaton
Ross W. Gathman	Nina K. Yoder
Edith Frame	Katherine M. Harder
Sarah K. Halbeck	Lulu C. Yates

This is one way you can help carry on your Masonic charity after you have entered your eternal home. If you have not already done so, I urge each of you, if at all possible, to remember the Nebraska Masonic Home in your Will.

In addition to the resignation of Bro. Arthur Sharp, in order to assume his new duties, we lost two trustees who were forced to retire because of ill health: M.:W.: Bro. Merle M. Hale, who has been a Board member since 1940 and M.:W.: Bro. T. Leo Stines, who has been a Board member since 1982.

M.:W.: Bro. Hale has been a tower of strength on the Board since 1940. He was involved with the last building program. He long ago recognized the need for further expansion and was the author of the idea for a long-range planning committee.

M.:W.: Bro. T. Leo Stines, has been a trustee for two terms. He has

been a particularly active and faithful member. Regardless of the weather conditions, I could always expect to see M.:W.: Bro. Stine at the Trustee's meetings. The only meetings I can recall that he has missed were those when he was confined in the hospital. We will miss these brethren, but I am sure the Home will still occupy an important place in their thoughts, words and actions.

At our Board meeting last May, the trustees selected Worshipful Bro. Gary Radil to fill the unexpired term of Worshipful Bro. William Pettengill. Bro. Gary willingly accepted the responsibility and will be an important addition to our Home Board. Dr. Robert L. Bass of Omaha and Jerry L. Sievers of Lincoln were selected to replace M.:W.: Bros. Hale and Stine. W.: Bro. J.H. Speck of Plattsmouth was elected to fill Arthur Sharp's vacancy.

At our last annual meeting, R.:W.: Bro. Thomas W. Tye, our incoming Deputy Grand Master, was elected to our Board of Trustees. He has served as the Liaison with our Grand Lodge officers. Brother Tom is a dedicated person with an intense interest in the affairs of the Home. He is very knowledgeable on Home affairs because of the service of his Father, M.:W.: Bro. Joseph Tye, as a member of our Board. At this time, I express my appreciation for his interest and his advice.

This is a long report but I have only scratched the surface of Home affairs for the past year. It was, as I suggested before, a very busy year and kept all of your trustees very active. I believe, however, I have hit the high points and will bring this report to a close.

Once again I say to you, it has been a real pleasure to serve as President of the Masonic Home Board during the past year. I have never worked with a group of individuals more conscientious and more dedicated than your present trustees. They exemplify Masonic charity at its best. For everyone of them, it is a labor of love which requires them to contribute of their substance as well as their time. If our entire membership could really know the work these brothers render in their interest, I am sure we would have little trouble raising the additional funds to complete our expansion program.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Grand Master declared the floor open for election of officers. Discussion ensued, reflecting that the officers elected at the June, 1987, 130th Annual Communication had not been installed. It was suggested that the election of officers be reaffirmed, and they be elected to be installed in the year 1988.

R. Monnette, a Warden of Stella Lodge No. 105, made a motion that the Rules be suspended, and the members of the Grand Lodge reaffirm the ballot that was cast and counted last June for the officers then elected. M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump, Past Grand Master, seconded the motion. The Grand Master called the question and declared the motion as passed.

The action confirmed election of the following officers:

R.:W.: Paul R. Eveland .....Grand Master

R.:W.: Thomas W. Tye .....Deputy Grand Master

R.: W.: John M. McHenry .....Grand Senior Warden  
 W.: James N. DeMoss .....Grand Junior Warden  
 R.: W.: Albert W. Reddish .....Grand Secretary

## REPORT OF NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

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

I am going to talk about the Nebraska Masonic Foundation and give you a report as one of its officers.

The history of the Nebraska Foundation started approximately 5 years ago when a dream was presented to put up some type of a building, here in the State of Nebraska, to show off Masonry to the entire State and the entire Nation.

This developed into a concept, a building design that was brought back to this Grand Lodge a few years back. At that time, the Nebraska Foundation received permission of this Grand Lodge to establish the foundation and call it the Nebraska Masonic Foundation.

Immediately following that, a great deal of research was done. A tremendous amount of material was gathered. Consultation was held with the IRS; and, after many many months of work with the IRS, we obtained a 501(e)(3) determination letter from IRS, classifying the foundation as a charitable non-profit organization, which would be able to solicit funds on a charitable basis. Immediately following the receipt of the IRS determination letter, we almost automatically received a gift of \$25,000 from a trust here in the State of Nebraska. Part of those funds were used to conduct a survey throughout the State of Nebraska, on what the Nebraska Foundation should present to its membership.

Unfortunately, or fortunately, Judge, we didn't get our signals together, and we suddenly found out that the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth was also in the midst of conducting a survey throughout the State of Nebraska. A feasibility study.

It did cause a little confusion at the time, and if we confused the state, Judge, we apologize for that. We were not aware that they were going to cross swords.

Anyway, we received the results of that survey, and we immediately did something which I think was for the betterment of Masonry in the State of Nebraska. We immediately backed off on our plans, because, we put a high priority on the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. It is very necessary that they get their addition under way; and, rather than to confuse the State, we have been holding ourselves in hand, until the Plattsmouth Home got off the ground, which it has now.

You will be hearing more from us later on. We have shown you no progress, have we?

Let me remind you that the Masonic Home of Plattsmouth, the concept of that plan was developed shortly after 1857, when the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was formed, and it was almost 40 years before that plan came into fruition with the Nebraska Masonic Home. It took a long time, until they

developed enough funds to really do the job they were set up to do.

The Nebraska Foundation does not have a lot of money right now.

The foundation, in some people's minds, is a building. I can assure you that it is more than a building. The foundation may be able to operate without a building, as far as that goes.

It is the foundation itself that is going to provide the stability for Masonry throughout the State of Nebraska.

It is designed for educational purposes. For historical purposes. It is designed to allow room for Gene Jorgenson, and his lodge of research, to display the artifacts, which he has hauled down here, and has hauled to each Grand Lodge session ever since I can remember. It is designed to educate the people about Masonry.

It will be the rallying point for all Masons in the the state of Nebraska; and, hopefully, it will be a showplace, that each of us can be proud of.

I don't know how many of you are Scottish Rite Masons, but there is a slide film showing the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., a magnificent building.

When you visit that, you stand in awe; and you become very proud to think that you are associated with an organization that thinks enough of themselves to put up that kind of a front to the Nation. Now, that is where we have been, and that is where we are, as of right now.

I have to admit that I am extremely disturbed about the resolution, that will be presented this afternoon for voting, which would, in effect, destroy the Nebraska Masonic Foundation if that resolution passes.

I think that was presented due to misunderstanding. It has been assumed that the foundation is going to cost each Mason in the State of Nebraska a bundle of money. It is assumed that it is going to cost the Grand Lodge of Nebraska a bundle of money. That is hogwash.

The foundation cannot solicit the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; nor, can the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which is you, spend any of your funds to support that foundation without a vote on the floor of this Grand Lodge Communication. It is strictly a charitable, non-profit organization. A separate entity, all by itself.

But, it so happens to have a board of trustees, seven members on the board of trustees of which four must be the line officers of the Grand Lodge. So, you have a built-in, what you might call, control over the operation of the foundation. You don't have to worry about it as a Grand Lodge. You still have control of it from that standpoint.

To now change the game plan, and in fact, renege on a promise that was made to the foundation that they could function on behalf of the fraternity, I think would be a tremendous slap in the face to all Masons in the State of Nebraska. That is not only my personal opinion. That is my opinion as a member of the board of trustees.

I hope that, when that comes up for voting this afternoon, you will seriously consider the impact of what any negative action would make toward the foundation.

**PANEL DISCUSSION ON MEMBERSHIP**

R.:W.: Thomas W. Tye, Grand Senior Warden, introduced distinguished guests from foreign jurisdictions to present reports from their respective jurisdictions as to actions and programs within their respective jurisdictions to help sustain and promote membership. Their remarks follow.

**M.:W.: RALPH L. HULTQUIST, GRAND MASTER, MINNESOTA**

My brethren, it is indeed a pleasure and a privilege to be here, and I thank you all for the great hospitality that my wife and I received.

Some time back, we started looking at our membership. We realized that, from 1961 and on, we have had a steady drop in membership. We put it on a graph, and what we really saw was that we lost one whole generation that didn't replace themselves.

Now that is kind of an indictment, but it is a stark truth; and the reasons are many.

There are no pat answers. Often times, people come to the Grand Master and ask: "what are you going to do about it?" It is not that simple, as I am sure you all understand.

We formed what we call a "Masonic Advance" in Minnesota. This includes all the Grand Lodge officers and they have been responsible. We spent three days together with a management consultant leading us down the road. Where we have been, where we are, why, and prioritizing all these things. It is a very interesting exercise. We have moved along.

That was advance one. Advance two came along.

Last Saturday, we had advance three. We met again, considering all these things, and action items.

Advance four is scheduled to come up before long.

One of the very, very important things, we feel, is that there is an image that each Mason and each member has to portray. Live the life, really, of a Mason. Honest and upright. It might be countercultural, just as the Grand Orator suggested yesterday, but Masons do have a duty. We have a duty to our God. Often times, we are criticized as being a religion, a cult. We all realize that this is not true; and, yet, if we take a look at it from the perspective of a non-Mason, we might see some things that surprise us. So we have a duty to our God. To examine our own consciences and go from there.

We have a duty to our Country to be patriotic, abide by the laws. And we do this, generally speaking.

We have a duty to our neighbor. In Minnesota, we do have a beautiful home, and it has been going on for many, many years. Highly successful, and we talk about it a lot. We might live in the past, you know we aren't doing anything lately, but we like to live in the past.

We collected \$10,000,000.00, built a cancer hospital, and gave it to the University of Minnesota.

We have scholarships and recognition for our youths ongoing programs. We have a program called the program for diabetic youth, where we put glu-

cose monitors in our schools; so that the kids with diabetes can come into the office and quickly have their blood sugar count taken, so they will know how they should eat and how they should exercise.

Yes, we do many things, but are we resting on our laurels? Are we just kind of sitting on it? We can do a lot more.

We can go a foot out of our way to help a needy brother. We can whisper good counsel in the ear of a brother, in a tender manner, and remind him of his faults. There are many, many things that we can do, that we don't.

We also have a duty to tell others about Masonry. Very interestingly, Wisconsin passed a resolution that it is now all right to talk about Masonry. Well, I couldn't find anything in the code that said it is not all right to talk about Masonry, but we do have laws about solicitation. So, they added one word. And now it is all right to properly solicit. I love it.

It is all right to properly solicit, brethren, and that is where it is at. Talk about it? How else will the world find out about Masonry, if we don't tell them? What it does for the members. What it does for the community. What it does for each other.

Selective invitation has been one of these words that has come along. Prospect nights, friendship nights, and so on. Even pitchfork fondues, and I guess they wash the forks first, too. I hope.

Number one in all of our studies, we kept coming back to it all the time. The lack of Masonic Education. Masons do not know anything about Masonry. Oh, sure, they learn some ritual, they learn a few words, but they don't know what Masonry is and they don't know what to talk about; and, consequently, they say nothing. Very, very sad.

We received a tremendous legacy when we became Masons, but that is all in the past. Those people that gave it to us are gone, and now it is up to us. What they did, and what we are going to do, is the future of Masonry; and it depends on us to continue it. Not just the Grand Master; it is up to everybody.

Now to get down to really the nuts and bolts of our program. In March, we are going to have our second Masonic open house. This means that every lodge in the State of Minnesota will be open Sunday; hopefully, from 2 to 4, Sunday, March 20. This might sound a little bit bizarre here. We tried it before, a little over a year ago, and it was a modest beginning; but we did make some mistakes. We assumed people were just going to stumble in because we put it in the paper. We had radio ads, things like that. It didn't happen.

Now it is going to be a one on one. We are sending out a card, an invitation to every Mason in Minnesota, to go to a friend of his, maybe a relative, a co-worker, somebody that he feels would make a good Mason. This card is going to be so easy it is going to be unbelievable. Just fill out the name of your lodge, the address, sign your name and give it to this friend; and say: "I would like to have you come to my lodge as my guest, to show you around, introduce you around."

"Do you have any questions about Masonry? We will tell it to you." It is a one-on-one program.

We are also going to involve the Order of Eastern Star. That is kind of

neat. We have a little bit of a devious method there because these ladies are going to make sure that lodge is nice and clean and neat and attractive. Maybe the brothers don't see some of those things that need attention, but the ladies sure do, so they are going to get involved. An opportunity for them to bring guests too.

We are going to ask Job's Daughters to be involved, because they all have friends they would like to bring. The DeMolay's. The Scottish and York Rites.

We hope all of the other groups will be involved, and make it a success.

We are forming our Masonic advances with a hope to the future. We are going to make some changes; and, hopefully, you will hear a lot more from Minnesota in the future. Thank you for this opportunity to tell you what is happening in Minnesota.

### **M.: W.: CLIFFORD D. KNAUSS, GRAND MASTER, KANSAS**

They say that the best substitute for brains is silence. This is a statement that, when you think about it, perhaps has a lot of truth.

Unfortunately, we in the Masonic Fraternity have been silent for too many years, and I think we need to change that.

Some of the things that I will be saying this morning, of course, coincide or perhaps, duplicate a little bit what is going on in some of the other states. But this is one of the things I think we have to recognize; and that is that each Grand Jurisdiction is sovereign unto itself. As a result, Masonry across the United States has been fragmented to some extent.

We are not working in a cohesive, cooperative organization. A lot of our money is being spent recently on advertising and promotion, etc.. It doesn't have the effect that it would if we were working together as one unit. That is one of the problems today that we are beginning to realize.

The thing that I feel is one of our biggest problems today is that, in the last 30 years, our society has changed, and changed drastically. It was mentioned this morning about the children of our Nation not having parents in the home, and having difficulty with the problems of growing up, as children. They have the parents in the home a very small portion of the time.

When we were growing up, our mother was usually in the home 24 hours a day. If we had a problem, there was always somebody to talk to. Today, it is a babysitter, or a nursery school; and as a result, we have grown a group of children, a group of adults today, that have had the thought in their mind of what is in it for me. I want something today. They need immediate gratification in many, many cases.

We have had a number of our Masons that have talked to younger people about joining the fraternity, and the first thing they ask is: "well, what is in it for me? Why should I join?" I think that this is a problem that we have to overcome.

Our society is changing in the fact that, today, there are approximately 108,000 Americans that move every day to a new home. 18,000 move every day to a new state. And in the process, of course, the center of population

continues to creep to the Southwest.

Also, today, there are approximately 40 Americans that turn 100 every-day. Some 5,800 men or women become 65 years of age; and of course, there are over 8,000 that try to forget their 40th birthday.

These are just some statistics to say that, in today's society, we are very mobile and changing people. In years past, our citizens moved into a town; and, in many cases, remained there their entire life. If they moved, they moved once or twice, and that was it. But, today, that is not the case.

So, we don't have an opportunity to take hold of those people and have them become as much a part of our communities as we used to. Back in 1979, Kansas hit the front pages of publicity in the Masonic world, because of a Grand Master who, about the first day after he was installed as Grand Master, issued an edict to the State of Kansas that all proficiency was eliminated. Period. Past Grand Masters and Grand Lecturers, and, I don't know, thousands of other Masons in the state of Kansas, really became incensed about that; and it certainly stirred up the waters.

Some six months after, the edict was rescinded and we went back to some state of normalcy. But, I would like to say that, during that period of time, new members received into the Masonic Fraternity in the state of Kansas increased 74%. That's the biggest increase that we've seen in years.

Now I am seeing a 74% increase of new members, new Masons raised. That is not an increase of 74% in our Masonic population in the State. We still had a loss of membership.

The next year, the new members raised was up again; and, then, the following year, it fell back to its normal level again. The one reason for that was that the membership went out and they picked up as many easy petitions as they could. The ones where they knew that the guys weren't coming in simply because they didn't want to memorize something.

And also the lodges reached back and picked up all of those laggards, those Entered Apprentices, and Fellowcrafts that hadn't finished their work; and got many of them to come in while the gate was open. Then, we fell back to a normal situation.

Then, in 1983, we had a very progressive Grand Master by the name of Richard A. Porter. Perhaps some of you have heard Dick Porter speak. Unfortunately, we, in the state of Kansas, lost a very dedicated, hard-working Mason in June of this last term because Richard Porter died of cancer; but, in 1983, he instigated, or made available to the Masons of Kansas, a reduced proficiency program where the minimum that they had to learn, or the maximum that they had to learn were the obligation and the signs and passes of each degree.

This was not a mandatory change. It was not an edict. It was simply put before the membership of the State of Kansas as an option to use; and the lodges in the State could use as much or a little as they wanted.

In our books, it says, suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees, and that has been argued for years as to what is suitable proficiency. If a man is having difficulty learning, certainly it might be less than somebody that has

memory work come to him very easily.

As a result of that, our membership increased. That is, new members raised the following year, when the census was taken, showed an increase of approximately 24%. The following year, it dropped down slightly; and the third year, it dropped down to where it was within 100 members of what it had been, more or less, on a consistent basis. 1985 and 86 showed actually no change from what we had seen in years past before the reduced proficiency was put into place.

So, we can honestly say to ourselves that that is not necessarily the answer we have been looking for.

Any new program that is introduced is going to have a positive effect for a period of time. But, we were just not getting enough new petitions, and you can't raise Master Masons unless you have somebody petitioned for membership.

In 1987, when I was installed as Grand Master, I issued a change in our thinking as far as selective invitation, or invitation is concerned.

Now I dislike, very much, the word solicitation. I think that solicitation is something that the girls do on the street. Solicitation is adding something to the idea of invitation. Where you are soliciting, you are offering incentives; you are offering premiums; you are giving a man some reason to come into the fraternity, or to take advantage of whatever you are offering.

I initiated a selective invitation program because I wanted those members who were going to talk to nonmembers to be very selective in what they were doing. The selective invitation program was put out in the form of a little packet; and, in the packet, it said very clearly that it is not against the laws of Kansas Masonry to talk to a well-qualified man, that you think is qualified, to talk to him about the charitable and good works of Masonry, and offer him an invitation to become a member of our fraternity.

There is nothing in the laws of Kansas, nor in the landmarks of Masonry that Kansas observes, that has anything to do with the prohibition on the selective invitation as we are promoting it today.

The reason I felt strongly that this was a good option is because, when we go back to the beginning of our Freemasonry as we know it today, the speculative Masonry got its start 650 years ago in England; and, then, in October of 1717, the Grand Lodge of England was constituted, and Masonry in this Country, whether it be Kansas, whether it be Massachusetts or whether it be Texas or California. Masonry came across the pond as this Country was settled, and with it the ideas of Freemasonry.

They invited in England, back in those days, and they invite in England today. Somewhere between the beginning of speculative Masonry, as we know it, and where we are today, we have changed those rules and regulations. We have injected a prohibition against solicitation.

If we live in a free country and have an option to choose, we have the option to say yes, or we have the option to say no. Why not, if we offer an invitation, does that man have the option to say yes or no, and still come into the fraternity of his own free will and accord. That is his choice. We are not putting any pressure on him.

The only thing I can say at this point is that I have heard the initial statistics as to our membership in Kansas, as of January 1, 1988, and I am gravely disappointed. It would appear that we are going to drop some 3,500 in membership numbers this year. From right at 60,000, down to perhaps just above 56,000, so I would say immediately. Gee, that initiated selective invitation program failed; but, I don't believe that we can say that at this point.

Our council of administration has agreed to continue this program for at least the next four years, and I think it is going to take at least that long before we see any evidence of what it is doing.

I do know that we have lodges in our State that have been very, very ambitious this year, and have increased their membership within those particular lodges. We have individual Masons that took this program seriously, and have brought in numerous petitions.

The problem is that we have a group of Masons, that are of the older men of our Fraternity, that have had instilled over the years these hard, fast facts that you cannot talk about Masonry, or you cannot solicit; therefore, they are having a difficult time accepting the fact that they should get out and talk and invite.

But, when you drive into a small town of 800 people, and ask where the Masonic Lodge is, and nobody seems to know, it is very obvious that we have done a terrific job of covering up what we are trying to promote today; and that has to change.

We have some good programs coming up. We feel that membership in the way we are going about it has to be part of the answer. It may not be all of the answer, and it may be the wrong move altogether. Only time will tell.

But, we firmly believe that, unless we do something, we are not going to get anywhere. Thank you very much for your time.

**W. : FRANKLIN L. COONLEY,  
SENIOR GRAND DEACON, NEVADA**

Thank you, R. : W. : Tom. I hear these people talking about 3,500 losses and 10,000 losses. We have a strength of 7,300 active. Last year, we lost 130 and we had a crisis in our Grand Lodge. We spent several hours debating it. In the past, our Grand Secretary, on a nonpayment of dues dropped, writes a letter. He has saved about 45%. We came up with an idea, a resolution at this Grand Lodge that each Grand Master, and each Master would appoint a committee on anybody that is behind on their dues, or that is not attending lodge. They call it the delinquency committee. We are waiting to see what happens. Hopefully, we will stop some of these nonpayment and some of these people dropping out before it gets to the Grand Lodge.

As I said, our Grand Master has managed to save about 45% of the lodges that have reported them.

Now, I don't mean to sound like the Chamber of Commerce for Nevada, but we have a lot of retired people. We have great fishing, hunting, boating, gambling, and we have the Grand Master. Our soliciting is done legally in houses. So, soliciting isn't all that bad, I guess.

But, we have found that there are many Master Masons living in

Nevada that are not attending lodge. Maybe they are a member of Kansas, Minnesota, Ohio, whatever. Somebody came up with the plan — I think we stole it from some other state — "The Rusty Nail Degree"; and it has worked wonderfully. The first time one of our lodges in Boulder City, which is about 30 miles from Las Vegas, put on the "Rusty Nail Degree", they had something like 60 people answer the ad in the newspaper; and, within a month, they had 37 of these people attending lodge. I am not sure of the facts on how many eventually demitted to them.

The Master and Wardens — we are divided into the North and the South. We don't have a Civil War, but you would think so at times, when it comes Grand Lodge time. The Masters and Wardens in the South and in the North, are very active in the "Rusty Nail Degree". In fact, the 20th of this month, at the Masters' and Wardens' meeting, they are meeting for breakfast early, and then they are going to have at it. Hopefully, it will work out like it has been.

We'll have about 50 more Master Masons attending lodge. Now, they are not new, granted, but, they will be active; and, hopefully, if 50 of these brothers get active, maybe they will bring 10 new ones in. We don't know. But this "Rusty Nail Degree" is super.

We have found, after getting them there, that some people are not bugs on ritual. We have to provide entertainment. The Grand Masters, at this time, are very active in getting table lodges started. I see you have them in Nebraska; but, practically every lodge is trying to get a table lodge. For instance, my lodge in Carson City, this month. We have a Sweetheart Breakfast, and we have a table lodge. We are having a roll call. In other words, we are trying to have something for everybody.

In my lodge, we have young officers, and they like skiing, to go see the Giants, or the A's play, or the 49ers; so, we are trying to provide activities for all guys.

Not only the 60-year-old ones, but the 30-year-old ones. After we get a Master Mason, we are trying to keep him.

We are trying to publicize ourself in the way of a Nevada Day Float. This year, we had one on the Constitution, which I am sure every jurisdiction did. But, we went into California and won several prizes, so we are trying to get Masonry in front of the people.

Our Grand Master, the one that appointed me in about '79, decided that the best way to have a good lodge and to get members was an education program, which I am sure everybody has. But, we are really stressing our education, because we feel people that are educated, and come to the lodge, will be back. If you see a bunch of officers that don't know what they are doing, they won't come back.

#### **W.: GEORGE C. SMITH, GRAND MARSHAL, WYOMING**

M.: W.: Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and distinguished guests. Brethren all: The Grand Jurisdiction of Wyoming thanks you for this opportunity to discuss a problem that is a concern of all Masonry. The decline in membership in Masonry.

At this time, I would like to read a little joke. One of the things in Wyoming, this year, is fun. That tells it all right there. It's fun. But this little joke is part of the problem. I, kind of, have redone my joking coming to Nebraska, but two frogs fell into a deep bowl of cream. One was an optimistic soul, the other took the gloomy view. "We shall drown," he cried, "without more adieu." So, with a last despairing cry, he flung up his legs and he said goodbye. Croak, the other frog, with a merry grin: "I can't get out, but I won't give in. I'll just swim around till my strength is spent, then will I die the more content." Bravely he swam, till it would seem his struggle began to turn to cream. On the top of the butter, at last he stopped, and out of the bowl, he gaily hopped.

What is the moral? If you can't help out, keep swimming around and around and around. Thank you.

When we speak of declining membership, there are always going to be those in our ranks who will raise a cry, let us lower our standards, thus raise our membership; to which we must respond, we are in the business of quality, not quantity.

However, without lowering our membership, or our standards, there is most certainly an urgent need to attract a few more qualified men to Masonry.

In Wyoming, we are down from a high of around 13,000, to a disappointing low, at this time, of 9,000 members. With the membership this low, the maintenance cost steadily spiraling, there is a recognized need that we must do something.

Our present efforts to reverse this declining membership include the highly effective program of encouraging laymen's night at each of our participant, constituent lodges. We encourage lodges to invite a select group to the lodge for an evening to learn what Masonry has to offer. An evening will generally consist of a meal, usually a pot luck affair, a short presentation by a well informed brother, who can answer questions a guest may have; and, a short film provided by the Grand Secretary, "The Symbol of Pride."

Of course, it is extremely important to encourage the wives of our potential candidates to attend with them; because, it is quite often the deciding factor in whether or not a man will join.

A variation of the laymen's night has been used with success by several of the brothers. Instead of inviting several people to an organized event at the lodge, one or two brothers, in conjunction with their wives, will invite one or two potential candidates and their wives over for cake and coffee, or other social entertainment. Of course, the conversation is gradually steered around to Masonry, and a petition is made available, if requested.

This too, brings us up to a very important part. A man can be led to the door, but he must knock with his own hand. It is stressed, almost to the point of exhaustion, that a man must never be asked to become a Mason. It is explained that he has to petition for membership.

We encourage our support in the lodges to work with our appendant bodies, such as the Eastern Star, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Scottish Rite Masons, York Rite Masons, and Shrine Masons. A Master Mason, especially the Most Worshipful Master, of the lodge, showing up for an installation or other important function is of untold value in public relations.

While it is true, we are not recruiting, our membership in the ranks of the Job's Daughters, or the order of Eastern Star; as I mentioned earlier, the wife is very often the deciding factor on whether or not a man will join. We do support the DeMolay, in hopes that some of these fine young men will later enter our fold.

We also are very active in supporting higher education in the public institutions. We provide many scholarships for those with a demonstrated financial need, and spread good will by this charitable act. While the Grand Lodge is foremost in promoting this program, we require absolutely no Masonic ties in promoting our financial aid.

And in this manner, yet, we have tapped a source of bright young to receive more light.

Speaking of education, one of our major areas of concern deals with the education of our constituent lodge masters and their line officers. We feel that, if we can better educate the officers of the lodge, they will begin to demonstrate this in the form of better floor work, which, in turn, should generate increased pride, and attendance from the other brethren.

With such excitement on the part of its members, it is a feeling that it cannot help to spread to those who are not yet Masons and increase our ranks in the process; because, we must remember, our best Masonic salesmen are newly raised Master Masons. In any event, it certainly makes for a better evening when everybody knows their work and takes pride in it.

Pride is the only word to use when talking about our widow's program. During the year, there are many open Masonic celebrations which the public should be invited to. One program that goes along well with this type of celebration is a widow's program. Our constituent lodges are encouraged to hold a special public meeting, during which, a well informed speaker addresses the widows of our brethren whose names have been added to the roll of the Celestial Lodge. He explains a little bit about the history of Masonry, the future of Masonry, and the importance of the wife in Masonry. After this short speech, pins and a certificate are presented to the ladies.

And, Gentlemen, there is no greater sense of pride than that of widows when they sport that pin around town on their lapel, advertising to the world, the Masonic family is a great way of life.

At this time, I would like to borrow from the Past Grand Orator of Nebraska, Arthur Sharp. If everyone of us stands erect morally, patriotically, professionally, religiously, Masonically, and most of all, if we are able to do these things in our lives, then our beloved Masonic Fraternity will grow. Thank you for this opportunity. It has been an honor I will not soon forget.

**R.:W.: DONALD P. SMITH, JR.,  
SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, COLORADO**

M.:W.: Grand Master, distinguished guests, officers of the Grand Lodge, brethren all:

I would like to take just a moment of personal privilege to say "Hi" to my old friend, Judge Harry Spencer, whom I have known at appellate judges seminars over the last 16 years. It is good to see you, Harry.

I would like to bring you greetings from the 32 or 3 thousand Masons in Colorado, as well as the greetings of our M.:W.: Grand Master, Pete English, who was just installed. It was only two weeks ago that your Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were present at our Grand Lodge.

I do have some good news to report in the area of membership. I agreed with the previous speakers in everything that they said; but I have noticed in Colorado, although we have lost members last year, as has every other state except Florida, our losses dropped to merely a few hundred last year. If we watch what has been happening in Colorado, at least, to our losses, our percentage loss has been decreasing the last two or three years. We think there are some reasons.

I agree that we lost a generation. We lost the generations that we call the baby boomers, or the protest generation, or the "me" generation — the 60's and 70's. You can look around this room and you can see that that indeed is the case. You see it in your lodges when you look at the age of new petitioners — of the younger petitioners, particularly. But, isn't that essentially what Masonry has been about in times of crisis, in times of need of moral inspiration and guidance, in times when principles are necessary and essential to our lives? Masonry attracts those people that are looking for a foundation.

That leads me to what I would like to say. I don't want to repeat what everyone else has said.

But you know, when we talk to candidates and we tell them about Masonry, we describe Masonry, at least we do in Colorado, as a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory. We explain that it is communicated by signs and symbols and example. We talk to candidates about why they decided to become Masons. We use language that says something like, having long entertained a favorable impression of your fraternity, I sought admission; and, that is really the key, isn't it? We are talking about numbers for numbers sake, but what we have and what we are must, in some way, attract people.

If our members come because we have coerced them to come, they are of no value. They must come to our fraternity because they believe that the fraternity can indeed enrich their lives; and, through the enrichment of their lives, improve society.

To borrow from the Scottish Rite, a number of years ago, the Rite was explained as having the mission of making better men in a better world, happier men in a happier world, and wiser men in a wiser world.

And, I think the key, if we could paraphrase from that, is not only our mission to make happier, wiser, and better men, but to make them effective in the world. The light of Masonry hidden under a bushel illumines no ones path, my brothers; and, too often, we keep the light of Masonry within the tiled recesses of our lodges. We are selfish with that light of wisdom and knowledge and understanding that we receive at the altar of Masonry.

And, yet, Masonry has proven its value over the last nearly 300 years that we have beenn organized in our present form. We see it in the document that we honored last year, when we honored the Constitution of the United States. Read it , and be proud that you are a Mason; because, the language of it will say something to you as a Mason, as will the language of the Declaration of Independence. This is because those Masons took Masonry outside their tiled lodges and put it to work to make a better society.

I guess my point is that, if we are perceived as an organization of men who build character so that we can go out into the community and make the world a better place, young male members of that community will flock to our door and ask to be invited in.

But, somehow, over the years, we have gotten away from that, haven't we? We are very jealous of what we have learned; and we go into our tiled lodges, and we communicate the great messages, which are not secrets. Obviously, these have been taught by the great philosophers and theologians from the beginning of time. The only secrets are the ritual by which we learn these lessons and remind ourselves of these lessons.

But somehow, we have perverted that, and we have come to the conclusion that everything about what we do is secret. Our existence is a secret.

Drive through a small town in Colorado, or Nebraska, or Kansas; and, as you enter the town, what do you see? You see a sign that says Lions' Club meets on Wednesday, at the Wagon Wheel Cafe. Stop at a service station or cafe and ask them where the Masonic Lodge is, and how many times will you be sent to the Elks Lodge?

Now, why, why do we do these things? Why isn't it appropriate to have a sign at the entrance of the town saying the Masonic Lodge of Podunk welcomes you, with the address of the lodge and when it meets?

It might be that traveling Masons coming through, might be coming through on a Tuesday night, and might be delighted to come.

But, no, we hide our light under a bushel. We don't let it be known what it is we do.

My brothers, I think the only way we are really going to reverse the membership trend is to let it be known who we are, and what we are.

You know, light is a very powerful thing; particularly, the light of wisdom and knowledge and understanding.

When you knelt at that altar, you were asked what was it you most desired; and, you answered, light, and it was given to you, because you asked for it.

But, with it, you took a responsibility; and that wasn't told to you. But, you assumed the responsibility when you received that gift. That gift of love from your brothers. And, that was a responsibility to use that light, to use that light in your daily life, and to change the world around you to make it a better place. If the young men of our community know that you are a Mason, and if what you are doing in the community stems from those lessons which you have learned in Masonry, they are going to want them too.

We are doing a number of things in Colorado which I think have some effect in our decreasing loss figures; and, if I follow the line correctly, within about two or three years, we should be on the positive side in membership, we hope.

One of the things we have done is to try to make Masonry more visible. Cornerstone ceremonies and those ceremonies done by the Grand Lodge are carefully planned in terms of local publicity, and to involve members of the community in the ceremonies. We encourage lodges to do the same kinds of things. To take an active part in those things in their communities in which they can. Dedication of a flagpole for the community. We dedicated three flagpoles — the whole Grand Lodge line, last year, in small towns.

We have dedicated just about everything you could think of, including two new lodge halls, in the last year; but, that is part of making Masonry more visible. So, I suggest to you that you do that.

Now, I am concerned about the solicitation area. I am concerned about the proficiency area. I think one of the previous speakers said it very well. In the continental lodges, and in the lodges in England, the lodges often decided who were the young leaders coming up in the community that were of good character, and they were asked if they were interested in belonging to the fraternity. That is the way we got the thousands of officers in the Continental Army, that all belonged to Masonic Lodges during the Revolutionary War, and I see nothing wrong with that.

Solicitation has not really been defined. We use the word, and we use it in bad context. We say: "well that isn't really so bad"; but, what is bad, is coercion.

What is bad, is the motive from which a man joins Masonry. If he joins because his father has pressured him to join, he is not going to be able to get out of the lessons what is there to be learned, is he? If he has joined because his boss says: "you must", he is not really a Free Mason.

You know, we ask in our ritual, time and time again: "Is it of your own free will and accord?" What that really means is, and that is why we are Free Masons, are you free enough in mind and conscience that you can absorb and can follow and interpret the lessons of Masonry; or, are you being exposed to them because you think it is going to advance your status with your employer, because it is going to please your parent, or parent-in-law, or because you think it is going to help you in some other way; or, are you free to accept the lessons in your mind and conscience and carry those out of your lodge and put them to work, changing the world around you.

We have been having prospect dinners in Colorado. Very interesting prospect dinners. A little town of Akron in eastern Colorado hadn't initiated anyone for five years. They had an officer transfer in from a California lodge and become a line officer in that lodge. He decided that something ought to be done about that, so they selected about six young men in this small, farming community, and invited them and their wives to dinner at the lodge. They called me up and they said: "we are having a prospect dinner." I said: "a What?" They said: "a prospect dinner", and I said: "okay, tell me more about it." They did. They said: "we are going to have them for dinner; and, then, after dinner, we'd like to go up in the lodge room and we would like to have somebody tell them what Masonry is all about."

I said: "have they expressed any interest in Masonry?" And they said: "no, but we think if they knew something about it, they would be interested." So I said: "all right." After dinner, we went up into the lodge room, and I talked a little about Masonry. I started out by explaining to them the symbolism of the square, of the level, and the trowel.

Some of the older members of the lodge were absolutely horrified. I told them afterwards, I said: "Look in the cornerstone ceremony, we explain this for the world to hear. You know, we talk about rectitude of life and conduct. We do this in public ceremonies. It is in our monitor. It is available for people to read. This is not a secret."

I explained to these young men and their wives that we use these kinds

of symbols to remind us of our responsibility to deal equally and fairly with all men. To live a life of rectitude and conduct. To keep our passions circumscribed within due bounds.

They asked a lot of questions like what was Masonry? And what was its purpose? And how would they be better by joining Masonry?

I will tell you, Brothers, it was hard to answer those questions. I thought I knew the answer to those until I had to start to try to explain them. That was difficult.

Everyone of those men, however, petitioned the lodge. Their wives asked some good questions, too, as a matter of fact; and, I tried to explain, from my perspective, how I felt my wife viewed Masonry. And, how I felt it was something that I did for her and my kids, my Masonry, for my Grandchildren, now. But, it made a difference. So, we are doing some of that.

I don't think we need to get hung up on the issue of solicitation. I think what we need to get hung up on is the motive which causes someone to decide to take the degrees of Masonry, and how that was arrived at. Whether that was coerced, or whether that really is a free will decision.

On the issue of proficiency, I happen to believe that in Biblical terms, where your treasure is, there will your heart be also; that is where your greatest effort is, and those things which are most difficult to obtain are those which are of greatest value.

I have no problem telling a young Mason, who is applying, that he is going to have a great deal of memory work to do. I think that is very important. You know, I have met Masons all over the world, and I've visited lodges all over the world; and one of the things that I have noticed is the pride of Masons in knowing and understanding their work.

I have only one other thing to say, and I guess the Apostle Paul said it best, in his letters to one of the young churches, when he said: "by your works shall you be known." As Masons, by our works shall we be known.

My Brothers, each of us here says: "I can't change the world with that little bit of light of Masonry that I have within me." That is nonsense.

I'd like to close with a little story about a man who was visiting in the Alps. He was sitting on the porch of a chalet, up high on the mountains, looking over the valley and the mountains beyond it, and it was getting dusk. He heard, way off in the distance, bells. He asked his host about the bells. The host explained that these bells were calling the worshippers to a church service in a little chapel on the far side of the valley, on top of the mountain, that they couldn't even see, but they could barely hear. The host said, just watch, as the sun goes down, what happens, and the visitor did.

As it began to get dark, he began to see some little pinpoints of light over on the mountain on the far side of the valley. The host explained that the man who donated the chapel had done so with the stipulation that it never be lit except by the candles brought by the worshippers. What the visitor was seeing was a line of worshippers winding their way up the trails to the chapel on the top of the mountain. As he watched, the line got closer and closer, and, eventually, reached that little chapel; and, as they all filed in, then, the visitor could even see the chapel.

For the light that was brought by each individual candle grew and grew, and streamed out of those windows sending its message of love and peace and

hope throughout the entire valley. All because each worshipper brought his only little bit of light, and those little bits of light, together, changed the whole world. Thank you brethren.

**R. W. LESLIE M. SPIES,  
SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, SOUTH DAKOTA**

Thank you very much. Let me set the record straight about this changing of the Grand Lodge year. The fact is that, last June, South Dakota changed their Grand Lodge year to accommodate Nebraska. We changed it from the second Tuesday to the third Friday, and I will look for you people then.

All that work we did just for you, and he is giving me a bad time about it. I'm not sure about that.

It is a real pleasure to address this group one more time. I believe that, for too long, we have dwelled on our problems and not looked at our solutions; and, hopefully, this panel that we are dealing with today will bring some insight to each and every one of you and various members of different Grand Jurisdictions that are represented here today.

It has been my experience that Masonry didn't just tumble down. It fell apart, just one little crumble of mortar at a time; and I don't think we, as modern-day Masons, can consider rebuilding it overnight.

What I am saying is that, perhaps, if each and every one of us put one little grain of sand back into our edifice, we might, in time, rebuild our fraternity. So, I don't think we should look at this great big attempt. I think we should look at the little pieces that hold the thing together.

Yesterday, the worthy Grand Matron told us what was wrong. She said it is no ones fault but our own. Agreed? Who else?

So, we are making an attempt here, today, to put some information in front of you that might do your lodge, or maybe one member, a little bit of good. If he receives some value from this, I think all your sitting and all our sweating up here is going to be very well worthwhile.

I know that a great many of you brothers present here today are certainly good ritualists. Some of that was proven to us last evening. A very fine performance.

However, I find that most people are not really capable of retaining a great deal of what they hear, even when they want to. They mean well.

As a matter of fact, as I listened to the Grand Orator's presentation yesterday, there were some points in there, that I thought, oh, I want to remember that. Well, then he had some more good points; and by the time the address was finished, I was lost.

I am hoping to find it in the proceedings at this time.

Therefore, I suggest any of you interested brothers take out your pen, your piece of paper, and what is left of what you already remembered, little things that have come up, jot them down. Take them home. You will be much richer for that little effort.

I would like to tell you what we are doing in South Dakota. I am certainly not saying we have a handle on things, but we do have, as our last speaker indicated, probably a lesser decline than we have had in the past. We would like to think that part of it was due to some of our action, and I am certain of this.

Last June, we lowered the age requirement from 21 to 19. I was totally opposed to that, I have to tell you. I had advocated changing it to 16. Well, we have problems; and, believe you me, there hasn't been a 16-year-old that didn't have all the answers. I thought maybe this would be a way out.

The fact was, we had two petitions from 19-year-olds, or less than 21-year-olds, the following week; and, I had the privilege of being part of one of those Master Mason degrees that raised that first 19-year-old Mason. Kind of fun. The problem is, we haven't had another one since.

I don't know whether it is working, or not. Hopefully, it will reach fruition at some time, and we will say, it was a good move.

Another thing we have done is, temporarily, for trial purposes only, for four years, prepared a shortened proficiency examination. I find it to be a very useful tool; however, I do not advocate the use of it in all general purposes.

In our own lodge, we recently had a member that was 63 years old — a candidate that was 63 years old. We implemented this short proficiency program for him. We have to offer it to all incoming members. That is part of the regulations on this shortened proficiency.

However, what I usually try to do is, when I deal with this candidate, if I am going to coach him, or whatever the circumstances happen to be, I say, we have the shortened proficiency, and you can either take that, or you can do it right. So, it is available to them. We all are aware that we have people, we have individuals that come into our fraternity who are not capable of doing ritualistic work. I feel that there is a place for shortened proficiency in that event.

In South Dakota, we have what we call the Grand Masters program. Basically, it consists of some of the things that have been aforementioned.

We have a friendship night or what has been referred to under several names here, but is still the same rose, where we do approximately the same thing they do.

We have a ladies' night, and we advocate, as part of the Grand Masters program, that this be done at every lodge. We ask that it be done.

We also have a night for recognizing an outstanding citizen or citizens in the community. We find this to be a very good tool. This one seems to work better than any, because it is usually someone that has done a great deal for the community and is in high standing in that community; and it is an excellent opportunity to invite other friends, other non-Mason friends.

I won't say we stay away from Masons entirely, because, Gosh, these Masons are so good sometimes, they are the only choice we have in these small communities. Nevertheless, we try to invite their friends and other people that might be interested in what our fraternity does. On these nights, we have a dinner of some sort, a speaker, and so forth.

We also have a point where we try to recognize a youth in the community. An outstanding young scholar. You know, you work on the boys, the men, but often times it is the young lady that receives that honor. We try to make sure that she's got a brother, though.

South Dakota is approaching its centennial year; and, in that approach, we are making great plans. We have a lot of people that work on the program, where we certainly hope to make ourselves visible throughout the Jurisdiction, and also in North Dakota, because we kind of have a joint cele-

bration there. To some extent, at least.

We are trying to get floats in every parade that takes place in the State, and I am sure there is going to be a lot of those; also, coordinated lodge activities, or anything else, that we can do to make ourselves visible before the public during these celebrations.

We are leaning toward that flagpole dedication, too.

I suppose, now, there is something a little personal on this because of some things that we are kind of doing; and, I'll take the credit, or the blame, or whatever, for part of this. We are really working on advertising. How do you advertise? You call the paper and say I want to put in an ad? I disagree. That perhaps is one way, but it is rather blase'. We see newspaper ads, not that it isn't good, because I am going to tell you in a minute that we encourage that too.

But little things — I am getting back to that grain of sand we are putting in the temple. Wear your jewelry. That is advertising. Put an emblem on your vehicle. All these things help. Everytime they see that symbol, it gives them an opportunity to know that the Masons are still around.

We are working on a plan, right now, to make 30-inch-in-diameter Masonic signs available to all of our constituent lodges at a nominal fee. These signs are for the purpose of putting it at the city limits, and letting them know that there is something else besides the Elks and Rotary, and so forth. They are not really expensive; and, hopefully, we can get a program going where we would like to think every lodge in South Dakota will have at least one sign on the edge of town.

We are encouraging lodges to put meeting notices and reports of their various events, regardless of what it is. Put it in the newspaper. Especially, these small town newspapers. Half of the time they are looking for something to fill a page anyway. They are more than glad to put it in. It won't cost you a dime. We're doing a lot of those things, and I call it advertising.

One thing that you find after you put on that Masonic pin is that you are something special, and I suggest that some people leave those pins at home deliberately on occasions. I say: "shame on you, that is not right." Be proud of this fraternity.

What happens is kind of like the fellow that gets the new personalized license plate, the vanity plate. All the time he has been driving around town, just another silhouette behind the wheel. Nobody knows him, nobody cares. He drives as he pleases; but, when he get the vanity plate, his name is on there, Jones, B. Jones, Jones 1, whatever. All of a sudden, he is not that unidentifiable personal behind the wheel. He is Jones.

He thinks twice before he slips through the stop sign or passes somebody at kind of an excessive rate of speed. They have got your number. Just like that.

You are wearing a license plate. You are wearing one that says that you are a Mason and affiliated with a Masonic Fraternity; and, as the people told you in the first degree, you should ever walk and act as such. Things to keep in mind.

I believe that is the solution to our predicament, if that is what we like to call it, was well defined in the Grand Master's address, if you have read that. They also talked about it in the degree work last night. It said that time,

patience, perseverance will accomplish all things. We have spent the time, we have had the patience, and it is time to deal with perseverance.

Now, it may not have just exactly been spelled out to you in your obligation when you became a Mason; but, I am sure that, someplace along the line, it was implied that you had a duty to the fraternity to perpetuate the order, and I am talking to each and every one of you now.

Wouldn't it be great if that good friend or that good neighbor was sitting beside you here today. That is a great feeling when you can have that friend right here.

In South Dakota, actually, we've got a lot of Masons, and I have said this from the time I got involved in Masonry in South Dakota. The only thing is, they are not carrying membership cards yet. We've got to deal with that aspect. So, you not only have a duty to perpetuate the society, but you have a duty to yourself, and you have a duty to those people to perpetuate.

I talked to a Grand Master yesterday, and I said: "M.:W.: Sir, I am sorry I did not get your name." He is 31 years my senior, and I thanked him for perpetuating this fraternity until I came around at a little later part of life. It was here for me; because, without people like him, and other people like himself, there would be no fraternity in a few years.

I hope that you will take that into consideration right now, so that there is something here 35 years from now for your sons and grandsons, for our neighbors, our relatives, and their sons and grandsons.

One thing we have in Masonry that is often times overlooked, and I think it is something that we should deal with in our ritual, we mention the word zeal frequently. It is zeal for the fraternity, it is zeal. Zeal. I wouldn't embarrass you by asking how many people in the room do not know what zeal means. But I am going to tell you anyway. Zeal means enthusiasm. Let's deal with our zeal for the fraternity, and have some action.

We have dealt with all different ways of approaching these non-Masons, and I am sure that there are a dozen other ways. But, one thing you want to be certain of, when you approach someone to selectively solicit, or whatever you are going to do, approach this man.

Of course, in South Dakota, we are trying to dispel a myth. One of those myths is that you have to ask to join. Of course, you don't have to ask to join. In South Dakota the terminology is you have to inquire of your own volition; and, boy, you can spread that out thin. But dispelling these myths is quite a project, and that is where you learn. You have to know something, you have to know more, or be smarter than what you are working with. That works whether you are driving a car, writing a paper, or whatever you are doing. You have to be smarter than what you are working with; so, it is up to you to make yourself that way. Prepare yourself before you go talk to this prospective candidate. Don't just go slinging it out there, and not having any answers when he asks the questions, because he is going to ask questions.

Tell him, of course, it is not a religion. Tell him it is not based on politics, and that you don't have to ask how many times. I am sure everyone has had that experience, or knows of an experience, where someone said: "Gee, Joe, how does it happen you have never become a Mason?" He says: "Nobody ever asked me." Of course, that is what they say. Then you go to work: "Well, we are never going to ask you, Joe, but this is the deal." You can

tell him a lot of things. You can tell them that it is something very genuine in a very artificial world today.

When they say: "What do I get out of it?" I don't know what you tell them. I have my own words. I will share them with you. You can throw them out, you can use them, whatever you like. I tell them that you get the realization that you don't have to receive something tangible in return for everything you do.

I guess I still believe that our greatest source of strength is that from above. I also believe that God tends to help those who try to help themselves. In our Third Degree, we need strength, we need guidance; and we don't go to that particular Grand Master that is dealing with the candidate. We go to someone higher. Perhaps, that is what we should do.

I would admonish you, don't pray to God to solve our problems. Pray for the strength, and the wisdom to solve our problems.

I would like to have you go home and work on your own constituent lodges. That is what you are here for. You are here to learn. You are here to take something home, use it in your jurisdiction, or in your area. You don't have to be the whole engine; but, by gosh, you can be the spark plug if you want to. Try it.

I guess I say that we all need to do everything we can possibly do. The fact is, we need to get right down where the rubber touches the road. I, for one, feel that we are still in a position to replace that crumbling mortar with fresh tuck pointing; and, once more, beautify and adorn our great fraternal temple. Thank you brothers.

**CDR. JOHN S. HENDERSON, NATIONAL PRESIDENT,  
NATIONAL SOJOURNERS**

Thank you very much for this opportunity to participate in this panel. This was an unexpected pleasure; so, as we say, I am going to be "winging it."

I feel somewhat like Elizabeth Taylor's fifth husband must have felt on their wedding night. I know what to do, I just don't know how to make it interesting.

I would like to contribute to this discussion from two aspects. One, from the aspect of the military Mason; and, the other, I will try to brief you, briefly, on what the Grand Lodge of Texas is doing in terms of membership.

From the military standpoint: the military is nothing more than a reflection of the population that it represents; so, you find the same problems really exist with the military, as happen in the civilian world.

But I would say to you that it would be most helpful if the rules concerning time between degrees could be eliminated. This, in most Grand Jurisdictions, if not all, has been very carefully gauged for the military Mason in terms of permission to avoid those; but, it is still somewhat complicated. In most of them, you have to wake a Grand Master up in the middle of the night, which does not make him pleasant, in order to get permission for some military man who may be on sudden orders.

Not only does that apply, in this day and age, to the military Mason, but it also applies in the civilian economy as well; because, everybody knows

IBM means: "I've Been Moved." People get moved, so it would be helpful there.

As to actions being taken in the Grand Lodge of Texas, I would issue a disclaimer right away that my Grand Master, Graham Childers, doesn't know I have been asked to do this; and I will have to report to him what he is doing.

In the area of proficiency, Grand Master Perry Parker, two years ago, referred this matter of the length of the proficiencies in the Texas ritual to a special ad hoc committee, headed up by R.:W.: George R. Bob Scott, P.G.M., which was to have reported at our Grand Lodge meeting in December, this past year. However, they begged for further time, and I know what Bob is up to. He is waiting to see what you other guys are going to do; but, at any rate, that is under study.

I think that Texas has probably the longest E.A. proficiency examination in the world. There is a movement afoot to cut that back to the first section only, as we call it, which would go through the obligation. There is no movement, to my knowledge, to decrease any of the proficiency for the Fellowcraft, or the Master Masons Degree; and, I don't see that coming in Texas.

In terms of so-called solicitation, I certainly do agree with the Grand Master of Kansas, and others, who have talked here about selective invitation, which is a much better word. I know of no action to change our Grand Lodge law in that respect. It currently states that it is a Masonic offense, and I now quote: "to openly solicit." Take them off the street and take them in the house. I say that facetiously, because I think that a reasonable man using a reasonable interpretation would realize that that is not designed to forbid or prohibit a selective, carefully-chosen invitation to membership in this fraternity. I know of no case of a Masonic Trial in the history of the Grand Lodge of Texas where a man was charged, Masonically, with solicitation; so, I don't believe that we have a problem here of the language of the laws. I think we have a problem with the interpretation of the law. I would suggest that you might want to think about that.

The other thing which is being done in the Grand Lodge of Texas, this year, is that the Grand Master has issued a proclamation requiring each of the constituent lodges to develop and implement a CAP, Community Action Program, at least, one for that lodge. In my own lodge's case, we are a downtown lodge, and we have decided to participate with the Christian Assistance Ministries, which are near us, in their operation of a shelter for the homeless. They require nighttime supervision, people to stay over on a volunteer basis, to monitor this facility, and this is where we are going to participate.

As well as with out public-television-station-fund-drives, we will be participating as a part of the phone bank. We think this will not only serve a good cultural purpose, but will give exposure to Masonry, which is favorable. This is just one idea that I am aware of.

I am aware of the fact that, in the little town of Zapata, down on the border with Mexico, we had a lodge that was about to fail. The Master was the grandson of one of the founders of that lodge, and he said: "I am not going to let this lodge fail." He went out on his own and became a part of what they call the adopt-a-highway project, which is operating in Texas, in

which organizations may adopt a section of the highway for policing it and cleanliness. The State puts up a big sign right along it that says this section has been adopted by its organization. He did that on his own, went out and started policing the area where the sign was put up; and, within 10 days, 5 people in that little town came to him and said: "I have always wanted to be a Mason, but I didn't think you did anything, and now you have shown me you do something. I want to be a Mason."

That little lodge is going to survive and grow.

There are ways to do things if we will just put our shoulder to the wheel and everyone become a participant in the membership program of their lodge, and of their Grand Lodge, and of our country. Thank you so much.

### PRELIMINARY REPORT, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

B.: Gary Powell Chairman

M.:W.: Sir: The following lodges have not registered in. If there is anyone in attendance from one of these lodges, we would appreciate it if they could come out to the Credentials desk and check. Numbers 2, 4, 36, 43, 53, 56, 57, 60, 68, 83, 87, 93, 95, 99, 103, 108, 113, 114, 124, 125, 128, 134, 136, 137, 138, 140, 143, 148, 150, 153, 154, 160, 192, 200, 202, 205, 207, 217, 218, 221, 225, 233, 234, 235, 236, 245, 258, 262, 264, 266, 277, 280, 284, 298, 308, 313, 316. If there is anyone present from any of those lodges, would you please come out and check in. We will have a final report for you later.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES

M.:W.: Harold Hultman, P.G.M., for Frank Lawson, Jr., Chairman

Usually, at annual meeting time, the Grand Trustees rendered a financial report for both the Grand Lodge and the Nebraska Masonic Home. This year, however, Grand Lodge has changed its accounting period from a fiscal year ending April 30th to one ending December 31st. The Nebraska Masonic Home continues to operate on a fiscal year ending April 30th.

Therefore, the report which we are rendering at this time does not include the Home. For the Grand Lodge it covers a short, eight-month period. This makes it difficult to make a sensible comparison to the prior period.

The major distortions for this eight-month period are:

- a. Dues normally flow to Grand Lodge during the months of January through April, the very four months not in the reporting period.
- b. The Annual Meeting is one of the major expenses of Grand Lodge. Most of those expenses were paid in this eight-month period.
- c. A payment of \$51,952 was made to the Nebraska Masonic Home in this period. A similar payment was made in April and reported in the 4/30/87 report, within the 1987 calendar twelve months. Then, two payments of some \$50,000 plus were paid to the Home.

Copies of Deloitte, Haskins and Sells audit report for the eight-month period ending December 31, 1987, and the Year ending April 30, 1987, are on file at the Grand Lodge Office. Salient, selected figures from this report are

shown below.

For the Grand Lodge

	8 Months Ended 12/31/87	Year Ended 4/30/87
Total Revenue (a)	\$ 111,297.00	\$ 339,194.00
Total Expenses	235,329.00	301,544.00
Excess (Deficit) Revenue over Expenses	(124,032.00)	37,650.00
Fund Equity <sup>(b)</sup> , End of Period	\$1,160,655.00	\$1,277,983.00

(a) Excludes \$6,704 of capital gain realized 12/31/87 period and \$58,060 capital loss realized 4/30/87 fiscal year.

(b) Exclusive of Restricted Donations — see following

Restricted Funds

The Emick Scholarship Fund distributed \$3,000 for scholarships in the 12/31/87 eight-month period. Its Fund Equity as of December 31, 1987 was \$79,507.

The Stephen C. Houghton Trust made additional payments of \$116,193 to the Grand Lodge Houghton Fund in the eight-month period. 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 December 31, 1987, the fund totaled \$259,272. To date, none of these funds have been disbursed.

### REPORT OF OFFICE COMMITTEE

R.: W.: John M. McHenry, Chairman

The Committee members and their terms of office are: John M. McHenry, 19 (1990); Bevin B. Bump, PGM, 158 (1989); Kenneth D. Beebe, 119 (1919); Donald L. Andrew, 15 (1987); and 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 under the bylaws of the Grand Lodge to improve the efficiency of the offices for the benefit of Nebraska Freemasonry. This Committee met with the Grand Master, The Grand Lodge Officers, The Appropriations Committee and other interested brethren throughout the year.

This past year has seemed to be the year of the lawsuits. We employed the firm of Mattson, Ricketts, Davies, Stewart, and Calkins to represent the Grand Lodge in pursuing our claim that CD Systems of Omaha did not provide to us the programs and computer software for which we contracted. As we had indicated in our report at the Session held in June, we had turned over our documents concerning the purchase of the Honeywell computer to Brother J. L. Spray for his recommendation as to the filing of the suit against CD Systems. By this Grand Lodge Session, J. L. will have filed our suit for damages against CD Systems.

A second lawsuit also involves our computer system, and we are represented by the Mattson Ricketts law firm. Computer Wholesalers of Lincoln was replacing a board in the computer, and their employee failed to turn the

computer off before installing the board. During this process, the employee damaged the computer and destroyed all the programing. Fortunately, we had backups to all the programs and the information; however, it still cost us approximately \$5,000 to restore the system to a workable situation. Computer Wholesalers refused to pay for the damage. Again, we had requested Brother J. L. to review our information and documentation for his recommendation as to the feasibility of recovering the costs incurred. Based on his recommendation, there is a lawsuit presently pending against Computer Wholesalers.

A third legal matter is more disturbing in that Brother Morrison of Saint John's Lodge in Omaha is alleging that the actions of the Grand Master, Wayne Leunenborg, and the then Grand Secretary, Ed Cumings, caused him to be slandered. He is asking that the Grand Lodge pay to him the sum of \$100,000 for his damages. This is a long and convoluted story; and, unfortunately, we do not know enough of the facts, allegations or hearsay to give a detailed report. Brother Gary Radil is representing the Grand Lodge in this matter and will give us further details as they come to light.

The Grand Lodge Office continues to improve in its service to the Blue Lodges through the work of our Office Manager, Darrell Christensen, and our Grand Secretary, Al Reddish. Through the procedures implemented by him, the Office Committee and Darrell have been able to efficiently perform the duties of his office even though his home is in Alliance. The many people who visit the Grand Lodge Office continue to be impressed by the image projected by the office and the services provided to the Masons of Nebraska. If you have not visited the office, please do so when you are in Lincoln, and become acquainted with the staff.

During the past year, the committee also formalized an employment policy which has been accepted by the Grand Master. In the coming year, we look forward to working with Art Sharp as the new Manager of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Through the help of Art and the staff of the Home, we intend to improve the transmissions and handling of the financial records of the Home.

The Committee invites all Masons not only to 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.

### **REPORT, GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL**

M.:W.: Warren D. Lichy, Jr., P.G.M., Chairman

M.:W.: Grand Master; Distinguished Brethren:

This beautiful Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia is the only building in which every Mason in the United States has an interest. In almost all Grand Jurisdictions, each Brother being raised to the Degree of Master Mason makes a one-time contribution of \$5. Nebraska Masons can be proud of the fact that they were among the first to raise from \$1 to \$5 the amount of this contribution.

The building cornerstone was laid in 1922, and the building was dedicated in 1932. A building of this size and age requires a great deal of mainte-

nance — expensive maintenance; therefore, additional gifts and bequests are always welcome. The address is: The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Remember, the Memorial is NOT in Washington, DC proper, and it cannot be found on the DC city map. It is in Alexandria. It can, however, be reached on the DC subway system.

During 1987, almost 42,000 visitors toured this impressive building and the Masonic displays it contains. If any of you are ever in the Washington, DC area, it will certainly be worth your time to go to Alexandria and visit the Mason's memorial to our Worshipful Brother, George Washington.

As we meet for our annual Grand Lodge session, we would do well to remember these words of that Great American and Mason. When, in the darkest days of our war of independence, General Washington was asked if things were really as bad as some people claimed. He said: "We should never despair. Our situation before has been unpromising and has changed for the better, so I trust it will again. If new difficulties arise, we must only put forth new exertions and proportion our efforts to the exigency of the times."

### REPORT, COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

W.: Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman,

By R.: W.: Albert T. Reddish, Grand Secretary

The committee completed the first phase of computerizing the list of the Grand Jurisdiction Representatives. Work on the second phase has now begun. In order to complete this process, we need to have all Foreign Grand Jurisdiction Representatives check their entry in the Grand Lodge Proceedings and verify that it is correct. All corrections need to be reported to the committee through the Grand Secretary's Office 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.

### DOINGS OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Everett K. Dappen, Chairman

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

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The section on General Consents and Approvals

The section on Decisions

The section on Recommendations

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The section on Consolidations

To the Committee on Grievances:  
 The section on Reinstatements  
 The section on Trial Commissions

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:  
 The section on Necrology

The address reflects the interest and dedication the Grand Master has in the future prosperity of the Craft in Nebraska and the many activities he has supported of the past year. He is to be commended for his efforts on behalf of the Craft. We recommend that matters not herein specifically referred to committee be approved.

#### Review of the Report of the GRAND SECRETARY

We recommend the report be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Returns:  
 The section on Returns

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:  
 The section on Consolidations  
 The section on Chartered Lodges

To the Committee on Grievances:  
 The section on Grievances

To the Committee on Finances:  
 All financial reports and schedules relating to funds.

The Grand Secretary has 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. For the many hours he has worked, he has put in for the benefit of the Craft while still holding a full-time job. All the work for 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.

### CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. : Joseph Geisler, Chairman

Grand Lodge records show that the following Lodges have failed for two successive years to appear at the Grand Lodge Communication.

Nehawka Lodge 246  
 Oasis Lodge 271  
 Mullen Lodge 282  
 Camp Clarke Lodge 285  
 Oshkosh Lodge 286  
 Bayard Lodge 301

Therefore, by the attached letters, I have advised the Masters and Wardens of the above lodges to appear before Committee on Charters and Dispensations to show cause why their Charter should not be forfeited.

Final report on these lodges will be submitted after meeting with the Masters and Wardens, February 6, 1988, at the Grand Lodge Communication, Lincoln, Nebraska.

### COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

M.:W.: Louis V. Sylvester, P.G.M., Chairman

Following approval of a "Cipher" at the Annual Communication of June 1986, the Committee spent considerable time and effort revising the Allen Publishing Company's "King Solomon and His Helpers" code book to conform with the correct Nebraska work. This resulted in the printing of 5,000 copies of the new, approved "Cipher", which was available for distribution at the June 1987 Annual Communication in Kearney, Nebraska. These are now available from the Grand Lodge at a cost of \$5.00 per copy.

As a part of the resolution approving this publication, the Committee also prepared and had printed, 5,000 sets of individual Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason Question and Answer Ciphers for use by new initiates following receiving of each of the three degrees. These also became available during 1987 and may be obtained from the Grand Lodge office at a cost of \$1.50 per set of three.

### COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

Arnold F. Mains, Chairman

Your Committee on Masonic Relief reports that Mrs. Zelda Mead of Omaha, Nebraska is still receiving \$25.00 per month assistance.

We received one request for assistance, this past year, through the Sacramento Masonic Service Bureau, for Brother Edward Lawson, a member of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 at Omaha, Nebraska. He was unemployed and destitute, and wished to return to Minnesota, where some of his family resided. After talking to W.:B.: William E. Zimmerman, Executive Secretary of the Sacramento Service Bureau, it was agreed by Arnold F. Mains and Office Manager Darrell Christensen that we advance him enough money to get to Minnesota, and tentative amount was \$400.00 to \$500.00, with the understanding that when he got work and was able, the amount would be repaid. On October 19, 1987, we received notice that \$525.00 had been extended to him (letter attached), and that he remained in California; and, to our knowledge, still does. On October 24, 1987, after a letter from the Grand Lodge Office, I wrote to Brother Lawson and asked for his intentions (letters attached), and enclosed a self-addressed envelope for his reply. To date, we have not heard from him. I called Mr. Zimmerman on November 19, 1987 and he was to check on him and let me, or the Grand Lodge Office, know. To date, nothing has been received; and, we now have asked the Grand Lodge of California to investigate this brother and inform us of their findings. John J. Mercer Lodge has been kept informed in this matter also. We hope to have more information to report to you during the Grand Lodge Session in February.

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

### COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

M.:W.: Paul R. Pierce, P.G.M., Chairman

The first work of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education was to develop, approve and print an Officers' Manual for Leadership Training, and to inspire its use to present programs of education for Nebraska Lodges.

The material for the manual was enclosed in a blue-covered, 3-ring notebook with a blue lodge emblem on the cover. The loose leaf binder allowed new sheets to be added, and old ones removed.

The copies were ready for distribution on December 6th, 1986, at the time of the Grand Lodge Installation at North Platte, and the first copies given to the Grand Lodge Officers.

A request was made, and permission granted by Grand Master Wayne G. Lueningborg, to enlarge the Grand Lodge Education Committee from 6 to 16, in order to assist in the distribution of the manuals in area meetings. The additional members were called "Educational Representatives" and assisted materially in arranging for area meetings. Distance of travel and winter weather were restrictive factors, as well as conflicts of other events, and, sometimes, lack of interest.

Meetings were held at Grand Island, Omaha, Lincoln, Oakland, Fremont, Geneva, Humbolt, Dewitt, Auburn, Hastings, McCook, Lexington and Bridgeport. Each lodge was given a free Officers Manual and additional copies made available at a cost, \$5.00. A display of books, booklets, pamphlets and literature was a part of each meeting.

A copy of the Officers Manual was mailed to every listed "Senior Warden" whose lodge was not represented at an area meeting. Early timing in the use of the Manual is important, so this was done in January, 1987. Many additional copies were purchased at the time of the area meetings, and many also ordered by mail from the Education Office in Hastings and the Grand Secretary's Office in Lincoln.

A problem arose in our mailing list because only 102 lodges appointed and sent a list of their Education Committees to the office of the secretary. The Education Committee wrote individual letters to 113 Worshipful Masters, requesting a committee report. 36 Worshipful Masters or secretaries responded. Thereafter, it was necessary to send educational material to the Worshipful Masters.

A special effort was made to promote the celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States. Many responded to the Grand Master's proclamation with historical, educational and patriotic celebrations. Much of the material sent from the Education Committee was made available to the Grand Lodge Committee by the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

The chairman of the Education Committee and R.:W.: Paul R. Eveland, Deputy Grand Master, attended the Midwest Conference for

Masonic Education at Fargo, North Dakota. Nebraska is unusual in that we have no organizational structure for education. Other states, such as Missouri and Kansas, have 60 "Deputy Grand Masters", or "Educators", who do nothing with ritual, but are strictly area supervisors of lodge organization, program promotion, and Masonic Education. They present a plan, help to promote it, then reward the lodges by recognition at the Grand Lodge Communication, for each lodge's accomplishment.

It was our conclusion that Nebraska already has an area division as practiced by our ritualistic custodians of the work, and we could also use the same areas with educational representatives.

We need Masonic Education. Nebraska is a big State. A Grand Lodge Committee of 6 is not enough to cover the State; neither, are 16 representatives. We could build an educational structure, perhaps copy our own successful Deputy Custodian districts, with educational representatives, Deputy Grand Masters, or by whatever title, teaching lodge organization and Masonic education. From this organization, may emerge leaders in Nebraska to be available for Grand Lodge leadership.

The Officers' Manual, created this year, is a workbook for lodge organization, for guidance of committees, and with suggestions for imparting a knowledge of Masonry to members, for their lodges. The Education Committee urges the officers and members of each lodge, together with their Educational Committee to study and use the Manual as it best fits their individual lodge.

It has been a pleasure meeting, working, receiving and imparting Masonic information with you this year.

### MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

Bernard L. Paden, Chairman

I would like to name and thank the members who served on the Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee this year. They are: Brother Sanford Nelson, Donald E. Rasmussen, Benjamin H. Harvey and myself.

This committee has not had any activity this year because none of the High School graduates at the Home had any desire to continue their education.

We sincerely hope there will be some request for assistance next year.

### REINSTATEMENTS

By Donald R. White

I am sure you have been informed that at the Grand Lodge Communication for the year 1986, The Committee on Reinstatements was abolished.

My records indicate that there were five (5) applications that were not on my 1986 report, these being received after my yearly report was forwarded to the Grand Lodge. They are as follows:

William W. Armstrong	Ogalalla Lodge #159	Reinstated
M. Lee Hickam	Mizpah Lodge #302	Reinstated

Jesse L. Copsey	Bellevue Lodge #325	Not Reinstated
John S. Cerovski	Mizpah Lodge #302	Reinstated
Doyle G. Beeber	Mizpah Lodge #302	Reinstated

The above should be added to the Grand Master's Report for the Year 1987.

I trust you find this information sufficient for your records and I am pleased to send it to you.

### YOUTH COMMITTEE

William G. Hurst, Chairman

Although our Youth Groups are proud of those things for which their orders stand, they, like we, are losing members. Their loss is due to members growing to maturity and the inability to initiate enough new members to keep up with those who reach majority. Our loss is due to death and failure to advance those who enter our ranks, as well as the failure to initiate. Both they and we are suffering losses in years when the population of our State is showing an increase in membership. These losses occur in times when the world, or at least our Country, indicates an increased interest in those moral values which we and our youth groups teach our members.

It would seem that our youth would benefit from greater interest and assistance from us; and we, in turn would enjoy a long term benefit from providing that assistance. The young people do not know how to ask for your help, brethren. I ask in their behalf. Please give it, before they, and we, become a memory.

The Grand Junior Warden called the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Nebraska from labor to refreshment at 11:45 a.m.

**1988 PROCEEDINGS***of the Most Worshipful*Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons  
of Nebraska*ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIRST  
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**Held in Lincoln, Nebraska, February 5 & 6, 1988**SECOND DAY — THIRD SESSION**Saturday, February 6, 1988*

The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor at 1:36 p.m. February 6, 1988.

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Bob R. Carhart, on behalf of John VerMaas, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, moved that the preliminary report of the Appropriations Committee be approved as the final report. Motion carried.

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

M.: W.: Charles W. Amidon, P.G.M., Chairman

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

The following proposed amendments to the constitution were submitted to all subordinate lodges requiring that each submit the proposals to a lodge vote. A majority of the subordinate lodges needed to ratify the amendments which then would have allowed the amendments to be presented and voted upon by all registered delegates at the February 5 & 6, 1988 Annual Communication.

1. Amendment to Article VII of the constitution: That the paragraph be amended concerning the Grand Junior Warden to read: "The 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 consisting of not less than nine Past Masters from across the State."

Out of a total of 127 responding subordinate lodges, 65 voted in favor of the amendment and 62 lodges voted in the negative. As the required 108 affirmative votes were not received, this proposed amendment was not eligible for consideration at the 131st Annual Communication. The Jurisprudence Committee, therefore, did not discuss this amendment.

2. "Article II: Be It Resolved that the words: "And such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of subordinate lodges", be deleted from the constitution.

Out of 127 responding subordinate lodges, 49 voted in favor of the amendment and 78 voted in the negative. As the required 108 affirma-

tive votes were not received, this proposed amendment was not eligible for consideration at the 131st Annual Communication. The Jurisprudence Committee, therefore, did not discuss this amendment.

3. Amendment to Article II of the constitution: "Be It Resolved that Article II be amended to include all Past Masters as permanent members of the Grand Lodge."

Out of 126 responding subordinate lodges, 53 voted in favor of the amendment and 73 voted in the negative. As the required 108 affirmative votes were not received, this proposed amendment was not eligible for consideration at the 131st Annual Communication. The Jurisprudence Committee, therefore, did not discuss this amendment.

### BYLAWS RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions proposed at the 130th Annual Communication were reviewed by the committee and recommendations on each were as follows:

1. Be It Resolved that Section 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 communications of the Grand Lodge by its Master and Wardens, or their proxies thereunto appointed. Each subordinate lodge shall be entitled to 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.

The Committee ruled this Resolution met all proper requirements and moved that it be placed on the floor for discussion and balloting, following which, it received 57 affirmative votes and 243 negative votes and therefore was not approved by the delegates.

2. Section 2-901 — SOLICITATIONS — Be It Resolved that Section 2-901 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be repealed.

It is un-Masonic for an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason to solicit the petition of a profane for the degrees of Masonry, nor shall any subordinate lodge pay for a public lecture or take any steps to solicit petitions for the degrees.

The Committee ruled this Resolution met all proper requirements and moved that it be placed on the floor for discussion and balloting following which it received 223 affirmative votes and 77 negative votes and therefore was approved by the delegates. Section 2-901 is repealed.

3. That Section 2-909 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

New Section 2-909 — ADVANCEMENT — No Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellowcraft Mason shall receive the next degree until he shall have been declared proficient in each preceding degree as provided in Section 2-402.

Deleted Section 2-909 — ADVANCEMENT — No Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellowcraft Mason shall receive the next degree earlier than on the 28th day after he received the preceding degree, nor until he shall have been declared proficient in such preceding degree as provided in Section 2-402.

The Committee ruled this Resolution met all proper requirements and moved that it be placed on the floor for discussion and balloting, following which, it received 223 affirmative votes and 77 negative votes and therefore was approved by the delegates.

### RESOLUTIONS OTHER THAN BYLAWS REVISIONS

1. 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 "The Nebraska Masonic Foundation" for the purpose of building a new building in Lincoln, Nebraska. It is requested by the undersigned that the words: "Nebraska Masonic", be deleted from that title.

The Committee recommended this resolution should not be approved; but, in order to allow the delegates to consider same, moved to place it on the floor for discussion and balloting. Subsequent balloting resulted in 20 affirmative votes, 281 negative votes, and one abstention, and the resolution thereby failed.

2. 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 lessons of fidelity."

The Committee ruled this Resolution was actually a matter for the Committee on Nebraska Work, and, therefore, had no recommendation. The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, however, moved that it be placed on the floor for discussion and balloting, following which, it received 147 affirmative votes, 148 negative votes, and one abstention, and, therefore, was not approved by the delegates.

### GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

(See page 95 of Grand Master's Address)

#### 1. FISCAL YEAR

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended approval, and subsequent balloting resulted in 208 affirmative votes and 82 negative votes. Therefore, this recommendation was approved by the delegates.

#### 2. COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended approval, and subsequent balloting resulted in 269 affirmative votes and 14 negative votes. Therefore, this recommendation was approved by the delegates.

#### 3. MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE REVISIONS

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended approval, and subsequent balloting resulted in 256 affirmative votes and 32 negative votes. Therefore, this recommendation was approved by the delegates.

#### 4. RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND RECOGNITION OF A "YORK RITE COLLEGE."

The Jurisprudence Committee ruled that Section 3-102, Para. (g) of the present bylaws already recognized the York Rite, and no additional approval was necessary for that Body to establish any appendant body within its own organization. A show of hands vote affirmed this ruling.

#### 5. SECTION 1-105 MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended approval, and subsequent balloting resulted in 208 affirmative votes and 82 negative votes. Therefore, this recommendation was approved by the delegates.

#### 6. RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended approval, and subsequent balloting resulted in 281 affirmative votes and 10 negative votes. Therefore, this recommendation was approved by the delegates.

#### 7. PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

The Committee recommended changing the name to "LIFE", in lieu of "PERPETUAL", membership and that Section 2-405 be harmonized to allow such a program. It was also recommended authorizing the Grand Master and an appropriate committee to implement a sound actuarial program.

A subsequent ballot resulted in 234 affirmative votes and 57 negative votes on the original recommendation. The recommendation, therefore, was approved.

The Chairman moved for approval of the entire Jurisprudence Committee report, and following a seconded, same was approved.

### RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

The Grand Secretary reported that he had received two Resolutions at this Annual Communication which, according to law, must lay over until the 132nd Annual Communication in February, 1989. These Resolutions are:

1. May it be resolved that Section 2-402—**Proficiency**— be amended to read as follows:

All those hereinafter initiated, passed, and raised, shall become proficient in each degree by memorizing the answers to the questions in each degree, as well as the obligation as set forth in the Cipher, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge. After such examination, the Master may declare the brother proficient. Such declaration and the recording of the proficient brother shall be made in the degree in which the examination is made, providing no objection is raised; if objection is made, and it becomes necessary to put to a vote, the ballot shall be determined in a lodge of Master Masons. Whereupon, the Master shall put the question: Is the brother proficient?, and this question shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

2. Be it resolved that Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows, and that the original of said Section be repealed.

Section 1-304 — JURISPRUDENCE — This Committee shall consist of five Past Grand Masters appointed by the Grand Master and each to serve during the term of the Grand Master. The Committee shall be advisory to the Grand Master.

The Committee shall review questions of law referred to it by the Grand Master. The Committee shall make a report to the Grand Master for his guidance, and said report shall be filed with the records of the Grand Secretary.

It appears to the Grand Secretary that each has the required number of signatures of members of the Grand Lodge.

### COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAW

Jack Youngs, Chairman

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits its report and, pursuant to the action taken by this Grand Lodge, recommends amendments to the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge, as follows:

That so much of Sec. 1-201 of the bylaws, with reference to the duties of the Grand Secretary, as reads as follows:

"shall notify each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the 20th day of March of each year and shall close all accounts of subordinate lodges on the 1st day of May of each year;"

be amended to read:

"shall notify each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the first day of December of each year and shall close all accounts of subordinate lodges on the thirty-first day of December of each year;"

otherwise, said Section shall remain unchanged.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.

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That so much of Sec. 2-309 of the bylaws, with reference to proposed amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution, as reads as follows:

"The Master shall report the action thereon to the Grand Secretary before the first day of April preceding the next session of the Grand Lodge;"

be amended to read:

"The Master shall report the action thereon to the Grand Secretary before the first day of December preceding the next session of the Grand Lodge;"

otherwise, said Section shall remain unchanged.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.

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That so much of Sec. 1-301 of the bylaws as has reference to the regu-

lar committees and standing committees of the Grand Lodge, be amended by deleting the words "Codification of the Law," appearing at the head of the list of regular committees and by adding the same words at the head of the list of standing committees.

otherwise, said Section shall remain unchanged.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.



That Sec. 1-315 of the bylaws be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 1-315 — CODIFICATION OF THE LAW — The Committee on Codification of the Law shall consist of three members, each to serve for a period of three years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The Committee shall digest the approved decisions of the Grand Master and the approved reports of the Committee on Jurisprudences, and any proposed law referred to it by the Committee on Jurisprudence; and, after harmonizing the same as far as may be possible, shall submit them in the form of proposed bylaws to the Grand Lodge at the same communication."

and that the original of said Section be repealed.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.



That Sec. 3-102(g) of the bylaws, with reference to the commission of Masonic offenses by making application to, or joining certain organizations, be amended by adding the words: "The York Rite Sovereign College of North America," immediately following the words: "The Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem," so that the organization added by this amendment appear at the foot of the list of organizations to which the inhibition of this Section shall not apply.

otherwise, said Section shall remain unchanged.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.



That Sec. 1-105 of the bylaws, with reference to Mileage and Per Diem, be amended by adding the words "regular" and "immediately" preceding the words "standing committee" appearing in both the first and third sentences of said Section.

otherwise, said Section shall remain unchanged.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.



That so much of the first sentence of Sec. 2-803 of the bylaws, with reference to the residence requirements for petitioners for initiation, as reads "twelve months" be amended to read "six months".

otherwise, said Section shall remain unchanged.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.



That Sec. 1-405 of the bylaws, with reference to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 1-405 — GENERAL FUND AND PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP FUND — That, hereafter, the funds of this Grand Lodge shall be the following: General Fund and Perpetual Membership Fund.

The General Fund of this Grand Lodge shall consist of the securities and monies presently in said Fund. The General Fund shall be the operating fund of this Grand Lodge, into which shall be deposited all income of this Grand Lodge from whatever source derived, with the exception of monies paid to the Perpetual Membership Fund and income therefrom. The expenses of this Grand Lodge, as appropriated by this Grand Lodge, shall be paid from the General Fund. Surplus monies in the Grand Fund shall be invested and reinvested by the Board of Grand Trustees.

There is hereby established a Perpetual Membership Fund. All monies tendered with applications for perpetual membership and all income therefrom shall go into said Fund, which shall be administered as provided by the Perpetual Membership Plan adopted by this Grand Lodge. This Fund shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds."

and that the original of said bylaw be repealed.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.



That Sec. 2-405 of the bylaws be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2-405 — LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP — Life membership shall not be issued by a subordinate lodge. However, perpetual membership may be issued by a subordinate lodge as provided by the Perpetual Membership Plan adopted by this Grand Lodge.

and that the original of said bylaw be repealed.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.



That so much of the first sentence of Sec. 1-201, with reference to the duties of the Grand Secretary, as reads as follows:

"shall see to the receipt, deposit and strict accounting of all monies of the Grand Lodge in such accounts as designated by the Grand Trustees;"

be amended to read as follows:

"shall see the receipt, deposit and strict accounting of all monies of the Grand Lodge in such accounts as designated by the Grand Trustees or as provided by Section 1-405 of this Code;"

otherwise, said Section shall remain unchanged.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.

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That so much of the first sentence of Sec. 1-401(e), with reference to the duties of the Grand Trustees, as reads as follows:

"(e) All securities shall be kept in a bank or trust company"

be amended to read as follows:

"(e) All securities except those of the Perpetual Membership Fund shall be kept in a bank or trust company"

otherwise, said Section shall remain unchanged.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.

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That so much of Sec. 1-401(i), with reference to the duties of the Grand Trustees, as read as follows:

"The Board of Grand Trustees shall designate the depositories for all funds and securities of the Grand Lodge and the Nebraska Masonic Home"

be amended to read as follows:

"The Board of Grand Trustees shall designate the depositories for all funds and securities of the Grand Lodge, except those of the Perpetual Membership Fund, and The Nebraska Masonic Home"

otherwise, said Section shall remain unchanged.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.

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That Sec. 2-901 of the bylaws, with reference to the solicitation of candidates, be repealed.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.

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That Sec. 2-909 of the bylaws be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2-909 — ADVANCEMENT — No Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellowcraft Mason shall receive the next degree until he shall have been declared proficient in each preceding degree as provided in Section 2-402 of this Code."

and that the original of said bylaw be repealed.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this bylaw amendment.

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**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Gary L. Powell, Chairman

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all lodges were present except the following: 2, 4, 36, 43, 53, 57, 68, 83, 93, 95, 99, 103, 113, 114, 124, 125, 128, 134, 136, 137, 138, 140, 143, 148, 150, 153, 160, 192, 200, 205, 207, 217, 218, 221, 225, 233, 234, 235, 236, 245, 258, 262, 264, 277, 280, 284, 298, 308, 313 and 316.

Total number of Lodges: 214

Number not represented: 51

Lodges not represented for two years: Western Star 2 - Nebraska City; Hebron 43 - Hebron; Aurora 68 - Aurora; Auburn 124 - Auburn; Mount Nebo 125 - Genoa; Rawalt 138 - Oxford; Western 140 - Western; Evergreen 153 - Pierce; Fraternity 235 - Winside; Golden Rule 236 - Allen; Hampton 245 - Hampton; and Swastika 280 - Sargent.

There were 14 Past Grand Masters present. All of the Grand Lodge Officers were present. 24 Deputy Grand Custodians and 5 Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritis were present. There were 110 Worshipful Masters, 74 Senior Wardens and 52 Junior Wardens in attendance. Another 36 Worshipful Masters, 44 Senior Wardens and 47 Junior Wardens were represented by proxies. A total 306 Masons represented 363 Officers. 57 non-delegates were also present.

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

**132ND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

R.:W.: Paul R. Eveland, Grand Master Elect, moved that the 132nd Annual Communication be held at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 3 and 4, 1989. The motion was seconded and carried.

**FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS**

R.:W.: Thomas W. Tye, Deputy Grand Master Elect, moved that Kearney, Nebraska, be accepted as the site of the 133rd Annual Communication to be held in February, 1990, which motion carried.

R.:W.: John M. McHenry, Senior Warden Elect, moved that Grand Island, Nebraska, be approved as the site for the 134th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska, to be held in February, 1991, which motion carried.

**CLOSING**

The Grand Chaplain led the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in 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 131st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska closed in ample form.

### REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE NAME	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	1	Arthur J. Matcha.....	Carl E. Thompson.....	.....
Western Star	2	.....	.....	.....
Capitol	3	Charles R. McIntosh.....	Dennis A. Newman.....	.....
Nemaha Valley	4	.....	.....	.....
Omadi	5	Walter M. Beerman .....	.....	.....
Plattsmouth	6	Ronald R. Wilson .....	James Gruber .....	Bruce R. Range .....
Falls City	9	Lewis R. Gellett.....	.....	.....
Solomon	10	.....	Russell G. Christensen.....	Charles Pleak .....
Covert	11	Larry McCain .....	Keith Frederickson .....	Howard R. McCoy* .....
Orient	13	John E. Scholl.....	.....	.....
Peru	14	Kenneth L. Fike.....	Stanley A. Vanderford .....	.....
Fremont	15	Brad N. Johannesen.....	Vernon G. Gibson, Jr.....	Gerald D. Verbeek .....
Tecumseh	17	Richard M. Pope*.....	.....	.....
Lincoln	19	Reginald S. Kuhn .....	David K. Neff .....	Kurt R. Weiss .....
Washington	21	Darwin Sutherland.....	Keith A. Hightree .....	Kenneth H. Rhoades* .....
Pawnee	23	Lawrence Bradbury .....	Ronald Schultz.....	.....
St. Johns	25	Franklin O. Shuffty .....	Harold E. McClenahon, Jr. ....	James P. Hansen .....
Beatrice	26	Theodore J. Johnson.....	.....	.....
Jordan	27	Bill C. Schroeder .....	Norbert H. Meyer .....	Lawrence Marvin .....
Blue River	30	Frank E. Tauriella.....	.....	Gary Brhel.....
Tekamah	31	Robert C. Ray.....	.....	.....
Platte Valley	32	Clyde A. Betts .....	Michael D. Nelson.....	Owen A. Howard*.....
Ashlar	33	Gary B. Witt .....	David A. Zlomke .....	William E. Cooper.....
Acacia	34	Clarence L. Stark.....	.....	.....
Fairbury	35	Willard E. Waltke .....	Bruce E. Ackerman*.....	.....

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Lone Tree	36	_____	_____	_____
Crete	37	Rick Weinke .....	Jerry F. Bespalec .....	Lee A. Svatos* .....
Oliver	38	Albert R. Patterson, III .....	Steven R. Schmidt .....	Larry V. Smith .....
Papillion	39	Neil G. Johnson .....	Thomas Carlson .....	James Carter .....
Humboldt	40	Charles W. Hilgenfeld .....	Homer Fiswood .....	Robert A. Albright* .....
Northern Light	41	Robert E. Callies .....	Robert Schellpeper .....	_____
Hebron	43	_____	_____	_____
Harvard	44	_____	_____	Kenneth Keasling .....
Rob Morris	46	Norman L. Coe .....	Gary L. Martin .....	Eddie G. Hiner .....
Fairmont	48	Victor Jensen* .....	Eugene Henning* .....	Andrew Anderson* .....
Evening Star	49	Wallace Bender .....	_____	Donald Kleinschmidt .....
Hastings	50	Vern D. Tindall .....	W. Glen Jorgenson .....	Richard A. Johnson .....
Fidelity	51	Michael E. Jones .....	_____	_____
Hiram	52	Charles Chappellear* .....	Reuben Olson* .....	Sydney Clausen* .....
Charity	53	_____	_____	_____
Lancaster	54	B. Lynn Alexander .....	Don. L. Jelinek .....	Delbert E. Adams .....
Mosaic	55	Willotte D. Medow .....	Fernando Siores* .....	Tom Brown* .....
York	56	_____	James J. Wallingford* .....	_____
Mount Moriah	57	_____	_____	_____
Wahoo	59	_____	Louis L. Austin .....	Robert J. Hall* .....
Melrose	60	Merrill D. Shoemaker* .....	Lawrence A. Bose .....	_____
Thistle	61	David D. Dobbins* .....	Rex S. Hunt* .....	Loren F. Daberkow* .....
Keystone	62	Alvin L. Bish .....	_____	_____
Blue Valley	64	Dennis Aksamit .....	Steve Aksamit .....	Harold Schwabauer* .....
Osceola	65	Lewellen C. Nielsen .....	David R. Coffin* .....	_____

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Edgar	67	Robert A. Koontz* .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Aurora	68	_____ .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Trowel	71	Albert A. Halls .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Hooper	72	John Liston .....	David G. Hartman.....	Rick Fauss .....
Friend	73	_____ .....	Charles A. Cogswell .....	_____ .....
Frank Welch	75	Richard D. Spearow* .....	Gordon L. Carley* .....	William G. Woepfel.....
Nelson	77	Richard D. Wroughton .....	Jerry L. Drohman.....	Scott W. Corman .....
Albion	78	John W. Williams .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Geneva	79	Rodney J. Renken.....	Max H. Miller .....	Alfred L. Andrews.....
Composite	81	Frank Parish.....	Andrew Glock.....	William Potter .....
Saint Paul	82	James Ross .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Corinthian	83	_____ .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Ionic	87	_____ .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Cedar River	89	Bruce L. Phillips* .....	Gary L. Loseke .....	Maryl Hanson* .....
Oakland	91	Gerald F. Sieck .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Beaver City	93	_____ .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Bennet	94	Edwin J. Carter .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Garfield	95	_____ .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Utica	96	Robert O. Rhodes .....	Steven R. Rhodes.....	Mark L. Eberspacher* .....
Euclid	97	Michael J. Saxton* .....	Matthew L. Mogensen* .....	Ronald D. Svobada* .....
Republican	98	Kyle M. Kammerer* .....	_____ .....	James E. Buttermore* .....
Shelton	99	_____ .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Waterloo	102	Louis Bertelsen.....	Frederick Bull, Jr. ....	Eugene K. Whiteaker .....
Ord	103	_____ .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Wymore	104	William J. Marples .....	Lester E. Shalla* .....	_____ .....

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Stella	105	Keith Wheeler* .....	Michael Kentopp* .....	Gordon Lee Kuker* .....
Porter	106	Albert Smith .....	.....	.....
Table Rock	108	Jerry Vrtiska* .....	David Pope* .....	Melvin Wenzbauer* .....
Pomegranate	110	Jack H. Eager .....	.....	.....
DeWitt	111	Dale Colgrove* .....	Donald Plucknett* .....	Trent Geistlinger.....
Springfield	112	Gerald L. Carter.....	John M. Hobbs*.....	Timothy A. Sikota* .....
Globe	113	.....	.....	.....
Wisner	114	.....	.....	.....
North Bend	119	Scott H. Eveland.....	Danny L. Watts .....	John A. Nelson* .....
Wayne	120	Edward F. Fletcher .....	Lloyd H. Straight* .....	Robert D. Newman.....
Superior	121	Randall D. Rhoads.....	Jens P. Nielsen* .....	Donald L. Colgrove* .....
Auburn	124	.....	.....	.....
Mount Nebo	125	.....	.....	.....
Stromsburg	126	Kip Allison .....	Joel Stevens* .....	.....
Minden	127	Robert G. Sorensen* .....	David L. Craig* .....	John M. Fitzsimmons* .....
Guide Rock	128	.....	.....	.....
Scribner	132	David H. Otteman* .....	.....	.....
Solar	134	.....	.....	.....
McCook	135	Louis L. Keene .....	Leland V. Petsch* .....	Richard W. Linnemeyer .....
Long Pine	136	.....	.....	.....
Upright	137	.....	.....	.....
Rawalt	138	.....	.....	.....
Western	140	.....	.....	.....
Crescent	143	.....	.....	.....
Jachin	146	Douglas G. Simpson.....	Darryl W. Wilson* .....	.....

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Custer	148	_____	_____	_____
Cambridge	150	_____	_____	_____
Evergreen	153	_____	_____	_____
Lily	154	Richard D. Mosier .....	_____	_____
Samaritan	158	John L. Thompson* .....	Brett B. Bump* .....	David G. Moore* .....
Ogallala	159	Darrell Morrow .....	Paul G. Pascoe .....	_____
Zeradatha	160	_____	_____	_____
Mount Zion	161	Gregory A. Whitmore .....	Don Linton .....	Gordon Clark* .....
Trestle Board	162	David Gravatt .....	_____	_____
Atkinson	164	Merle E. Winings .....	_____	_____
Barneston	165	Arlyn H. Weyer .....	_____	_____
Elwood	167	_____	_____	Kurt Ringenberg .....
Mason City	170	Lyle O. Lovitt .....	_____	Francis Standage .....
Robert Burns	173	Lynne E. Sutton* .....	_____	_____
Culbertson	174	Bernard R. Baker .....	Riley R. Morthole* .....	William H. Carlson* .....
Hay Springs	177	Marvin Kampbell* .....	Tom March* .....	_____
Justice	180	Richard M. Glidden .....	Lance C. Antonson .....	_____
Alliance	183	James S. Fitzsimmons .....	Frank L. Balderson .....	Albert T. Reddish .....
Bee Hive	184	_____	Byron K. Simmons .....	David H. Williams .....
Meridian	188	George E. Commins .....	Dallas Nichols* .....	_____
Crystal	191	Charles E. Beebe .....	Floyd W. Thompson .....	_____
Minnekadusa	192	_____	_____	_____
Highland	194	Daryl Doolittle .....	Lloyd Balderson* .....	Paul Quackenbush .....
Arcana	195	Clifford M. Case* .....	_____	_____
Purity	198	Tom Elder .....	Barron Seas* .....	Byron Hust .....

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Gavel	199	A. DeRoy Miller.....	Warren E. Williams.....	Edward Bonin.....
Blazing Star	200	.....	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff	201	Stephen A. Gilmore.....	Jack C. Hawkins* .....	William R. Zalman* .....
Plainview	204	O. Kelly Hodson*.....	Gene A. Thomsen.....	.....
Golden Fleece	205	.....	.....	.....
Parian	207	.....	.....	.....
Canopy	209	Ralph W. Speth.....	.....	.....
East Lincoln	210	Robert E. Wunder.....	Dale L. Babcock, Jr.....	Eugene H. Kirchoff.....
Cement	211	Dewey G. Heminger.....	Dewey R. Heminger* .....	Timothy E. Thienel*.....
Palisade	216	Charles B. Schluckebier* .....	Robert G. Keating.....	Richard L. Baxter* .....
Wauneta	217	.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield	218	.....	.....	.....
Relief	219	.....	Arnold L. Anderson.....	.....
Magnolia	220	.....	Harold Lewin.....	.....
Wood Lake	221	.....	.....	.....
Landmark	222	Donald N. Eppley.....	Randall L. Hart .....	Allen R. Trumble*.....
Silver Cord	224	.....	Robert Coleman.....	.....
Cable	225	.....	.....	.....
North Star	227	Max Nelson .....	Mike Buttz* .....	.....
Bartley	228	Lester F. Webb*.....	Roy G. Hart, Jr.* .....	David M. Burton* .....
Comet	229	.....	W. Dean Beck.....	Robert E. Black .....
John S. Bowen	232	.....	.....	Elmer F. Petersen*.....
Gilead	233	.....	.....	.....
Zion	234	.....	.....	.....
Fraternity	235	.....	.....	.....

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Golden Rule	236	_____	_____	_____
Friendship	239	Dale N. McMillan*	_____	_____
Pilot	240	James A. Shuey	Dale K. Miller	_____
George Armstrong	241	Donald C. Cain	_____	_____
Hampton	245	_____	_____	_____
Nehawka	246	Paul N. Applegate	Larry L. Hathaway	Mark Nutzman
Laurel	248	Roger J. Pehrson	_____	_____
George Washington	250	Elmer Owen	Eugene Hogan	William Keller*
Wausa	251	Tim Suhr*	William I. Cobler*	Michael R. Burns*
Bassett	254	Richard Mauch	Dennis Graf*	James H. Nelson*
Hickman	256	Del D. Hamilton	Olin Boone	Jerold L. Sievers
Anselmo	258	_____	_____	_____
Ornan	261	Charles Luedke*	_____	_____
Endeavor	262	_____	_____	_____
Mitchell	263	Richard L. Bretthauer	Donald S. Elliott*	Gary E. Lane*
Franklin	264	_____	_____	_____
Robert W. Furnas	265	William C. Barbour*	Gary D. Powell*	Rodney C. Gillespie
Silver	266	Dennis Ditloff	_____	_____
James A. Tulleys	267	_____	Gary L. Kiem	_____
George W. Lininger	268	Gary W. Radil	_____	David J. Huber*
Oasis	271	C. Clarke Beede	_____	_____
Olive Branch	274	Donald Berg	Lee Fahrenheit	Frank Hermelbracht*
Sioux	277	_____	_____	_____
Wallace	279	Gary S. Melton*	Randall E. Ogier	Lyle D. Clapp*
Swastika	280	_____	_____	_____

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Florence	281	_____	Cary L. Manson* .....	Thomas L. Perrigo* .....
Mullen	282	Thomas L. Starr .....	John M. Jones* .....	Ernest L. Leach* .....
Seneca	284	_____	_____	_____
Camp Clarke	285	_____	_____	George T. Chikos .....
Oshkosh	286	Mike Fischer .....	_____	_____
Union	287	Roger L. Smith .....	Frederic C. Trower* .....	Byford H. Cameron* .....
Omaha	288	James A. Dees .....	Thomas A. Scheef .....	Loren E. Mleynek .....
Lotus	289	Lawrence D. Yost* .....	Richard L. Greenwood .....	Donald R. Seifert .....
John J. Mercer	290	Gerald F. Reeves .....	Weldon D. Jacobs .....	Harold Gilliam, Jr.* .....
Diamond	291	Duard O. Dempster .....	Gordon R. Johnson* .....	Hoyt D. Sirek* .....
Monument	293	Jack E. Bellamy* .....	Weldon d'Allemand .....	_____
Kimball	294	Kerry D. Haug .....	_____	Dewain Lockwood* .....
Minatare	295	Harold J. Bishop .....	Frank Weiss .....	Neal Gatch* .....
Cotner	297	George E. Hill .....	Charles J. Cummings .....	Gayle L. Angus .....
Chester	298	_____	_____	_____
Sutherland	299	Ross J. Widener* .....	William E. Culver* .....	_____
Liberty	300	Kenneth D. Rouch .....	John E. Miner .....	Bruce A. Watkins .....
Bayard	301	James A. Whitney .....	Walter L. Schaffer* .....	_____
Mizpah	302	James T. Blazek* .....	William H. Taff* .....	Frank F. Lastovica .....
Right Angle	303	Byron F. Berman* .....	Douglas M. Mack .....	_____
Newman Grove	305	Elvin Ditter .....	_____	_____
Golden Rod	306	Mal M. Minshall* .....	Russell L. Olson* .....	John D. DeMers* .....
Perkins	308	_____	_____	_____
Victory	310	_____	Earl F. Long* .....	Merlin Finlay .....
Polk	311	Alan W. Pickrel .....	Dennis W. Ditloff .....	Robert J. Viergutz* .....

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LODGE NAME	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Potter	313	_____ .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Craftsmen	314	Vance C. Colling .....	Dennis H. Brydl .....	Jeffrey D. Young .....
Alpha	316	_____ .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Mid-West	317	Roger A. Deininger .....	Sedric H. Jackson* .....	Scott J. Krieger .....
Grand Island	318	Donald D. Bartelt .....	Billy Jussel .....	David L. Sims .....
College View	320	Joel L. Wilcox .....	Wallace L. Ritchie .....	Jay Lamb .....
Harmony	321	Dennis A. Ravert* .....	_____ .....	_____ .....
Lebanon	323	James P. Ferguson .....	_____ .....	Terry H. Pilkenton .....
Cairo	324	_____ .....	Ron Hargens* .....	_____ .....
Bellevue	325	Martin G. Olsen .....	Robert J. Beaton .....	Ray E. Williams .....
Centennial	326	Michael G. Horton .....	Joel Shaw .....	Garry S. Toombs .....
Shiloh	327	Brent A. Hart* .....	Frank Lastovica, Jr.* .....	James R. Taylor .....
Miloma	328	LeRoy Crye .....	James E. Curtis .....	Daniel G. Perdue .....
Roscoe Pound	329	William G. Hurst .....	Warren D. Lichty, Jr. ....	Thomas Simpson .....

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MEMBERSHIP and ACTIVITY of NEBRASKA LODGES for 1987

NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS														ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1987	LODGE NO.					
	LODGE NO.	INITIATED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1987	PASSED	ON ROLLS DEC. 31, 1987	MEMBERSHIP DEC. 31, 1986	GAIN					LOSS									
							RAISINGS	AFFILIATIONS	DUAL/PLURAL MEMB.	REINSTATED	CONSOLIDATED	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL GAIN	DEMITTED			DEATHS	SUSPENDED	EXPULSIONS	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL LOSS
Melrose	60	0	0	0	0	94	2	1	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	97	60
Thistle	61	1	7	0	0	165	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	9	4	0	0	14	153	61
Keystone	62	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	76	62
Blue Valley	64	0	0	1	0	57	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	55	64
Oscola	65	1	3	0	0	68	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	69	65
Edgar	67	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	41	67
Aurora	68	1	2	1	0	77	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	3	6	73	68
Trowel	71	1	2	0	1	75	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	4	0	0	5	72	71
Hooper	72	0	1	0	1	73	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	3	72	72
Friend	73	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	73
Frank Welch	75	7	3	4	2	158	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	4	0	0	9	152	75
Nelson	77	1	1	0	0	93	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	94	77
Albion	78	0	1	0	1	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	56	78
Geneva	79	3	0	3	1	142	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	7	4	0	0	11	136	79
Composite	81	1	0	1	1	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	5	58	81
Saint Paul	82	2	2	0	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	91	82
Corinthian	83	1	2	0	0	47	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	45	83
Ionic	87	1	5	0	2	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	55	87
Cedar River	89	1	2	1	1	72	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	70	89
Oakland	91	0	2	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	91
Beaver City	93	0	3	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	5	49	93
Bernett	94	0	3	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	45	94
Garfield	95	0	3	0	0	77	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	3	0	0	4	76	95
Utica	96	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	46	96
Euclid	97	2	2	3	1	92	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	93	97
Republican	98	0	2	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	31	98
Shelton	99	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	31	99
Waterloo	102	2	4	3	3	143	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	3	143	102
Ord	103	0	0	0	0	74	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	3	0	0	10	65	103
Wymore	104	4	2	5	4	96	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	97	104
Stella	105	1	2	1	1	31	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	29	105
Porter	106	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	106
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	108
Pomegranate	110	1	2	2	3	161	2	0	0	1	38	0	41	2	7	5	0	1	15	187	110
DeWitt	111	0	2	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	24	111
Springfield	112	12	4	9	2	69	10	0	3	0	0	0	13	0	2	0	0	0	2	80	112
Globe	113	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	4	36	113
Wisner	114	1	0	1	0	75	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	73	114
North Bend	119	0	3	3	0	90	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	91	119
Wayne	120	1	5	2	1	136	2	5	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	1	0	0	8	135	120
Superior	121	1	3	0	0	128	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	2	5	0	0	8	123	121
Auburn	124	0	3	0	1	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	0	8	66	124
Mount Nebo	125	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	38	125	
Stromsburg	126	0	3	0	1	135	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	6	0	0	9	127	126
Minden	127	0	4	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	67	127

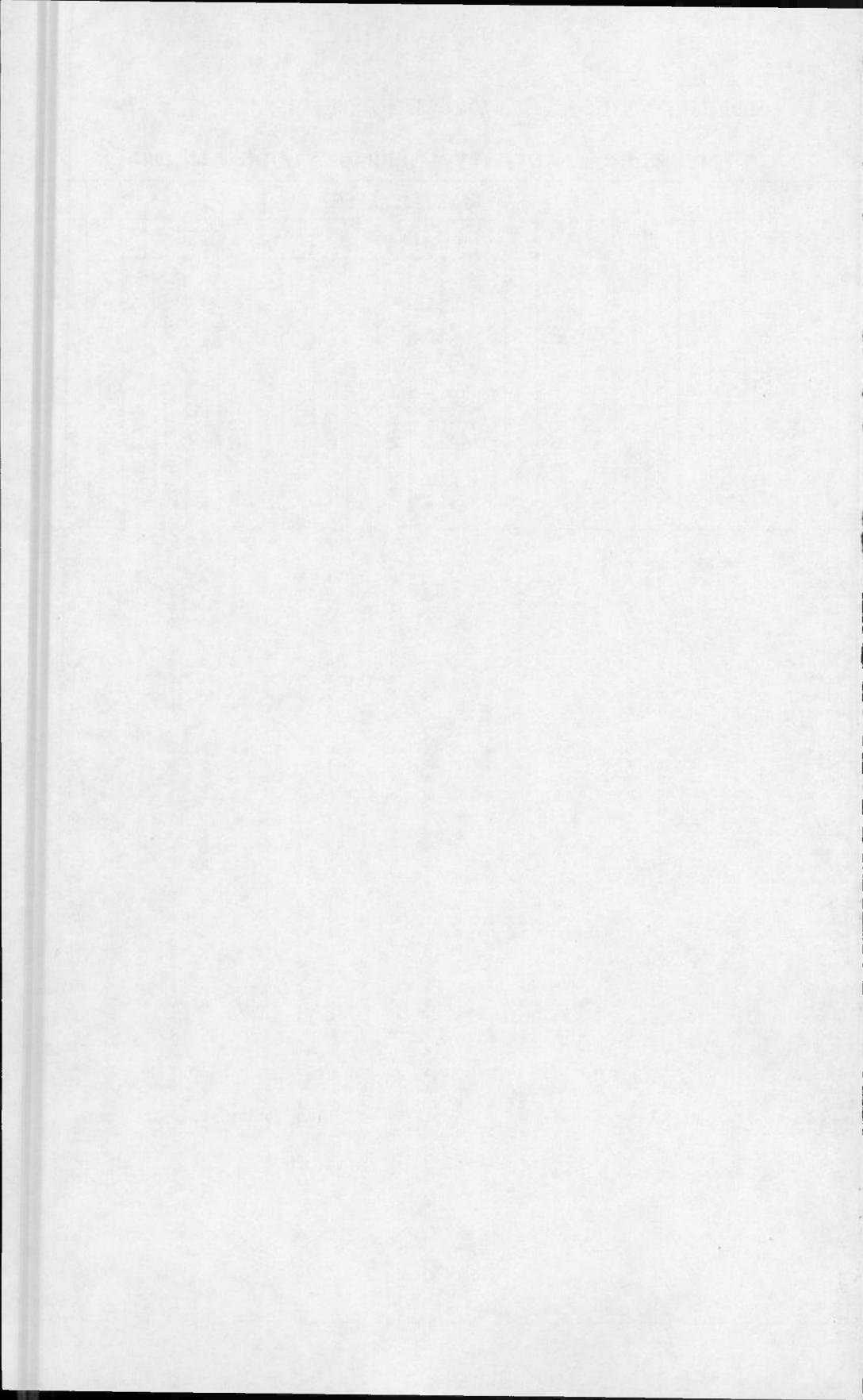
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							RAISINGS	AFFILIATIONS	DUAL/PLURAL MEMB.	REINSTATED	CONSOLIDATED	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL GAIN	DEMITTED	DEATHS	SUSPENDED	EXPULSIONS	OTHER CAUSES	TOTAL LOSS		
Guide Rock	128	1	0	1	3	68	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	4	66	128
Scriber	132	1	0	1	1	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	132
Solar	134	0	0	1	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	134
McCook	135	3	8	2	1	266	2	2	0	1	0	0	5	2	8	11	0	1	22	249	135
Long Pine	136	1	1	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	32	136
Upright	137	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	137
Ravalt	138	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	40	138
Western	140	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	140
Crescent	143	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	17	143
Jacin	146	4	4	3	0	143	3	3	0	0	0	6	0	5	4	0	1	10	139	146	
Cluter	148	1	1	1	1	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	4	0	0	12	139	148
Cambridge	150	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	44	150
Evergreen	153	3	6	3	0	23	4	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	27	153	
Lily	154	0	0	2	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	44	154	
Sannaham	158	0	2	0	0	162	0	1	1	0	0	2	4	4	4	0	0	0	8	156	158
Ogallala	159	1	3	1	0	124	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	2	2	0	0	4	123	159
Zenobia	160	1	0	1	0	16	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	16	160
Mount Zion	161	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	29	161	
Trentle Board	162	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	50	162
Unity	163					38													38	38	163
Akshoon	164	2	0	2	4	68	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	4	65	164	
Barnston	165	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	25	165
Elwood	167	1	2	0	0	38	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	5	35	167	
Amity	169					32													32	32	169
Mason City	170	1	1	1	3	31	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	170
Robert Burns	173	0	1	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	53	173
Colbertson	174	2	2	1	0	53	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	4	53	174	
Hay Springs	177	1	1	0	0	73	1	0	0	32	0	33	0	4	2	0	0	6	100	177	
Justice	180	2	4	1	1	85	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	0	0	2	82	180	
Alliance	183	4	7	2	0	244	2	0	1	3	0	6	0	6	16	0	0	22	228	183	
Bee Hive	184	3	76	3	50	534	2	1	1	7	0	0	11	1	16	11	0	16	501	184	
Meridian	188	1	2	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	5	89	188
Crysal	191	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	191	
Mimickansas	192	1	1	1	0	107	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	6	0	1	6	102	192	
Highland	194	2	2	1	0	56	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	54	194	
Arcana	195	0	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	5	85	195
Purity	198	1	2	1	0	73	2	1	1	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	3	74	198	
Gravel	199	0	1	0	0	27	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	199
Blasting Star	200	1	0	1	0	52	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	50	200	
ScottBluff	201	1	1	1	0	125	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	5	121	201	
Golden Sheaf	202	0	1	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	34	202
Priamview	204	1	0	1	0	109	1	0	0	32	0	33	0	2	0	0	0	2	140	204	
Golden Ploose	205	1	0	0	0	103	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	5	99	205	
Parlan	207	0	1	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	25	207	
Canopy	209	2	0	2	0	58	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	7	0	3	49	209	



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Mullen	282	0	0	0	0	33	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	31	282
Seneca	284	0	0	0	1	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	39	284
Camp Clarke	285	5	7	6	3	74	3	1	0	2	0	0	6	0	1	1	0	0	2	78	285
Oshkosh	286	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	0	0	0	6	75	286
Union	287	3	2	1	1	63	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	287
Omaha	288	3	1	2	0	208	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	5	3	0	0	9	202	288
Lotus	289	0	1	0	1	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	84	289
John J. Mercer	290	10	9	8	3	1007	5	1	0	5	0	1	12	4	35	26	0	0	65	954	290
Diamond	291	1	1	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	46	291
Monument	293	0	3	2	1	40	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	293
Kimball	294	4	6	2	2	125	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	2	127	294
Minatare	295	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	38	295
Cotner	297	1	3	1	4	236	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	5	11	0	0	16	223	297
Chester	298	0	0	1	1	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	38	298
Sutherland	299	0	4	0	1	71	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	4	69	299
Liberty	300	1	1	1	0	276	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	1	9	0	0	0	10	270	300
Bayard	301	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	39	301
Mizpah	302	4	6	4	2	574	4	0	0	12	0	0	16	5	17	4	0	0	26	564	302
Right Angle	303	0	0	0	0	214	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	11	5	0	0	17	199	303
Newman Grove	305	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	48	305
Golden Rod	306	0	1	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	45	306
Perkins	308	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	308
Victory	310	1	4	1	2	128	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	10	3	0	1	14	118	310
Polk	311	0	0	2	2	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	49	311
Potter	313	2	2	1	0	52	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	52	313
Craftsmen	314	6	7	4	1	364	3	0	1	1	0	0	5	2	10	2	0	2	16	353	314
Alpha	316	3	1	2	2	161	1	0	1	4	0	0	6	2	6	4	0	0	12	155	316
Mid-West	317	3	11	3	1	513	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	2	13	17	0	0	32	486	317
Grand Island	318	1	1	1	1	220	2	0	1	3	0	0	6	0	5	8	0	0	13	213	318
College View	320	0	3	0	0	107	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	5	103	320
Harmony	321	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	42	321
Lebanon	323	0	3	0	0	165	1	0	0	4	0	0	5	1	6	2	0	0	9	161	323
Cairo	324	0	7	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	50	324	
Bellevue	325	5	1	6	0	386	6	1	0	3	0	0	10	2	10	20	0	0	32	364	325
Centennial	326	4	3	5	3	306	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	9	11	0	0	21	288	326
Shiloh	327	6	4	6	3	128	3	1	2	0	0	0	6	0	2	5	0	0	7	127	327
Miloma	328	7	36	10	10	165	12	0	1	4	0	0	17	0	7	0	0	1	8	174	328



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**PART III**

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December 6, 1986,  
Until  
February 6, 1988

**GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

M.: W.:	Wayne G. Lueningborg.....	39.....	Grand Master
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
R.: W.:	Edward M. Cummings .....	112/10.....	Grand Secretary *
R.: W.:	Albert T. Reddish .....	183.....	Grand Secretary * *
V.: W.:	Wilbert W. Wittmuss .....	39.....	Grand Chaplain
W.:	Del Weber.....	268.....	Grand Orator
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

\* Resigned, May, 1987

\* \* Elected and Installed, June 13, 1987

**PAST GRAND MASTERS  
PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE  
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Masonic Home, No. 305, Plattsmouth 68048		
THOMAS J. ARON, 37.....	(86th).....	1951
1013 Boswell, Crete 68333		
MERLE M. HALE, 54 .....	(91st).....	1956
1410 Kingston Rd., Lincoln 68510		
JOSEPH C. TYE, 46.....	(94th).....	1959
Box 636, Kearney 68847		
HERBERT A. RONIN, 210.....	(96th).....	1961
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ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 249.....	(97th).....	1962
Box 303, Gothenburg 69138		
HARRY A. SPENCER, 227 .....	(99th).....	1964
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LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, 281 .....	(100th).....	1965
801 S. 52nd, No. 2105, Omaha 68106		
LEWIS R. RICKETTS, 19 .....	(101st).....	1966
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HUGH W. EISENHART, 150.....	(104th).....	1969
Box 250, Cambridge 69022		
RUSSELL L. FICKES, 33.....	(106th).....	1971
1022 West 8th Street, Grand Island 68801		

FRANK J. MATTOON, 75.....(108th).....1973  
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DONALD R. SWANSON, 54.....(109th).....1974  
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HAROLD HULTMAN, 39 .....(110th).....1975  
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 518 Oswego, Hastings 68901

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**1986 - 1987**

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- W.:B.: **Charles Godwin**, 210, (1988), 2030 "B" St., Apt. 3, Lincoln, NE 68502
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- W.:B.: **Gary Powell**, 19, (1987), 1910 No. 76th St., Lincoln, NE 68505

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- M.:W.:B.:** Harold Hultman, 39, (1991), 260 Skyline Drive, Elkhorn, NE 68022
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9. T. Leo Stines.....Lone Tree Lodge.....No. 36
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11. Ben Fussell .....Geneva Lodge.....No. 79
12. Dean Hunter .....Guide Rock Lodge .....No. 128
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**District #3 — A. S. Scolaro**

Capitol #3, Omaha; Bee Hive #184, Omaha; George W. Lininger #268, Omaha; Centennial #326, Omaha; Shiloh #327, Omaha; Miloma #328, Omaha

**District #4 — To Be Appointed**

Washington #21, Blair; Tekamah #31, Tekamah; Oakland #91, Oakland; Landmark #222, Herman; George Armstrong #241, Craig

**District #5 — James E. Cornish**

Omadi #5, Dakota City; Jordan #27, West Point; Magnolia #220, Emerson; Pilot #240, Lyons; Olive Branch #274, Walthill; Alpha #316, South Sioux City

**District #6— To Be Appointed**

Corinthian #83, Wakefield; Wayne #120, Wayne; Relief #219, Coleridge; Golden Rule #236, Allen, Laurel #248, Laurel

**District #7 — Lloyd F. Vrtiska**

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**District #11 — Eugene C. Sibley**

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**District #13 — R. Winton Wilson**

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**District #16 — Lynn Doty**

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**District #17 — Victor D. Hunt**

Keystone #62, Phillips; Aurora #68, Aurora; Shelton #99 Shelton; Cement #211, Wood River; Friendship #239, Chapman; Hampton #245, Hampton

**District #18 — Arthur S. Dye**

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**District #22 — Augustus. W. Clark**

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**District #23 — D. Wayne Erickson**

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**District #37 — Ben D. Fussell**

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**District #38 — Frank R. Harris**

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Lynn Doty, 251, Box 178, Wausa, 68786 .....	1977
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