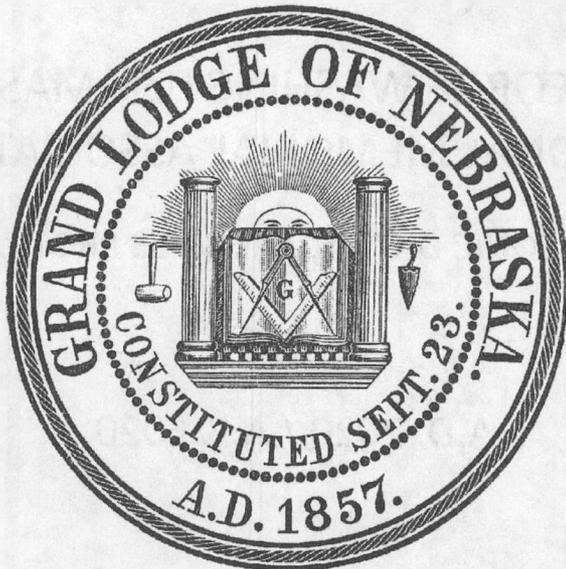


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THOMAS W. TYE
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1989-1990

**MASONIC HISTORY OF THE
1989 GRAND MASTER**

THOMAS W. TYE

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

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

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

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

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

Scottish Rite - Lincoln Consistory since 1960. He was coroneted as a Knight Commander Court of Honor; and, on December 9, 1989, he was invested with 33rd Degree Honorary.

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

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

Honorary Memberships - Honorary Past Grand Master of Oklahoma.

MASONIC HISTORY

of

Grand Master - Elect

JOHN M. McHENRY

Ancient Craft Masonry - Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on April 16, 1974; passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on May 21, 1974; and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 17, 1974; all in Minden Lodge No. 127, Minden, Nebraska. Served as Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1982.

Grand Lodge - Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in June, 1984, by M.:W.: Robert Metcalf. Elected M.:W.: Grand Master on February 2, 1990, and installed in Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 11, 1990. Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey near Nebraska. Served as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Office Committee, 1985-1987.

Capitular Masonry - Became a Royal Arch Mason in Capstone Chapter No. 64 on February 16, 1980.

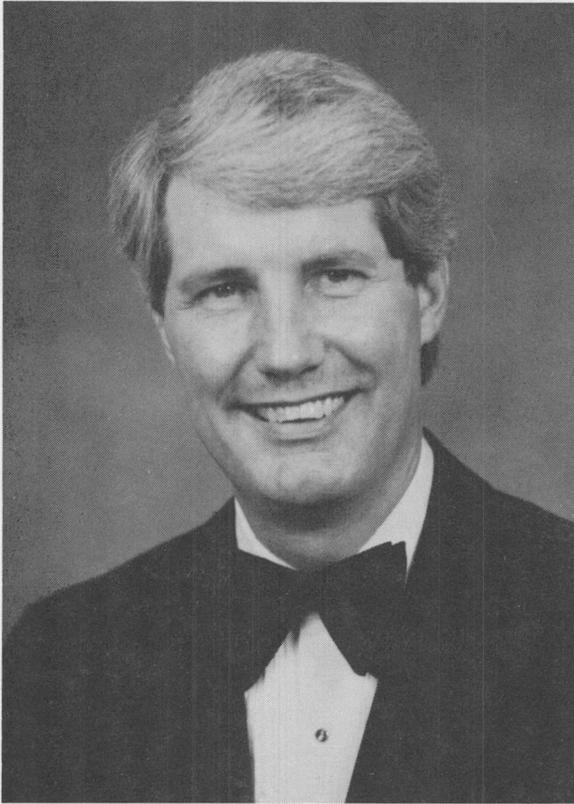
Cryptic Masonry - Received the Degrees of the Cryptic Rite in Lincoln Council No. 4, on February 18, 1980.

Chivalric Masonry - Dubbed a Knight Templar on March 10, 1980, in Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Scottish Rite - Lincoln Consistory since November 12, 1976. Coroneted as a Knight Commander Court of Honor on December 6, 1985.

Shrine - Member of Sesostris Temple since November 13, 1976.

Other Masonic Bodies - Member of National Sojourners Omaha Chapter No. 19 and Hero of '76. Secretary of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation.



JOHN M. McHENRY
GRAND MASTER-ELECT OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1989-1990

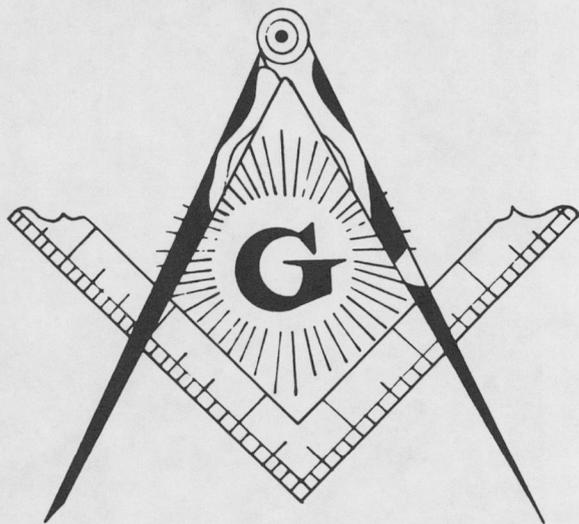


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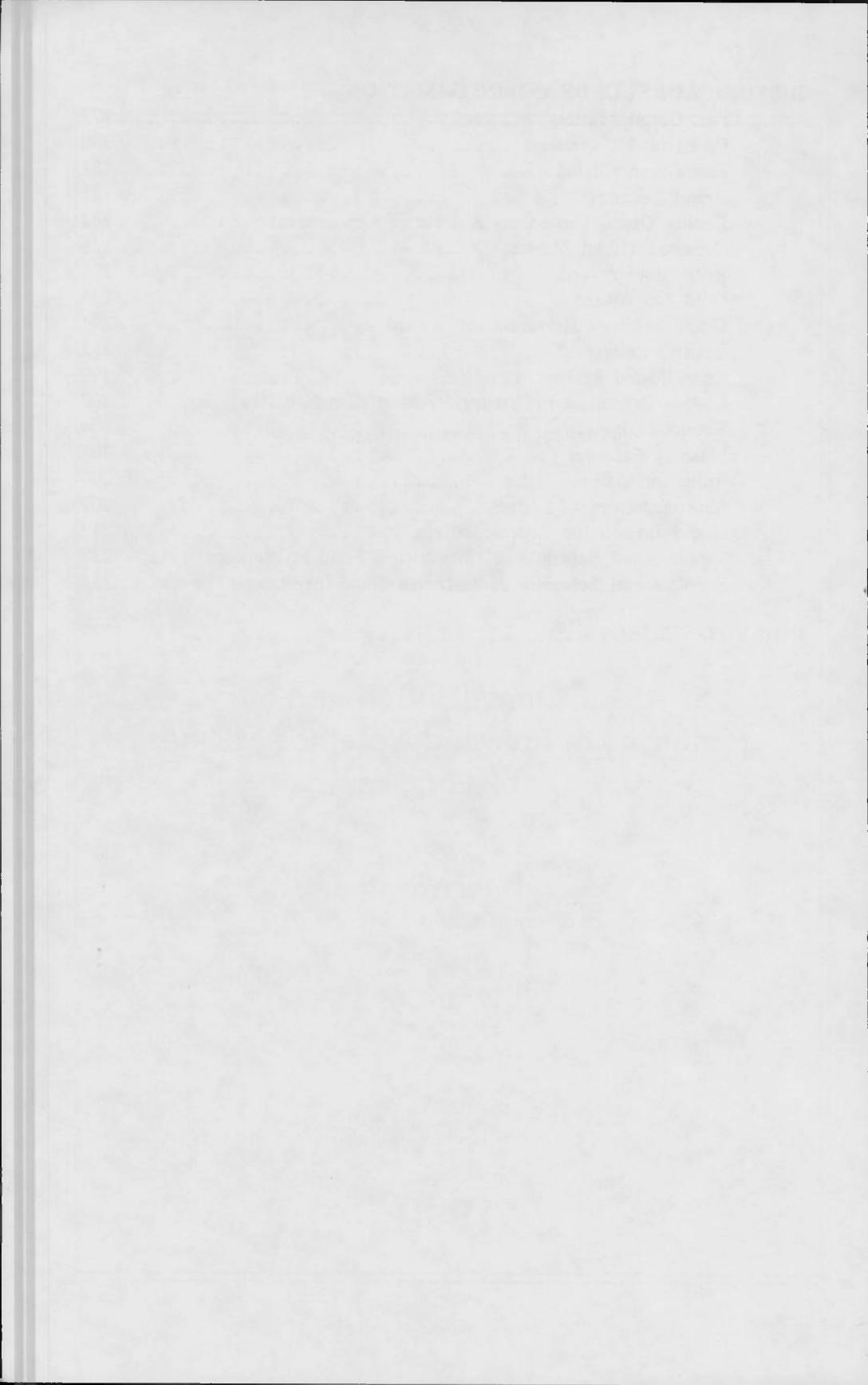
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of the
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of Nebraska

*Kearney, Nebraska
February 2nd and 3rd, 1990*

1990

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Thirty Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Kearney, Nebraska, February 2 and 3, 1990, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska this 1st day of August, 1990.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. E. Rasmussen". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Don E. Rasmussen
GRAND SECRETARY

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*ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THIRD
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

Held in Kearney, Nebraska, February 2nd and 3rd, 1990

FIRST DAY - OPENING SESSION

Friday, February 2, 1990

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, 9:30 a.m., Friday, February 2, 1990.

Right Worshipful John M. McHenry, Deputy Grand Master presided.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Thomas W. Tye, was presented and was given the Grand Honors.

The presentation of the flag was conducted by the Fort Kearney Shrine Club and the Knights of Columbus.

The following dignitaries were then presented with the corresponding State Flag.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

- Donald P. Smith, Jr. Grand Master of Colorado
- Gail N. Smith Grand Master of Connecticut
- David J. Marianelli Grand Master of Delaware
- William K. McKee Grand Master of Hawaii
- Wiley F. Smith Past Grand Master of Idaho
- Robert E. Ford Grand Master of Illinois
- L. Ray Chamberlin Grand Master of Iowa

Robert M. Nease	Grand Master of Kansas
Thomas C. Cross	Grand Master of Michigan
Ward C. Sonstebly	Grand Master of Minnesota
William Schoene, Jr.	Grand Master of New Jersey
Franklin L. Coonley	Senior Grand Warden of Nevada
Leslie M. Spies	Grand Master of South Dakota
James R. Vannice	Senior Grand Warden of Washington
Benjamin F. Detroy	Senior Grand Warden of Wisconsin
Darwin D. Pace	Deputy Grand Master of Wyoming

The following distinguished guests were then introduced by the Deputy Grand Master, John M. McHenry.

PRINCE HALL F.: & A.:M.: OF NEBRASKA

Wright P. Robinson	Past Grand Master of Prince Hall
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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Shirley Heyen	Grand Worthy Advisor
Berneice Breland	Supreme Inspector

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS

Sarah Marie Brown	Grand Bethel Honored Queen
Rochael Soper	Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
Paula Beezley	Grand Guardian
Darrell Christensen	Associate Grand Guardian

NEBRASKA ORDER OF DeMOLAY

Rod Bates	State Master Councilor
Walter Miller	Executive Officer

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Roberta Phipps	Worthy Grand Matron
Charles Spohr	Worthy Grand Patron

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NEBRASKA

Fred Prell Grand Commander

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS IN NEBRASKA

Don R. Monnette Grand Illustrious Master

YORK RITE

Kirby E. Hunt Deputy Grand High Priest

SCOTTISH RITE

Billy Pease Secretary of Scottish Rite - Lincoln Valley

James R. Erixon Secretary of Scottish Rite - Omaha Valley

SHRINE

Emmett Scott Potentate of Sesostris Temple

Richard Lintner Potentate of Tangier Temple

Thomas F. Kinman, II Potentate of Tehama Temple

John VerMaas Imperial Second Ceremonial Master of A.A.O.N.M.S.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

Right Worshipful McHenry then introduced the Past Grand Masters of Nebraska, as they were conducted to the East and given the Grand Honors:

- M.:W.: Benjamin F. Eyre (81st) 1946
- M.:W.: Thomas J. Aron (86th) 1951
- M.:W.: Herbert A. Ronin (96th) 1961
- M.:W.: Ernest O. Van Wey (97th) 1962
- M.:W.: Harry A. Spencer (99th) 1964
- M.:W.: Louis V. Sylvester (100th) 1965
- M.:W.: Lewis R. Ricketts (101st) 1966
- M.:W.: Frank J. Mattoon (108th) 1973
- M.:W.: Donald R. Swanson (109th) 1974
- M.:W.: Harold Hultman (110th) 1975
- M.:W.: T. Leo Stines (111th) 1976

M.:W.: Jack H. Hendrix (113th)	1978
M.:W.: Warren D. Lichty, Jr. . . . (114th)	1979
M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump (118th)	1983
M.:W.: Robert A. Metcalf (119th)	1984-85
M.:W.: Charles W. Amidon (120th)	1986
M.:W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg . . . (121st)	1987
M.:W.: Paul R. Eveland (122nd)	1988

Very Worshipful John F. Dale, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered the following oration:

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S ORATION

MASONRY AND RELIGION REFLECTIONS ON POETRY, WALLS AND BRIDGES

Occasionally, someone hands me, or mails to me, one of those articles, or pamphlets, which contend that Masonry and religion – usually, specifically, Masonry and Christianity – are incompatible. The thrust of these pieces, usually, is toward persuading Christians that they should not become Masons; or, if they are already Masons, that they should leave the lodge. I expect that most, if not all, of you have seen or read some of this material. I find that it usually consists of quotations from parts of ritual, or from Albert Pike's Morals and Dogma, or a similar source, taken out of context and twisted, to give rise to the most unfavorable interpretation possible. Sometimes, if not often, the person whose name is on the article or pamphlet did not write it, but copied it from some of the old, classic attacks on Masonry.

In the few minutes given to me today, I will not attempt to analyze this material or to present a rebuttal to it, and I suggest that trying to discuss any of this with persons who distribute it to you is not likely to be worthwhile. Persons who print and distribute this type of writing tend to be of the type which says: "My mind is made up – don't bother me with any other point of view."

What, then, are the issues that are involved in some of the inharmonious relationships between Masonry and certain churches and individuals? Let me speak briefly to two of these issues which I believe to be basic:

- First: Literalism versus symbol and poetry.
- Second: Tolerance for diversity in the specifics of religion and doctrine.

First, we are all aware that Masonry is a system of morality expressed in symbol and allegory. Another way of saying this is that Masonry is engaged in the search for divine truth and employs symbolism as its method of instruction. The problem arises when others, who do not understand the basic style of life based on Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, take passages of ritual (copied, of course, from one of the many books of such which are available at most well-stocked book stores), and force into molds of literalism, terms and ideas which were meant to be symbolic, poetic, and allegorical.

One of the most respected and helpful writers on the relationship between Masonry and religion was the late Brother and Reverend, Joseph Fort Newton. He was the author of many books and articles on Masonry, most especially, The Builder: A Story and Study of Freemasonry. Brother Newton once wrote:

"In its modern form at least, Masonry is a symposium of symbolism in which three streams or strands of faith unite, by which man is a Builder of a Temple, a Pilgrim in quest of a lost Truth, and, if he be worthy and heroic, a Finder of the sublime Secret of Life. He is, first, a builder, taking the rough stones of the world and shaping them into forms of beauty, building upon the will of God, by His design, with His help, in His name; nay, more, building with his fellow men, as our Brethren built cathedrals. He is, second, a seeker, a pilgrim journeying from the West, a land of sunset and death, toward the East, the place of sunrise and life; a pilgrimage of soul, affected, at least in this state of its journey, in the sandals of Human Nature - a long, weary road. He is, finally, if he be worthy, a finder of the greatest Eternal Life here and now, while walking the secret man may know, whereby he is reborn to dim paths of earth and time. O my soul, remember, strive, persevere, and rejoice!"

The problem is that some folks have a kind of literalist mind set that just does not tolerate symbolism and poetry!

The second issue is that of tolerance toward the convictions of others, particularly in the specifics of religion and doctrine. Masonry never intended to be a total system of religion or doctrine, but to provide a broad basis of morality, and to encourage persons in the quest for truth. To that basis, its members may - in fact are encouraged to - add the further interpretations of life and doctrine consistent with their own religious conviction and affiliation. It is on this basis that Christians from different churches, Jews, and others who believe in the reality of a supreme being may meet around our altars and participate in the life of our symbolic lodges.

Hear, again, from the pen of Brother Joseph Fort Newton:

"Is Masonry a religion? The leaders and students of the Craft, as well as the rank and mass of its members, in English-speaking lands, at least, do not regard

Masonry as a religion--though, as has been said, it has certain features which, in the strict technical sense, might lead those to regard it as such who wish, from whatever motive, to regard it. As some of us prefer to put it, Masonry is not a Religion--not a church but a worship, in which men of all religions may unite, unless they insist that all who worship with them must think exactly and in detail as they think about all things in the heaven above and in the earth beneath. It is not the rival of any religion, but the friend of all, laying emphasis upon those truths which underlie all religions and are the basis and consecration of each. Masonry is not a religion, but it is religious."

Unfortunately, for some persons, this kind of tolerance toward the convictions of others, some of which may be different from one's own, is not acceptable. "If I am to associate with you, especially in matters of religion, you must believe as I do, for I am right and you are wrong." -- so reads their position. With this kind of rigidity, Masonry has long been at odds, and will continue to be. We have no need to apologize for that.

Permit me a closing personal word. I have experienced the relationship of religion and Masonry "from both sides of the house." I have been a Christian minister for over thirty-five years. I have been a Mason for over thirty years. I have been active in the symbolic lodges, in the York and Scottish Rites, in DeMolay, and in Eastern Star. I have lived in five states, and have served as the pastor of churches in each of them. In almost every church I have served, members of the Masonic family have been among the finest and most loyal members of the congregation, and I applaud them. In lodge, I have sat with many loyal members of other congregations, and I applaud them. Many of my most respected colleagues in the ministry have been members of the Craft, and I cherish their friendship.

Have I known members of the Masonic family who were not devoted or active in a religious community? Of course, I have. So have you. Would these persons have been active in a church or synagogue if they were not Masons -- that is, did their Masonic life interfere or prevent their religious life? Hard to say -- but I personally doubt it.

How are we to deal with these seemingly persistent and troublesome "anti-Masonic" approaches from some religious groups and persons? I do not believe that we will get anyplace by argument, or by writing or speaking a "counterattack" -- tempting as that approach may, at times, be.

I do believe that the key to the issue is in the Biblical phrase, "You will know them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:16) Be the best Mason you can be, not only from the basis of ritual and faithfulness to the organization, but as Masons of the heart -- exemplifying brotherly love in an upright life. Then, be a person of

religious conviction and active practice according to the specifics of the church, or other religious community, to which the supreme God is calling you.

This may not settle the issues and may not quiet or convince those who continue to oppose the Masonic family, but we can at least have the satisfaction of having tried to respond in a way consistent with the best principles of our ancient and beloved Fraternity.

One final phrase from the prolific pen of Joseph Fort Newton:

"People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges."

The closing weeks of 1989 saw the opening of the Berlin Wall – a barrier that had stood for twenty-eight years as a source of great pain and separation. That monumental wall is now being torn down and distributed around the world – bits and pieces of it scattered among the nations as a memento of a mighty wall that has become a bridge.

Masonry, at its best, has always been on the side of bridges, rather than walls.

Masonry, at its best, continues to be on the side of connections between people, rather than separations.

Masonry, at its best, continues to be opposed to – and is opposed by – narrowness, intolerance and bigotry – whether in politics, or in economics, or in religion, or in the day-to-day relations of neighbors, or along the main streets and side lanes of the world.

It is also my conviction, as a Christian, and as a Mason, that the ultimate essence of truth is on the side of bridges, rather than walls.

I want my life to count on that side.

I am sure that you do too.



The Grand Chaplain's oration was followed by a welcome by the Mayor of Kearney, Justus J. Dobesh; after which, the Grand Master thanked the Mayor and thanked the Knights of Columbus and the Shriners for their flag presentation. The Grand Master publicly thanked the Shriners for their help and assistance during the communication, and continued with the following.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Most Worshipful Thomas W. Tye

As John Dale started, and talked about Masonry and religion, I would like to follow that up, for just a minute, if I might, with my statement of purpose for our 133rd Annual Communication, to begin shortly. Many members carefully avoid answering the question: "What is a Mason?" or "What is Freemasonry?", because they believe, and many times with mistaken sincerity, that Freemasonry is a secret society, and that they are forbidden to talk about the Fraternity with non-Masons. This is an erroneous idea, for the principles that a Freemason believes in and supports are a matter of public pride. I love this definition of Freemasonry: "Freemasonry is a fraternal organization, moral in character, based upon the principle of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, which takes an active interest in the affairs of the community and its membership, while participating in the high ideals of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; and, through these ideals, seeking to make good men better; thereby, making the world a better place in which to live." We are here gathered today to publicly show our pride and enthusiasm in this, the largest benevolent, fraternal organization in the world. This session of the Grand Lodge, I believe, will be a renewal and reawakening of our Fraternity. This Grand Lodge session, under the guidance and direction of our Deputy Grand Master, John McHenry, will present a Grand Lodge primarily designed for our lodge officers, to help them accomplish the goals of our Fraternity. Workshops in leadership, public image, membership education, membership programs, standard proficiency, and growth and support of youth organizations, will be presented this afternoon. Because of the hard work of hundreds of Masons in the preparation of this Grand Lodge, I am pleased to announce that, even with declining membership, this is the largest-attended, annual communication in over a decade. We appreciate your being here. We hope that you will depart with a better understanding of Masonry and with enthusiasm in your heart.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL AWARD

The Grand Master then presented the Gold Jordan Medal to Benjamin F. Eyre, who was Grand Master in 1946, and is now 101 years old.

The following history of the Jordan Medal was prepared by Most Worshipful Brother Eyre.

THE JORDAN MEDAL

by

BENJAMIN F. EYRE

Past Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, 1924-1925

Past Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Nebraska, 1946-1947

This is not the legendary story of Sleepy Hollow and Rip Van Winkle, who slept for twenty years. It is the story of a remark, or statement, heard over sixty years ago, and which was recently researched in my endeavor to bring to you the factual story and early history of the Jordan Medal, as revealed in the Official Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Following the death of Past Grand Master James A. Tulleys, Grand Custodian of the Grand Lodge, on January 31, 1901, Brother Robert E. French, Past Grand Master, was appointed by Grand Master Albert W. Crites, to fill the unexpired term of the Office of Grand Custodian. Brother French was reappointed to this office, successively, each year, until his death on February 16, 1927.

It was my privilege to be in attendance at his school of instruction held at Omaha, in January, 1924, at which time, several brethren were being examined for their Certificates of Proficiency. It was necessary that we cover and complete the esoteric work and related lectures in the three degrees, in order to be certified. These schools usually lasted several days; and Uncle Bob, as most of us learned to know him, usually called short periods of recess during each day's session. It was during these recess periods that we had an opportunity for visitation. Needless to say, Uncle Bob was the center of attention with his stories relating to his experiences as Grand Master, together with his work throughout the State, as Grand Custodian. It was at a recess period that I listened to and heard his comment regarding a school he had conducted at Tekamah, Nebraska. At this particular meeting, he said, and I quote: "A pocket piece about the size of a silver dollar had been presented to the oldest Mason in Nebraska in attendance at the meeting. The pocket piece carried thereon a facsimile of our first Grand Master, Robert Carrel Jordan. No mention was made of the individual making the presentation, nor the name of the individual receiving the pocket piece. This statement from Uncle Bob always remained with me, although, buried deep in my memory.

My original Certificate of Proficiency is dated January 17, 1924, signed by Charles A. Chappel, Grand Master, and certified to by Robert E. French, Grand Custodian.

During my years of service in Nebraska Lodge No. 1, together with my Committee Work in Grand Lodge, and as Grand Master, it never entered my mind to question: "Could that pocket piece presented at Tekamah in October,

1901, possibly be the original Jordan Medal?" Now that I have passed more than sixty five years of membership and service in Masonry, it is my hope and endeavor to obtain the answer to the question in my mind regarding the "pocket piece."

Let us now refer to the Forty Fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in Omaha, June 4 and 5, 1902, Robert E. Evans, Grand Master.

Under the heading "Installation of Officers", Grand Master Evans reports: "On October 5, at Masonic Temple, Tekamah, assisted by Grand Custodian, I opened the Grand Lodge in special communication and installed Brother Melville R. Hopewell as Grand Marshal."

Now, let us refer to the Official Report of the Grand Custodian for the same Grand Lodge Session, June 4 and 5, 1902. We quote as follows: "I have held 319 sessions of Custodians' Schools of Instruction, in 67 different Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction, as follows." Among those listed - "Tekamah, October 4-5-6."

THREE YEARS LATER

Now, refer to the Forty Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in Omaha, June 8-9-10, 1904. Samuel E. Bullard, Grand Master. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian.

The following letter from Brother James M. Gibson was read; and, on motion by Past Grand Master Wheeler, it was made a matter of record. The letter reads as follows:

Omaha Nebraska
June 8, 1904

Brethren:

It becomes my sad duty to inform you of the death of my dear father, Isaac Gibson, who was called to the Supreme Lodge above, from his old home in Tekamah, Nebraska, April 23, 1904. He died, as he had lived for many years, with a heart overflowing with love to the institution of Masonry; and, in evidence of his love and esteem in which he was held by his Lodge, I will state that they turned out almost to a man, and in procession to the cemetery about one mile distant, through a pouring rain, and not one of them would ride.

I beg to return herewith a medal which he had fondly worn upon his breast for several years as the oldest Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction, and

can only hope that it may be as worthily worn, and as highly appreciated by his venerable successors as it was by my dear departed father.

Fraternally Yours,

/s/ J. M. Gibson

The Medal was ordered to be turned over to the incoming Grand Master, to be transferred to the oldest Mason in the State.

Forty Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Omaha, June 6-7, 1905. Charles E. Burnham, Grand Master. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian.

"On July 15, 1904, agreeable to a resolution adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge, I presented to Past Grand Master Robert W. Furnas, the "Jordan Medal" worn by Brother Isaac Gibson, of Tekamah, as the oldest Mason in Nebraska, research having developed that Brother Furnas had that distinction."

This is the first reference of the Medal being presented to, and worn by, Brother Furnas.

After the death of Brother Furnas on June 1, 1905, the Medal was returned to the Grand Lodge the second time. It was found that Reverend Charles P. Hackney of Pomegranate Lodge 110 of Ashland was entitled to the honor of this medal. This veteran Mason was born August 11, 1814; made a Mason on April 23, 1846; and called from Labor to Refreshment on November 16, 1906.

The Medal was returned to the Grand Lodge for the third time.

In the meantime, the question had been raised: "Would it not be well to have a medal, of the same design, made from more precious metal than the one now in use, to be handed down to the oldest, living Mason, to perpetuate this beautiful custom?"

For this purpose, Grand Master Baird appointed the following Committee, consisting of Past Grand Masters Wilson, Evans and Black, with the instructions to procure a Jordan Medal of gold.

On December 10, the medal of gold was received by the Grand Secretary; and, at the request of Grand Master Baird, had the medal sent to Past Grand Master Burnham of Norfolk, requesting him to present the new Gold Jordan Medal to Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes, also of Norfolk.

We herewith list the official report, to Grand Master Baird, of the presentation of the Gold Jordan Medal to Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes.

Sir and Dear Brother:

I have the honor to report that, on the evening of February 13, 1907, as your representative, I presented to our Worthy Brother, Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes, the Gold Jordan Medal, which became the accepted, designated badge of the oldest Mason in Nebraska.

The occasion was made a "gala" day for the members of Mosaic Lodge No. 55, their friends and visiting Masons. Our Grand Custodian, Brother French, was present, and added much to the entertainment. Brother Hayes' response to the presentation speech was grand, and gave ample evidence that he retains all his faculties, and led us to hope he will be spared for many years to come.

Yours Fraternally,

/s/ Charles E. Burnham,
P.G.M.

This was the first presentation of the Gold Jordan Medal.

Brother Hayes retained possession of the Gold Jordan Medal until his death on November 15, 1913.

We find in the report of Grand Secretary's supply account:

June 4, 1907 Credit for Gold Jordan Medal \$33.13

June 9, 1908 Purchase of Gold Jordan Medal \$33.00

Following the death of Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes, the Gold Jordan Medal was returned to Grand Master Alpha Morgan, by the members of the family, through Past Grand Master Burnham.

A committee was appointed by Grand Master Morgan, consisting of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, and Past Grand Master Burnham, to investigate and learn the name of the oldest Master Mason in our Grand Jurisdiction. He also requested that each lodge report to the Grand Secretary the name and date of raising any Brother who was raised prior to 1860.

To the Committee on "unfinished business" was referred the "disposition of the Jordan Medals on hand." This is the first and only reference we have observed relating to Jordan Medals on hand. We are unable to locate or find any resolution or recommendation authorizing the purchase of Jordan Medals.

At the 47th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, June 9-10, 1914, the Committee on Unfinished Business reported as follows: "We recommend that the

Jordan Medals be distributed among the Lodges to be used as a decoration of the Master Mason, a member of the Lodge who has been longest a Mason, that the name and number of years attained in Masonry be certified to the Grand Secretary by the Secretary of each Lodge, so as to assist in locating the brother who is entitled to the gold medal to decorate the oldest Mason in the Jurisdiction."

With the adoption of this recommendation, we are now entering the period of placing in effect the plan of distribution of the Bronze Jordan Medal to each Lodge of the State.

By placing this plan of distribution in operation, many unanswered questions were created. As Grand Master Davis had previously stated, numerous letters were received by the Grand Master, making inquiries concerning the plan and eligibility requirements. Usually, questions of this nature were submitted to the Grand Master for his final decision in the case at hand.

Medals were lost, others misplaced, and some retained by the family of the deceased recipient. It was, and has been, a long, slow process of learning and understanding of the program of distribution of the Bronze Jordan Medal. No doubt, almost every Grand Master, throughout the period of his administration, has met with the same, similar questions or problems regarding the Jordan Medal. On the other hand, what a great stimulus this has been for the Lodge, for Masonry, and for the individual who has been the recipient of the Jordan Medal. It is a most extraordinary occasion. It associates the past with the present, and the present with the future.

In 1919, the following resolution by Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., was approved: Resolved "that the Gold Jordan Medal be placed in the custody of Past Grand Master Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, to be retained by him until it is ascertained who is the oldest, living Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction; and, at that time, the Grand Custodian be hereby authorized and instructed to present the same to such Brother, using such ceremony as may seem to him fitting and proper."

In 1925, Grand Master Robert R. Dickson reports that some Lodges have never received, or do not have on hand, the Jordan Medal sent to them: notwithstanding that one had been sent to every Lodge and should be in its possession. In a number of cases, he directed the Grand Secretary to, without expense, furnish Lodges with one of the medals when he became satisfied that it had not been received; or, if received, had been lost, without fault of the Lodge, as sometimes happens. He further stated that many Brethren are not familiar with the history and purpose thereof. He therefore recommended that our Grand Secretary, who has the medals in charge, prepare a short history of the same, the object and purpose of presenting them; and that, when a medal is sent, the history

to accompany it, and that one be available to each Lodge requesting a copy thereof.

As far as we are able to determine, no such history of the Jordan Medal has ever been provided as recommended by Grand Master Dickson.

We have reviewed a period of twenty five years in our endeavor to bring you the story of the early history of the Jordan Medal. In fantasy, we have travelled side by side and hand in hand with many of the pioneer Brethren who have contributed so liberally, and with so much love, to Masonry in Nebraska. To continue the research would, in our opinion, be a continuing repetition of events, questions, inquiries, and decisions. The only addition in eligibility requirements from the recommendation of the original Committee, appointed by Grand Master Morgan, are: the recipient of the Jordan Medal must be a resident of the State of Nebraska; also the years of membership shall be concurrent years.

The first Jordan Medal was presented on July 15, 1904, to Past Grand Master Robert W. Furnas, of Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville.

The first Gold Jordan Medal was presented on February 13, 1907, to Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes, of Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk.

Over the period of years the program has been in effect, there have been three cases of duplicating Medals presented:

Mosaic Lodge	55	Norfolk	1947
Comet Lodge	229	Ceresco	1975
Cement Lodge	211	Wood River	1983

It is our conclusion and belief that we have fulfilled the requirements for a history of the Jordan Medal, as recommended by Grand Master Robert R. Dickson, in 1925.

It has been a most interesting, challenging study.

THE JORDAN MEDAL ADDENDUM

By Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master

This "episode" concerning the Bronze Jordan Medal is submitted as an "addendum" to the previous story that suggested the possibility of the "pocket piece", which had been presented to a Brother at a school of instruction held at Tekamah on October 4-5-6, 1901, being the original Jordan Medal.

Overlooked and completely forgotten, in our original research, was the "History of Masonry in Nebraska", as compiled by Brother George W. Rosenlof, Grand Historian. In this history, Brother Rosenlof devoted a complete chapter to the biography of Robert Carrel Jordan, our first Grand Master. He called particular attention to the Bronze Jordan Medal which had been authorized and provided to perpetuate the memory of this distinguished Brother.

The early history of the Jordan Medal is a most fascinating story, somewhat forgotten, perhaps, by the fact that the intent of its original purpose was never completely fulfilled for a period of more than a decade.

At the Forty First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Omaha, June 15-16-17, 1898, Brother Robert W. Furnas, Past Grand Master, moved that a committee be appointed to consider and submit at our next Annual Communication some plan to perpetuate the memory of our First Grand Master, Most Worshipful Robert C. Jordan. The motion prevailed, and Brothers Furnace, Lodge No. 4; Wheeler, Lodge No. 6; Valentine, Lodge No. 27; were named as the committee.

At the Forty Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in Lincoln, June 7-8-9, 1899, Brother Furnas made the following report, which was adopted:

"Your Committee, appointed by the last session of this Grand Lodge, to devise and report a plan by which the memory of Robert Carrel Jordan, our first Grand Master, might be, in some appropriate manner, fittingly perpetuated among the Craft, has given the matter thought and attention, and hereby submits a report for the careful consideration of this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee has agreed on a bronze medal, preferably of either gold or silver, the same being of more 'ancient and honorable' character; and, therefore, more appropriate for the existing occasion.

The quality of bronze, size and style of medal is the same as that used in commemoration of the late Brother Albert Pike. The design is a bust of Brother Jordan on one side, with his name and date of birth in circle. On the reverse side, the beautiful and Masonic emblem, 'A virgin weeping over a broken column,' etc., with the words in the outer circle, 'A tribute from Free Masons of Nebraska,' with the date of his death.

One thousand of such medals can be had with a pin and purple ribbon hanger to each, the same as the Pike Medal, for the sum of \$435.00. The same Medal without the pin and ribbon hanger for the sum of \$307.00. The Committee recommends the '\$435.00' purchase.

The plan of your Committee is to sell these medals to the Fraternity, at the sum of \$1.00 each, which is cheaper than such medals are usually sold. The margin between cost and selling price to be paid to the widow of Brother Jordan.

As is well known, the Committee has no funds at its command by which these medals can be purchased from the manufacturer. It, therefore, appeals to this Grand Lodge to advance the sum required, to be reimbursed from the first sales made. We feel this is the proper thing, under the circumstances, for this Grand Lodge to do.

Your Committee submits this report with full confidence that it will meet with the fraternal approval, response, and endorsement which has characterized the Brethren of this jurisdiction, and which is so preeminently and appropriately called for in this instance.

Your Committee feels that it is not called upon to narrate in this report his many Masonic virtues, work and devotion to the order in this State, we all so much revere. Brother Jordan's impress is on every branch of Masonic order.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge, held in the city of his home, it will be remembered by those present that he was in feeble health. He has since been called to the 'Grand Lodge Above.' 'His work on earth is finished' and our obligation to do him honor should be increased. Let us trust that the Freemasons of this jurisdiction, through their medium, this Grand Lodge, will find it consistent with both duty and inclination to exemplify, in this practical manner, a true and living spirit of the order, and for this, the Committee will ever pray.

To the end that the intent of this report may be executed, your Committee offers for adoption the following resolutions:

- (1) Resolved: That the sum of \$435.00 of the funds of this Grand Lodge be placed at the disposal of this Committee with which to purchase one thousand bronze medals as indicated and provided in this report.
- (2) Resolved: That when the medals shall be completed and delivered to the Committee, they be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, who shall, by circular, announce to the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, their price and the object of this transaction.
- (3) Resolved: That when a sufficient number of these medals are sold, the first proceeds shall be used to reimburse this Grand Lodge for

the sum advanced, and the remainder paid to the widow of Brother Robert C. Jordan."

On motion by Brother Crites, Lodge No. 158, Brother Robert B. Furnas, Lodge No. 4, was appointed a select Committee to circulate upon the floor of Grand Lodge, and elsewhere, for signatures binding the subscriber to take and pay for a specific number of medals commemorative to Robert C. Jordan.

On motion by Brother Black, Lodge No. 76, a rising vote was taken of members who pledged themselves to take one, or more, of the proposed memorial medals of Brother Robert C. Jordan, and it was directed that each member so pledging himself should pass to the Grand Secretary his name, post office address, number of his lodge, and the number of medals for which he subscribed.

At the Forty Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in Omaha, June 6-7, 1900, Grand Master William W. Keysor submitted the following report regarding the Bronze Jordan Medal program:

"In conformity with the resolution adopted to that end, the Committee appointed to report a plan for perpetuating the memory of our first Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Robert C. Jordan, purchased one thousand medals, in payment for which, a warrant was drawn on our general fund for \$435.00. As soon as the medals were delivered, a circular announcing the same was issued and sent to all subordinate lodges, and the officers were urged, personally, to endeavor to bring the matter before all the brethren in open lodge, and elsewhere.

Thus far, the sale of the medals has been disappointing; and, unless the craft respond more liberally, the Grand Lodge will not even be reimbursed for the purchase price.

I feel it my duty to mention this matter and to exhort every member of this Grand Body not only to purchase one or more of these medals, but also to call the attention of the members of his lodge to this important duty. It would certainly be discreditable to us, after having adopted this method of perpetuating the memory of our first Grand Master and assisting his widow, to fail in carrying out our plan to the fullest measure of our power and reputation as a fraternity".

Accompanying the report from Grand Master Keysor was a statement from the office of Grand Secretary, as follows:

Jordan Medal

Nov. 21, 1899 S. L. Childs & Co. one M bronze medals	\$435.00
May 12, 1900 Reese Printing Co. Circulares	<u>\$ 9.00</u>
	\$444.00

Inventory

Number of medals sold to date and paid for	220
Number charged to lodges	<u>137</u>
Total sold and delivered to date	357
1.00 contributed to the fund	---
Medals on hand	643

Jordan Medal Fund

Trial balance sheet May 21, 1900	\$222.85
Trial balance sheet May 20, 1901	\$ 21.65
Trial balance sheet June 1901	<u>\$ 17.15</u>
Total	\$261.65

We herewith lose all reference to the Bronze Jordan Medal Plan. What happened? What occurred? It is all conjecture. It is as though the original plan for the sale of the Bronze Jordan Medal had gone into "hibernation," "sine-die," to be resurrected in 1913, by Grand Master Alpha Morgan, when he referred to the Committee on "unfinished business" "the disposition of the Jordan Medals on hand."

With the curtailment of the original plan of selling the Bronze Jordan Medal for \$1.00, each, we now definitely state that the "pocket piece" presented to Isaac Gibson at Tekamah, October 6, 1901, was a Bronze Jordan Medal. There was no official record made of this presentation ceremony. However, when this particular medal was returned to the Grand Lodge on June 8, 1904, it was with suggested instructions that it be transferred to the oldest Mason in the State. On July 15, 1904, Most Worshipful Charles Burnham, Grand Master, presented the medal, worn by Isaac Gibson of Tekamah, to Past Grand Master Robert W. Furnas, the oldest Mason in the State of Nebraska. This was the first, official presentation and reference to the medal being called the Jordan Medal. Later, this medal was changed to a gold medal. The first, official presentation of the Gold Jordan Medal was on February 13, 1907, when it was presented to Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes, by Past Grand Master Charles Burnham. The presentation of the Gold Jordan Medal to the oldest Mason in the State has continued since that date.

We now have two plans of distribution for the Jordan Medal, each plan dependent on the other.

- (a) The Gold Jordan Medal originating from the presentation of the "pocket piece" (Bronze Jordan Medal) to Isaac Gibson at Tekamah, Nebraska, on October 6, 1901, to be worn by the oldest Mason in the State of Nebraska.
- (b) The Bronze Jordan Medal. It was through the report and recommendation of the "Committee on Unfinished Business," June 9, 1914, that the present plan of providing each lodge with a Bronze Jordan Medal, to be presented to and worn by the oldest Mason of each lodge, as a decoration.

In conclusion: The ceremony of presentation for either the Gold or Bronze Medal should always provide the Lodge with an opportunity for a special occasion or celebration. Likewise, it is always a memorable experience in the life of the recipient of the medal. Let us always endeavor to keep and maintain it that way.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

The Grand Master proceeded to introduce the recipients of the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award during the past year. The first to be introduced was Henry Rood of Wahoo Lodge #59 with the following remarks by the Grand Master:

Henry was involved in the Saunders County Soil Conservation District. He was a board member and their chairman. He was the 1965 Honor Conservation Farm Family in Saunders County. He is a lay reader in the First Methodist Church of Wahoo. He was a lay member to their annual conference of the Methodist Church. He has been a board member of his church for over twenty years. He has been a school board member for twelve years, and he was their moderator for six of those twelve years. He was a member of the Township Board of Saunders County. He was a board member of the Farmers' Co-op in Wahoo. He was a member of the Lions Club, Saunders County Extension Board Chairman, Saunders County Breeders Association Chairman, Wahoo Savings and Loan Association and Tri-Federal Savings and Loan Association Board Member, and Farmers Mutual Insurance Company Board Member. He was the Vice President for them for twelve years, and their President for fifteen years.

The second recipient to be introduced was Thomas Lutey of Kimball Lodge #294 of whom the Grand Master made the following remarks:

Tom was Kimball County Chairman of the March of Dimes for many years, Rotary Club charter member and President of that organization. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and President of it; Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kimball Broadcasting Corporation; Kimball Recreation

Board; Kimball Grade School Board Member; Kimball City Council; Kimball County Commissioner from 1964 through 1970. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Chamber of Commerce in 1963. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1954. He personally guided and made sure that Kimball has a public swimming pool. He is a fifty-year member, and an active member, of the Trinity United Methodist Church of Kimball. He is the Chairman of the Kimball Cemetery Board, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

The Grand Master announced that the recipient of the Rock Maul Award was Geneva Lodge #79 of Geneva, Nebraska, and presented the award at this time.

GOLD PAN AWARD

The Grand Master then announced that the recipient of the Gold Pan Award was Crescent Lodge #143 of Primrose, Nebraska, and presented the award to the Lodge.

DEGREE TEAM AWARD

The Grand Master announced the winner of the Degree Team Award in the division of a lodge with more than 125 members and presented the award to Fremont Lodge #15.

The winner of the award in the division of a lodge with less than 125 members was announced as Comet Lodge #229 of Ceresco, Nebraska, and the Grand Master presented the award.



At this time, Dr. Gil Watson, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, was introduced. Dr. Watson delivered the Keynote Address.

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



LODGE OPENING

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

Very Worshipful John F. Dale, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity.

The Grand Master proclaimed the 133rd Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, open in ample form.

The Worshipful Grand Marshal made proclamation thereof.

The Grand Master proceeded with business of the 133rd Annual Communication.

1990 PROCEEDINGS*of the*

Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable

Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons

of Nebraska

*ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**Held in Kearney, Nebraska, February 2nd and 3rd, 1990**FIRST DAY--OPENING SESSION**Friday, February 2, 1990*

The Grand Master designated and appointed Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Bevin B. Bump as Parliamentarian and demanded his presence in the East at all times.

The Grand Master appointed all Deputy Grand Custodians present as a counting committee under the chairmanship of Eugene Sibley, and declared that these individuals would constitute and comprise the counting committee for the purposes of the election of officers and all other ballots to be taken during this 133rd Annual Communication.

The delegation proceeded in voting for the offices of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden and Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master reported that, on approximately November 1st of this year, the Grand Secretary, Don E. Rasmussen, and the previous Grand Secretary, Albert T. Reddish, together with the Grand Lodge Office Staff and the Grand Master, finished the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1984, 1987, 1988 and 1989, and entertained a motion that those proceedings be formally adopted as the official proceedings of those particular Grand Lodge Sessions. The motion was made, seconded, voted upon and carried.



PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

John D. VerMaas, Chairman

The Appropriations Committee will submit to the Grand Lodge the budget as proposed by the Grand Lodge Officers for adoption.

Tom and John presented the budget to the Committee and explained the reasons for the programs and the expenditure of funds. We recognize that the membership across the State has declined significantly, and what you would buy with one dollar in 1980, now takes one dollar and seventy-five cents. We also recognize the value of the programs undertaken by the Grand Lodge Officers and we support them in their efforts to make the members proud of themselves; to spread the light of Masonry beyond the four walls of the lodge room; to revitalize the Craft and the important work that is to be done by Masons; and to better educate our members and the members of all society about the purposes of the Masonic Order.

I, for one, know that the leadership of the Nebraska Grand Lodge is being watched, nationally, and other jurisdictions are coming here to find answers to the problems of Masonry in their States. We support the efforts of the Grand Lodge Officers and their determination to turn around the decline in membership and to assist the members in living the three Great Masonic Tenets. We believe that it is necessary to spend the money now to continue the work, and not wait until such time as dues are increased to cover the load. We submit this budget to you for your thoughtful consideration.

MEMO TO APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO 1990 BUDGET

from John M. McHenry and Line Officers

Attached hereto is a proposed budget for your consideration and adoption for the operation of the Grand Lodge during the year, 1990. The proposed budget is a deficit budget. This budget accurately reflects the present cost of doing the work of the Grand Lodge Office; promoting Masonry with the public and our members; instituting and carrying forward the necessary programs to reverse the decline in membership; instituting and carrying forward those programs that take Masonry out of the lodge rooms and into their communities; and the long-term effect that declining membership has had on revenue. It is also a reflection of the lack of an increase in assessments due the Grand Lodge and the effect of inflation over the last nine years.

Approximately, five years ago, we started to combat the problem of declining membership. We have adopted a cipher for use by the membership. We have abolished the prohibition against solicitation, so that Lodges can target community and civic leaders in their area. We have established the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, which, this year, bought for the Grand Lodge Office, computer hardware and programs that have made the Grand Lodge Office highly efficient and responsive to the needs of the Lodges. This was done at an expense of twenty-five thousand dollars to the Foundation, and not to the Grand Lodge. The Committee on The Work and the Grand Lodge Officers have adopted a standard form of proficiency which has had a tremendous beneficial effect of advancing those individuals who had stopped their search for light in Masonry, and has opened the path to Masonry for many other qualified and deserving men. We have instituted a scholarship program and a program recognizing the labors of outstanding brothers. The recognition program is known as the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award; and, when it was presented, this year, it involved the entire community in which the recipient lived.

We are continuing the fight against declining membership and the apathy of our membership. We are asking lodges to develop programs wherein they take Masonry out of the Lodge to benefit their fellow man and their community. We want them to practice that which we believe. Some of the programs include the workshops at this year's Grand Lodge Session; the production and dissemination of audio and visual tapes showing how to instruct the candidate with the Standard Proficiency Manual; the holding of area leadership training sessions, jointly, by the Leadership Committee and the Deputy Grand Custodians; the continued use of directorate leadership of the Grand Lodge with officer and committee retreats to review and enhance the goals of Masonry, and the continued numerous public and lodge functions attended by the Grand Lodge Session.

This will cost money; and, for the coming year, will cost more money than we have revenue. There will be a recommendation by the Grand Master, as requested by the Grand Trustees and the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Masonic Home, to increase the assessments due the Grand Lodge and The Masonic Home. If passed, this increase would not be effective until the year, 1991. It will do us no good to have over a million dollars in assets if we lose the fight on declining membership.

We will spend some time on the expense side of the budget. Although, we have numerous, specific ledger accounts under each heading of the allocated dollars, we only set forth the total for the area of expense in several of the categories. This is because we know the areas of allocation, but many of the figures are subject to events that will happen in the future. The figures may change within the category; but, as long as the total figure is not exceeded, we should be considered to be within the appropriated amount. This has been the

practice of the Finance Committee and was their stated position at last year's Grand Lodge Session.

The first expense item is Annual Communication. This is one of the areas where only the total figure is presented. Attached to this memo, and marked Item 1, is a breakdown of how we arrived at that figure. For instance, the mileage, per diem, guest room rental, and other meals, are average figures based on attendance at previous sessions in Kearney. Such items as the Grand Master's Dinner, Ladies' Program, and incidental expense, come from the budget of the Social Committee. A copy of that budget is attached and marked Item II. The expense of the proceedings is one of the bids received by several printers. While it is not the highest, or lowest, bid received, it is reflective of the probable expense.

The next item is installation expense. This is the total spent for the installation in Kearney in February, 1989. Only thirty four hundred was actually paid out of Grand Lodge funds, and seventeen hundred was personally paid by Tom Tye. This expense included such items as printing of invitations, postage, flowers, rentals, music, food, photography, and dinner for guests and officers.

The next thirteen items comprise the category of Travel. We have combined all of the Grand Master's expense under one item. This would include the previous items of travel, auto allowance, meals and motels. This one category would include such things as air fares, gasoline expense, motel expense, meals, entertainment, postage, printing, and such other items as is necessary to fulfill the duties of Grand Master. This combined figure has been increased from thirteen thousand dollars to fifteen thousand dollars. The actual expense of Tom Tye for 1989 is nearing thirty thousand dollars, and this does not take into consideration the loss of income he has suffered because of his duties as Grand Master.

With respect to the Grand Master's expense, we have decided that the Grand Master will only ask for reimbursement of items through December 31st. In the past, the outgoing Grand Master has received reimbursement for expenses out of the incoming Grand Master's budget, and this was true, this year, when over six thousand dollars was taken as expense from Tom's budgeted amount. The practice now, is that the Grand Master will only be reimbursed during his calendar year for expenses by him in that calendar year. This is somewhat moot, this year, because the line officers have further agreed to not take any reimbursements for expenses occurring after November 1, 1989.

The Deputy Grand Master's expense items have all been combined. This figure would include such things as the Grand Masters', or other, conferences, gasoline, air fares, meals, motels, Deputy Grand Master's retreat, entertainment, postage, printing, and such other items as is necessary to fulfill the duties of Deputy Grand Master. This combined figure has been raised from three

thousand dollars to five thousand dollars. Again, this is closer to the actual cost of performing the duties of Deputy Grand Master.

We have combined all the Grand Secretary's expense under one item. This would include such expenses as delineated for the Grand Master and Deputy.

There are several new categories under Travel. These involve the travel and motel expense of the Grand Lodge staff. These would include their expenses for training trips and attendance at the Deputy Grand Master's retreat.

The Deputy Custodians' expenses have been increased slightly to reflect the fact that they are being asked to assist the Leadership Committee in its training. They are also being asked to visit each Lodge and assist in teaching the membership on how to present the standard proficiency to the candidates.

The category of Salaries shows the actual, projected expense for this area. Built into these figures are potential raises for the present staff. The temporary staff salary figure reflects that which we actually will pay in 1989. A separate category is the salary for the Grand Master's secretary. This figure for 1989 was included in the figure for Grand Lodge Office staff. This caused some of the members of the Finance Committee some confusion, so we are separately budgeting for it. As Tom did, I will also have someone come into my office, part-time, to take care of my dictation, and other matters.

Occupancy Expenses are fairly well definable. The figure for equipment purchases represents the purchase of a laser printer, postage machine, postal scale, labeling machine, fireproof file, easel, and mouse for the computer. These items are set forth on the attached, which is marked Item III. The postage machine, scale and labeling machine will provide greater efficiency to the office. They will save money on accurate postage amounts, and save hours in handling mailings. The laser printer is necessary to take the first step toward publishing the Nebraska Mason in-house. As you will see later, the cost of the Nebraska Mason continues to climb.

The Nebraska Mason is estimated to cost thirty two thousand five hundred dollars to publish. Attached, are several budget projections for the paper, which attachment is marked Item IV. The cost of the paper for 1989 exceeded twenty eight thousand dollars, and was only for three issues.

Fixed & Administrative Expenses are good figures, and have been given to us by our insurance representative.

There has been some shift of emphasis in the budgets for the committees. We are asking the Education Committee to produce and distribute audio and visual cassettes on the Standard Proficiency Manual. This is in addition to the monthly

education bulletin that is sent to the Lodge Education Chairman. Thus, we have increased their budgeted amount to two thousand dollars.

Likewise, we are asking the Leadership Committee to provide quarterly leadership training seminars to the Lodge officers. In addition to this, they will be involved with the Deputy Grand Custodians in teaching the Lodge officers and members how to use the Standard Proficiency Manual.

The Public Relations budget confused the Finance Committee, this year. Specifically, this budget is for the purchase of cornerstones, other Grand Lodge ceremonies, and the Grand Marshal's expenses in travelling to and arranging these functions. His expenses would necessarily include lodging, meals, gasoline, telephone, printing, postage, and such other expense as is necessary in carrying out his duties. With the cornerstone ceremonies we have had this year, especially, that for the Gnostic Monastery, we have had tremendous exposure to the public.

The balance of the expenses essentially mirror that which was done in 1989. In the future, some thought should be given to increasing our contributions to the youth organizations, and whether we are truly fulfilling the second Great Masonic Tenet of Relief.

In addition to those items attached, to which reference has already been made, we have attached copies of the requests from the chairmen of the various committees for specific funds.

1990 GRAND LODGE PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUE

4100-Membership Dues	124,610
4200-Initiation Fees	2,700
4300-Surety Bond Premium	3,000
4350-Liability Ins. Premium	14,725
4600-Reinstatement Fees	750
2105-Dues-Masonic Home	49,844
2106-Dues-George Washington Memorial	1,375
4400-Sale of Supplies	8,000
4620-Sale of Banquet Tickets	5,100
4625-Sale of Other Meal Tickets	1,750
4630-Sale of Ladies' Lunch Tickets	1,100
4650-Masonic Home-Admin. Services	10,000
4655-Masonic Home-Newspaper	12,500

4660-OES & Fremont Home-Newspaper	12,000
4700-Investment Income-Omaha	110,000
4750-Investment Income-Lincoln	1,000
4875-Miscellaneous Income	735
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Total Revenue	359,189

EXPENSES

5100-Annual Communication	38,165
5220.425-Installation Expense	5,000
5200.000-GL Office Staff Travel	1,000
5200.100-Grand Master Expense	15,000
5200.150-Deputy Grand Master Expense	5,000
5200.200-Grand Secretary Expense	3,325
5200.250-Grand Custodian Expense	2,200
5200.300-Deputy Grand Custodians-Mileage	1,500
5200.350-Other Officers Expense	8,000
5220.000-GL Office Staff Meals	200
5220.300-Deputy Grand Custodians-Meals	100
5220.350-Other Officers-Meals	500
5230.000-GL Office Staff-Motels	1,000
5250-300-Deputy Grand Custodians Per Diem	3,800
5260.300-Schools of Instruction	5,000

SALARIES

5210.250-Grand Custodian Salary	6,000
5320.000-GL Office Staff Salary	45,000
5320.100-Grand Master Staff Salary	6,000
5330.000-GL Temporary Staff Salary	4,700
5340.000-FICA-Employer's Share	4,650
5350.000-Federal Unemployment Tax	280
5360.000-State Unemployment Tax	118
5370.000-Employer' Share 401(K)	875
5380.000-GL Office Staff Training	3,000

OCCUPANCY

5400.000-Office Rent	21,360
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5410.000-Utilities	2,400
5415.000-Telephone	7,500
5415.100-Grand Master Telephone	1,950
5415.200-Grand Secretary Telephone	1,800
5420.000-Equipment Maintenance	2,500
5425.000-Equipment Rental	615
5430.000-Equipment Purchase	15,000
5435.000-Postage	7,500
5440.000-Printing and copying	5,000
5445.000-Office Supplies	3,000
5545.100-Grand Master Office Supplies	750
5545.200-Grand Secretary Office Supplies	150
5545.250-Grand Custodian Office Supplies	150
5450.000-Office Maintenance	1,500
5455.000-Computer Supplies	1,800
5460.000-Computer Repairs & Maintenance	3,200
5465.000-Computer Software Support	500
5470.000-Dues & Subscriptions	100
5475.000-NE Mason Publication Expense	32,500
5480.000-Bank Service Charges	1,600
5485.000-Professional Fees	4,000
5490.000-Legal Fees	100
5500.000-Supplies for Lodges-Printed	7,000
5505.000-Supplies for Lodges-Other	1,000
5505.250-DGC Supplies	272
5510.000-Supplies for Lodges-Year Pins	500
5515.000-Secretary's Desk Book Expense	3,500
5525.000-GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	1,000
5550.000-Retirement-Carl Greisen	4,650
5555.000-Retirement-Alice Lallman	3,360

FIXED & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

5600.000-Workers Compensation	300
5605.000-Group Ins-GL Employees	6,120
5610.000-Surety Bond	3,100
5620.000-Directors & Officers Insurance	4,300
5625.000-Liability Insurance	14,700
5625.000-Office Contents & Equipment	400
5650.000-Other Admin Exp-General	1,000

COMMITTEES

450-Education Committee	2,000
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500-Leadership Committee	2,500
525-Committee on Work	500
550-Relief Committee	300
650-Office Committee	100
700-Public Relations	3,700
Cornerstones-2,000	
Grand Marshal Exp-1,000	
750-Youth Committee	2500
825-General Session/Social Committee	250
850-Grand Trustees	100
900-Awards Committee	2,000
925-Charters & Dispensations	50
950-Lodge Advisory	100
975-Credentials	250

CONTRIBUTIONS

2105.000-NE Masonic Home Dues	49,844
2106.000-George Washington Memorial	1,375
5800.000-Masonic Service Assoc Dues	1,400
5810.000-NE DeMolay Foundation Donation	3,500
5820.000-Masonic Service Assoc Hospital	2,500
5835.000-Masonic Relief Association	350
5850.000-OES Fremont Home Donation	10,000



The Grand Master turned the podium over to Right Worshipful Brother Deputy Grand Master, John M. McHenry, to introduce and describe the following workshop sessions to be conducted the remainder of the day. The Grand Lodge presented workshops on:

PUBLIC IMAGE
 STANDARD PROFICIENCY
 LEADERSHIP
 MEMBER EDUCATION
 GROWTH AND SUPPORT OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS
 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 3, 1990.

1990 PROCEEDINGS

of the

Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable

Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons

of Nebraska

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THIRD

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Kearney, Nebraska, February 2nd and 3rd, 1990

SECOND SESSION

Saturday, February 2, 1990

The Deputy Grand Master called the 133rd Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 9:00 a.m., on Saturday, February 3, 1990.

The Grand Chaplain invoked the blessing of Deity.

REPORT OF BALLOT

Eugene Sibley, Chairman of the Tellers, reported the following election votes:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
Grand Master	John M. McHenry	322
Deputy Grand Master	James N. DeMoss	320
Grand Senior Warden	James L. Eatmon	313
Grand Junior Warden	Donald L. Pohlman	249
Grand Secretary	Don E. Rasmussen	283

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Norris L. Rusmisell, Chairman

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those Brothers who served on this committee, and they are Doyle Berg, from Omaha; Rodney Bliss, from Kearney; Bill Hurst, from Lincoln; Delmar Jones, from Kearney; Wes Suggs, from Papillion; and Herb Taylor from Bellevue.

Just a few items of note before we get to the report on lodges. The Table Lodge, held Thursday evening, (which, I understand, was one of the first for a Grand Session) attracted 200 Masons. The opening session, held Friday morning, drew 759 people; and the banquet, last night, was attended by 365 Masons and guests.

At the present time, the total chartered lodges in Nebraska are 208.

The number of lodges not represented at this communication is 23. This constitutes the least number of lodges absent for several years.

Lodges not present, this year, are No. 13, No. 27, No. 43, No. 49, No. 60, No. 68, No. 72, No. 91, No. 93, No. 99, No. 113, No. 124, No. 136, No. 137, No. 150, No. 199, No. 205, No. 232, No. 245, No. 246, No. 262, No. 266 and No. 286.

Of those listed above, the following lodges have now been absent for two consecutive years: No. 13, No. 72, No. 113, No. 137, No. 150, No. 199, No. 232, No. 246 and No. 266.

For your information, there are, at this communication, 120 Masters registered in person, and 48 by proxy; 63 Senior Wardens in person, and 66 by proxy; 50 Junior Wardens in person, and 75 by proxy.

All current Grand Lodge Officers are present, as well as 18 Past Grand Masters; 11 other Masonic-affiliated dignitaries--17 from jurisdictions outside Nebraska; 20 Deputy Grand Custodians; and 87 nondelegate Masons; for a total of office and nondelegate representation of 579.

In addition to the above, there were present, at some of the open sessions, over 200 ladies and guests.

Those 17, mentioned above, from jurisdictions outside Nebraska, represent the following States: Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, New Jersey, Nevada, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. The guest speaker is from Georgia.

NECROLOGY CEREMONY

The Necrology Ceremony was conducted by Very Worshipful John F. Dale, Grand Chaplain and Worshipful Virgil L. Tubach, Grand Orator.

Cherishing memories which are forever sacred; sustained by a faith that is stronger than death; comforted by the hope of a life that shall endless be; we are again assembled to remember those who, but a short time ago, labored with us in this great Fraternity. In 1989, we lost, through death, 610 brothers. Of this number, this morning, I would like to mention a few.

Irwin B. Peterson, Secretary of Grand Island Lodge Number 318, passed away in December, 1989.

R. Winton Wilson, Secretary of Gavel Lodge Number 199, and a Deputy Grand Custodian, passed away in August of 1989.

Barron L. Seas, Master of Purity Lodge Number 198, passed away in August of 1989.

Harry N. Ahl, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, passed away in September of 1989.

I must announce the passing of two Past Grand Masters. Russell L. Fickes, the 106th Grand Master, passed away in April of 1989. Most Worshipful Brother Russell was a member of Ashlar Lodge Number 33 of Grand Island. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on September 1, 1949, and served as Master of his Lodge in 1954. He was a member of the Temple Craft of Grand Island. He was appointed Grand Junior Deacon by Most Worshipful Brother John A. Bottorf on June 7, 1967, advancing in the Grand Lodge line; and, on June 12, 1971, he was elected and installed as Grand Master. Active in the York Rite, all his memberships were in the Grand Island area: Duel Chapter Number 11, Royal Arch Masons of Grand Island; Lebanon Council Number 24, Cryptic Masons of Central City; and Mount Lebanon Commandery Number 6 of Grand Island. He held Shrine membership in Tehama Temple at Hastings. His known, honorary memberships include Honorary Past Grand Master of Iowa and Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay. Most Worshipful Brother Russell was a registered professional engineer, who formed his own consulting firm in Grand Island. He was a member of National Society of Professional Engineers of Nebraska, Incorporated.

Joseph C. Tye, the 94th Grand Master, passed away in February of 1989. Most Worshipful Brother Joseph, or Joe, as I heard him called more often, was a member of Rob Morris Lodge Number 46 at Kearney. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on September 4, 1928, and served as the

Master of his Lodge in 1932. He received his appointment as Grand Junior Deacon on June 4, 1954, from Most Worshipful Brother Charles F. Adams, and served as our Grand Master, being installed into that office on June 10, 1959. Most Worshipful Brother Adams also honored him by appointing him as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba near Nebraska in June of 1954. Most Worshipful Brother Joe was a member of the Omaha Scottish Rite Bodies and had been since 1959. He was coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in 1975. He held membership in the York Rite Bodies of Kearney, and had done so since 1944. He was a member of the Tehama Shrine Temple at Hastings, and a member of the Fort Kearney Shrine Club. He was on the Advisory Council of the Order of DeMolay. His Eastern Star membership was in Tuscan Chapter Number 35, and he had been a member of the Nebraska Freemasons Association since early 1956. His honorary memberships include Past Grand Master of the Association of Kansas, Legion of Honor; and, with all of this, he was probably most proud of his association with the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and his forty years of active participation on its behalf. In bad weather, he would travel to Omaha the night before, to make sure that he would not miss the Trustees' Meeting the following day. The partial-pay plan, being used yet today, at the Masonic Home, was one of the innovations that Most Worshipful Brother Joe brought to the Home as a Trustee. Most Worshipful Brother Tye was a lawyer, and has been followed in that profession by his son and two grandsons. He was Mayor of Kearney and President of the Nebraska Bar Association.

All these mortal of our brothers have been committed to their resting places in the assurance that, if this earthly house of our tabernacle should be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Let us, now, bow our heads in silent prayer, giving thanks to Almighty God for friendships and memories that they have left behind, and for the days of toil and leadership which they have given, as only one brother can give to another brother; and for this great Fraternity that allows us together in peace and harmony.

Following the Grand Orator's remarks, the Necrology Service was concluded with a prayer delivered by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Don E. Rasmussen

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

I was appointed Grand Secretary Pro Tem on September 12, 1989, after our Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Albert T. Reddish, resigned, due to health and workload problems.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Our Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln is managed by Chris Rudder, and Tish DeMoss is our Administrative Secretary. Both of these ladies are very capable in their duties; and, by their performance, they bring credit to themselves and honor to the Fraternity.

SECRETARY'S HANDBOOK

This handbook was nearly completed at the time of my appointment, therefore, I can take little credit for it. This handbook was compiled by a committee of lodge secretaries and the staff in our Lincoln office, and I feel it is a very fine handbook. This handbook contains some new forms, and some revisions to existing forms. Each of these forms comes with an explanation as to its usage, and also filled in examples. This handbook should be of great value to the new Secretaries, and an easy reference book for the more experienced ones.

CONSOLIDATIONS

Consolidations are covered in the Grand Master's Report.

HONOR AWARDS

Pins presented during this fiscal year are:

50 Year Pins presented - 129

60 Year Pins presented - 97

70 Year Pins presented - 20

PROFICIENCY

The new Standard Form of Proficiency, which was adopted August 12, 1989, I feel has been a real working tool for our subordinate lodges. As a result of this proficiency, many of our lodges throughout the State have been doing considerable work. These are the results of the number raised, using the last three years for comparison purposes:

1989 - 404 raised (preliminary count)

1988 - 325 raised

1987 - 247 raised

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Brother William Gregg, a member of Sioux Lodge #277, Harrison, holder of the Gold Jordan Medal, passed from this life December 14, 1989. Most Worshipful Brother Ben Eyre, P.G.M., a member of Nebraska Lodge #1, Omaha, is the new Gold Jordan Medal recipient. This presentation will be made at our Grand Lodge Communication at Kearney, in February, 1990.

MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES

I was privileged to attend this conference, held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on November 10th and 11th, 1989. This conference was interesting and rewarding. I received information that will be useful and beneficial to the Grand Lodge and myself.

CORNERSTONES

As Grand Secretary Pro Tem, it was my pleasure to serve, as such, at the cornerstone laying at Fort Calhoun, on October 1, 1989. This cornerstone was for an addition to their museum.

RETURNS

The final tabulation from annual returns for 1988, and the preliminary returns for the year 1989 are:

ITEM	FINAL, 1988	PRELIMINARY, 1989
Number of Lodges	209	208
Initiated	379	392
Passed	325	423
Raised	325	404
Affiliations	89	107
Dual Memberships	36	25
Reinstatements	183	107
Consolidations	271	0
Other	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>
Net Gains	915	651
Demits	94	121
Deaths	756	717
Suspensions	493	480
Other	349	32

Expulsions	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Losses	1,694	1,350
Membership 12/31/87		25,701
Membership 12/31/88		24,922
Preliminary Membership 12/31/89		24,223

APPRECIATION

I wish to thank Most Worshipful Brother Thomas W. Tye, Grand Master, for my appointment as Grand Secretary Pro Tem. This has been a rewarding experience for me, and I hope I have filled it to the satisfaction of our membership.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

Jerry L. Rittenburg

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 the year, we held twenty six central schools of instruction. The Brethren around the State, generally, were extremely proficient in the ritual. I found that, while individual brothers might make a slip of the tongue, all were following the ritual as adopted by this Grand Lodge.

The number of certified lodges declined again, this year, to 89, as of the writing of this report. We could still have a few more reports from Deputy Grand Custodians, which will increase this number.

Lodges which certified this year, after a lapse of one, or more, years, are:

Washington Lodge #21
 York Lodge #56
 Grand Island Lodge #318
 Omaha Lodge #288
 College View Lodge #320

I congratulate these Lodges and their officers on making the extra effort required to certify their Lodge.

The following Lodges have been certified for fifty, or more, years in succession:

Lancaster Lodge #54 (68)
Nebraska Lodge #1 (66)
Craftsmen Lodge #314 (66)
Plattsmouth Lodge #6 (66)
Hastings Lodge #50 (66)
Wahoo Lodge #59 (65)
Trestle Board Lodge #162 (64)
Bee Hive Lodge #184 (64)
Utica Lodge #96 (61)
Beatrice Lodge #26 (61)
Fremont Lodge #15 (59)
Lebanon Lodge #323 (59)
Euclid Lodge #97 (59)
John J. Mercer Lodge #290 (58)
North Star Lodge #227 (57)
Crete Lodge #37 (57)
Pilot Lodge #240 (57)
Nehawka Lodge #246 (57)
Ashlar Lodge #33 (56)
East Lincoln Lodge #210 (56)
Lincoln Lodge #19 (55)
Arcana Lodge #195 (54)
Oakland Lodge #91 (52)
Robert W. Furnas Lodge #265 (51)

Certifying the Lodge each year has become such a strong tradition in these Lodges that it is rarely a matter of consideration. The Worshipful Master just sets the date and contacts the Deputy Grand Custodian, as one of the activities that are done each year. I congratulate all these Lodges and their officers for a job well done.

As of the writing of this report, there are 412 certified Masons. Of this number, 16 have been certified 50 years, or more. There are 20 new certified men this year. They are:

Albert Chatfield of North Star Lodge #227
Gerald Verbeek of Fremont Lodge #15
Virgil Shiermeyer of Fremont Lodge #15
James Eatmon of Kimball Lodge #294
Gary Powell of Robert W. Furnas Lodge #265
Ralph Hilyard of Mitchell Lodge #263
Charles Shrader of Scotts Bluff Lodge #201
William Morrow of Mid-West Lodge #317

Mark Miller of Mizpah Lodge #302
Raymond Bally of Capitol Lodge #3
James Gathmann of Shiloh Lodge #327
Michael Hawley of Shiloh Lodge #327
Robert Peterson of Shiloh Lodge #327
Ronald Grass of Tekamah Lodge #31
Kevin Rittenburg of Comet Lodge #229
Richard Basel of Comet Lodge #229
Del Adams of Lancaster Lodge #54
William Hokason of Lancaster Lodge #54
Ray Mayfield of Lancaster Lodge #54
Stanley Gross of Omaha Lodge #288

These Brethren are to be congratulated on reaching this milestone in their Masonic career. During this time, when we all think we are busy, these Brethren found the time to devote to our ritual. Many brothers have asked me where the ritualists of the future will come from. There are still some who are so impressed by the ritual, and its delivery, from memory, that they want to be a part of this select group of the certified members of our lodges.

During the year, the Grand Master appointed two Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti. Harry Ahl belonged to Springfield Lodge, and had served as a Deputy for 30 years. Harry has since died, and will be missed by the Brethren of his district, as well as by the entire corp of Deputy Grand Custodians and this Grand Custodian. The other retiring Deputy was Frank Harris of Nelson. Frank had served as a very active Deputy since December of 1967. Frank asked to be relieved of his duties because of ill health in his family. Frank has promised to continue to be active in his lodge and helpful to his replacement.

R. Winton Wilson of Gavel Lodge #199 was appointed a Deputy Grand Custodian in April of 1986, and served until his death on August 19, 1989.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Brothers Harry and Winton. They will be missed.

There were three new Deputy Grand Custodians recommended by the Grand Custodian, approved by the Committee on Nebraska Work and appointed by the Grand Master. Robert M. Littrell of Nelson Lodge #77 will replace Frank Harris. Roy L. Smith of Plattsmouth Lodge #6 will serve the district served for so many years by Harry Ahl. Daniel E. Spearow of Beatrice Lodge #26 will replace R. Winton Wilson.

As of this writing, the active Deputy Grand Custodians are:

District # 1 Roy E. Smith

District # 2	Don L. McCoy
District # 3	Augustine S. Scolaro
District # 5	James E. Cornish
District # 6	Vacant
District # 7	Lloyd F. Vrtiska
District # 8	John C. Sierks
District # 9	Lloyd I. Edwards
District #10	Steven A. Green
District #11	Eugene C. Sibley
District #13	Daniel E. Spearow
District #14	Vacant
District #15	Justin F. Fauss
District #16	Lynn Doty
District #17	Victor D. Hunt
District #18	Arthur S. Dye
District #19	Mervin E. Ransom
District #20	Robert E. Kyes
District #21	Wayne W. Beatty
District #22	A. W. "Bud" Clark
District #23	D. Wayne Erickson
District #24	Ralph E. McNulty
District #25	Vacant
District #26	Arthur J. Ferguson
District #27	Alfred V. Peltzer
District #28	Vince Rosenberger
District #29	Leslie A. Evert
District #30	Steven K. Jones
District #31	Gordon E. Richards
District #32	Roger L. Shillington
District #33	Harry L. Saum
District #34	W. Dale Page
District #35	Harold W. Noble
District #36	Deon E. Eberly
District #37	Ben D. Fussell
District #38	Robert M. Littrell

These are the hardest-working group of Masons in the State, and deserve the utmost courtesy and respect for their diligence and devotion to duty. At certain times during the year, they spend many of their evenings away from their homes and families to be of assistance to their Brethren. This usually occurs during the worst weather. At least one Deputy Grand Custodian travels one hundred miles from one end of his district to the other. It is certainly a labor of love on their part. They are the finest group of men with whom I have ever had the honor of working.

The current list of Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti are:

Louis V. Sylvester
Del Pinkerton
Sebert Stover
Clifford Webster
Frank H. Smith
T. Leo Stines
Glenn W. Binder
Curtis J. Griess
Arnold F. Mains
Harold A. Tilton
Willard I. Lewis
Walter S. Cork
Paul D. Fleming
Nelson W. Rittenburg
Mannie O. Hansen
Donald A. Kyckelhahn
Herman O. Hansen
Jens P. Nielsen
Richard L. Mauch
Everett K. Dappen
Frank R. Harris
Ralph Gerry has been appointed Grand Custodian Emeritus.

This year, the Grand Lodge again sponsored "Degree Team Competition" among the Lodges in the State. We had six teams take part, and the work was so near perfection that I was very glad not to be a judge. The Committee on Nebraska Work again acted as judges, and the competition was very close. The winners will be announced at Grand Lodge. We had teams from lodges with more, and less, than 125 members. At the competition held in Fremont Lodge, on November 4th, the following lodges participated:

Lancaster Lodge #54
Fremont Lodge #15
Wayne Lodge #120
Comet Lodge #229

The following weekend, the competition was held in North Platte with the following lodges taking part:

Frank Welch Lodge #75
Bartley Lodge #228

Without exception, everyone taking part in the competition has agreed that it is a good activity for the Lodge. Not only does it help to improve the ritual, but gives the Brethren an opportunity to work together and develop a camaraderie that would not have happened otherwise. This is a good activity, and one I hope can be continued in the future.

It has been a great pleasure to work with the Committee on Nebraska Work, this year. They have been very helpful and supportive of the efforts of the Grand Custodian.

I thank Most Worshipful Brother Tom Tye for the opportunity of serving the Grand Lodge, again this year, as your Grand Custodian.

This report is respectfully submitted with the hope that it will meet with the approval of the Brethren.

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

Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West Lodge #317
John C. Sierks, Nemaha Valley Lodge #4
D. Wayne Erickson, Jachin Lodge #146
Ralph E. McNulty, Meridian Lodge #188
Don L. McCoy, Covert Lodge #11
Ben D. Fussell, Geneva Lodge #79
A. S. Scolaro, Capitol Lodge #3
Vincent Rosenberger, Alliance Lodge #183
Wayne W. Beatty, Stromsburg Lodge #126
Eugene C. Sibley, Lancaster Lodge #54
Leslie A. Evert, Arcana Lodge #195
Gordon E. Richards, Frank Welch Lodge #75
Harold W. Noble, Bellevue Lodge #325
Steven K. Jones, Cement Lodge #211
Lloyd F. Vrtiska, Table Rock Lodge #108
Steven A. Green, Lancaster Lodge #54
Deon D. Eberly, Craftsmen Lodge #314
Roy L. Smith, Plattsmouth Lodge #6
Daniel E. Spearow, Beatrice Lodge #26
Frank R. Harris Emeritus, Robert W. Furnas Lodge #265



At this time, the Grand Master introduced Frank V. Lawson, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. The Grand Master made the following remarks in the introduction.

I want you to meet this gentleman; because, for many years, he has been the Chairman of your Grand Trustees. This is the man, who, with a committee of three other individuals with expertise in investment counseling and investment purchases and administration, administers, not only the \$1,340,000 of Grand Lodge funds, but also, all the funds of the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. They do a yeoman job, at no pay. Frank, it's a pleasure to have you here in this Grand Lodge Session. We look forward to the Report of the Grand Trustees.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Frank V. Lawson, Jr., Chairman

I can't think of anything that is going to be more boring than my reading the report that I've written up, and that is available to you; so, I'm not going to attempt that.

Probably, the first thing that I should cover is who these mysterious Grand Trustees are. If you go into the Bylaws and Regulations, it simply says that they should be people who are Masons, and who have some experience in the field of investments. Let me run down that experience. Herman A. Wiebers, from Lincoln, is the Senior Financial Officer of Woodmen Life and Accident. He has been in the investment business, I suppose, from the day he got out of college. Donald J. Schonberg, who is in Omaha, had a similar position with Guarantee Mutual Life, through the ranks of Investment Officer and Senior Financial Officer. He recently changed his job, and is now working as an investment counselor. Then, we have two fellows who come from banks. Richard Emery is with FirstTier in Lincoln, in the Trust Department, and that is an area in which we get some experience with the field of investments. Glen A. Ried is with Norwest Bank in Omaha, and is also a Trust Officer. Finally, this fellow. I did my tour of duty, so to speak, first of all, in the brokerage business for roughly twenty years, and twenty years at First National Bank of Omaha, as Senior Trust Investment Officer. Now, I'm working on my own, with a little firm of investment counseling. I think it is important that you understand that the people contributing to these investment decisions have, in fact, an experience and a reputation within the field.

I would now like to switch, and talk a little bit about numbers. I'm not going to try to bring you great big detail; but, you should understand what kind of a situation your Nebraska Masonic Home is in; what kind of financing they have; and what your share of contribution to it is. These figures come from the audit report, which is done following their fiscal year of April 30th. You remember, at one time, you also had a fiscal year of April 30th; but, you switched that around, and it's fine. I heard the comment, a little bit earlier, that there is a little

bit of difficulty in gathering statistics for a meeting the first of February, when you don't have to turn them in so soon. That was the problem with audits. It is the problem with audits on your Grand Lodge Funds. On the Home, though, we have the numbers. You should understand that we report this in the form of what the revenues are to the Home; and, then what the expenses are. I'm going to use the word deficit, as I get down here; because, in truth, it is a deficit. But, that is made up out of the endowment and bequest investment income. Nineteen Eighty Nine Income - I'm going to do some rounding-- was \$1,250,000. That's coming from residents. It's coming from people who are there and turn over their Social Security money. Expenses were \$2,200,000, which, in effect, is an operating deficit of \$950,000. That's fine; that's what we intend it to be. That is made up out of the investment returns from the investment portfolio. Now, last year, that fiscal year, much more than \$950,000 was transferred from the Endowment and Bequest Fund; because, there was a program going where we were building a new wing, the "Spencer Wing", and that sum was \$2,850,000. The investment income of the Endowment and Bequest Fund was \$1,438,000 and the gain on the sale of investments was another \$600,000. Now, it is important that you understand that, in addition to that, last year was a good year in terms of receipts in the form of endowments and bequests. That was \$1,050,000; and, at the end of the year, the equity value of that fund was \$1,600,000. The market value - and I'm skipping a bit - as of December 31st, of that fund was \$23,800,000.

Grand Lodge, as I have said, does not get its final accounting report in time to bring you the hardbound copy. We run the investments, and we are also charged with hiring the auditors to come in and check on everybody. The firm is Deloit Touche; and, if that name is not familiar, it was Deloit Haskins and Sells, until they merged about a month and a half ago. I have preliminary figures in; and, when you talk to auditors about their reports, they are very, very sensitive about representing that it is final, until they sign it. This is preliminary. Underline, underline. I believe the figures will turn out to be exactly what is in the final. Total revenue of the Grand Lodge, last year, was \$355,000; and, in saying that, I have excluded the funds that are collected for the Home. The reason being that that is simply a pass-through. The year before, 1988, it was \$351,000.

Now, here come the numbers that you have to really seriously think about. Total expenses in 1989 were \$391,000. The year before, they were \$312,000; so, the accounting record, the audit report, will read a deficit, last year of \$36,700. An excess over revenues, of the year before, of \$38,900. There's an anomaly. There is something in that that says that is not quite the way you should read it; because, there were a number of charges - for example, the printing of proceedings that had not been done in prior years - that were all picked up in 1989. There were also some inventory adjustments that needed to be done, and they also were picked up in 1989. Probably, a more representative understanding of what was happening would be to say - and I remind you, that the so-called

deficit this year is \$36,000, call it \$37,000; the so-called surplus, last year \$39,000 – that the truth of the matter is that they wash. It was pretty much a flat. You came out even. You didn't have anything left over. For your sake, the fund equity stated almost the same, \$1,260,000. The same number, almost identically, \$1,261,000, the year before.

Now, we have other funds that are managed in a separate account. They are the Emick Scholarship Fund and the Houghton Fund. The value of the fund, the equity of those two funds combined, was \$363,000. In 1989, there was \$29,000, with disbursements of \$16,006. Also, we have begun a fund which is your Perpetual Membership Fund. The balance of that stood at \$40,000 at the end of the year, and there were additions to it of \$16,000, and an income of \$3,800. It is coming along.

Now, if I may, I think the next part is extremely, extremely important for Masonry. We have been working with the Grand Lodge Officers, during the last year, and taking a hard look at how finances have been going within the Grand Lodge. Maybe, I should preface this by saying that I'm going to take some numbers out of various audits; and, then, I'm going to do some calculations and come up with percentages, and so on. I'm not going to try to go into absolutely all the details of these accounting figures, but I want to set in your minds a figure and a fact of life in the last ten, the last twenty, maybe the last thirty years. I'm going to use the last ten years, eight months, because the audit figures we have cover that period. You shifted your period, so I'm really going back to April 30th of 1979. The first thing I want to set in your mind is that this has been a period of rising costs and prices. You can find all kinds of examples, but let's start with understanding what the government statistics show. They use what they call the "Consumer Price Index", which is commonly referred to as "cost of living". It is up 78.6 percent at the beginning of this period that I'm using, ten years, eight months, to December 31, 1989. You can take that number, and you can do all kinds of things with it. I'll tell you, for example. If you go in and look at your telephone bill, it's not up that much. If you go in and look at your medical bills, it's up much more than that; but, you can bring it into your own lives, and think in terms of you and your wife going out for dinner. Ten years ago, you might very well have gotten by on \$10.00; and, if you take her out now, and you don't go to the fancy places, you are going to find that the number of \$18.00 is a pretty good measure of what has happened. If you bought a car back at that time, and paid \$10,000, you are probably paying \$18,000 to \$20,000 now. The point is that the cost of things has gone up, and it is in that sense that I'd like to give you some illustrations of what has been happening in your Grand Lodge function.

I'll start with this figure of total revenue; and, again, I'm leaving out the Home collection. I'll get to that a little later. Fiscal year ending April 30, 1980 was – I'm just going to round it – \$207,000. Last year, it was \$304,000. That is up forty seven percent. Remember, I'm telling you cost of living is 78%, call it 79%.

Dues income was \$102,000 in 1980, and \$127,000 last year. That is up twenty four percent. Investment income, that's what we guys are doing, was \$88,000, call it \$89,000; and, last year, it was \$105,000. That is up seventeen percent. Now, let me explain that, if you will look at those numbers, Grand Lodge is very heavily dependent upon that investment income. Out of \$304,000 total revenue last year, \$104,000, \$105,000 came from investment income. You, therefore, have to inset the structure of the investment portfolio in such a way that you get maximum current income; and, by that, I mean, what we have been doing, and continue to do, is buying bonds. Bonds, or you can think of it in terms of "CD's", but it is in that nature. Then, when that happens, you get nothing to reinvest in the fund, and let it grow. If you will think a minute: if inflation rate is five percent, and if we get a nine percent interest return, and you spend all of that nine percent, you really had only four percent spendable; and you should have put five percent aside to cover the inflation depreciation of the value of your money. General expenses - and remember, so far, I have taken you through income up 47%, dues up 24%, and investment income up 17% - using here, 1980 to 1989, have gone from \$170,000 to 340,000. In this, I again say, I have excluded that wash-through of the Home dues. Now, as I suggested a little bit earlier, if you take an average, last year and this year, you get an average of \$301,000 of expenses, and they are up seventy seven percent. That is remarkably close to the actual so-called cost of living index.

Two more statistics. In 1980, the dues collected for the Nebraska Masonic Home were \$68,000. Last year, that figure was \$51,000. Now, I want to take you back for a moment, and remind you of the size of the budget down there; and, most certainly, the Nebraska Masonic Home would not exist if it were not for Masonry; but, don't break your arm patting your back as to how much your dues contribute to its operation. I has not moved in a number of years - in fact, slipped. When you figure that the dues have not gone up, the membership has gone down, you have gone from \$68,000 to \$51,000 of actual support. That is minus twenty four percent; and, if you adjust it for inflation, it is really bad. Fund equity, the last statistic; 1980, \$1,163,000; 1989, \$1,260,000. Now, that is not because we have made dumb investments and lost, except in the sense that, maybe, we didn't invest in such a way as to take care of inflation. I mean, it is not a case where we had something like those junk bonds you may have read about, or that the bank, or Commonwealth Savings, in Lincoln, went defunct. That is not the case. It is simply that the income has been taken and used. A third of the revenue comes from those investments.

What is it that we Grand Trustees, who are supposed to know something about money, and so on, have to suggest to you? We have put this in, essentially, two headings. First of all, you have a proposal here. There is going to be some talk about raising dues. It seems to me that that has been terribly, terribly long overdue. We, as Grand Trustees, absolutely have to support that, and say: "Good gosh, it's about time you did it." If you want me to go back a minute, I

mentioned what it might take to go out for a meal. In this world, what we are talking about is something less than dinner out one evening. Secondly, having once addressed this problem of dues, there should be an annual examination of whether they are in line with the way the world is. I don't mean that you have to bring them up every year. I mean that you simply have to sit down and look. It may be that, in some future year, we will not be talking about raising them, we will be talking about lowering them; but, it should not be neglected and passed off as something you think about every ten or twenty years. Secondly, in most of the investment accounts that we run, we have a really deep concern that we are able to deliver to our individual client, or perhaps, to something like a foundation, a college fund that supports the scholarships, and that sort of thing. We believe that you should have a balanced investment portfolio. In other words, we should have the latitude to buy at various times, common stocks, or other assets than bond; because, in the long run, we are convinced that you get a better return from them. But, if you do so, you do not get as much current return. We would like to have the latitude to invest in such a way that we think the portfolio can come closer to keeping up with inflation. That means that you are going to have to wean yourselves from using all of the income, or accept that we have invested in such a way that your current income is less. What we propose there - I call it a rule of thumb - is simply saying: "Do you understand where money goes, and what it means, and what inflation should mean?" That is to day, adopt the rule that you can spend, out of the investment portfolio, some figure, and we suggest that a good working number is five percent. Now the cash earnings, last year, were something like eight and a half, or somewhere in that range. That would simply say that, if you are going to take the five percent spending rule, you cut what you take from the investment portfolio.

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Frank V. Lawson, Jr., Chairman

The primary responsibility of the Grand Trustees is the management of the investment funds of the Grand Lodge and of the Nebraska Masonic Home. This charge includes the annual hiring of auditors to examine the financial records of both the Grand Lodge and the Home.

As previously reported, the Grand Lodge is now on a calendar (December 31st) fiscal year. As of this date, the audit report for December 31, 1989, for Grand Lodge, has not been completed. The Nebraska Masonic Home remains on an April 30th fiscal year, so the figures from that audit report (discussed below) are eight months old.

For management and investment purposes, there are three separate investment accounts: the Home Endowment and Bequest Fund, the Grand Lodge General

Fund, and the Grand Lodge Special Funds. The last was created as of June 30, 1988, by combining the Emick Scholarship Fund and the Stephen C. Houghton Fund. This Special Funds account now also holds Perpetual Membership funds and can be used for other special funds provided they have similar investment objectives. While, for investment management purposes, these funds are combined in one account, a record of the separate interests of the various contributing entities is kept by the Grand Lodge Office.

With regard to the Nebraska Masonic Home, the following are salient, selected figures from the Deloitte Haskins and Sells audit report for the year ended April 30, 1989.

For the Home General Fund

Years Ended April 30	<u>1989</u>	<u>1988</u>
Total Revenue before transfers from Endowment Fund	\$1,253,019	\$919,184
Total Expenses	2,202,019	1,657,590
(Deficit)	(949,000)	(738,406)
Transfers from E&B Fund	2,851,780	1,737,810
Fund Equity, Year End	4,021,715	2,182,149

For the Endowment & Bequest Fund

Years Ended April 30	<u>1989</u>	<u>1988</u>
Investment Income Net of Safekeeping Expenses	\$ 1,438,219	\$ 1,400,912
Gain on Sale of Investments	610,244	163,806
Endowments & Bequests Received	1,048,894	372,698
Fund Equity, Year End	18,634,229	18,388,652

The Home has been building a substantial addition, part of the cost of which has been funded from the Endowment and Bequest Fund, during the above fiscal years. Note the substantial amount transferred over and above the operating deficit, in both of the above years.

Copies of the audit report are on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

All of the "investment assets" for all three of the above-mentioned accounts are held by a bank trust department, which prepares monthly "investment review reports." The most recently available of these reports are for the month ended November 30, 1989. It must be emphasized that these investment review reports are not in the form of regular financial accounting reports, and they definitely are not audit reports. They are, however, the most current information available at this time, and the following major summary figures extracted from these bank investment reviews may be helpful.

	Cost	Book Value Market Value	Estimated Annual Income (a)
Home E&B	\$19,644,198	\$23,799,908	\$1,520,617
Grand Lodge General	1,181,752	1,212,959	98,725
Grand Lodge Special	387,186	405,587	30,268

(a) Estimated Annual Income is income projected or calculated for next twelve months. Actual income received will not turn out to be precisely this figure.

Again, the above figures from investment reviews are not from audit reports and are not comparable to any figures reported in prior years.

When available, the audit reports for the Grand Lodge (12/31/89) and the Home (4/30/90) will be on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES (Based on January 24, 1990 Auditor's Preliminary Report)

Frank V. Lawson, Jr., Chairman

With respect to the Grand Lodge's 1989 fiscal year, the following are taken from the auditor's preliminary, yet to be finalized, report. The final audit report should be available within a few weeks, and copies will be on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

For the Grand Lodge General Fund

	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>12/31/89</u>	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>12/31/88</u>
Total Revenues (a)	\$ 355,183	\$ 351,068
Total Expenses	391,895	312,175
Excess (Deficit)		
Revenue over Expenses	(36,712)	38,893
Fund Equity (b)	1,260,428	1,261,079

(a) Excludes \$5,486 of capital gain realized 12/31/88 period. Also excludes \$56,045 bequests received in 1988 and deemed non-operational revenue.

(b) Also excludes Restricted Donations - see following

Restricted Funds for 1989

These funds include the Emick Scholarship Fund and the Stephen C. Houghton Fund. Total 1989 income was \$28,922, which consisted of \$27,766 investment income and \$1,156 additional donations. Disbursements were \$16,616. Fund Equity at 12/31/89 was \$363,601.

Endowment Funds (the Perpetual Membership Fund) for 1989

Additions were \$16,080, and investment income was \$3,827. Fund balance at year end was \$40,222.

And repeating, the 1989 figures above are from the auditor's preliminary report.

SPECIAL REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Frank V. Lawson, Jr., Chairman

During the past year, The Grand Trustees and several representative Grand Lodge Officers have had a number of discussions concerning investment policy for Grand Lodge funds and the level of funding from dues for Grand Lodge operations. A number of factors were considered. The following table summarizes some of these financial factors. (Due to change of fiscal year, the above covers 10 years and 8 months.)

FROM AUDIT REPORTS			
	Fiscal Year Ended 4/30/80	Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/89*	% Change
Total Revenue (except Home Dues)	\$206,883	\$304,053	+47.0
Dues Income	102,132	127,425	+24.8
Investment Income	88,865	104,637	+17.7
General Expenses	169,695	340,765	+100.8
Nebraska Masonic Home Dues Collected	68,088	51,130	-24.9
Fund Equity - Year End	1,162,982	1,260,428	+ 8.4

* 1989 figures are from auditor's preliminary report

Another important consideration is that we have been in a time when the costs of supplies, services, and salaries have been rising - in other words, a time of inflation. The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called "the cost of living index", has risen 78.6% since May 1979, which is the start of the period covered in the figures above.

Finally, because investment income has been such a substantial part of the financial support for Grand Lodge operations, investment policy for Grand Lodge funds has been to obtain a maximum of current income, that is, funds have been invested in bonds.

From the above, certain conclusions seem obvious:

- a. Total revenues, dues income, and investment income have not kept up with inflation.
- b. General expenses have risen significantly. It should be noted that 1989 may have been exceptional, due to "catch up" on certain items from prior years.
- c. The value of the Grand Lodge investments has not kept up with inflation
- d. Nebraska Masonic Home support has fallen in actual dollars, and has fallen even further, considering inflation.

A not so obvious conclusion is that the financial means of the Grand Lodge to support and promote the interests of Masonry in Nebraska has slipped.

Based on these considerations, the Grand Trustees recommend the following:

- With respect to dues for Grand Lodge & Home support – dues should be immediately raised in the amounts being proposed by the Grand Lodge Officers. Further, the level of dues should be examined every year and adjusted, up or down, more frequently, so that they do not again get so far out of line.
- With respect to investment policy for Grand Lodge funds – the budget should be weaned from its heavy dependence on investment income, so that the investment portfolio can be positioned to grow and to provide an income support that will better track with inflation. This recommendation has two points.

First, a 5% spending rule" should be adopted. By this, we mean that no more than 5% of the average market value of the investment portfolio for the preceding three years should be taken into the current year's budget. Any income or gains over 5% should be held and reinvested.

Second, the mix of assets in the investment portfolio should be changed to include common stocks, which, in the past, have shown better growth of value than bonds, in such proportions as the Grand Trustees deem advisable.

We recognize that these recommendations cannot be implemented until the dues, and/or other budget changes, have been put in place.

Money is not the ultimate purpose of Masonry, but we sincerely believe that any organization which does not provide the financial means to carry on its activities will wither and die.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

During this year, we were advised of the formation of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Hawaii, and its recognition by the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of California, effective June 9, 1989. The lodges forming the Grand Lodge of Hawaii were formerly under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California. The committee finds the requirements of Section 1-306 met, and recommends recognition of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Hawaii.

On November 27, 1989, the Fraternal Relations Committee approved the resolution to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Nebraska. The committee found the requirements of Section 1-306 to be met.

As always, 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.



INTRODUCTION OF WILLIAM K. McKEE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII

At this time, the Grand Master stated that he was pleased that the Brethren had ratified and confirmed the action of the Grand Lodge Officers, in June of this year, to be the first State in the Union to recognize the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, and asked the Grand Senior Warden to escort the Grand Master of Hawaii, Most Worshipful William K. McKee, to the East. He was then introduced and given the Grand Honors by three times three.

Most Worshipful Brother McKee made the following remarks:

"Most Worshipful, Great Worshipful, Right Worshipful, I do want to make a few presentations before I say a few words; and, this is the first one, if you would like to read it. This says:

FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF HAWAII

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Venerable Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska has regularly recognized the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, by your generous and amiable recognition, The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Hawaii is able to enjoy comity and Fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska and regularly recognized other Foreign Grand Lodges, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Hawaii is greatly gratified and appreciative of this recognition and status extended to the Grand Lodge of the State of Hawaii:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that in honoring the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska for its genuine and sincere efforts in recognizing the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Hawaii, I, the Grand Master of Masons of the State of Hawaii, hereby proclaim and declare the period of February 1 through the 7th, 1990, to be known as Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska Season, throughout the jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Proclamation shall be presented to the Grand Master of Masons of the State of Nebraska.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii, City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, this twenty-sixth day of January A.D. 1990, A.L. 5990.

William K. McKee, Jr., Grand Master
Attested by the Grand Secretary, Nelson A. Ahina

The Grand Master of Hawaii then presented the Grand Lodge of Nebraska with a set of poi pounders, and continued with the following remarks:

"If I may, I'd like to say a few words. While in the Communication in San Francisco, in October, the Grand Master of Alaska came up to me. He was looking for me, and they found me, and he said: 'I want to shake your hand, because I was the first one to recognize you.' I said: 'Hold on, Nebraska was the first to recognize us.' He said: 'No, we were.' I said: 'No, Nebraska was.' So, he said: 'How come, who do you know in Nebraska?' I was kind of stunned. He said: 'Well, who do you know in Nebraska?' I said: 'I know Jim DeMoss.' He said: 'You mean he had something to do with it? He had something to do with Alaska too.'" Nebraska is really moving way ahead.

I did have the honor of presenting a fifty-year pin to one of your members, Edward B. Woods. He is a member of Papillion Lodge Number 39. I'm going to tell you about this. The pin came in September. I called him up, and tried to make a presentation date. He said: 'I'll call you next month.' The following month came, and he didn't call. So, the following month, I called him, and he said: 'Well, let's set it up for the end of the month.' So, we did, and this went on and on and on. In December, we were having our installation, so I thought that would be the best time to give it to him, personally. So, I called him up, and made an appointment to give it at one of the installations. We had the installation, and he didn't show. So, I called him up the following week, and he said:

Well, I was home decorating my Christmas Tree.' Anyway, it was finally presented on December 20th at Hawaiian Lodge's installation.

I would like to tell you that we have had two Communications, so far. We are working on quarterly Communications. In the first one, I had six decisions and three recommendations. In the other one, I had eleven recommendations and three decisions. Halfway through the third resolution, one of the Brothers got up and made a motion that all the Grand Master's decisions and recommendations be accepted. It was seconded, and they coined a new word, 'uninimity'. But, you know what is funny - two of the things. One was permitting non-Past Masters to serve on Grand Lodge Committees. The Grand Lodge of California tried it. The Grand Master got shot down; and, after an hour of debate, they settled to allow him only to select thirty of the members of the committees. The other one was the proficiency. What we did was kind of streamline the thing. All we are requiring are all the obligations and the modes of recognition, and we are leaving it up to the lodges for the rest of the education. We have had so many come in, and just drop out after the First Degree. We are going to try it for a year, and see what happens. The same thing happened in California. It was shot down. So, we are trying to get into the 21st Century. We would like everybody else to be innovative. As far as Prince Hall is concerned, we have one Lodge in the Islands. It is made up, principally, of military people, and they meet in Pearl Harbor. We invited them to our installations and they came to two of them. We are starting relations with them.

Most Worshipful, thank you very much. To all my Brothers, thank you.



At this time, the Grand Master presented his address with the following comments.

Before we proceed to the recommendations, it is the prerogative of the Grand Master to give his Grand Master's Address at this particular time. In accordance with our law, we distributed to the Past Grand Masters and to the Grand Lodge Officers, as well as, this year, to all the delegates, a copy of the address thirty days prior to the opening of this particular session. A supplemental report was given to the past Grand Masters in their Jurisprudence Committee Meeting, yesterday, with reference to things that I have done from the time the address was prepared until February 1 of 1990. There were a few reinstatements and bylaw changes with reference to things during that period of time, but nothing of concern that I believe needs to come before the floor. I apologize for the length of this particular address, but I feel that communication is a very key

ingredient to the future success of our Fraternity. We must not be afraid to communicate with each other; and, rather than going in many separate directions, we need to look to each other, square in the eye, discuss our agreements and disagreements, and formulate a knowledgeable understanding of the direction of our Fraternity; the direction we have set for ourselves, and the goals of this particular Fraternity.

You have witnessed much of the labors of our officers and Brethren throughout the programs presented to you yesterday. I sincerely hope that you found them beneficial, and that you will encourage and support the continuation of this type of Grand Lodge Session, in years to come. Thanks go to so many that I can only thank all of you for the privilege of being a part of the excitement which is Masonry in 1990. As you know, I have made seven recommendations, which begin on Page 27 of my address. I sincerely hope that you will look favorably upon each and every one of those recommendations, as they were the culmination of hours of work and input through various committees and individuals; and we believe they will be for the good of our Fraternity. Rather than take any further time at this particular point, I would rather leave for discussion the additional time allotted to me with reference to this particular address. We will be voting on three constitutional amendments, all of which I recommend for your favorable approval at the appropriate time. I will withhold any further comment with reference to those recommendations, therefore, until the appropriate time.

My Brethren, I have given my best to you and to our Fraternity. To my Officers, I will be eternally grateful; and, to my Fraternity, I shall continue to learn. I shall continue to serve, in whatever capacity I can, for the good of the Craft. As I have indicated to my Officers, and wish to indicate to each and every one of you, I look forward to retirement from this position. I fade away, leaving each of you with a sincere and heartfelt thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving you as your 123rd Grand Master of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

My Brethren:

In accordance with Article X, Section 2(b), I am submitting to this 133rd Annual Communication, my written address, including official acts, general

conditions of Masonry, as well as recommendations for such legislation as I deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Fraternity. Inasmuch as this address must be published and delivered to the Jurisprudence Committee, as well as all Grand Lodge Officers, thirty days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge, I am preparing this address as best I can, in mid-December, with every hope and desire that it will meet with your approval and that of the Craft. In keeping with the philosophy adopted by the Grand Lodge Officers, of trying, as best we can, to communicate with and keep our delegates and lodges fully informed about the acts, doings and proposals of their officers, as well as things that may come before them at Grand Lodge, we are preparing this address for dissemination to the delegates within the same thirty-day time frame, so that you can be apprised of the Grand Master's recommendations in sufficient time to give them due consideration before meeting in Kearney, Nebraska, on February 2 and 3, 1990.

I wish, first of all, to express to each and every one of you my gratitude for having the honor and privilege of serving as your Grand Master this past year. It has truly been the greatest experience in my life, and I have tried to give of myself and of my time to be of service to you and to Masonry as twenty-four hours in each day would allow.

It has been said that much can be accomplished if we care not who gets the credit. In my opinion, great strides have been made in so many ways, this past year, that it is impossible for me to name each and every one of the hundreds of Masons throughout the State of Nebraska, who have been part of that process. Nothing could have been accomplished without the work of each and every individual on every committee, or as an officer of his lodge, throughout the entire year. If any accomplishment has been made this past year, it is due, primarily, to the dedicated and unselfish work of my Grand Lodge Officers with whom I have had the honor and privilege of working this past year. Without them, and the dedication of the staff at the Grand Lodge Office, we would have accomplished nothing. Please be reminded that, as promised, the proceedings for 1984, 1987, 1988, and 1989 are in your hands. This was at no small cost to your Grand Lodge nor effort of those who worked to complete this task. I thank Most Worshipful Bevin B. Bump, Right Worshipful Albert T. Reddish, Worshipful Don E. Rasmussen, Chris and Tish in the Grand Lodge Office, as well as Mary Alice Rittenburg, who diligently worked on proofing and editing. The printing alone for these four years of proceedings exceeded \$17,000.00.

We are most pleased to welcome the dignitaries who are visiting our Grand Lodge from other Grand Jurisdictions. I know that there is great interest throughout the United States about the various things that are going on within the State of Nebraska, and those things which will be considered at this 133rd Annual Communication. At the time of preparation of this address, I know that we have had communication and reservations from the Grand Lodges of Delaware, New Jersey, Illinois, Washington, Nevada, Connecticut, Michigan, Wyoming, Idaho,

Montana, and South Dakota. It is my belief that we will have representatives from Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas and Colorado. To all of you, we extend our hospitality and our greetings, and we hope that you have an enjoyable stay. We invite you to participate in our workshops and to make yourselves known among our Grand Lodge, as more than one formal introduction will not be forthcoming.

To each of the delegates, we have some very difficult decisions which will be presented to us at this communication, and I ask for your consideration and your support. We have, to the best of our ability, structured this Grand Lodge with your primary concerns in mind. We do honestly believe that the workshops to be held on Friday afternoon, February 2, 1990, will be of great interest and benefit to you as lodge officers and for the good of Masonry in general. We hope that you will attend these workshops and that you will feel free to give us your critical analysis, in order that we may better serve you in the years to come.

NECROLOGY

As is the case, each year, and will be throughout eternity, a great number of our brothers have been called by the Great Architect to that House not made with Hands, Eternal in the Heavens. Five Hundred Seventy-Eight brethren have departed from our midst, but their memories and contributions shall never be forgotten. As your Grand Master, I began my year on the 12th day of February, 1989, with my installation as your 123rd Grand Master of this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. My father, Joseph C. Tye, who was the 94th Grand Master, was holding onto life long enough to see his son installed as the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. As he lie in his hospital room on that Sunday in February, he was visited throughout the day by his friends and brothers of this Fraternity. That evening, tears came to his eyes as he greeted his son, and said, "Go now, son, and do the very best you can, for the honor that is now yours is but a speck of time. Make your mark, for us and for the good of Masonry."

I proceeded, therefore, the next morning, to Lincoln, Nebraska, for meetings at the Grand Lodge Office for the next two days. Early in the morning, on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1989, my wife and my oldest son called me in Lincoln, from the hospital bed of my father, to inform me that his condition was grave, and that I should immediately return to his side. My father passed away in the very early morning hours of February 14; and, after advising and gathering my family, who have been my support and my sole purpose in life, I next called my Grand Lodge family. After one call, and within thirty minutes, I was advised that, not only would the entire line officer crew from the Grand Lodge be at my father's funeral to act as pallbearers, but that the eulogy would be given by the Grand Chaplain, the Masonic Service by the Grand Custodian, assisted by the Grand Orator. To you, my brethren, you have shown and demonstrated your true

belief in Masonic Brotherhood; and, to you, and each of you, I shall be forever and eternally grateful. You have become, and will always be, a part of my family.

At the time of this writing, we had lost, in 1989, our 106th Grand Master, Russell L. Fickes, and I know that the Committee on Fraternal Dead will be presenting a suitable tribute to our departed brethren on Saturday morning, February 3, 1990.

CORNERSTONES

The Grand Lodge and its officers have been privileged to hold several cornerstone ceremonies throughout the State, this past year. At each ceremony, the attendance was outstanding, and the aid and assistance from our local lodges at each occasion was exceptional. Your Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers appreciate the opportunity to bring your Grand Lodge to public ceremonies of this nature, in order that we may demonstrate our ideals and our beliefs openly and publicly for all to see. This year, your Grand Lodge had the opportunity of laying six cornerstones. Our opportunities, this year, in every instance, were of an unusual nature and a credit to the Fraternity. We began on June 3, 1989, in Chadron, Nebraska, where we had the opportunity to lay two cornerstones in one day. In the morning, we were privileged to lay the cornerstone for a new Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center; and, in the afternoon, we laid the cornerstone for a newly remodeled police station on the main street in Chadron.

On July 23, 1989, we were privileged to lay a cornerstone in Geneva, Nebraska, for a new 4-H Building at the fairgrounds; and, in attendance, were the brothers of the Holy Protection Gnostic Orthodox Monastery south of Geneva, who expressed their interest in our ceremonies at that particular occasion.

On October 1, 1989, a cornerstone was laid in Fort Calhoun by the Grand Lodge Officers under the direction of the Deputy Grand Master, who, under special written authority, as provided in our Monitor and Ceremonies, acted for the Grand Master and conducted the cornerstone ceremony in full and impressive form.

On October 14, 1989, the Grand Lodge was privileged to lay a cornerstone at a new media center building which is a part of the public school system in Sidney, Nebraska, very ably assisted by the brothers of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney.

On November 11, 1989, as a result of our cornerstone laying in Geneva, and at the request of Abbot-Bishop George Burke, we had the honor and privilege of laying a cornerstone for the Holy Protection Gnostic Orthodox Monastery south of Geneva, Nebraska, which was certainly one of the highlights of this past year.

All but three Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance at this ceremony, and we were provided with an honor guard by the Knights Templar, in full uniform. Lunch was provided by the monks at the monastery, with the opportunity to tour their beautiful chapel and facilities. Your Grand Master was most honored and privileged to have this opportunity, and I suggest that each of you who have an opportunity to visit this monastery, south of Geneva, Nebraska, stop and visit with the brothers, as they would extend to you a most warm welcome.

Members of the Holy Protection Monastery

Abbot-Bishop George Burke
Fr. Arsenios Coolik
Fr. Seraphim Weber
Fr. Philaret Taylor
Brother Macarius Washburn
Brother Simeon Goldstein
Brother Simeon Davis

We very much appreciate the continued fine work of our Grand Marshal, who is in charge of these ceremonies, Worshipful Brother Kenneth G. Fleming, assisted this year by Most Worshipful T. Leo Stines and Robert A. Metcalf

CONSOLIDATIONS AND EXTINCTION

During this year of 1989, after consultation and personal discussions with the brethren of Evergreen Lodge No. 153 in Pierce, Nebraska, their lodge went dark. It was their decision to voluntarily fail to meet the provisions of Section 2-514; and, not having held regular meetings for four successive months, your Grand Master determined that the charter should be forfeited, and said charter was surrendered to the Grand Lodge as a result thereof.

During the year, Trowel Lodge No. 71 of Neligh, Nebraska, consolidated with Diamond Lodge No. 291 in Orchard, Nebraska.

It is my understanding that Omadi Lodge No. 5 in Dakota City, Nebraska, is desirous of consolidating with Alpha Lodge No. 316 in South Sioux City, Nebraska; however, that consolidation has not, as yet, been completed. Because of a desire to retain the name and lodge number of Omadi Lodge No. 5, the situation has been assigned to Donald L. Pohlman, the Grand Senior Deacon; and, presumably, some consolidation will be completed shortly after the first of the year.

BYLAWS APPROVED

During the year, I approved seventeen Bylaw changes. Eleven of those changes dealt with a change of meeting date, one dealt with the creation of an audit committee, and five dealt with dues and fees.

REINSTATEMENTS

Seventeen reinstatements were approved during the year.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

At the recommendation of our Grand Custodian, Worshipful Brother Jerry L. Rittenburg, I commissioned Robert M. Littrell of Nelson Lodge No. 77, Nelson, Nebraska, as a Deputy Grand Custodian for District No. 38.

Your Grand Lodge Officers had the privilege of meeting with the Deputy Grand Custodians at their annual meeting in Grand Island on September 15 and 16, 1989. We were most pleased and happy to have the opportunity to spend several hours with the Deputy Grand Custodians, bringing them up to date as to the acts and doings of the Grand Lodge, and answering any questions which they might have pertaining to certification, proficiency, Grand Lodge workshops, Prince Hall, Monitor Revision, among many others. During the morning session, on September 15, we presented to the Deputy Grand Custodians that portion of the workshop devoted to the implementation of standard proficiency, which will be presented to you at our Grand Lodge session on Friday afternoon, February 2, 1990. The presenters did a magnificent job, and the Deputy Grand Custodians were asked to critique the presentation, as well as to ask any questions which they might have had with reference to the presentation and the standard proficiency implementation.

Please be advised that we have asked our Deputy Grand Custodians to take an expanded role on behalf of your Grand Lodge in years to come. Heretofore, the Deputy Grand Custodians have been concerned solely with ritual within our lodges. In the future, they shall continue that role, but be requested to contact each and every lodge within their district, whether requested to do so, or not, and to be an emissary of the Grand Master in bringing to that lodge the programs developed by Grand Lodge, and to help that lodge in any way possible. We are in hopes that we will be able to continually keep our Deputy Grand Custodians informed as to the programs and doings of your Grand Lodge, so that they will be able to work with each and every one of you with reference to those programs, in addition to their normal good work with the ritual. Your Deputy Grand Custodians have enthusiastically accepted this expanded role, and we know that they will be good emissaries for the Grand Master. They should be received as such in your lodge.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

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

Worshipful Brother Harry N. Ahl, Springfield Lodge No. 112

Worshipful Brother Frank R. Harris, Nelson Lodge No. 77

On behalf of all of the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, we thank and appreciate your work and effort over many, many years.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

During the past year, I have recommended to other Grand Jurisdictions near Nebraska the appointment of the following individuals:

Brother's Name	Jurisdiction
Norris L. Rusmisell (46) 3412 4th Avenue Kearney, NE 68847	Brazil-Mato Grosso
Michael J. Tye (46) 1524 Stephens Drive Crookston, MN 56716	Canada-Manitoba
John F. Dale (135) 2107 Northridge Drive Fairbury, NE 68352	Cuba
Frank Lawson, Jr. (1) 10330 Regency Parkway Drive #303 Omaha, NE 68124	Denmark - National Grand Lodge
Thomas W. Tye, II (46) Box 636 Kearney, NE 68848	Luxembourg
Norman L. Coe (98 and 46) 920 West 22nd Street Kearney, NE 68847	Mexico - Tamaulipas
Gary Martin (46) 1609 W. 39th St. Kearney, NE 68847	Mexico - York

Delmar Jones (46) P. O. Box 1005 Kearney, NE 68848	South Africa
V. Kaye Ramsey (290 and 317) 14522 Patrick Omaha, NE 68164	Montana
Gary W. Rail (268) 1533 South 79th Street Omaha, NE 68164	West Virginia
Steven F. Mattoon (75) 907 Jackson St., Box 316 Sidney, NE 69162	South Carolina
Arthur R. Sharp (54) 7161 Englewood Drive Lincoln, NE 68150	Massachusetts
Randolph R. Eatmon (294) P. O. Box 70 Kimball, NE 69145	Austria

At the request of other Grand Jurisdictions, I have commissioned the following individuals to be Grand Representatives to Nebraska:

Brother's Name	Jurisdiction
Cecil D. Holmes	Alberta, Canada
William H. McDaniel	Georgia
George W. Farley	Virginia
Wiley F. Smith	Idaho
Andrew Krause	New York
Charles A. Lukas, Jr.	Massachusetts
Dennis H. Carmack	Arkansas
Franklin L. Coonley	Nevada
Paulo Roberto Curi	Rio de Janeiro
Andreas Rizopoulos	Greece
J. Garrie Burr	Illinois

GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE

The conference of Grand Masters of North America began with some committee meetings on the 18th of February, 1989, and concluded the evening of February 21, 1989. This year, the conference was held in Arlington, Virginia, so that we not only had an opportunity to visit the George Washington Memorial, but to hold part of our meetings in that magnificent structure. It was the privilege of your Grand Master to give the official response to the welcome at the opening of our conference, so that we had the opportunity to address the entire conference assembled at the George Washington Memorial, and acquaint them with some of the things we were doing in Masonry in this great State of Nebraska. Attending the Grand Masters' Conference with me was John M. McHenry, Deputy Grand Master, James N. DeMoss, Grand Senior Warden; James L. Eatmon, Grand Junior Warden; Albert T. Reddish, Grand Secretary, Warren D. Lichty, Jr., Past Grand Master; Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master and Deputy Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America; and Major Charles A. Folsom, Past National President, National Sojourners.

Of primary significance to those of us attending the conference was the report of the National Task Force, as well as the very learned and thorough presentation, made to the delegates assembled, by Most Worshipful Brother Cabell F. Cobbs, Grand Master of Virginia, dealing with the history and legitimacy of Prince Hall Free Masonry. Those of you who will be receiving one of the workshop notebooks will note that, in the leadership workshop, a copy of that scholarly dissertation is there included with those workshop materials. Lengthy discussion and exchange of thought and ideas among the Grand Masters of North America was had with reference to this presentation and the future of Prince Hall Masonry, as far as recognition was concerned. This was a very valuable portion of the conference, and we will be sharing that with the individuals who attend that workshop. You might desire to review this information in advance of the vote on recommendations made by your Grand Master to take place on Saturday morning, February 3, 1990.

The Masonic Renewal Task Force, which was created and commissioned in 1988, took a full year to study and interview individuals in order to make both a written and oral report at the Grand Masters' Conference in 1989. A booklet entitled "American Male Attitudes and Behavior Towards Joining and Freemasonry" was given to the Grand Masters, and copies are now available in our Grand Lodge Office. A video is also available in our Grand Lodge Office of the oral presentation that was made before the Grand Masters of North America with reference to the results. Most significantly, this study pinpoints the age groups who are most likely to be interested in our Fraternity, and also gave us an insight with reference to capabilities of lodges. Statistically, less than five percent of the American male population in that category most interested in

joining the Masonic Fraternity have the capability of mastering the memorization previously required in the State of Nebraska, and less than half of those individuals have the capacity to retain that information for any substantial length of time. This is not because the individuals particularly lack the mental capacity to master this type of information; but has to do with their previous training during their school days, and the fact that they were not taught in the same manner and method as many of us were, twenty or thirty, or forty, years ago. For this reason, among many others, the least of which was to have a better educated, more knowledgeable Mason, we began working on the alternative form of proficiency in Nebraska, which evolved into the present Standard Proficiency for Nebraska Lodges adopted by the Committee on Nebraska Work on August 12, 1989.

All in all, the conference of Grand Masters of North America was very beneficial, and continues to be the premiere conference for Masonry in North America where information is gathered and disseminated. New thoughts and ideas, as well as old, are discussed, and mutual problems are the topic of the day.

It is with great pride on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska that I can, at this time, make two very significant announcements with reference to the Grand Masters' Conference in North America. Your Deputy Grand Master, John M. McHenry, has been asked to conduct a substantial portion of the program for the 1990 Conference of Grand Masters to be held in Salt Lake City. The interest throughout the United States is so great with reference to our Standard Proficiency that we have been asked to provide a workshop for the Grand Masters of North America, which will include the implementation and explanation of our Standard Proficiency. As a result, two of the presenters who will be presenting this portion of the program at our annual communication will be traveling to Salt Lake City, Utah for this presentation. Jerry Rittenburg, our Grand Custodian, and Steven K. Jones, a Deputy Grand Custodian from Mitchell, will be assisting our Deputy Grand Master and our other Grand Lodge Officers in presenting this program to the Grand Masters of North America, and discussing our Standard Proficiency concept with them. This is in and of itself a tremendous honor for the State of Nebraska.

Secondly, and of equal, if not more, significance, I am very proud and pleased to inform you that the officers of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America have selected our Grand Senior Warden, James N. DeMoss, to serve as Chairman of the Conference for the 1991 meeting of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America, to be held in February, 1991, in San Diego, California. This committee, which Jim will chair, will determine and select the agenda, speakers, roles of order, fill vacancies, and select the conference chairman, and shall be reimbursed by the conference for all travel and other reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The members of this committee who run the entire conference for 1991 are the Grand Masters from

Arizona, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Manitoba, Canada, Michigan and Minnesota. This is an honor, well deserved by Jim DeMoss, who, I know, in the next few months, will begin devoting his entire efforts to Masonry.

Nebraska is, and has become, a leader in Masonic thought and education throughout the United States; and, due to the efforts of your officers and the work of our committees all across the State, we will continue in that position. I sincerely hope that you will support these officers and their continued programs, for we have made some waves upon the otherwise tranquil sea of Freemasonry. It does not go unnoticed; for, as the Grand Master of Missouri wrote a few weeks ago, "Here in Missouri, we do watch - and sometimes emulate - the benchmark progress our Nebraska brethren are making. Keep up the good work."

AWARDS

At the suggestion of the Grand Lodge Officers, we did , this year, create a Special Awards Committee, who are charged with the responsibility of selecting the recipients of the Rock Maul, as well as the Gold Pan Award. It was the feeling of the Grand Lodge Officers that, rather than this being a singular responsibility of the Grand Master, it could be better performed by a committee which could seek more and better information than one individual. It is my belief that this concept will be continued in the future, and so the Rock Maul Award and the Gold Pan Award, as well as any other awards of special recognition, will be determined and selected by this committee after consultation with the Grand Lodge Officers, Deputy Grand Custodians, and Masons, generally, throughout the State. The awards will be given at the public opening of our Grand Lodge session to be held on Friday morning, February 2, 1990, under the direction of this committee, which is comprised of V. Kaye Ramsey, Chairman; Jerry Sievers of Hickman Lodge No. 256 in Lincoln; Steven K. Jones of Mitchell Lodge NO. 263 in Mitchell, Nebraska; Arthur Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings, Nebraska; Michael Jones, Fidelity Lodge No. 51 in David City, Nebraska; and Marvin Colsen, Alpha Lodge No. 316 in South Sioux City, Nebraska.

CENTENNIALS

Your Grand Master attended and presented Centennial Certificates to Justice Lodge No. 180 in Benkelman, Nebraska on June 10, 1989, as well as Alliance Lodge No. 183 in Alliance, Nebraska, on June 15, 1989. Meridian Lodge No. 188 in Cozad celebrated their Centennial on June 25, 1989, and was presented their certificate by the Deputy Grand Master. Your Grand Master also had the privilege of presenting a Centennial Certificate to, and speaking at, the Centennial Dinner of Samaritan Lodge No. 158 in Chadron, Nebraska, who had delayed their Centennial Dinner from the previous year, in order that it could be celebrated at the time of the Cornerstone layings on that date. Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 celebrated its Centennial on November 16, 1989.

GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

February, 1989

- 1 132nd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge - Lincoln
- 2 132nd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge - Lincoln
- 3 132nd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge - Lincoln
- 4 132nd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge - Lincoln
- 11 Line Officers' Meetings - Officers' Meeting - Officers' Dinner
- 12 Installation of Officers and Reception
- 13 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 14 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln - Death of Joseph C. Tye, PGM
- 16 Lodge of Mourning - Funeral of PGM Joseph C. Tye
- 17 Grand Masters Conference - Arlington, Virginia
- 18 Grand Masters Conference - Arlington, Virginia
- 19 Grand Masters Conference - Arlington, Virginia
- 20 Grand Masters Conference - Arlington, Virginia
- 21 Grand Masters Conference - Arlington, Virginia
- 22 Grand Masters Conference - Arlington, Virginia
- 24 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 25 American Association of Homes for the Aging Conf. - San Antonio, Texas
- 26 American Association of Homes for the Aging Conf. - San Antonio, Texas
- 27 American Association of Homes for the Aging Conf. - San Antonio, Texas
- 28 American Association of Homes for the Aging Conf. - San Antonio, Texas

March, 1989

- 1 American Association of Homes for the Aging Conf. - San Antonio, Texas
- 2 Central States Shrine Association - Grand Island
- 3 Central States Shrine Association - Grand Island
- 22 Central School of Instruction - Bellevue
- 28 York Rite - Kearney

April, 1989

- 1 Potentate's Ball - Tehama Temple
- 5 Grand Master's Humanitarian Award - Henry Rudd - Wahoo
- 6 Grand York Rite - Columbus
- 7 Officer Committee Meeting - Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- Nile Installation - Lincoln

- 8 Grand Lodge Planning Committee Meeting - Lincoln
- 9 DeMolay Spring Roundup - Kearney
- 11 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting
Grand Trustees' Meeting - Lincoln
- 15 Line Officers' Meeting - Lincoln
- 16 Scottish Rite Foundation - Lincoln
- 17 Bethel 6 of Job's Daughters - Kearney
- 30 Dedication of "Spencer Wing" - Masonic Home - Plattsmouth

May, 1989

- 1 3 - 60-Year Pins - Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 - Ashland
- 2 Tax Seminar on Private Foundations - San Diego, CA
- 3 Tax Seminar on Private Foundations - San Diego, CA
- 4 Tax Seminar on Private Foundations - San Diego, CA
- 5 Tax Seminar on Private Foundations - San Diego, CA
- 6 Tax Seminar on Private Foundations - San Diego, CA
- 7 Tax Seminar on Private Foundations - San Diego, CA
- 9 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting - Plattsmouth
Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star
- 10 Grand Lodge Office
Kearney Masonic Picnic
- 16 50-Year Pins - Minden Lodge No. 127 - Minden
- 18 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 19 Grand Lodge Officers Confer Master Mason Degree - Rob Morris
Lodge No. 46 - Kearney
- 20 Grand Lodge Line Officers' Meeting - Kearney
Grand Lodge Planning Committee - Kearney
- 30 Shrine Circus - Kearney

June, 1989

- 2 To Chadron
- 3 Two Cornerstones in Chadron - Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron
Centennial Dinner
- 4 Reception for Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron - Order of
Eastern Star - Mullen
- 10 Centennial - Justice Lodge No. 180 - Benkelman
- 12 Office Committee Meeting - Lincoln
Secretary's Handbook Committee Meeting - Lincoln
- 13 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting - Plattsmouth
Grand Trustees' Meeting - Lincoln
- 14 State Job's Daughters - Scottsbluff
- 15 State Job's Daughters - Scottsbluff
- 16 State Job's Daughters - Scottsbluff
- 21 Supreme Session Daughters of the Nile - Des Moines, Iowa

- 22 Supreme Session Daughters of the Nile - Des Moines, Iowa
- 23 Supreme Session Daughters of the Nile - Des Moines, Iowa
- 25 Centennial - Alliance Lodge No. 183 - Alliance
- 26 Grand Master's Humanitarian Award - Tom Lutey - Kimball
- 29 Imperial Shrine - Toronto, Canada
- 30 Imperial Shrine - Toronto, Canada

July, 1989

- 1 Imperial Shrine - Toronto, Canada
- 2 Imperial Shrine - Toronto, Canada
- 3 Imperial Shrine - Toronto, Canada
- 4 Imperial Shrine - Toronto, Canada
- 5 Imperial Shrine - Toronto, Canada
- 6 Imperial Shrine - Toronto, Canada
- 7 Imperial Shrine - Toronto, Canada
- 8 Imperial Shrine - Toronto, Canada
- 13 Grand Lodge Retreat - Excelsior Springs, MO
- 14 Grand Lodge Retreat - Excelsior Springs, MO
- 15 Grand Lodge Retreat - Excelsior Springs, MO
- 16 Grand Lodge Retreat - Excelsior Springs, MO
- 18 Fremont Home Board Meeting and Stockholders Meeting
Visitation to Evergreen Lodge No. 153 - Pierce
- 22 DeMolay State Conclave - Lincoln
- 23 Cornerstone Laying - Geneva
- 26 Alliance - Grand Lodge Proceedings
- 27 Alliance - Grand Lodge Proceedings

August, 1989

- 4 Shrine Temple Meetings - Lincoln
- 5 Shrine Bowl Parade and Game - Lincoln
- 12 Committee on Nebraska Work - Kearney
- 13 Wyoming Grand Lodge - Cheyenne, WY
- 14 Wyoming Grand Lodge - Cheyenne, WY
- 15 Wyoming Grand Lodge - Cheyenne, WY
- 19 Grand Lodge Line Officers' Meeting - Norfolk
- 20 Grand Lodge Line Officers' Meeting - Norfolk
- 22 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
Grand Trustees' Meeting - Lincoln
- 23 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
Shrine Membership - Lincoln

September, 1989

- 7 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 8 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 9 Advisory Committee Meeting & Dinner - Lincoln
- 10 Secretary's Handbook Committee Meeting - Lincoln
- 11 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 12 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting - Plattsmouth
- 13 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
Naphis Temple Daughters of the Nile Banquet - Lincoln
- 15 Grand Custodians' School - Grand Island
- 16 Grand Custodians' School - Grand Island
- 18 Dinner & Meeting - Omaha Consistory - Omaha
- 19 Grand Lodge - Shrine Germany Trip
- 20 Grand Lodge - Shrine Germany Trip
- 21 Grand Lodge - Shrine Germany Trip
- 22 Grand Lodge - Shrine Germany Trip
- 23 Grand Lodge - Shrine Germany Trip
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- 27 Grand Lodge - Shrine Germany Trip
- 28 Grand Lodge - Shrine Germany Trip
- 29 Grand Lodge - Shrine Germany Trip
- 30 Grand Lodge - Shrine Germany Trip

October, 1989

- 1 Grand Lodge - Shrine Germany Trip
- 6 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 8 Secretary's Handbook Committee Meeting - Lincoln
- 10 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting - Plattsmouth
- 11 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
Grand Trustees' Meeting - Lincoln
- 12 50-Year-Pin Presentation - Blazing Star No. 200 - Burwell
- 13 To Sidney
- 14 Cornerstone Laying in Sidney
Line Officers' Meeting - Sidney
- 15 DeMolay - Grand Master's Class - Kearney
- 20 Scottish Rite - Alliance
- 21 Scottish Rite - Alliance
- 28 All Masonic Meeting and Dinner - Lincoln

November, 1989

- 5 Legion of Honor - Lincoln
- 7 Visitation Grand Island Lodge No. 318 - Grand Island
- 9 Meetings at Plattsmouth Masonic Home
- 10 Scottish Rite Meeting - Lincoln
- 11 Cornerstone Holy Protection Gnostic Orthodox Monastery -
Geneva
- 14 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting - Plattsmouth
- 18 Knights of Columbus and Fort Kearney Shrine Club Dinner -
Kearney
- 19 Grand Lodge Line Officers' Budget Committee Meeting -
Grand Island

December, 1989

- 2 Grand Lodge Line Officers' Meeting - Lincoln
- Appropriations Committee Meeting - Lincoln
- 3 Nebraska Masonic Foundation Meeting - Lincoln
- 8 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 9 Awards Committee Meeting - Lincoln
- Conferral of 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary - Omaha
- 12 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting - Plattsmouth

January, 1990

- 6 York Rite Installation - Donald Rasmussen - McCook
- 9 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting - Plattsmouth
- 14 Grand Lodge Workers' Committee Meeting - Kearney
- 21 Colorado Grand Lodge - Denver, CO
- 22 Colorado Grand Lodge - Denver, CO
- 23 Colorado Grand Lodge - Denver, CO

February, 1990

- 1 Grand Lodge - Kearney
- 2 Grand Lodge - Kearney
- 3 Grand Lodge - Kearney
- 10 Grand Lodge Officers' Meeting - Lincoln
- 11 Installation of Officers - 134th Grand Master - Lincoln

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

The Masonic Service Association continues to faithfully render assistance to this Grand Jurisdiction. I did, this year, have the privilege of appointing David I.

Cook of Lincoln, Nebraska, as Field Agent Representative to the VA Medical Center in Lincoln, Nebraska.

PERMISSIONS

Permission was granted to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 of Sidney, Nebraska, to move its charter to a location north of Sidney on August 15, 1989 for the purposes of having an outdoor meeting; permission was granted to Republican Lodge No. 98 of Republican City, Nebraska to move its charter to a secure location on September 13, 1989, for the purposes of holding an outdoor lodge; permission granted on November 28, 1989, to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, to move its charter to the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth on the evening of December 7, 1989, for the purposes of conducting a Master Mason Degree; granted permission to the Masters' and Wardens' Club of greater Omaha to solicit the lodges in the State of Nebraska for its annual Christmas celebration for the residents of the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and the children at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home At Fremont.

DISPENSATIONS

1. March 3, 1989, granted dispensation under Section 2-312 to Palisade Lodge No. 216 to install their Junior Deacon.
2. March 28, 1989, granted dispensation to Shiloh Lodge No. 326 to install sometime other than the month of January.
3. June 27, 1989, refused dispensation to Fremont Lodge No. 15 to move its regular meeting night from July 4 to July 11 as violating Section 2-503, but suggested that a special meeting could be held on July 11, 1989, if a quorum was not present to conduct business on their regular meeting night of July 4, and suggested a Bylaw change to rectify the situation in the future.
4. October 13, 1989, granted dispensation to Lebanon Lodge No. 323 of Columbus, Nebraska, to confer degrees upon David Dewayne Boswell by initiation without regard to restriction of time and waiving proficiency requirements.
5. November 30, 1989, granted dispensation to Pawnee Lodge No. 23 of Pawnee City, Nebraska, for election of their officers at a special meeting of Pawnee Lodge No. 23, to be held December 26, 1989, pursuant to the required notice to their members in accordance with Article X, Section I(C) of the Constitution.

6. December 1, 1989, granted dispensation to Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, to install its 1990 officers on Saturday, December 30, 1989.
7. December 14, 1989, granted dispensation to Corinthian Lodge No. 83 to elect its officers at a special meeting on December 26, 1989 as authorized by Article X, Section I(C) of the Constitution.
8. December 18, 1989, granted dispensation to Beatrice Lodge No. 26 of Beatrice, Nebraska, to install its 1990 officers on December 30, 1989.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Our Masonic Homes in Nebraska continue to provide outstanding care to their residents under the able leadership of Arthur R. Sharp, Executive Director of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and Ben Harvey, Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. I have had the honor and privilege of serving a term on the Board of Trustees of both homes, and only hope that I have contributed in some small part to their continued success.

We were fortunate, in 1989, to have the opportunity to participate in the dedication of the new "Spencer Wing" at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. The one-hundred-bed, skilled care facility is now in full operation, and is the "state of the art". The new wing was dedicated to Harry A. Spencer, Past Grand Master, and President of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, for his diligent and faithful service, not only as its President for the past, many years, but for his dedication and contributions to the home during the forty-nine years of his continual service as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. You will be interested in knowing that the new wing, which had a final cost of close to three million dollars, has now been paid for in full by contributions to the Nebraska Masonic Home over the period of its construction. The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth join, unanimously, with the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Lodge Officers in recommending the approval of our per capita tax from seven dollars to fourteen dollars, which would provide that the amount going to help support our Nebraska Masonic Home would be increased from two dollars to four dollars.

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1. Proceedings - 1984, 1987, 1988 and 1989

One of the very first goals we set out to accomplish during this term of office was to complete the preparation of, printing and dissemination of proceedings of prior Grand Lodges which had not been completed or published. After several

meetings, trips to various parts of the State of Nebraska, drafting and editing, not only by your Grand Master, but also the office staff at the Grand Lodge Office and the proofing and editing skills of Mary Alice Rittenburg, we were able to complete this task. On, or about, December 1, 1989, proceedings for the years 1984, 1987, 1988 and 1989 were mailed to our lodges, the Past Grand Masters and other jurisdictions. Not only was this a monumental task, but it also incurred monumental expense. The printing costs incurred during this calendar year to print these four years of proceedings amounted to over seventeen thousand dollars, and that does not include the cost of postage to mail the proceedings. It is unfortunate that we could not spread those costs over previous years, but it has been the philosophy and attitude of your Grand Lodge Officers that we desired to get the job assigned to us done, incur those expenses during this year, reduce expenses in other categories, and individually, as much as we could, so that we would not be burdened in the future years, nor would future officers be burdened with the expenses of previous years' projects over which they had no control. We discovered early on that, in many instances, we were asking our Grand Lodge Staff to complete two and one half years of work in ten months. I am pleased to report that this has been accomplished. We have installed a new computer system in the Grand Lodge Office at an expense in excess of twenty five thousand dollars, which did not come from Grand Lodge funds. Thankfully, we have an entity known as the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, which is qualified to receive tax exempt donations. At this particular time, donations from another foundation were received by the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, in order to purchase the new computer system and its software, which system has been leased by the Nebraska Masonic Foundation to the Grand Lodge Office for one dollar per year plus their agreement to maintain that equipment. We have incurred additional office expense as a result of this and other situations which arose in the Grand Lodge Office. As we attempted to watch our budget and the realistic costs of publication of proceedings and other matters, your Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers suspended any reimbursement for personal travel or expenses, as of the end of October, 1989, and agreed to the diversion of those funds remaining into other accounts, in order to cover excess, unanticipated costs.

We now have an accurate accounting system, wherein anticipated expenses for budgetary purposes can be made. A proposed budget for the calendar year 1990 will be going to each of the delegates, as well as the Jurisprudence Committee and officers, along with this address. It is my understanding that the report of the Appropriations Committee is recommending a deficit budget for reasons therein set forth. Continuing with our policy of attempting to keep everyone apprised, as early as possible, we felt it necessary to distribute the proposed 1990 budget and report of the Appropriations Committee to each of you thirty days before the opening of Grand Lodge, so that you could become fully familiar with the proposals, and be in a position to discuss these matters at the time Grand Lodge convenes in February of 1990.

Let me say that, in my opinion, we have a tremendous staff in the Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln, and they have accomplished a tremendous amount over these past ten months. They have put in twelve and fourteen-hour days on many occasions, as well as given up weekends for meetings, computer input and reorganization. They can never be adequately compensated for the extra mile that they have gone to accomplish the demands put upon them this year.

2. Grand Secretary

This fall, Right Worshipful Brother Albert T. Reddish, Grand Secretary, found it necessary to resign his position as Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge. Albert accepted the position of Grand Secretary at a time when the position was most difficult to fill; and he has given, not only of his time, but of himself, to this particular office, for which we shall be eternally grateful. Al was instrumental in aiding us to complete the publication of the 1987, 1988, and 1989 proceedings, and I ask each and everyone of you to express your thanks and appreciation to Albert Reddish for his time and effort and love of the Fraternity, in acting as its Grand Secretary.

In order to complete this Grand Lodge year, I appointed Worshipful Brother Don E. Rasmussen, Grand Senior Steward to fill the unexpired term of Albert T. Reddish, and act as Grand Secretary Pro Tem. Don has been filling this position with great distinction. Don attended the Midwest Conference of Grand Secretaries held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on November 10 and 11, 1989. Don has also been very instrumental in the production of the new Secretary's Handbook, and will be conducting the workshop for Lodge Secretaries, in which that Handbook will be discussed and explained in detail. It would be my hope that this Grand Lodge would see fit to elect Worshipful Brother Don Rasmussen as its Grand Secretary, so that he may continue to pursue those skills which he has endeavored to learn over these past few months

3. Secretary's Handbook

As I have indicated, one of the workshops on Friday afternoon will deal with an explanation of the new Secretary's Handbook. This Handbook is the result of many hours of work by lodge secretaries, in an effort to design for the lodge secretary a book which he may follow in order to do and perform his obligations as secretary to his lodge. The Handbook contains several new forms, but also contains explanation as to the use of those forms, and filled-in forms, for examples, for the aid and assistance of your lodge secretary. We have also included other materials, such as admission to the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, as well as the Home in Fremont, duties and responsibilities with reference to cornerstone layings, etc. I wish to personally thank the committee who worked on this project and drove, in many instances, clear across the State

of Nebraska, in order to attend our meetings and contribute to the final product which you will be receiving at this session of Grand Lodge.

4. Scholarship Program

As many of you have discovered in the last issue of Nebraska Mason, we continue to give Masonic Scholarships for deserving students. One hundred and fifty-five Nebraska students received Masonic Scholarships, this year, ranging from one hundred dollars to one thousand dollars. Because of the receipt of additional funds by the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, this program will continue in future years; and, in all probability, be expanded in the years to come.

5. Grand Master's Humanitarian Award

This year, the Grand Lodge Officers created "The Grand Master's Humanitarian Award", and two honorees were selected and honored during 1989.

The primary purpose for this particular award is to publicly and openly honor an individual in his community who has been an outstanding citizen, as well as an outstanding Mason. When someone asks us about Masonry, or who are Masons and what do they do, we can point to that individual, and say: "There is a Mason. That is what Masonry stands for."

The criteria established in order to be qualified to receive the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award is as follows:

He must first be a Master Mason for thirty years. Secondly, he must have been active in at least three of the following five community activities. He could have held a political office, such as mayor, city council member, county board member, natural resource district board member, school board member, or such other political office as may be available. He could have been active in his Church, either as an elder, a vestry member, deacon, lay reader, or such other similar office. He could have been denoted as a civic leader because of his involvement on boards of directors for local hospitals, nursing homes, financial institutions, or foundations. He could have been a volunteer for such charitable organizations as the YMCA, United Way, or Scouting. He could have been involved in such service organizations as the Lions, Sertoma, or Rotary. Lastly, he must have been active in the Masonic Fraternity.

We were most honored and privileged, this year, to be able to give the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to two very distinguished and outstanding Masons in Nebraska. Henry Rudd, a member of Wahoo Lodge No. 59 in Wahoo, Nebraska, was honored, not only by his Grand Lodge, but also by the members

of his community, for his outstanding service, in a public ceremony held at the Masonic Lodge in Wahoo on April 5, 1989. Similarly, on June 26, 1989, we had the honor and privilege of presenting the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to Tom Lutey of Kimball Lodge No. 294 in Kimball, Nebraska, at an open, public recognition held at the Masonic Temple in Kimball.

This award will continue in years to come with a limit of no more than two awards per year. Any recommendations which any of you might like to suggest should be forwarded to any Grand Lodge Officer or the Awards Committee for consideration.

6. Masonic Unity

Because of previous meetings and communications, where it was felt that some misunderstanding or miscommunication existed, the Grand Lodge Officers called together, on October 28, 1989, a Masonic Leadership gathering in Lincoln. We asked, not only the Grand Lodge Officers, to be present, but also, officers from the York Rite in Nebraska, the Scottish Rite Consistories in Nebraska, as well as the three Shrine Temples located in our State. We had a lengthy discussion about misconceptions, as well as the direction of Grand Lodge and of Masonry, in general, in Nebraska, for the mutual information of, and benefit to, each of our separate organizations. The conferences were so well received that requests were made that they continue in years to come, but that they be done, biannually; and next year's meeting, I believe, is already scheduled to take place on March 31, 1990, in Lincoln.

7. Monitor Revision

A special committee was appointed, this year, for the purpose of revising the Monitor. This committee is comprised of, not only the Committee on Nebraska Work, but also, the Grand Custodian, Jerry L. Rittenburg; James L. Eatmon, Grand Junior Warden; Kenneth G. Fleming, Grand Marshal; and Augustine S. Scolaro, Deputy Grand Custodian. This committee has already completed about three fourths of its work in revising certain portions of the Monitor dealing with installations and cornerstone proceedings, but also has completed most of their work in the area of lectures to the degrees. We are very much in hopes that they will complete their work in 1990, and be able to present to you their revised Monitor for your consideration.

8. Annual Retreat

It is the desire and belief of the Grand Lodge Officers that an annual retreat should be instituted for the purposes of brainstorming the future directions of the Craft; planning details for Grand Lodge sessions; and to develop duties of responsibility of the Grand Lodge Officers and staff. This year, the annual retreat

was held at The Elms, in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, and was a great success. The ideas and direction of the 1991 Grand Lodge session have already been mapped out, and are in the planning stages, under the able direction of James N. DeMoss, the Grand Senior Warden; as it is the duty and responsibility of the Deputy Grand Master to be in charge of and conduct the workshop portion, as well as the overall planning and organization of the Grand Lodge, for his Grand Master. As this year's Grand Lodge has been planned and organized by our Deputy Grand Master, John M. McHenry, continued continuity is already in place for the workshops and the organization of the 1991 Grand Lodge, which will be held in Grand Island, in February of 1991. The responsibility of organizing the annual retreat is the responsibility of the Grand Stewards. Don Rasmussen and Kaye Ramsey did an excellent job in organizing our first, annual retreat, this year.

9. Committee on Nebraska Work

- (A) The Committee on Nebraska Work has met several times throughout 1989, working on, not only the Monitor revisions, but also, on certification and proficiency matters which are within their jurisdiction. On August 12, 1989, the Committee on Nebraska Work determined that, henceforth, lodges could be "certified" if the chairs were filled by members of that lodge, whether they be those who were the current, elected officers, or not. Elected officers must still be able to open and close in each of the three degrees, but are no longer required to be able to confer in order to be "certified".
- (B) Proficiency. For many reasons too lengthy in nature to set forth at this particular point, and after a very short period of trial time through the use of an alternative form of proficiency, it was determined by the Committee on Nebraska Work that uniformity must be established, and that a standard form of proficiency be adopted in Nebraska for the government of all lodges therein. As a result, on August 12, 1989, the Committee on Nebraska Work, as well as all Grand Lodge Officers, approved the Standard Form of Proficiency to be used in all lodges within the State of Nebraska. Henceforth, from August 12, 1989, proficiency is defined as satisfactory completion of the materials contained within the Standard Proficiency Manual, and the ability to give the signs of recognition in open lodge. The directive adopted by the Committee on Nebraska Work and the Grand Lodge Officers is set forth in the front of the Standard Proficiency Manual. Specific note should be taken that a lodge may, at the discretion of its members, request that their candidates learn a lecture, answers to questions, etc. This means that this can only be a request of the candidate but cannot be a requirement to his proficiency. Study of

the materials contained within the manual and elsewhere, as well as the ability to answer the questions therein, propounded in his own language, together with the ability to give the signs of recognition, constitutes proficiency. This is the standard for all lodges in Nebraska, and is not optional.

10. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska F. & A.M.:

As a result of information obtained at the Conference of Grand Masters in North America, as well as information and communication gained by our Grand Lodge Officers, communication was established with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and a joint committee was established for the purposes of determining whether or not some sort of recognition could be obtainable by our organizations. As a result of the mutual effort of our Grand Lodges and the special committee so appointed, it will be my honor and privilege, at the 133rd Annual Communication, to recommend acceptance and adoption of the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and ask for the adoption of a resolution, recognizing the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska F. & A.M., which is hereinafter contained. I thank the joint committees for their efforts, their research, their openness, and their ability to cement relations among our two groups.

11. Directorate Leadership.

Two years ago, James N. DeMoss attended the Grand Lodge of Michigan for the purposes of reviewing and studying a report received by their Grand Lodge, which was to define the major problem with Masonry in the State of Nebraska. After a two-year, professional study, the results ended very simply with the comment that the major problem is "lack of continuity of leadership." This concept requires that the Grand Master voluntarily relinquish to his Line Officers the powers and authorities normally granted by the Constitution and Bylaws to that particular office. We practice, in this State, an on-going policy of not making decisions, nor making appointments to line, committees, boards, as well as major policy decisions with reference to our Fraternity, without first presenting those matters to the Line Officers, and gaining one hundred percent approval. Any objection vetoes the individual or the project, and each and every officer in line commits himself to the full support of those projects and those individuals agreed to by the group. By and through this method, we know that the philosophy and the programs instituted by one Grand Master are not those of that Grand Master, but of the group. Even if it takes several years to fruition, it is something that the entire line of officers have committed themselves to seeing that those objectives are obtained. No longer will we have individual, singular projects devised one year and demised the next. This means that the Grand Master must submit to his Line Officers those individuals that he may be considering for appointment to line to eventually become Grand Master, or to boards, committees, honors and

awards; and, unless one hundred percent approval is gained, that individual becomes unacceptable. Allegiances are not to individuals, but to the Fraternity, and to the duties and responsibilities of the position, and not for personal advancement or gratification.

It is said that much can be accomplished if we care not who gets the credit. Directorate type leadership, we believe, will accomplish those goals set out for the good of Masonry, and of the entire Craft, irrespective of the individual, or individuals, under whose tutelage the project may be instituted or completed.

12. Grand Lodge - 133rd Annual Communication.

There are so many people to thank for this communication, as you will see when you begin working through the workshops that will be presented on Friday afternoon. This session of Grand Lodge is under the direct responsibility of the Deputy Grand Master, John M. McHenry, and it is he, we should thank, for the creation and the overall management of putting together the workshops, as well as the entire Grand Lodge session; and the people working with him to make this year a tremendous success. Please attend the workshops, which will be repeated twice during the afternoon session, and are entitled:

1. Public Image
2. Membership Education
3. Leadership Training
4. Standard Proficiency
5. Growth and Support of Youth Organizations
6. Membership Programs

All in all, the condition of the Craft, in my opinion, can best be described by the word "excitement." There are so many individuals involved and so many things going on that excite your Grand Master and your Grand Lodge Officers. We are filled with enthusiasm for Masonry, and we will do everything we possibly can to convey that enthusiasm to each and every one of you to work for the good of Masonry. We are the first to recognize that a change in proficiency requirements is not the sole answer to the membership problems, but we very definitely, in Nebraska, believe that it is a start in the right direction, and with other things, can result in a rejuvenation of Masonry and of our Masonic ideals. There are too many instances in this Country wherein those of unmoral character have seemed to become endeared by the American public. All across this Country, in every small community to every large city, it seems that, if you have some sort of extramarital affair, or have been involved in making money, regardless of the feelings of others and, sometimes, regardless of the technicalities of the law, you seem to be revered by the public, and are elected to become the leaders of your various professional organizations or community and service

organizations. More and more, in this Country, we need that moral fiber of those we call Brothers, who live by the standards we profess.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As your Grand Master, and under the provisions of Article X, Section 2(b) of the Constitution, I do make the following recommendations which, in my opinion and the opinion of your Grand Lodge Officers, are deemed necessary and expedient for the welfare of our Fraternity.

Recommendation Number 1.

Inasmuch as the Committee on Fraternal Relations of this grand jurisdiction has, in its report, recommended the approval of a resolution to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, I do hereby recommend and ask for the favorable adoption of the following resolution.

WHEREAS

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.: & A.:M.:, of Nebraska, Inc. has existed in the State of Nebraska since 1919 and in America since 1775 and does profess the same Masonic principles and ideals of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.:F.: & A.:M.:, of Nebraska, and

WHEREAS

Both Grand Lodges desire to remain autonomous within themselves, operating hereafter as heretofore, with their own Grand Master, Rules and Regulations, Lodges and Membership, and

WHEREAS

Both Grand Lodges desire to fraternally recognize the other as a duly constituted Masonic Grand Lodge within the State of Nebraska, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

It is mutually agreed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Nebraska and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.:&A.:M.: of Nebraska, Inc. on this 3rd day of February, AD 1990, that we will dwell together in Peace and Harmony, and each does hereby extend their solemn Fraternal Recognition to the other as a duly constituted Grand Lodge of Masons within the State of Nebraska, and do,

in the true spirit of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, hereby accord to the other wheresoever assembled, all Masonic rights appertaining therewith, subject always to the Rights, Powers and Authority of the Grand Masters and the Masters of the constituent Lodges to preside over their respective Grand Lodges and Lodges.

Recommendation Number 2.

During this year of service as your Grand Master, I have been concerned with many matters having a direct bearing on the future of our great Fraternity. I have consulted frequently with various of the Past Grand Masters, and with the Grand Trustees, concerning the financial condition of our investments. Great concern has been expressed by the Grand Trustees that, while our investment portfolio, which they so diligently shepherd, is, at the present time, supplying funds to meet the expenses of Grand Lodge, over and above the per capita payments, the drawing-off of current income at the present usage rate does not allow flexibility to expand our investments and permit growth essential to future viability. The Grand Lodge Officers have been working with the Grand Trustees to formulate a sound investment policy, suggesting that at least five percent (5%) of our annual income be reinvested to protect the current fund, hedge against inflation in future years, and to guarantee adequate returns to operate your Grand Lodge, as well as your Masonic Home, for many years to come. Because of rising costs and expanded service requirements, as well as shrinking membership, we have been required to use all annual earnings to operate your Grand Lodge. To be able to reinvest a percentage of the income, each year, would allow our funds to grow and keep pace with the cost of providing the services demanded by our membership, as well as the residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home. At the same time, I have been concerned that the contribution from the Grand Lodge to our Masonic Home has been decreasing, due to our decreasing membership. The last time the per-member contribution from our annual, per capita payment to the Nebraska Masonic Home was increased was prior to 1950. In that 40-year period, our membership has decreased from about 50,000 to 25,000. Accordingly, I recommend that the first sentence of the third paragraph of Sec. 2-601 - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS be changed to read:

"Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation during the preceding calendar year, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, the sum of Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) as a per capita tax."

At the same time I recommend that Sec. 1-406 - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS be changed to read:

"Sec. 1-406 - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS - The per capita tax of \$14.00 shall be divided as follows:

To the Nebraska Masonic Home . . \$4.00
 To the General Fund \$10.00

The Initiation Fee of \$10.00 and all affiliation fees shall be allocated to the General Fund."

Recommendation Number 3

In April 1989, I advised all lodges of an incident which had occurred in this Grand Jurisdiction, wherein funds of a lodge were diverted, over a period of time, by a member of that lodge for personal use. At that time, it was recommended that all lodge Bylaws be reviewed; and, if the appointment of an audit committee was not required therein, immediate steps be taken to include such a requirement. This action is necessary if Grand Lodge is to continue to enjoy coverage under our Surety Bond. Accordingly, I recommend that the following section be added to the Bylaws of Grand Lodge:

"Sec. 2-515 - **AUDIT COMMITTEE** - The bylaws of each subordinate lodge, as provided for by Section 2-512, shall contain a provision for an Audit Committee consisting of not less than three members, to be appointed annually by the Master of such lodge. The duties of such committee shall be to audit, on an annual basis, all books of record of the Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer as of December 31 of each year. A report of such audit will be spread upon the minutes of the lodge at the first stated communication following such audit."

Recommendation Number 4.

I am concerned over our members that do not support their lodge with prompt payment of dues. Our current regulations in this matter are extremely lenient. Many lodges report the same members suspended for non-payment of dues year after year. In the meantime their lodge is supposed to continue its good work with some members not paying their dues for up to a year after they are due and payable. This type of situation causes problems for our lodges, many of whom are struggling to meet their day-to-day expenses. Accordingly, I recommend that Section 2-605 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws be changed to read as follows:

"Sec. 2-605 - **LODGE DUES** - The dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be payable on January 1st of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on March 31 of the same year if not paid by that date.

On April 1 of each year, it shall be the duty of the secretary to notify in writing each member that is in arrears for dues for the current year of such fact and request payment thereof before April 30 of that year. If such member fails to pay his dues on or before April 30 of such year he shall automatically stand

suspended for non-payment of dues and entry thereof shall be made in the minutes of the lodge at the first subsequent stated meeting. It shall also be the duty of the secretary to notify, in writing, each member automatically suspended for non-payment of dues. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when mailed by first class mail to the last known post office address of such suspended individual."

Recommendation Number 5.

Historically, supplies purchased by lodges from the Grand Lodge Office have been paid for at the time of submission of the Annual Return. Some of the reasoning behind this was probably due to the inability of the Grand Lodge Office to bill for supplies on a timely basis. This method of operation can cause cash flow problems for the Grand Lodge Office in that supplies are shipped, but payment therefor not received for up to a year, or better. Accordingly, the following changes in the Grand Lodge Bylaws are recommended:

- A. Under Sec.2-601- DUES AND ASSESSMENTS - Delete the first sentence in the 5th paragraph.
- B. Add new Sec. 2-702.1- PAYMENT FOR SUPPLIES - All supplies sold by the Grand Lodge Office to subordinate lodges will be billed to the lodge by the Grand Lodge Office by invoice at the time of shipping. Payments should be made against invoices received within 30 days. Monthly billings will be forwarded to all lodges with total outstanding invoices of \$10.00 or more. Monthly billings will be due and payable within 30 days of billing date.

Recommendation Number 6.

WHEREAS, for tax and administration reasons, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home have determined that it is necessary to create a separate tax exempt foundation for the management of and to be the recipient of tax exempt donations made to and for the exclusive use and benefit of the Nebraska Masonic Home, and

WHEREAS, since it is the desire that all funds currently held by the Board of Grand Trustees in the name of the Nebraska Masonic Home be used for the sole and exclusive purpose of the Nebraska Masonic Home under its current or amended Bylaws, the following recommendation is made.

Upon the written certification by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home submitted to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska that:

- (1) The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation has been granted its 501 (c) (3) tax exemption by the Internal Revenue Service and,
- (2) The Bylaws of said Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation, provide that funds currently held by the Board of Grand Trustees in the name of the Nebraska Masonic Home shall be used for the exclusive benefit of the Nebraska Masonic Home under its current Bylaws as they exist or may in the future be amended, and that said funds shall be managed by the Board of Grand Trustees of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, or such other professional management firm satisfactory to said Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, then

The following Bylaw shall be amended or repealed as follows:

- (1) Section 1-401 (a) shall be amended by striking "and the Nebraska Masonic Home" from the last sentence thereof;
- (2) Section 1-401 (g) shall be amended by striking from the first sentence thereof the words "for the benefit of the Nebraska Masonic Home shall be carried in the name of the Nebraska Masonic Home and all other funds, securities, real estate, and other property of this Grand Lodge";
- (3) Section 1-401 (i) shall be amended by striking the following language, "except those of the perpetual membership fund, and the Nebraska Masonic Home";
- (4) Section 1-404 shall be repealed;

and the Board of Grand Trustees shall thereupon transfer all of said funds held by them in the name of the Nebraska Masonic Home to the Masonic Home Foundation, Inc.

Recommendation Number 7.

As your Grand Master, I appointed a Special Advisory Committee to the Grand Master, being concerned, not only about the annotation of previous Grand Masters' decisions which needed updating, but also expressing a very great concern over potential confusion between the constitution of our Grand Lodge and some of the Bylaws dealing with recommendations made by the Grand Master, as well as the duties and responsibilities with reference to those recommendations by the Jurisprudence Committee. Please be advised that the Special Advisory Committee has met and has conferred, on several occasions, with reference to these and other concerns. This Special Advisory Committee, comprised of five Past Grand Masters, has agreed to begin the work of annotation of our Constitution and Bylaws, and is currently considering the following

recommendations by me as Grand Master. I am in hopes that their Report will be available to us at Grand Lodge when this recommendation is considered:

Section 1-304 - JURISPRUDENCE - This committee shall consist of five Past Grand Masters. The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by its members to serve for a one year term. The members of the initial five member committee shall be two Past Grand Masters selected by all the Past Grand Masters in attendance at the Regular Communication in which this section becomes effective, with one member serving for a one year term and one serving for a two year term; two Past Grand Masters appointed by the Grand Master, with one serving for a three year term and one for a four year term; and one Past Grand Master selected by the first four members and who will serve for a five year term. Thereafter the Grand Master shall annually appoint one member to the committee to serve for a term of five years. In the event of a vacancy, the Grand Master shall immediately fill the vacancy with such appointee serving the unexpired term of the original appointment.

The Committee shall be advisory to the Grand Master. The committee shall determine matters of Masonic law which is referred to it by the Grand Master and shall make its report to the Grand Lodge. The decisions of the committee on Masonic law shall be conclusive except as finally determined by a majority vote of the membership of the Grand Lodge.

The committee shall meet at such times as is necessary to carry out its duties. Any meeting of the committee may be called by either the Grand Master or the Chairman of the Committee.

All recommendations which the Grand Master intends to make in his communication address shall be submitted by the Grand Master to this committee, all Grand Lodge Officers, and the Masters of all subordinate lodges not less than thirty days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. All decisions rendered by the Grand Master shall be submitted to this committee prior to the opening of Grand Lodge.

Section 1-315 - CODIFICATION OF THE LAW - The committee on Codification of the Law shall digest the amendments and Grand Master's recommendations approved by the Grand Lodge and after harmonizing the same as far as possible with the sections of the Bylaws so amended, it shall submit them in the form of finalized Bylaws at the same communication. The approved report of this committee shall constitute the Bylaws adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Section 1-502 - AMENDMENTS - These Bylaws or any of them, may be amended or repealed by the Grand Lodge, only in one of the following two manners. A proposed amendment may be made by the members of Grand

Lodge as defined in Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Every proposed amendment by the membership shall be reduced to writing and shall be signed by five or more members. It shall then be entered on the minutes and lay over until the next Regular communication, provided, however; that if unanimous consent is given by the Grand Lodge, a proposed amendment may be considered and be acted upon at the communication at which it is introduced. A proposed amendment may be made by the Grand Master in the form of a recommendation and shall be sent to those individuals as provided in Section 1-304 of these Bylaws. The recommendations of the Grand Master shall be voted on at the same communication in which they are offered.

Both proposals by the membership and recommendations of the Grand Master which amend these Bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of those present to become a law of this Grand Lodge. All proposals and recommendations receiving a two-thirds vote shall be referred to the Committee on the Codification of the Law.

Since the Committee on the Codification of the Law does not propose amendments except to put into effect changes already adopted, the form of the Bylaws set forth in their report pursuant to Section 1-315 of this Code need not be seconded or lie over before their report is voted upon.

Any proposed amendment or recommendation received at a regular communication and not acted upon as provided above shall be considered terminated.

CONCLUSION

I realize that this address is too lengthy, and that I run the risk of it not being read because of that fact. I felt, however, that to fully inform you, it was necessary that I set forth many of those things hereabove contained. There are many, many other things I would like to include, by way of argument to you, in favor of and asking for your full support of the recommendations herein contained. Please be assured that all the recommendations come from various committees or officers who have worked on the problems assigned, and have come to their own conclusions and recommendations as to how those situations should be resolved. The resolution dealing with Prince Hall Masonry has been discussed at great length by your Grand Lodge Officers, and was assigned to a committee for their due consideration, and then, to our Grand Lodge Committee on Fraternal Relations. After having been thoroughly analyzed by those groups, Recommendation Number 1 was written and is therefore proposed by your Grand Master as authorized in our Constitution.

Similarly, Recommendation Number 2, with reference to the dues increase, was first analyzed and studied by your Board of Grand Trustees, who are charged

with the duty and responsibility of administering the funds of Grand Lodge, which has a capital account of approximately \$1,340,000.00 which they administer. The income from those funds have traditionally been used for the support of Grand Lodge in the operation of its office and officers. More long-range and overall planning was desired by the Board of Grand Trustees, as well as the desire to initiate an investment policy which could secure our continued existence from a financial standpoint. This matter was then again presented to the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home for their consideration; after which, they unanimously recommended support for the adoption of this recommendation. It is for these, and many other, reasons, fully explainable by the Grand Lodge Officers, that Recommendation Number 2 is hereby submitted for your consideration and requested approval.

I discussed Recommendation Number 3 with you by earlier communication to our lodges because of requests from our surety company, in order to continue coverage; and it is submitted at their demand and request, in order to continue under our current surety bond.

Recommendations Numbers 4 and 5 came as a result of the work of the committee who wrote the new Secretary's Handbook, and was comprised of secretaries of lodges, in addition to the Grand Secretary Pro Tem and your Grand Master. After their diligent study and request, I am therefore submitting for your favorable approval Recommendations 4 and 5, as set forth above.

Recommendation Number 6 comes as a result of a desire to make sure that funds held in the name of the Nebraska Masonic Home were being administered for the sole and exclusive purpose of the Nebraska Masonic Home, and that we could guarantee to those who may contribute to the Nebraska Masonic Home, past, present and future, of the absolute deductibility of their contributions to an authorized tax exempt entity existing for the sole and only purpose of providing for the necessary expenditures of the Nebraska Masonic Home, as administered through its Board of Trustees. Therefore, at the request of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, I have submitted, and do request your favorable approval of, Recommendation Number 6.

Recommendation No. 7 comes as the result of concerns, not only of your Grand Lodge Officers, but also of the Advisory Committee, to the Grand Master, with reference to potential misunderstanding and possible conflict between the Constitution and our Bylaws governing, not only the Jurisprudence Committee and the Codification Committee, but also dealing with Amendments to our Grand Lodge Bylaws.

Under Article X, Section 2 of our Constitution, it is the duty and responsibility of the Grand Master to recommend such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Fraternity. Section 1-304 of our Bylaws

provides that the Jurisprudence Committee shall consider the recommendations and decisions submitted to it by the Grand Master in his Communication Address, and implies, as does Section 1-315, that approved reports of the Committee on Jurisprudence shall be considered by the Committee on Codification of the Law, which Committee shall submit them in proposed Bylaw form to the Grand Lodge, which shall vote on said Bylaw changes at the same Communication. Finally, Section 1-502 provides that every proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be in writing and signed by five or more members, and shall lie over until the next annual communication, where it shall take a two-thirds vote to adopt the proposed change. This Section dealing with amendments seems to be in direct conflict with the Constitution, which imposes a duty upon the Grand Master to make legislative recommendations, and also leaves question as to what happens to a Grand Master's recommendation if, for some reason, it is not an approved recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Traditionally, the Grand Master has the duty and responsibility to make legislative recommendations; and, in the past, many years, it has been the policy to vote on those recommendations at the session of Grand Lodge in which the recommendations are made, irrespective of whether or not the recommendation receives the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee. In either respect, the matter is placed on the floor for ballot by the delegates, which requires a two-thirds vote to adopt, with the indication as to whether or not said recommendation is supported or opposed by the Jurisprudence Committee.

This is a tangled and complicated problem, and one which, at the writing of this Address, is still under consideration by the Grand Master's Special Advisory Committee. I ask for your sincere consideration and approval of this recommendation, in order to clarify this situation and to provide for a continued working Jurisprudence Committee.

To you, my brethren, I have given my best. To my officers, I will be eternally grateful; and, to my Fraternity, I shall continue to learn, and shall continue to serve in whatever capacity I can for the good of the Craft. I should like, however, to fade away, leaving each of you and, particularly, next year's Grand Lodge Officers with this thought.

"To accomplish work of real substance, leaders must often risk bruising egos."

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER

Most Worshipful Thomas W. Tye
February 1, 1990

To the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

Brethren, since the preparation of my address, which was presented to you for your consideration, thirty (30) days prior to the opening of this 133rd Annual Communication, I have been called upon, as your Grand Master, to consider the following action.

Reinstatements. I approved two (2) additional reinstatements.

Bylaw Changes. I approved two (2) additional changes in Bylaws. The first of which came from Zion Lodge No. 234 in Hyannis, raising their dues from twenty dollars (\$20.00) per annum to thirty dollars (\$30.00) per annum, which was approved January 8, 1990. The second change in Bylaws came from Crescent Lodge No. 143 in Primrose, changing their annual meeting date from the second Thursday of each month to the third Thursday of each month, which was approved by me on January 11, 1990.

As indicated in my earlier report, I was able to attend the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and witnessed the exuberance of a packed room of Colorado Masons, receiving, in open session, the Grand Lodge Officers of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah of Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons. The Grand Master of Colorado, as well as the Grand Masters from other jurisdictions there in attendance. Don Smith was installed as Grand Master. In his address to the Grand Lodge of Colorado, Dwight Hamilton, the outgoing Grand Master, not only made a plea for consideration of an increase in dues, but formed a committee for the purpose of future, formal recognition of Prince Hall, and indicated that, if Colorado did not do something about changing its proficiency requirements, and becoming more service oriented, in twenty years, its 26,000 members would dwindle to zero.

As most of you are aware, as Grand Master, we continually get requests for special dispensation for a lodge to meet or conduct regular business on a time other than their regular stated meeting in their Bylaws. I have advised those inquiring that a Grand Master does not have the power or authority to alter or amend Bylaws of a subordinate lodge, or to give special dispensation, other than as set forth in Article X of the Constitution (primarily for the holding of elections and conferral of degrees). I presume, and have so advised, that Section 2-312 does imply that the Grand Master has power to grant special dispensation for a subordinate lodge to install, at sometime other than the month of January, and

have so ruled in several instances. We should continue to make every effort, however, to inform our lodges that, when they have a conflict of dates with reference to their regular meeting, the Grand Master does not have power to grant special dispensation for them to hold their regular meeting at a time other than as set forth in their own Bylaws. Their Bylaws must be sufficiently flexible to anticipate as many situations as possible to alleviate those problems; and future Grand Masters should always keep in mind that their power in this regard is limited, and continued referral to the Constitution and Bylaws, as well as to their advisors, should be referred to and used as much as possible.

January 8, 1990 - Dispensation granted to Covert Lodge No. 11 for holding an election on January 10, 1990, for the purpose of electing a new Junior Warden, who can immediately be installed to that position.

January 8, 1990 - Dispensation granted to John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232 to hold the election of their officers on January 18, 1990.

January 15, 1990 - Special dispensation granted to Cement Lodge No. 211, A. F. & A. M. of Wood River, Nebraska, to hold the election of officers of their lodge on December 23, 1989, at 8:00 p.m.

The Grand Master then stated that Deputy Grand Master, John M. McHenry, would preside in the East to consider the recommendations of the Grand Master.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Paul R. Eveland, Past Grand Master, 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 2nd and 3rd, 1990 Annual Communication.

1. Amend Article II of the Constitution to read: "The Grand Lodge will consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, and the Grand Tyler, with such other officers as may be from time to time created, together with the Masters and Wardens or their proxies duly constituted and Past Masters present of the chartered

subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction, and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of subordinate lodges."

Out of the responding subordinate lodges, there were 80 votes in favor of the amendment, and 85 votes against the amendment. As the required number of affirmative votes was not received, this proposed amendment was not eligible for consideration at the 133rd Annual Communication.

2. Amend Article II of the Constitution to include in the definition of members of the Grand Lodge the Grand Senior Steward and the Grand Junior Steward, to be inserted just ahead of the Grand Tyler.

Out of 229 ballots cast, there were 156 affirmative and 73 negative. The Chairman therefore declared this Constitutional Amendment passed.

3. Amend Article V of the Constitution to insert in the list immediately following "the Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon", "the Worshipful Grand Senior Steward" and "The "Worshipful Grand Junior Steward" in their order of rank just ahead of the Grand Tyler.

Out of 224 ballots cast, there were 147 affirmative and 77 negative. The Chairman therefore declared this Constitutional Amendment passed.

4. To amend Article VIII of the Constitution to read: "At each regular communication of the Grand Lodge there shall be elected by ballot from the brethren who are at the time constitutionally eligible to vote therein, a Deputy Grand Master, a Grand Senior Warden, a Grand Junior Warden, and a Grand Secretary. The incumbent Deputy Grand Master shall automatically succeed to the office of Grand Master upon his installation to such office following the succeeding Grand Lodge Annual Communication. All other Grand Lodge Officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, with the consent of the Grand Lodge."

Out of 234 ballots cast, there were 173 affirmative and 61 negative. The Chairman therefore declared this Constitutional Amendment passed.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

(See Page 27 of Grand Master's Address)

1. RECOGNITION OF PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended approval, and subsequent voting, by a show of hands, resulted in the affirmative. This recommendation was therefore approved by the delegates.

2. DUES INCREASE

The Jurisprudence Committee found recommendation to be in proper form and had no recommendation. Subsequent balloting resulted in 96 affirmative votes and 203 negative votes. This recommendation was therefore not approved by the delegates.

3. AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended approval, and subsequent balloting resulted in 294 affirmative votes and 2 negative votes. This recommendation was therefore approved by the delegates.

4. DUES DEADLINE

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended approval, and subsequent balloting resulted in 146 affirmative votes and 157 negative votes. This recommendation was therefore not approved by the delegates.

5. PAYMENT FOR SUPPLIES SOLD BY THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended approval, and subsequent balloting resulted in 277 affirmative votes and 16 negative votes. This recommendation was therefore approved by the delegates.

6. NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME TAX EXEMPT FOUNDATION

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended approval, and subsequent balloting resulted in 294 affirmative votes and 4 negative votes. This recommendation was therefore approved by the delegates.

7. JURISPRUDENCE

The Jurisprudence Committee found this recommendation, as amended, to be in proper form, but made no recommendation as to the substance, inasmuch as it involved the Jurisprudence Committee. Subsequent balloting resulted in 199 affirmative votes and 96 negative votes. This recommendation was therefore approved by the delegates with the following amendments:

First Amendment - Section 1-304 - To change "not less than thirty days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge" to "not less than forty five days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge."

Second Amendment - Section 1-315 - To insert statement: "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."

Third Amendment - Section 1-315 - To change last sentence to read: "The approved report of this Committee shall constitute the amended bylaws adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The decisions and dispensations, which the Grand Master made during the year were found by the Jurisprudence Committee to be proper and in order.

The Chairman moved for approval of the entire Jurisprudence Committee report. The motion was seconded, and following voting by a show of hands, the report was approved.



**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN
CHARLES W. AMIDON, PAST GRAND MASTER
AND
EDWARD F. MEDLIN, PAST GRAND MASTER OF PRINCE HALL**

At this time, it was announced that the assemblage would listen to a recorded telephone conversation between Most Worshipful Charles W. Amidon, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Nebraska, and Edward F. Medlin, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Nebraska, Incorporated.

M.:W.:B. Amidon: Ed, are you ready to talk?

M.:W.:B. Medlin: I am very pleased and happy, and ready to talk.

M.:W.:B. Amidon: Okay. Now, what I want to do is read you a kind of formal statement; and, then I'd ask you to respond in kind when I'm finishing recording this.

M.:W.:B. Medlin: Yes, we are taping this also.

M.:W.:B. Amidon: Most Worshipful Edward F. Medlin, we wish to report that, during the 133rd Annual Communication, at 10:32 a.m., February 3, 1990, Most Worshipful Thomas W. Tye, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, placed the mutually-drawn resolution to extend full

recognition to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, Incorporated, on the floor of the Grand Lodge for a show-of-hands vote. We are pleased to report that the results of the voting were almost unanimously affirmative. Therefore, on behalf of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, and assuming your Grand Lodge is mutually agreeable, we extend to you, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, Incorporated, our fraternal hand of fellowship. May our mutual concern for our fellowman be the beginning of a never-ending, and always-expanding respect for the principles and tenets of our beloved Fraternity; and, we are very proud to make that announcement.

- M.:W.:B. Medlin: Brother Amidon, in hearing the resolution, as presented by you to me, and the results of your Grand Lodge, I am happy to say that, after about 10:20 a.m., our Grand Master, Norman P. Hall, placed on the floor of this Grand Lodge, the same vote concerning that resolution, as you stated; and, by unanimous consent, and by a standing vote, this passed this Grand Lodge, with great pleasure by all of the Brethren present.
- M.:W.:B. Amidon: That is wonderful news, Worshipful Brother Ed. We will immediately report this to the Grand Lodge, and we will play our responses to all the delegates assembled. We are very happy about this occasion. Is your Grand Master able to speak with my Grand Master at this time?
- M.:W.:B. Medlin: Not at this time. He is in session, but I will most certainly have him call you at his first opportunity.
- M.:W.:B. Amidon: I would appreciate that; and, when he is available to make that call, we would also like to tape that conversation. If at all possible, could you tell me when the intent release of the statement will go forth?
- M.:W.:B. Medlin: I cannot tell you that, right now, Sir, but I am sure that our Grand Master will be able to give you that information as soon as he talks to you. Grand Master Amidon, I'm very happy that we were able to come to this conclusion.

- M.:W.:B. Amidon: It's been a wonderful relationship, Worshipful Brother Ed, and let's go on from here.
- M.:W.:B. Medlin: Give all the Brothers my regards.
- M.:W.:B. Amidon: All right, Sir. Thank you, and congratulations to both of us. Thank you.
- M.:W.:B. Medlin: Thank you, Sir.

At the conclusion of the recording of this conversation, there was a standing ovation to the official recognition of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Charles W. Amidon, Past Grand Master, Chairman

The Committee met in Kearney, Nebraska, on August 12, 1989, together with the Grand Lodge Officers, to review independent study each member had made on a clarification of the definition of Section 2-402 - PROFICIENCY.

Having never been defined, but only required, it was apparent that some standard should be established to prevent state-wide confusion over the intent of the bylaw provision.

It was also recognized that continuation of the concept of rote memorization of the traditional Questions and Answers was not only presenting a possible stumbling block to candidate advancement, but was also eliminating possible petitioners for the degrees from ever seeking membership, due to the extreme time demands which have become a norm in today's society. In addition, it was realized that the purpose of Masonry is to educate members on the history and philosophy of our Fraternity, so that a true concept of its values and traditions will be fully understood and appreciated.

With this aim in mind, the Committee, together with the full line of the Grand Lodge Officers, carefully drafted and adopted the STANDARD PROFICIENCY FOR NEBRASKA LODGES A.:F.:&A.:M.:, effective as of August 12, 1989, which includes, in addition to the courses of required instruction, a standard proficiency requirement that states: "Examination in open Lodge as required by Section 2-402, shall consist of giving the due guards, signs, grips, passes and words of said degree only."

On November 4th and 11th, 1989, the Committee on Work, with the assistance of Worshipful Brothers Arnold Mains of Fremont Lodge Number 15; Albert Bates of Nebraska Lodge Number 1; and Ralph McNulty of Meridian Lodge Number 188; conducted and judged presentation of the Second Section of the Master Mason Degree at Fremont Number 15 and Platte Valley Number 32, respectively. The following Lodges entered degree teams:

Fremont Lodge No. 15
Frank Welch Lodge No. 75
Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Wayne Lodge No. 120
Bartley Lodge No. 228
Comet Lodge No. 229

Excellent work was presented by each of these lodges, and their efforts in the competition were a credit to the Fraternity.

I wish to include in this report, the letter of February 1, 1990, which was adopted on that date, to define the procedure to follow in conducting examination of candidates in open Lodge. This letter has been distributed to all delegates:

To all Subordinate Lodges in the Nebraska Grand Lodge Jurisdiction

Subject: Clarification of Standard Proficiency Examinations

Brethren:

Following adaptation of the Standard Proficiency on August 12, 1989, a question on the proper method of conducting the examination of candidates in open Lodge arose; and, to clarify any possible confusion, the following Examination procedure is hereby approved by the Committee on Nebraska Work and all Grand Lodge Officers:

"The examination in open Lodge as required by Section 2-402 shall consist of the Questions and Answers from the First Section Lectures as follows:

Entered Apprentice Degree starting with the words "Give me a sign." and continuing through the giving of the word.

Fellowcraft Degree starting with the words, "Have you any signs belonging to this degree?" and continuing to the end of the Lecture."

Master's Degree starting with the words, "Have you any signs belonging to this degree?" and continuing to the end of the Lecture."

Dated this 1st day of February, 1990

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At this time, the Grand Master informed the delegates that there had been an appeal lodged to the action by the Committee on Nebraska Work, under the bylaws. This appeal was delivered the previous night; and the Grand Master informed that, after consulting with the parliamentarian, the appeal was given, by the Grand Secretary to whom it was delivered, to the Grievances Committee, and was currently in their consideration.

The adoption of the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work was then voted upon, and the report was adopted by a majority vote.

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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF MONITOR AND CEREMONIES

By Charles W. Amidon, Past Grand Master

The special committee was assigned the task of reviewing the present Monitor and Ceremonies, and making recommendations to the Grand Lodge, which is you, on possible revisions or corrections limiting any redundancies, and so forth.

I would, therefore, like to submit two resolutions, which will be placed on file, and brought back next February.

In order to eliminate certain errors contained in the ceremonies of the Monitor and Ceremonies, revised in 1962, the following resolution is herewith submitted for consideration by the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

"It shall be the responsibility of the Committee on Nebraska Work to prepare standard ceremonies for the authorized ceremony work of all subordinate lodges within this jurisdiction, subject to approval of the Grand Lodge. The Committee on Nebraska Work shall be authorized to prepare and submit revisions to the ceremonies as contained in the 1962 revised Monitor and Ceremonies. Such recommended revisions shall be submitted to all Grand Lodge Officers, each subordinate lodge, all Deputy Grand Custodians, and all Past Grand Masters, for study during the year, 1990, and acted upon by the Grand Lodge at the February 1991 Grand Lodge Communication."

This is signed by myself, Charles W. Amidon, Past Grand Master; T. Leo Stines, Past Grand Master; Wayne G. Lueningborg, Past Grand Master and member of the Committee on Work; James L. Eatmon; Kenneth G. Fleming; and Jerry Rittenburg.

There is almost an identical resolution I will turn over to the Secretary. The only word change is that it shall be the standard monitor for the authorized monitorial work.

It is the intent to propose and bring back to you a split Monitor and Ceremonies; possibly, in two different books. One will cover the monitorial work, the ritual work, degree work, and so forth. The other will cover ceremonies, which are Grand Lodge installations, your own lodge installations, funerals, dedications, cornerstones, and so forth. I ask that no action be taken at this time. I will simply place these with the Secretary, to be considered next year.



At this time, the Jurisprudence Committee retired to a separate room to select two of their number to serve on that committee.

Judge Harry A. Spencer, Past Grand Master, requested and led a standing ovation to Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas W. Tye for a job especially well done.

The Grand Master then asked that Albert T. Reddish be received and thanked for his work the past three-and-a-half years as Grand Secretary. The Grand Master stated that, at the Grand Master's Banquet, he had presented Worshipful Brother Reddish a plaque of appreciation, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, for his work and effort, as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, in a very, very difficult time, and in producing the aforementioned proceedings.

At this time, the following reports were submitted and accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

Arnold F. Mains, Chairman

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

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Warren D. Lichty, Jr., Past Grand Master, Chairman

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is located atop Shooters Hill in Alexandria, Virginia. It is the highest and most sightly spot in the Washington area, and was George Washington's favorite place to go shooting; or, as we would say today, bird hunting.

Shooters Hill was also the place where many people thought the National Capitol should be erected; but, George Washington absolutely forbade it being built there. His reason was that he owned so much property in and around Alexandria, and that it would increase so much in value by reason of its being near the seat of Government. How often, today, do we find a public officer preventing the Government from taking action which would enrich him?

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is the only building which belongs to every Master Mason in the United States. You have all contributed to it, at least once, when you were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Its cornerstone was laid in 1923, and it was dedicated in 1932. Thus, this magnificent monument to our Worshipful Brother and to the Masonic principles for which he stood, is now sixty years old. Like the grand lady she is, the Monument needs some work to keep her beautiful; and the costs to repair or renovate a monumental building, such as this, are, themselves, monumental.

We, therefore, sincerely urge each of you to consider the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association as part of your charitable giving program. Will you all please forward at least five dollars to the Association; and, if you can afford more, be assured that your tax-exempt gift will be gratefully acknowledged and sincerely appreciated.

The address is: The George Washington Masonic National Memorial
 101 Callahan Drive
 Alexandria, Virginia 22301

REPORT ON THE STATE FAIR BOOTH

By Don L. Jelinek

My overall impression of the State Fair Booth, this year, is that, while it was more successful than last year, it still has a long way to go before it can be

considered an unqualified success. There seemed to be much more interest in our booth, this year; but, we still talked, primarily, to those who were already Masons. If we are to sponsor a booth next year, I believe we should give serious consideration to moving the location of the booth to the Industrial Arts Building. The Devaney Complex has too much of a carnival atmosphere, and we might do better among the encyclopedia salesmen. My personal opinion is that the booth should be continued, even though it will be difficult to determine the direct benefit from it.

The fact that we did not include the other members of the Masonic Family in manning the booth probably did not detract from its operation; although, some people did inquire as to why they were not asked to participate. The answer, of course, was that we were experimenting with different ideas, to see what works best. I feel that at least two, and preferably, three people, should be in the booth. Particularly, during the evening hours and on the weekends. This would mean that an extra 30 people would be needed; and, with the difficulty we have in getting two Masons to serve each shift, this additional manpower will be hard to come by. I also believe that having a Grand Officer available in the booth during the peak hours would do a lot to enhance the effort.

What follows will be a point-by-point evaluation of our activities, to be used for evaluating this year's booth, and to be used by the booth coordinator, in future years.

Booth Location - Suggest moving to a more low-key location; probably, in the Industrial Arts Building. If not to another building, at least, to a new location within the Devaney Complex. For the last two years, we have been located next to, and across from, a "Money Guessing Machine" and a "Right to Life" booth. These booths did not benefit us, and may well have detracted from us.

Booth Arrangement - "Open front" booth encouraged more activity than the "table across the front", that was used the prior year. Literature was not as available to passers-by, but it also discouraged the gathering of items by children, who then throw them away as soon as they get home. As to the amount of literature handed out, or picked up, a detailed recap is attached.

Video - Since there is not an adequate video available, it is suggested that this be discontinued, unless a more suitable one can be found or developed. Also, at the present location, it is impossible to play it loud enough to be heard over the crowd noise most of the time.

Handout of Promotional Items - The balloons were a very hot item; however, the value of the emblem on the balloons may not have been as significant as the fact that we were identified as Masons as we handed them out. Consider handing out unmarked balloons in the future. The pens were given to members of the

Masonic Family who stopped to sign our register. This was not so much to promote Masonry, as it was to promote and renew interest among members. They were well received. Masonic Emblem Bumper Stickers were given out only to Masons who, if the booth instructions were followed, indicated they would affix them to their vehicles.

Information Request Cards - Not a large number of the cards were picked up; and, at this point, I do not know how many might have been mailed to the Grand Lodge Office. Those that were turned in to the booth should have been forwarded to the Grand Lodge Office, according to the instructions supplied to the booth attendants. Some were not.

The small posters (approximately 14" x 20") did attract attention, and appeared to be read by people as they walked by without stopping. The posters with pictures did attract some people into the booth; and, perhaps, more such posters should be added in the future.

List of Handouts and Quantities Distributed

<u>Body</u>	<u>Item (title)</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Masonic	Balloons (imprinted)	579
	Pens (imprinted)	317
	Bumper Emblems	400
	Information Request Cards	150
	Freemasonry (brochure)	428
York Rite	What is The York Rite?	26
Scottish Rite	General Information	25
	Masonry Beyond the Third Degree	38
	What is The Scottish Rite?	14
	Language Disorders (brochure)	19
Shrine	Shriners Hospital	50
Eastern Star	Follow the Star	65
Job's	What is the IOJD?	59
	IOJD Has It All	50
	Why Choose Job's Daughters?	39
DeMolay	Your Son...and DeMolay	43
Rainbow	What is...Rainbow For Girls?	53

Home	Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	31
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC LEADERSHIP

Donald L. Pohlman, Chairman

At the beginning of the year, our Leadership Committee met to critique the previous year's activities. At this meeting, a list of programs, comments and concerns were reviewed to help formulate our plans for 1989. Following this meeting, the Lodges in Nebraska were divided into thirty two areas, with an Area Leadership Chairman selected for each area. This provided the Area Leadership Chairman with the responsibility of four to eight Lodges, each.

Our committee functions were divided into two major areas of responsibility. The first area of responsibility was for Lodge and Lodge officer visitation. When possible, each Area Leadership Chairman was to visit with the officers of his assigned Lodges twice during the year. During these visits, the Area Leadership Chairman was to concentrate on the following areas:

1. Be a communication link between the Lodges and the Grand Lodge.
2. Help a Lodge plan its year.
3. Develop leadership within the Lodge.
4. Help keep Lodges informed of programs available.
5. Motivate the Lodges.

The second area of responsibility involved the formulation of a program for our Leadership Workshop for our next Annual Communication. At our Leadership Committee meeting, July 29th, at Kearney, we used the same method of determining the issues to be presented in the workshop as was used by the General Session Committee, March 11th, to determine the broad topics for each workshop. At this meeting, the following topics, time allocations, and presenters were decided on:

Introductions and Moderator	Marvin Andersen	05 min.
Goal Setting	Norman Coe	10 min.
Officers' Duties & Fiscal	Don Monnette	20 min.
Member Involvement	Rev. Fred Davis	15 min.

These four individuals each submitted their written presentation to the committee for review at another meeting. They presented this program to Lebanon Lodge No. 323 at Columbus, on December 13th, for their critique.

Some refinements of the committee organization have been suggested for 1990, and are in the planning stages at this time, which include the following: Prospective committee members' names will be submitted, by the Deputy Grand Custodians, to the Committee Chairman for final selection. Area Leadership assignments will be made with the same geographical area as the Deputy Grand Custodians. Leadership Training sessions will be held in four areas in the State, and will include the Deputy Grand Custodians.

This program of Area Leadership Chairmen has been successful in those areas where the Chairman has met with his Lodges, and where the Lodge has used his help. A good example of this is Crescent Lodge No. 143 at Primrose. Prior to a visit by Area Leadership Chairman Fernando Siores, this Lodge had written to the Grand Master, requesting assistance to close or consolidate their Lodge. They had only seventeen members, and are in a very small rural community. As a net result of Fernando's visit to this Lodge, they now have four new Master Masons; they have painted their Lodge Hall; they are in the process of learning to do their own degree work; and are planning for more activities this next year.

This Committee especially expresses thanks to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master for providing their leadership and interest in the work of this Committee and the office staff for their efforts in getting all items published and mailed to the Lodges and Area Leadership Chairmen.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE MEMBERSHIP

Charles A. Folsom, Chairman

Our Committee, consisting of Brothers Kenneth D. Beebe, Lodge No. 119; Phillip O. Edwards, Lodge No. 326; Morgan A. Hartman, Lodge No. 56; Raymond L. Hartung, Secretary of Lodge No. 54; Reginald S. Kuhn, Lodge No. 19; Past Grand Master Byron C. Jenkins, Lodge No. 325 and Grand Master's Special Advisor; and the undersigned; met, monthly, at the Grand Lodge offices in Lincoln, from late Spring into the Fall. Reports of each meeting were submitted to each member and the elected, progressive Grand Line Officers.

Deputy Grand Master McHenry met with us several times with valuable input and responses. Conversations between all members at Grand Lodge, and by telephone, prior to our initial meeting, confirmed that close coordination between our Committee and the Grand Lodge Education Committee was vital. Lynn Alexander, past Grand Lodge Education Committee Chairman, and 1990 Chairman designee, was, therefore, invited to attend our meetings and received all reports thereof.

Our Committee initially agreed on two basics: 1) There should be three "R's" in our membership goals (Recruitment-Retention-Reinstatement) and 2) Communication/Education, both internal (our members) and external (our communities) were essential basics.

The report of the Masonic Renewal Task Force "American Male Attitudes and Behavior Towards Family and Freemasonry", as published and presented at the 1989 Grand Masters' Conference, was carefully considered, as were somewhat similar survey programs by Oklahoma and other Grand Masonic Jurisdictions. The very visible public education and membership programs conducted by Minnesota, California, Oklahoma, etc., were examined for content, effectiveness, cost and practical application in Nebraska. Nearly all recent "membership solution/assistance" articles in several major Masonic publications (including "New Age", "Royal Arch Mason", "Knight Templar" and "Philatethes" magazines) were received and evaluated, both for possible practical application and the "state of mind/acceptance levels" of Masonry's more concerned, articulate, knowledgeable and vocal members.

Our evaluations of our Membership responsibilities and areas of concern indicated that, although we were somewhat similar to a large corporation with an excellent product needing advertising, our recruiting and personnel problems were almost identical to those facing the United States Armed Forces. Our military, of necessity, must use a two-pronged approach to meeting their goals. First, the military's obvious extensive/organized/expensive formal military recruiting program has no really similar effort within Masonry (Oklahoma's short, expensive and marginally-productive, "Masons Make America Work" Program is an exception). Secondly, the military's most effective recruiting tool (and almost our only one - which we don't use at all well) is their members (satisfied customers, if you please).

Our Committee agreed that the solutions to our membership problems are: 1) a broad and appealing public relations program and 2) knowledgeable, communicative pride in all our members, which will serve all three Membership "R's". We agreed that the key to applying these solutions is education, starting with our current members. An example of the depth of our dilemma is that, while most members are proud to be Masons, they have difficulty explaining why, a fact easily demonstrated by the trouble many have in answering the questions, "What do Masons do?" and "Why should I join Masonry?"

The Committee recommends that our first priority is a vital, continuing, state-wide, internal education program to instill pride and self-worth ("esprit de corps") in our members, coupled with developing and employing a permanent public information/education program.

It is recommended that internal Masonic education can best be spearheaded by:

1. Articles in our house organ, the "Nebraska Mason", including at least one on the first page of each issue.
2. Resumption of the short (one typed page) monthly articles to each Lodge by the Grand Lodge Education Committee.
3. Grand Lodge emphasis to Lodges on monthly Masonic education programs (5-10) minutes), at stated communications, by their Education Committees and/or qualified speakers (internal/external).

It is further recommended that the Grand Lodge must maintain a strong, continuing public relations/information/education program to include the following:

1. Permanent, active Grand Lodge Committee with primary responsibility therefore.
2. Regular media release of major Masonic stories/events/actions of general interest occurring in Nebraska, and elsewhere, which may have been "neglected" by the news services.
3. Grand Lodge encouragement for local Lodges to appoint qualified, local, public-information chairmen. Encouragement should include references to be utilized for success and appropriate "this worked" and "how to" instructional material.
4. Seminar(s) at Grand Lodge to train/assist local, public-information chairmen.

We consider Masonic visibility a must, as it enhances pride, recognition, performance and respect. We evaluated several possible "quick-and-easy", pride/visibility enhances, including:

1. Distinctive Nebraska Masonic Pin for purchase by all Nebraska Masons, and presentation by Grand Lodge to each newly-raised Brother. We acquired five hundred white Nebraska-shaped pins, with square and compass. Four hundred have been delivered to the Grand Lodge Office with the recommendation for \$2.00 sale and gratuitous presentation to each new Master Mason.
2. Bumper Stickers. Those of several States were considered, with consensus that a red-and-white, rectangular sticker, bearing Nebraska's outline, square

and compass, and some catch words, such as proud/patriotic/performance/production or God/Country/Fellowman, might be appropriate. Recommend consideration of this item to continue.

3. Masonic Stamps. Stamps from several States were considered, including a very attractive (and expensive) series used by Minnesota. These relatively-new items need cost/effectiveness reports before a recommendation can be made.
4. Masonic Jewelry. In view of the wide selection/availability of these items, no recommendations, other than in (1) above, are made.

Our Committee considered, at length, several Lodge programs, both Masonic and open to the public, to strengthen our knowledge, pride, visibility, and stature. Those for which we have input/experience and found most effective are:

1. Open Installation. A very successful and easily-utilized function, well-attended, accepted and applauded, where well-organized, explained ("Worshipful" comes from our English origins where it means honored or worthy), and kept moving (no lengthy introductions). Caution: modes of recognition must not be inadvertently used; prior rehearsal is a must.
2. Open House. Apparently used successfully elsewhere, but consensus is that this should be a simultaneous, state-wide program, and/or a format, other than that used by reporting Lodges. Attendance/effectiveness can be increased by intensive, advance planning, publicity and "targeting" attendees, i.e. formally inviting key people, and assuring that they have appropriate escorts. Continuing consideration/actions are recommended.
3. Fellowship Night. Has proven very effective where seriously utilized/organized. Can be our most productive recruiting tool; however, the above recommendations on advance planning, targeting, invitations and hosting, are mandatory. An "Outline for Conducting a Friendship Dinner" and "Program", including a Masonic explanation presentation are attached as enclosures (1) and (2).
4. Special Ladies' Night. This is a "pride" activity, as well as for recognition of an important part of our Masonic family. It is for all our ladies, and should not be termed a "widows' night; although, these special ladies should be the centerpiece of the evening. See additional comments under (5), below. A "Special Ladies' Night" format is attached as enclosure (3).
5. Youth Activities Night. These youngsters, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and our own children/grandchildren, are also part of our Masonic family, richly deserving recognition. This night can help instill

pride and unity within our Lodges and families (Masonic and actual). This evening and the "Special Ladies'Night" are activities all Masons can, and should, attend. Where properly planned and presented, they are far and away the largest Lodge evening activities of the year. A "Youth Activities Night" format is attached as enclosure (4).

6. Table Lodge. An activity long available; but, until recently, seldom scheduled. Several Table Lodges have been conducted throughout the State, with varying degrees of attendance/success. Those that were well-organized/publicized were well attended and most effective. Part of the nonuse may be a somewhat-difficult, ritual format. A Table Lodge is scheduled for Thursday evening of the Grand Lodge sessions. A good attendance is anticipated, and an easy-to-follow draft ritual, with appropriate administrative instructions/remarks, will be available.
7. Rusty Nail Degree. This most effective program for our Brothers who haven't been to Lodge for "awhile", and who are "afraid" to attend, but "would (might) if I could get in" was developed in Colorado. It has been used twice (to our knowledge) in Nebraska, with great success. It will be the topic of a Grand Lodge seminar.
8. Church Sunday. This is a program which has been used with great effect in other jurisdictions. In its most successful form, it presents Masonry in the best-possible light, as God-fearing men, who show their pride and commitment by their actions. The program is for the Lodge, led by its Master, to form near and march in column of two's, to/into a church (often the Master's). In the best form, Masons wear their regalia, including aprons and the Master's hat, as at funeral services. Ladies can march with their Masons, or join them as they enter the church. This is a most visible answer to those who try to label Masonry as a cult or Anti-Christ. There are some leadership problems (see below) and a need for Grand Lodge code relaxation/change before this program can be fully implemented. It is potentially a very exciting activity from the standpoint of both Masonic pride/unity and community visibility/stature.
9. All Masonic Picnic. Properly planned and promoted, it will usually be the biggest Masonic event of the year. Include all Masonic family, using inexpensive tickets (\$2.50 adults - kids under 12 free) Our Masonic family should be encouraged to invite guests (do NOT SELL tickets to non-family members). This picnic makes an excellent "Family Fellowship" activity. Hold at park or other community location. Excellent for visibility, pride and membership.

We considered several non-Masonic activities, which will help to enhance our visibility and reputation within our communities. The desirability of a "state-wide"

Blue Lodge, public-service activity was discussed at length, but dismissed because "all the good programs have been taken" that would appeal to, or have application in, the majority of our communities. Following is a partial list of activities sponsored in Masonic Lodges, which met with community approval and resulting visibility/pride:

1. Health and Wellness Fair. Lodge opened to public as location of medical/dental personnel who performed appropriate evaluations, including blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, x-rays, vision, etc.
2. Underprivileged Youth Program at Christmas. Included presentation of toys collected by local service and business groups.
3. Quilt fair/display. One little old lady was heard to say, "I never thought I'd get into a Masonic Lodge."

The Committee recommends that no opportunity should be overlooked, which will present the Fraternity in its best, possible light. When it comes to appendant, concordant and associated bodies, we need a coordinated effort to support and promote each other, and inform the public of our connections. This, of course, requires time and leadership (addressed below), but must be done if we are to survive. Obviously, the Shrine, through their parades, circuses and hospitals, are a showcase for Masonic benevolence, but appropriate exposure of all bodies, Masonic and associate, places us all in a favorable light and increases our family pride and desire better to perform. Three programs of general interest to the people we want to attract are the DeMolay "Ceremony of the Lights" and "Flower Talk" and National Sojourners' "Historical Flag Ceremony".

The Committee further recommends that all Lodges be strongly encouraged to:

1. Present, promote and supplement, to the extent of their abilities, our Masonic Scholarships.
2. Sponsor youth league sports teams with resultant visibility, pride, and proof of our dedication to youngsters and fair play.

Awards: The Committee considered that awards impact on pride, performance, and, in some cases, visibility; and, therefore, on membership. Thus, we discussed the recognition of superior performance by Lodges and individual Masons, at length. We well understand that proper recognition can contribute significantly to pride and future performance. Discussion included:

1. The Rock Maul. The Grand Lodge's premier award. Enclosure (5), by Past Grand Master Jenkins, who placed it in being, is germane to its continued effectiveness.

2. The Gold Pan. This Grand Lodge award to the most improved Lodge in the State, or the Lodge contributing the most to Masonry, for the preceding year, must be awarded with great care. Appropriate criteria for the Rock Maul apply equally well here.
3. Grand Master's Humanitarian Award. The two initial awards in 1989 not only resulted in appropriate recognition of superb lifetime Masons/Community leaders, but gave the awardees' Lodges outstanding, favorable visibility. In the case of Worshipful Brother Henry Rood, Wahoo Lodge No. 59 entertained the largest, public attendance in recorded history.
4. Exceptionally Meritorious Lodge and Masonic Awards. No action beyond discussion was taken, as there are many administrative concerns about criteria, selection and awarding. Again, appropriate awards might be most effective and desirable, but several potential problems exist. It is recommended that consideration continue.

Finally, a topic that surfaced repeatedly - Leadership. We consider that leadership, or lack thereof, is at the root of most, if not all, of our problems, real and potential. We hope that the current Area Leadership Program will be expanded and refined to provide requisite guidance/assistance at the Lodge level. The seminar programs scheduled for our next Grand Lodge sessions can contribute significantly to Lodge knowledge and performance. We're not sure exactly how to do it, and it probably isn't within our purview (although it reflects on membership - what doesn't?), but concerted Lodge leadership development (before it's too late) may be the answer "to all our problems". We must develop our officers into leaders, and our leaders into officers, to ensure capability and decrease "timidity". Lodges should be encouraged to seek out leaders, and attempt to interest them in Masonry - remembering (as some wise Brother once said), "It's easier to make a leader a Mason, than it is to make a Mason a leader."

It may be presumptuous of the undersigned, but another leadership comment appears in order. I hope our Committee was representative of other Grand Lodge Committees, in that all members were proven leaders. Not just Past Masters, but identified, community leaders whose can-do attitudes and abilities get things done. We would do well to ensure that all such Brothers, who distinguish themselves at the local level, are recognized and set to work in the most challenging, possible positions, remembering that, "Like begets like."

The Committee has my most sincere thanks, as do Chris and Tish, for accommodating us at Grand Lodge, assisting us administratively, and always, almost convincing us we weren't any trouble.

This report is long, and covers a lot of ground, but the members' efforts were extensive, serious and the result of a wealth of knowledge, experience and

dedication. The reports of our meetings, materials received from other Grand Lodges, and membership evaluation/suggestion/experience articles will be submitted to Grand Lodge, under separate cover.

Subsequent to our last Committee Meeting, the slow acceptance of our perpetual memberships was mentioned for our consideration. Enclosure (6), "The Easy Life", from the October 1989 issue of "The Philalethes", addresses this subject quite well, including information on Texas' "Endowed Membership Installment Purchase Plan", and their forms, therefor. Nebraska may well consider option of an installment plan, coupled with emphasis on the fact that a perpetual member "is never taken off the roster of dues-paying members", and has found a way "to support Masonry forever." Recommend this as a priority topic for the 1990 Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

J. Eugene Jorgensen, Chairman

This report was prepared by Brother J. Eugene P. Jorgensen, Lodge No. 210; the prayers were given by Very Worshipful Brother Reverend John F. Dale; and the eulogies were given by Worshipful Brother Virgil L. Tubach, Lodge No. 54, Grand Orator.

As we pause to pay our respects to the memory of those who have passed away, we do so with mixed feelings; the warm feeling of Brotherly Love, and the despair of finding words to express our inner thoughts.

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again*

Our Grand Lodge reports the deaths of 610 Brethren during the 1989 year. With gratitude for their lives and service, we honor their memory and commend them to the loving care of the Grand Architect of the Universe. To their families, we offer heartfelt sympathy.

Among those deaths, were two Past Grand Masters, whose Masonic records are as follows:

JOSEPH C. TYE, 94th Grand Master, was born January 2, 1904. He belonged to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 at Kearney. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 24, 1928. He served as Master of his Lodge in 1932.

Grand Lodge: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon on June 4, 1954, by Most Worshipful Charles F. Adams; and, on June 10, 1959, was installed Most Worshipful Grand Master. He was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba near Nebraska, having been appointed by Most Worshipful Brother Adams on June 29, 1954.

Capitular Masonry: Became a Royal Arch Mason in Kearney Chapter No. 23, Kearney, on January 24, 1944.

Cryptic Masonry: Received the Degree of the Cryptic Rite on May 23, 1959, in Lebanon Council No. 24, Grand Island.

Chivalric Masonry: Dubbed a Knight Templar on May 26, 1944, in Mt. Hebron Commandery No. 12, Kearney.

Scottish Rite: Omaha Consistory since November, 1959. He was invested with the Designation of 32nd Degree KKCH on October 22, 1963, and coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General, Honorary, on December 6, 1975.

Shrine: Member of Tehama Temple, Hastings; Advisory Council, Order of DeMolay; member of Fort Kearney Shrine Club.

Other Masonic Bodies: Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association since January 23, 1956; Tuscan Chapter No. 35, Order of the Eastern Star, Kearney; Fort Kearney Chapter of DeMolay.

Honorary Memberships: Past Grand Masters Association of Kansas; DeMolay Legion of Honor.

RUSSELL L. FICKES, 106th Grand Master, was born on September 25, 1910. He belonged to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 at Grand Island, Nebraska. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 1, 1949. He served as Master of his Lodge in 1954.

He was a member of the Grand Island Temple Craft Committee.

Grand Lodge: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon by Most Worshipful John A. Bottorf, on June 7, 1967, advancing in the line; and, on June 12, 1971, he was elected and installed as Grand Master.

In 1968, he was appointed Grand Representative to the Grand York Rite Lodge of Mexico.

Capitular Masonry: Deuel Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons of Grand Island.

Cryptic Masonry: Lebanon Council No. 24, Royal and Select Masters, Central City.

Chivalric Masonry: Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 6, Grand Island.

Shrine: Tehama Temple, Hastings.

Honorary Memberships: Honorary Past Grand Master of Iowa. Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay.

"And now, O Lord, we give them back to you, who gave them to us. As you did not lose them in the giving, so we do not lose them in their return. For life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is but an horizon, and the horizon nothing save the limit of our sight. Amen."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

Keith Frederickson, Chairman

THE NEBRASKA MASON

Our major activity was the publishing of the "Nebraska Mason." Four issues were printed and distributed during the year.

January-February

March-April

June-July

October-November

The March-April and October-November issues were twelve pages. January-February and June-July were eight-page issues. This resulted in a total of forty pages of news distributed in four issues, compared with forty pages in five issues, last year.

Response from the Lodges, and other Masonic Bodies, continues to be good. We receive more news and photographs than we are able to publish. A proposed January-February issue for 1990 was cancelled, due to budget constrictions.

NEWS RELEASES

News releases were prepared and distributed during the year. Events covered included:

1. Installation of Officers
2. Henry Rood Humanitarian Award
3. Dedication of Masonic Home Addition
4. Cornerstone at Holy Protection Monastery

We are discouraged with the reception given to our news releases, but we feel that we should continue to send them.

RADIO SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS

We continue to receive requests for the Floyd Kalber radio announcements, and recommend that a new series be produced in 1990. We also propose consideration of TV tape releases as a promotional tool.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CONFERENCE

Benjamin Harvey represented Nebraska at the 2nd Annual Masonic Midwest Public Relations conference in Cedar Falls, Iowa, on July 29-30. The meeting was attended by representatives of The Grand Lodges from Wisconsin, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Missouri, Minnesota, Michigan, Kansas, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska.

The meeting was informal and centered around presentations of each Grand Lodge, who gave an update on what they were doing for public relations and promotion of Masonry within their jurisdiction. Richard Fletcher, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, also gave remarks and was able to bring things together on a national perspective.

This conference was very interesting and provided the opportunity of learning, directly, some very effective public relation techniques used by other jurisdictions.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

J. L. Spray, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Youth Committee, this year, awarded scholarships of \$500.00, each, to outstanding members of our three Masonic youth organizations. These scholarships were presented, by our Grand Master, Thomas W. Tye, and

our Grand Senior Warden, James N. DeMoss, at the annual meetings of the youth groups.

Receiving the scholarship for the Order of DeMolay was Todd Balfour of the Sidney Chapter. Todd is a Past Master Counselor and Past State Scribe of the Nebraska State Chapter. He is presently attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The scholarship for the Rainbow for Girls was awarded to Allison Petersen of Westside Assembly No. 22 in Omaha, Nebraska. Allison is a Past Worthy Advisor of her Assembly, and is also the fifth generation in her family affiliated with Masonic organizations in Nebraska. The scholarship for the International Order of Job's Daughters was presented to Karen Larson of Bethel No. 32 of Gering, Nebraska. Karen is a Past Honored Queen of her Bethel, and is involved in her church, school and community.

Congratulations were extended for the past services rendered by these three outstanding individuals. The Grand Lodge offers best wishes for their bright future.

The Committee determined that its mission is to promote our Masonic youth organizations and promote Masonry to young people, in general, and in our youth organizations, in particular. To do this, they continued to expand on the good relations between the Grand Lodge and each of the youth organizations, and improve the communication necessary to accomplish our common purpose. Additionally, the Grand Lodge has presented materials and a workshop on "Growth and Support of Youth Organizations", to encourage, and assist with the participation of Masons in our youth groups. The single critical element of the success or failure of a local Assembly, Bethel or Chapter is an active and committed adult leadership. Through your leadership, efforts and support, the young men and women in these organizations will become better citizens; supporters and benefactors of Freemasonry.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICES

James N. DeMoss, Chairman

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Offices has been an active committee during this past year. Our duties and responsibilities came fast after the installation of the Grand Master. Our first duty was the acceptance of the resignation on February 13, 1989, of Brother Darrell Christensen as Grand Lodge Office Manager. This necessitated the employment of a replacement. Mrs. Chris Rudder was hired to fill this vital position. At the same time, arrangements were made to employ Mrs. Shelly Fey, a former Grand Lodge Office employee, for a period of not more than two weeks, to assist in the transition. At the same time, Mrs. Shelly Vertch was on maternity leave from the office, and her position was

being filled, temporarily, by Miss Tish DeMoss. Mrs. Vertch returned from maternity leave in late February, but worked only about two weeks, at which time, her resignation was accepted. In April, based upon the request and recommendation of the Office Manager, the employment status of Miss Tish DeMoss was changed from temporary to full-time employment, as Administrative Secretary. During the Committee discussions on employment of Miss DeMoss, the Committee Chairman excused himself from the meeting and relinquished control of the proceedings to the Grand Master, who was present.

The duties of the new office staff were compounded by the need to bring the Grand Lodge accounting records up to date and into balance. Previous written recommendations of our auditors, and year-end adjusting entries to the books, directed by the auditors, were found to have been either neglected or ignored. Additionally, correspondence was found in the Grand Lodge Office which had not been properly answered or acted upon. In many cases, this inaction covered a period of several weeks or months. Membership and mailing records were several months behind in being posted to a current status on the computer system. During the year, many, many hours of overtime work have been required of the office staff.

Another very time-consuming requirement, which fell on the office staff, was the preparation and publication of the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Communications for the years 1984, 1987, and 1988, in addition to the publication of the 1989 Proceedings. Temporary office help was used to assist in this huge project.

During the year, all the files of the Grand Lodge Officers were required to be updated and placed in a more business-like and usable condition. All supplies on hand for resale were thoroughly inventoried, and found to be, in most cases, inadequately controlled and inaccurately reflected. Adjustments to accountability thereof were required to properly reflect the physical stocks on hand.

A new accounting system was instituted, along with a much-more-detailed Chart of Accounts. This has resulted in a far more accurate set of Grand Lodge financial records than has been known to exist previously. All of the accounting system changes were done in close concert with, and concurrence of, the accounting firm responsible for the Annual Audit. Additionally, much time has been devoted to coordination with the staff of the Nebraska Masonic Home in setting up their computer system and accounting records.

Certain recommendations of the Finance Committee were informally brought to the attention of this Committee and are being studied for appropriateness of adoption to the business methods followed by the office staff.

Acquisitions of new items of equipment for the Grand Lodge Office have been approved by the Committee. Additionally, several items of equipment have been donated by various individuals and the Nebraska Masonic Foundation. Our grateful appreciation for all of these donations is hereby made a matter of record.

Finally, it is the recommendation of this Committee, as required under Section 1-105 of the Bylaws, that the mileage and per diem allowances remain the same as previously last set.

As we close this year of Masonic service to the membership of our Grand Lodge, the entire committee wants to, specifically, state our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Chris Rudder, Office Manager, and to Miss Tish DeMoss, Administrative Secretary, for the countless hours of overtime devoted to the entire membership through exhausting efforts to make the Grand Lodge Office a more responsive focal point for Nebraska Freemasonry. Additional thanks must be given to Mrs. Mary Alice Rittenburg for her efforts and assistance in achieving the goal of publication of the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Everett K. Dappen, Chairman

The Committee respectfully submits as its report that the address of Most Worshipful Thomas W. Tye, as printed in the advance proceedings, be referred in part as follows:

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:
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 the Fraternal Dead:
the section on Necrology

The address reflects the interest the Grand Master has on the future prosperity and vitality of Masonry in Nebraska, as well as the activities of the past year. He

is to be commended for his efforts on behalf of the Craft. We recommend that matters not herein, specifically, referred to committee be approved.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

We recommend the report be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Returns:
the section on Returns

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

To the Committee on Grievances:
the section on Grievances

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

The Grand Secretary Pro Tem has earned the respect and gratitude of the entire Craft for the manner in which he took over the duties of his office in the middle of the Grand Lodge year, and the help he has given to the Secretaries of the constituent Lodges.

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 to the Committee on Nebraska Work be forwarded to the Committee for their guidance. We can all be proud of the leadership shown by our Grand Custodian and his Deputies during the past year. They are to be congratulated on their fine efforts and concern for the Craft.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

Frank J. Mattoon, Past Grand Master, Chairman

The Committee on Grievances had no matters of appeals or grievances for examination, report, or recommendation, submitted to it for the year, 1989.

REPORT OF THE LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Charles W. Amidon, Past Grand Master, Chairman

The Lodge Advisory Committee reports that no business was brought before the Committee for the year, 1989.

REPORT OF THE TEMPLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard D. Nelson, Jr., Chairman

The Temple Advisory Committee had action as follows during 1989:

1. Visited Springfield, Nebraska Lodge to inspect and make recommendations on renovation of the existing facility. Copy of report, dated February 18, 1989, forwarded to Grand Lodge.
2. Inspected and made recommendations on an existing church facility that Lodge No. 9, in Falls City, was considering purchasing. Copy of report, dated March 29, 1989, forwarded to Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

By Harry A. Spencer, Past Grand Master

Once again, I am privileged to welcome you to the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home. It has been a very eventful year, a busy one. So busy, it is hard for me to realize that another year has passed so quickly.

Before I begin my report, I pause to note our great loss in the death, last February, of our Most Worshipful Brother, Joseph C. Tye, a Trustee Emeritus, and the father of our present Grand Master. Most Worshipful Brother Joe, who appointed me in the Masonic Grand Lodge line, was a dedicated Mason and a very faithful Board Member. Except when illness prevented it, he never missed a meeting of our Home Board. Even though this required him to come in the night before the Board meeting, incurring the extra cost of a hotel room and the expenses incident to it. It is Most Worshipful Brother Joe, who is responsible for our Partial Pay Program. After a visit to the Minnesota Masonic Home, Most Worshipful Brother Joe sold our Board on the idea of the Partial Pay apartments.

"I pause for a moment of silent prayer in his memory."

The most outstanding development of the year was the completion and the dedication of the new infirmary addition to our facility. The residents were moved into the new wing on March 21, 1989. We are indebted to Winter Brothers Transfer Company for making the move for us at their actual cost.

The infirmary wing was dedicated on April 30, 1989, at an open house. It was preceded by a dinner for the Board of Trustees, Masonic Grand Lodge Officers, and other guests. This dinner was immediately followed by a short ceremony of dedication of the stained glass windows in the chapel, furnished by, and under the direction of, Liberty Chapter No. 273, O.E.S. We are grateful to them for this contribution to the maintenance of our beautiful chapel.

The dedication ceremony was held in the corridor and reception area of the infirmary addition. This area was completely filled by the 250 to 300 guests. After a prayer, we had a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a talk by the President of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce. As President of the Board of Trustees, I then welcomed our guests and gave a short history of the Home. I then presented Trustee Emeritus plaques to Most Worshipful Brothers T. Leo Stines, Louis Sylvester, and Harold Hultman, who retired from the Board on January 23, 1989. Most Worshipful Brother Harold Hultman, who had been the Chairman of our Building Committee, then gave a short talk. We had previously dedicated the day room on the first floor of the infirmary, where the reception was held, to Most Worshipful Brother Harold.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Thomas W. Tye, then gave the dedicatory address, which was followed by a musical program. Most Worshipful Brother Tye then requested our Executive Director, Brother Arthur Sharp, to present me and Mrs. Spencer to him. To our amazement, he informed us that the Board of Trustees, in a special session, without my presence, had decided that the new wing would be named the "Spencer Wing." At the May meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following resolution was adopted:

"That for now, and evermore, the infirmary wing of The Nebraska Masonic Home shall be called the Spencer Wing."

My surprise and gratitude was so great that I was at a loss for words. Even now, I can only say that the new wing was due to the great effort of many. I was just fortunate to be the President of the Board during its initiation and completion.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that this facility has been built without seriously depleting our endowment and bequest funds. To supplement contributions, we decided to put all bequests into the building fund until the costs were covered. While I have been greatly disappointed in the response from our Brethren to our building fund pleas, I was amazed at the amount of the bequests

we received. At the time we started talking about the project, I suggested that, from past history, we could expect \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00 annually, from this source. God has been very good to us since we started the project two and a half years ago. We have received several large bequests, and I can tell you that we now have in hand, or in sight, sufficient funds to fully cover the infirmary addition and its furnishings.

To keep pace with the times, and to insure continued support for the Home, the Board of Trustees voted to hire a Director of Development. A committee was appointed to interview applicants, and to recommend someone for the position. Eight applications were received. One of the applicants stood out as being so much better qualified than the others, that the choice was unanimous. Most Worshipful Brother Thomas W. Tye agreed to accept the position, starting March 1, 1990. We entered into a three-year contract with Worshipful Brother Tom. As you must appreciate, he is making a tremendous sacrifice to accept the position, because he will give up a very profitable law practice to devote full time to the task. Such dedication to Masonry is extremely rare.

To get the development program under way, the Trustees hired Leslie and Associates to work with Worshipful Brother Tom, as consultants, for a year, to help him formulate an efficient and effective program to ensure continued financial support for the Home. Although, Most Worshipful Brother Tom is not officially on the job, his program is well under way, as evidenced by The Nebraska Masonic Home Caring Club solicitation.

Last February, we purchased the property at 1217 D Street, Lot 4, Block 13, Young and Hayes addition. This now gives us the ownership of the entire block to the south of the Home. Two of the houses in that block had deteriorated to the point that they could not be economically repaired, so we had them demolished and taken off the tax rolls.

While all of our committees have been particularly active this year, some of them have been more active than others. Our Building and Grounds Committee, under the leadership of Worshipful Brother George Holman, has been particularly active this year. In addition to making sure the contractors repaired all errors and corrected all deficiencies in the construction of the new building, they had the roof over the office and the lounge repaired; added 36 new parking stalls to the north parking lot; removed an underground diesel-fuel tank and the contaminated dirt; removed two trees, which had become a hazard, from the south property; and contracted for the proper maintenance of the remaining trees on our premises. In addition to periodic inspection of the premises, they were always available for consultation with our Executive Director.

Brother Jerry Sievers and his Personnel Committee have also been particularly active, this year, with the implementation of the Employees' Handbook, the hiring

of the Director of Development, and the formulation of the evaluation guidelines for the Executive Director.

Our Insurance Committee, under the chairmanship of Worshipful Brother Charles Rasmussen, was not without problems. Our employees' benefit insurance, because of the medical cost for two dependents, escalated to the point that a question was presented as to our ability to provide such benefits. The Committee solved the present crisis by raising the deductible to \$250.00, and requiring the employee to pay 50% of dependent coverage. Our Home facility is now insured for \$10,125,000.00.

We are indebted to Worshipful Brother Donald Andrews, who took over as Finance Chairman, this year. Worshipful Brother Don has helped to revise our records and procedures, and has kept us continually advised as to the state of our finances. The records are now in such shape that we will be much better able to prepare the budget for the coming year.

I would indeed be remiss if I did not acknowledge the special contributions made by our Second Vice President, Worshipful Brother Frank V. Lawson, who is also a Trustee of the Grand Lodge. As I told you last year, he has been our financial mentor, and has spent many hours working on the Home's problems. He took control of our accounting problems, and has steered us to the place where, with our new computer, we are in much better position to handle our finances and other Home problems.

Worshipful Brother Jay Speck is responsible for the Home articles in the "Masonic News." As you should have observed, we have had very ample coverage of Home activities during the past year.

We are indebted to Brother Gerald E. Patton for recording the Cornerstone Ceremony and the dedication of the new addition. He has presented a tape of those proceedings to the Home for future reference, and to perpetuate the record of those historic events for posterity.

As I mentioned in my last report, we are bringing our operation into the present by installing a computer. Much has been done, during the past year, to accomplish that purpose. I am certain that our Executive Director, in his report, will cover this activity.

During the year, the Board has discussed the possibility of confusion on the tax deductibility of contributions to the Home, even though the Home is a 501 (C) (3) entity. This confusion could arise from a strict construction of certain Grand Lodge Bylaws. To avoid possible confusion, we have asked the Grand Master to propose certain changes to the Masonic Grand Lodge Bylaws. We have also asked Gary Radil to create anew 501 (C) (3) corporation, to be known as The

Nebraska Masonic HOme Foundation. Through these efforts, we hope to avoid any possible future conflict with Federal Internal Revenue regulations.

We are indebted to our Executive Director, Worshipful Brother Jay Speck, and the Brethren of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 for the help they have given to rejuvenate the Masonic Section in Oak Hill Cemetery. We have also made provision to provide grave markers for graves in that section.

The following is a list of the estates in which we were named as beneficiaries and of which we received notices during the year, or from which we have received remittances during 1989:

Elum J. Baldwin
Louise M. Blomenkamp
Elsie M. Brand
Donald Bucknell
Leonard C. Burley
Margie Helen Crandall
Frances M. Edwards
Sara J. Fry
Raymond J. Gillespie
Sylvia J. Henderson
Arline C. Hodges
Arthur E. Hughes
Marguerite E. Hughes
Augusta T. Jensen
Agnes Roberta Kiewit
Martha E. Lund
Clinton C. Mc Cracken
Irene M. McCurdy
Carl John Peterson
Mildred E. Pike
Mercedes Shaab
Marvin F. Scott
Maye L. Shall
Edward G. Smith
Marguerite Weaver
Evelyn M. Wilkerson
Virgil S. Wilson
Hazel C. Wochner

Most Worshipful Brother Thomas W. Tye, our Grand Master, has been a Trustee of The Masonic Home for the past three years. He is presenting a resolution to his Grand Lodge session for the Home. I urge each and every one of you present, who will be in attendance at Grand Lodge, to support the

resolutions Most Worshipful Brother Tom will offer for the benefit of the Masonic Home. As I have previously mentioned, Most Worshipful Brother Tom, who is to be our Director of Development, is a dedicated Mason, very knowledgeable on Home affairs, and is at an age where he will be of real service to the Home for many years to come. We are extremely fortunate to have a person of Most Worshipful Brother Tom's background and ability working for the welfare of the Home.

I commend our Executive Director, Brother Arthur R. Sharp, who is rendering invaluable service to the Home. There is no question that the Home is now moving ahead, and will move ahead in the future, under Worshipful Brother Art's leadership. I also commend Frankie Cotner and Pat Jensen, of our office staff, and Joan Novich, our Director of Nursing, for the help they are giving to bring the administration of the Home to its high level of efficiency.

It is not possible for me to adequately express my appreciation for the work done by our Trustees on their regular and special committees. They have been overloaded with detail that should not have been thrust upon them. We hope that some of the administrative changes we are making will relieve them of some of the pressure they have been under.

Reiterating what I have said, it has been a real pleasure for me to serve as President of The Nebraska Masonic Home during the past year. I have never worked with a group of individuals more conscientious, or more dedicated, than your present Trustees. They exemplify Masonic Brotherhood and charity at its best. For every one of them, it is a labor of love, which requires them to contribute of their substance, as well as their time. If our Nebraska Masons could really know how much work these Brethren render in their interest, I am sure they would be much more responsive to our financial needs.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
TO
THE TRUSTEES AND STOCKHOLDERS**

By Arthur R. Sharp, Executive Director

It is indeed a pleasure for me to, once again, report to you that your Nebraska Masonic Home is alive and well, and moving forward toward meeting the challenges of the future. These challenges become very evident when observing the statistics regarding the increasing numbers in the over-65 age group. According to the latest data available, Nebraska now has over 220,000 people, or 13.8%, of the population in this category. This is compared to 197,000 people, or 11.6% of the population, just five years ago. Just this one fact alone makes it

imperative that we look carefully at what demands the future will make upon our Nebraska Masonic Home. In December of 1989, the population of the Home was 90 residents. In December of 1989, this population had increased to 106 residents, or a 16% increase.

Our year started off with the installation of our new computer system on January 4th. During the past months, we have been working very hard to get the system up and operating, and have been working very closely with the Grand Lodge Office to insure a consistency in the financial reports that will allow us to take over the full financial reporting responsibility at the beginning of the new fiscal year on May 1, 1990. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the help, patience, cooperation, and many overtime hours which Chris, Tish and the Grand Lodge staff and officers devoted to helping with this gigantic undertaking.

My thanks also to our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Thomas W. Tye, for all the help and assistance he and his line officers have given to the Home. Their support and guidance has been greatly appreciated by the residents, as well as the staff and employees of the Home.

Needless to say, all of us at the Home are truly grateful to our Board of Trustees, who have worked tirelessly for the benefit of our Home. They have given very generously of their time, talent, and substance, in order that our mission of caring for our elderly brothers and their female relatives be a success. Under the leadership of Most Worshipful Brother Harry A. Spencer, our Trustees are a very dynamic force in furthering the tenets of Masonry, which are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

On March 21, 1989, we moved all of our people into the new "Spencer" infirmary wing. This "State of the Art" nursing facility is indeed a welcome change from the old building. Even though it took some getting used to, our residents and staff are now very grateful for the modern quarters and up-to-date equipment. The move was accomplished in only a seven-hour period, due to the many hours of advanced planning, the excellent cooperation of the residents, and a great deal of hard work on behalf of the employees. I would be remiss if I did not give a huge vote of thanks to Brother Bob Winters and Brother Lynn Ehlers, of Winters Brothers Moving Company, for their great help and assistance in providing the men and equipment for the move and doing it all at just their costs.

With the excellent help of Trustee Chuck Rasmussen and our Administrative Assistant, Mary Stapp, we have refurbished a great deal of our old furniture for the new "Spencer Wing". We are also very grateful for all the new furniture which was purchased and furnished for the day room areas of the "Spencer Wing". It makes the surroundings very pleasant and adds to the home-like atmosphere which we try very hard to provide.

This year, our display tables, which we have set up at both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, were met with a great deal of approval from all the delegates attending these functions. We have prepared four large picture boards, depicting everyday life and various activities at the Home, along with providing literature and information about the Home. Between Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, we arranged for sixteen speaking engagements at various lodge and chapters throughout the State during the past year. Both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter were very generous in their public contributions to the Home at these events.

We are very grateful to the Lincoln and Omaha Valleys of the Scottish Rite for their most generous contributions, from their respective almoners funds, of a total of ten new wheelchairs for our residents of the Home. These wheelchairs came at a time when we were most in need of this equipment. I would like to thank the almoners of these two Valleys, Mr. Bill Dean and Mr. Earl Stewart, for these fine contributions, along with Mr. Mel Hatfield, who arranged for their purchase at a very reasonable price.

The Nebraska York Rite Grand Chapter also visited the Home, with many of their officers and members, on a very snowy Sunday afternoon in February. They had lunch with our members, and were given a tour of our new "Spencer" infirmary wing. The fine contribution which they left was also greatly appreciated.

Our thanks also must be given to Mr. Ben Harvey, Administrator of the Masonic-Eastern Star Childrens Home in Fremont, for a wonderful day in which he and his farm manager brought ten of their children and several of their 4-H animals to the Home for our residents to enjoy. This was truly a nice diversion and provided a lot of enjoyment for our members.

On November 18, 1989, the Robert W. Boon Memorial Food Truck made its annual appearance at the Home. This marvelous contribution of food to the Home amounted to well over \$10,000.00 and will directly reduce our food costs by that same amount. Our grateful thanks go to Mr. Adolph Schlaman and all of the participating lodges and individuals who contributed to its success.

We also sincerely appreciate the generosity of the Keith and Norma Heuermann Charitable Trust for the fine contribution which allowed us to remodel a members' recreation area and purchase a pool table for our members. This has truly become a popular gathering place and social area for our members.

To the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary of the Order of Eastern Star of Nebraska, we would like to voice a special Thank You. Their continuing support of the Home has truly been gratifying. The personal visits and many special activities have brought many hours of pleasure to the residents of the Home.

Our special thanks must also go to all the Masonic bodies who have given so much to the Home in terms of time and service. Plattsmouth Lodge Number 6; Home Chapter Number 189 O.E.S., of Plattsmouth; the Sesostris and Tehama Shrine Temples, along with several of their units; the Masters and Wardens Club; and all of the area Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters.

Several special lodge sessions have been held this year at our Home by Plattsmouth Lodge Number 6. The highlight of these came this past December, when a Masters Degree was conferred at the Home on Past Masters' Night. This was followed by an oyster soup and chili feed served in our dining room.

A very personal thank you is also due the Plattsmouth Area Ministerial Association, who, not only provide weekly church services at the Home, but also provide spiritual counseling for our members when needed. A member of the local clergy can be found in our facility nearly every day.

Our Home physician, Doctor Richard Hurd, also deserves our gratitude. He not only directs the medical portion of our facility, but also counsels with our sick and infirm residents in a most loving way. He is always available, when needed, for our members' medical needs, and also, for advice to the administrative staff in matters concerning the health needs of the Home, in general.

I would also like to add my special thanks to Mrs. Mary Stapp, our Administrative Assistant; Mr. Harold Flockhart, our Assistant Director; Mrs. Frankie Cotner, our secretary, and Mrs. Pat Jensen, our comptroller; for the many extra hours of devoted service which they have contributed to insure the Home is managed in a way that will make all Nebraska Masons proud to call this their home.

In conclusion, I would like to pay tribute to one of our Trustees Emeritus, Most Worshipful Brother Joseph C. Tye. As a thirty-year friend and confidant, Most Worshipful Brother Joe reiterated to me, many times, that the most satisfying period of his life was the many years he spent serving on our Board of Trustees. In a life which was full of monumental accomplishments, such as serving as President of the Nebraska State Bar Association and as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, this tells a great deal about his great love for the Nebraska Masonic Home. He very rarely missed a meeting, even though this meant traveling some distance; and, no matter how busy he might be with his legal practice, he always had the time to deal with Home problems which might arise. He was the originator of the concept of having the Home made available to our Brothers and Sisters who were both willing and able to pay for their care or an apartment. This was the inception of the partial pay basis admission to the Home, which is still in effect, and now accounts for 61% of our total residents. Had this concept not been implemented, our population at the home, today, would be 41 members, instead of the 106 that now reside here. We are all the beneficiaries of his vision

and insight into the future needs of the Home. Speaking for all Nebraska Masons, I can only say that, while Worshipful Brother Joe may be gone from our midst, he will never be forgotten.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

By Charles E. House, President of the
Board of Trustees

It is my pleasure to bring you greetings from the children and staff of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. I also bring you greetings from the fine Board of Directors with which I have the pleasure of working.

Ben Harvey, our Administrator, and Tom Ritchie, our Director of Child Care Services, have had to deal with some unusual problems this past year. We had several House Parent changes, and the unusual move of all the children of the Truman Cottage to the Veazie Cottage, and the Veazie Cottage children to the Hartmann Cottage. This put added strain on those involved. We always hate to lose House Parents, because it disrupts the home atmosphere, and can cause turnover in children. A high percentage of the children that come to us have almost insurmountable problems without having to deal with the change in guidance patterns that these happenings cause. I am pleased to report, however, that because Ben and Tom move quickly, things are back to normal, and we have again obtained quality people in all of the vacancies created. It is unfortunate that we can't keep a backlog of applicants for these positions, but matching the right people to each opening is very important. Tom has done a fine job of filling the shoes of Chuck Patrie after his departure from our staff.

The 4-H Program is humming smoothly, because Ron Meyers makes it his top priority to keep it this way. Our ongoing program of putting in permanent, steel-pipe fence is in its third year. The boys and girls get first-hand experience in digging, setting, welding, and painting, under Ron's direction and assistance. The livestock, most of which was donated by Masons and Stars, have never looked better; and the awards won by the children seem to get more numerous each year. Marvin Lippincott helps with this program also, as well as attending his regular duties of Groundskeeper. He utilizes the boys and girls to clean up and maintain our entire acreage, and they do a wonderful job of improving its beauty. Everyone involved wants you and I to be as proud of their Home as they are.

Our office is managed by Gail Feye and her assistant, Shirley Carson, and is an efficient, pleasant place to work. They direct all the traffic, including the children, staff, visitors, delivery people, prospective residents, the incoming calls, correspondence and bookkeeping, and they do the job with apparent ease. We have discovered that our volume of both incoming and outgoing mail is

increasing, and we have just recently added a mailing machine to ease the workload. We are also putting more of our records on computer, thereby eliminating a lot of time consuming handwork.

We are progressing with major improvements on the resident buildings. The first project, Hartmann Cottage, was reopened, after being closed for seventeen years, in 1987; followed by the second project, in 1988, the restoration of the exteriors of all the other buildings to original condition. The third phase, the interior restoration and remodeling of Truman Cottage, the Senior Boys' residence, which was first occupied in 1922, is currently under way, and will be completed soon. We will replace the heating system, and include air conditioning, where it is not now of the central type; rewire where required; install all new plumbing; upgrade the bathroom facilities; and add more individual rooms by rearranging current areas of use.

These changes, after refinishing and decorating, will return this fine, extremely well-built, 67-year-old structure to as near-new condition as possible, and extend its useful life for many years to come.

Our census will be lower during this period of time, due to natural attrition, and not receiving new replacements. Care and guidance of children is our primary purpose in life, our whole reason for existence. It is our intention to succeed in this purpose, but we must operate under very strict government regulations - one of which tells us how many children we can have, and how many square feet of individual room space, per child, is required. By rearranging room space, we can increase our working census. We recently had a census of thirty two, leaving only two beds available with our present room arrangements. Only with a perfect mix of children can we bed to our rated capacity. A nearly impossible goal. By making changes in Truman, and, if possible, Veazie Cottage, our next project, we hope to increase these numbers, and extend our loving care and guidance to more children, the objective and driving force of all our successors.

Thanks to the many wonderful monetary gifts of love by our members throughout the State, both Masons and Eastern Stars, we are slowly, but surely, reaching our goal. Actions, several years ago, by visionary directors, setting up a separate building fund, has allowed our members the choice of adding to the endowment fund, or helping in this special project. We encourage you to be a part of this great work.

If, at the completion, there are excess funds in the building fund, they will be transferred to the endowment fund, so as to perpetuate the dream started by our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter near the turn of the century. We thank you for all contributions made to the Home this past year. No matter whether they are

large or small, every gift is greatly appreciated, and makes our task that much easier.

I would like to express appreciation to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for their monetary and fraternal support. Our Grand Master, or his representative, attends our board meetings as frequently as possible, and we appreciate their input and assistance. This year, the Grand Master included a program at Grand Lodge, with resident children involved, giving them a personal acquaintance with those they touch with their great and good work. These actions were welcomed and encouraged by the Home. It is his intention, and ours, that his brethren be well-informed, and become more involved, in their individual lodges, with this great charitable endeavor.

I would like to thank Rose Marie Hamilton, our State Home Representative, for her attendance at our meetings, and for her part in furthering the OES Home Representative Program.

I would like to thank Right Worshipful James N. DeMoss, Grand Senior Warden, and Past Grand Patron, for the hours he unselfishly gives in his capacity as advisor to our Finance Committee, which meets bimonthly, and reports at each board meeting, assuring us that our invested funds are safe and performing at the best rate possible.

I keep saying: "Thank You," but please understand that we do get a lot of help from the thousands of members of our Lodges and Chapters throughout the State; and we greatly appreciate it. What you do for these children is priceless, for our Home gives them the best opportunity to reorganize their lives, regain their self-respect, and a new direction they so desperately need and seek.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

J. L. Spray, Chairman

The Committee on Finance met periodically to perform the duties as outlined in Section 1-318 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

We discovered several problem areas, which we would like to report to the Grand Lodge.

A number of disbursements were not supported by paid bills or vouchers in the paid-bill file presented for our examination.

Routine expenditures would be considered to consist of:

Grand Lodge Office expenses - office salaries, pension payments, payroll taxes, utilities, office supplies, office rent, postage, computer supplies, computer maintenance, bank fees and charges, and group insurance, scholarships.

The Finance Committee will critically examine requested expenditures for alcoholic beverages, personal entertainment, meals considered to be extravagant, promotional activities, personal services other than by regular Grand Lodge Office employees, and any expenditure for which an appropriation has not been made.

The income and disbursement accounts for the Perpetual Membership, Emic Scholarship and Houghton Scholarship restricted funds are being included as income and expense in the monthly operating financial statements of the Grand Lodge. We recommend that these accounts be eliminated from the monthly operating financial statements of the Grand Lodge.

The Finance Committee wants to state that they do not approve of making appropriations in broad categories, as opposed to appropriations for the various expenses within the categories.

The Finance Committee has prepared a Grand Lodge expense comparison for 1980 through 1989, and proposed expenditures for 1990. This statement is presented for your review, together with a comparison of appropriations and expenditures for 1989.

Finally, it has been suggested that the function of the Finance Committee, in its review of expenditures, is only to determine proper classification of the expenditure. The Committee believes that its role is that of the internal auditor, and that its review should also extend to the propriety of the expenditure.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Don L. McCoy, Chairman

The following Lodges were cited by letter of December 27, 1989, for having missed two, or more, consecutive Grand Lodge Communications:

Corinthian Lodge No. 83 - Wakefield
Globe Lodge No. 113 - Madison
Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 125 - Genoa

Upright Lodge No. 137 - Burchard
Cambridge Lodge No. 150 - Cambridge
Wauneta Lodge No. 217 - Wauneta
Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 - Wood Lake
Cable Lodge No. 225 - Arnold
Zion Lodge No. 234 - Hyannis
Fraternity Lodge No. 235 - Winside
Anselmo Lodge No. 258 - Anselmo

All the above lodges reported to the Committee, with the exception of the following:

Globe Lodge No. 113
Upright Lodge No. 137
Cambridge Lodge No. 150

I called the Masters of the above three Lodges:

The mother of the Master of Globe No. 113 passed away, and the funeral was on the opening day of Grand Lodge.

The Master of Upright No. 137 said that all local members of the Lodge are in their eighties, and couldn't drive that far. They will be asking to consolidate with Pawnee Lodge No. 23.

Bernard Cordea, of Cambridge No. 150, reported that they could find no one able to get away from their business commitments to attend, but they will try to attend the 1991 session.

The following letter was sent to all Lodges which missed two, or more, consecutive years:

The Credentials Committee has reported that your Lodge has not been represented at the last two successive Grand Lodge Communications (1988 & 1989).

Under Section 2-514 of our Code, the Grand Master has the authority to lift the Charter of any Lodge that has not been represented for 2 consecutive years.

May we respectfully request that the Master and Wardens of your Lodge, or a Past Master, meet with the Committee on Charters and Dispensations at the Grand Lodge Communications to be held February 2nd, 1990, at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, at 10:00 a.m.

We will ask for an explanation as to why your Lodge has not been represented and endeavor to help solve the problem.

Please arrange to meet at the Credentials Check-in Desk.

I must also respectfully request that you read this letter in open lodge at your next regular communication, so that all the brothers will be aware of the situation.

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

By Ivan A. Vrtiska

The Appropriation Committee Report is before you. It has been submitted to you for review in your own lodges, in your own time. The Appropriations Committee did sit down and review this, thinking about what has been discussed today, regarding pride, visibility, enthusiasm, and new direction for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. We basically accepted the Appropriations Budget as it was submitted. Explanation of such has been presented to you. We did not want to stand in the line of progress of our Fraternity. With that thought, I would like to move that we approve the Appropriations Committee Report.

The motion was carried, and the new appropriations adopted as the appropriation for the 1990 Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

Steven F. Mattoon, Chairman

Your Committee on Codification of the Law respectfully submits its report relative to amendments or additions to the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge, as enacted at this communication.

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

Sec. 2-515 - AUDIT COMMITTEE - The Bylaws of each subordinate lodge, as provided for by Section 2-512, shall contain a provision for an Audit Committee, consisting of not less than three members, to be appointed, annually, by the Master of such lodge. The duties of such committee shall be to audit, on an annual basis, all books of record of the Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer, as of December 31 of each year. A report of such

audit will be spread upon the minutes of the lodge at the first, stated communication following such audit.

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

Sec. 2-702.1- PAYMENT FOR SUPPLIES - All supplies sold by the Grand Lodge Office to subordinate lodges will be billed to the lodge by the Grand Lodge Office by invoice at the time of shipping. Payments should be made against invoices received within 30 day. Monthly billings will be forwarded to all lodges with total outstanding invoices of \$10.00, or more. Monthly billings will be due and payable within 30 days of billing date.

That Sec. 2-601 be amended to delete the first sentence of the fifth paragraph, but otherwise, said Section shall remain unchanged.

That Section 1-401(a) of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows, and that the original of said Section be repealed:

Sec. 1-401 - BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES -

(a) The Board of Grand Trustees shall consist of five members, each to serve for a period of five years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually; and, in case of a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Grand Trustees, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired term. A majority of said board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting for the transaction of official business. Said Board of Grand Trustees shall have full charge of the purchase and sale of all investments of every nature belonging to the Grand Lodge and the investment or reinvestment of all Grand Lodge funds, subject to the jurisdiction and control of the Grand Lodge; including all funds, securities, mortgages, real estate and other property belonging to the Grand Lodge.

That Section 1-401(g) of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows and that the original of said Section be repealed:

(g) All funds, securities, real estate and other property held by this Grand Lodge shall be carried in the name of Grand Lodge, A.F.& A.M. of Nebraska. All deeds conveying real estate and all mortgages mortgaging real estate or personal property and releases or assignments thereof, or assignments or transfers of stock, certificates, or other securities or such other legal documents having to do with the sale, transfer, investment, reinvestment or management of said funds, securities or property, shall be executed by the Grand Master or the Chairman of the Board of Grand

Trustees and the Grand Secretary upon authorizations of the Board of Grand Trustees.

That Section 1-401(i) of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows and that the original of said Section be repealed:

(i) The Board of Grand Trustees shall designate the depositories for all funds and securities of the Grand Lodge under such terms and conditions as it shall deem proper.

That Section 1-404 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be repealed.

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:

Sec. 1-304-JURISPRUDENCE- This committee shall consist of five Past Grand Masters. The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by its members to serve for a one year term. The members of the initial five member committee shall be two Past Grand Masters selected by all the Past Grand Masters in attendance at the Regular Communication in which this section becomes effective, with one member serving for a one year term and one serving for a two year term; two Past Grand Masters appointed by the Grand Master, with one serving for a three year term and one for a four year term; and one Past Grand Master selected by the first four members and who will serve for a five year term. Thereafter the Grand Master shall annually appoint one member to the committee to serve for a term of five years. In the event of a vacancy, the Grand Master shall immediately fill the vacancy with such appointee serving the unexpired term of the original appointment.

The committee shall be advisory to the Grand Master. The committee shall determine matters of Masonic law which is referred to it by the Grand Master and shall make its report to the Grand Lodge. The decisions of the committee on Masonic law shall be conclusive except as finally determined by a majority vote of the membership of the Grand Lodge.

The committee shall meet at such times as is necessary to carry out its duties. Any meeting of the committee may be called by either the Grand Master or the Chairman of the Committee.

All recommendations which the Grand Master intends to make in his communication address shall be submitted by the Grand Master to this committee, all Grand Lodge Officers, and the Masters of all subordinate lodges not less than forty-five days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge.

All decisions rendered by the Grand Master shall be submitted to this committee prior to the opening of Grand Lodge.

That Section 1-315 of the Bylaws of the 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 amendments and Grand Master's recommendations approved by the Grand Lodge and after harmonizing the same as far as possible with the sections of the Bylaws so amended, it shall submit them in the form of finalized Bylaws at the same communication. The approved report of this committee shall constitute the amended Bylaws adopted by the Grand Lodge.

That Section 1-502 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows and that the original of said Section be repealed:

Section 1-502 - AMENDMENTS - These Bylaws or any of them, may be amended or repealed by the Grand Lodge, only in one of the following two manners. A proposed amendment may be made by the members of Grand Lodge, as defined in Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Every proposed amendment by the membership shall be reduced to writing and shall be signed by five or more members. It shall then be entered on the minutes and lay over until the next Regular communication, provided, however; that if unanimous consent is given by the Grand Lodge, a proposed amendment may be considered and be acted upon at the communication at which it is introduced. A proposed amendment may be made by the Grand Master in the form of a recommendation and shall be sent to those individuals as provided in Section 1-304 of these Bylaws. The recommendations of the Grand Master shall be voted on at the same communication in which they are offered.

Both proposals by the membership and recommendations of the Grand Master which amend these Bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of those present to become a law of this Grand Lodge. All proposals and recommendations receiving a two-thirds vote shall be referred to the Committee on the Codification of the Law.

Since the Committee on the Codification of the Law does not propose amendments except to put into effect changes already adopted, the form of the Bylaws set forth in their report pursuant to Section 1-315 of this Code need not be seconded or lie over before their report is voted upon.

Any proposed amendment or recommendation received at a regular communication and not acted upon as provided above shall be considered terminated.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

Don E. Rasmussen, Chairman

The business of an Annual Communication shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Part I of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Nebraska, as amended. The order of business shall be as shown in the printed program for the Communication, or as may be revised by the Grand Master to expedite the business and procedure of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee further recommends:

1. The Grand Master shall appoint a brother to serve as Parliamentarian of the Annual Communication. The Parliamentarian need not be a member of the Jurisprudence Committee. It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to advise and consult the Grand Master regarding procedures.
2. Committee Reports shall be given by the Chairman, or designated member from the East, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Master.
3. Amendments, which have been brought to the floor for ballot: one of the signers of an amendment shall state the position of the signers prior to the ballot.
4. Officers speaking on any motion, resolution, committee report, or other matter, may speak from the East. Members of the Grand Lodge may then speak from the main floor at a microphone near the altar, or as directed by the officer presiding. Time permitting, other brothers may then speak to the issue. Prior to speaking, each brother shall be recognized by the officer presiding, and shall state his name and lodge before addressing the Grand Lodge.
5. No brother shall speak more than twice on any motion, resolution, committee report or other matter, unless special permission is granted by the officer presiding. Members shall be recognized to speak in the order they rise, unless the officer presiding shall otherwise direct. If more than one brother rises at approximately the same time, the officer presiding shall direct the order of speaking.

6. Time limits on speaking shall not be imposed, unless the officer presiding shall announce time limits, in order to expedite the business of the Annual Communication. Upon announcement, the officer presiding shall enforce the stated limits.
7. When the Grand Lodge is passing upon the decision and formal recommendations of the Grand Master, the Grand Master shall first announce his position. The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee will announce the position of the Committee. Discussion will then be permitted with the Grand Master permitted to speak first, and the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee then permitted to speak. Members of the Grand Lodge shall then be permitted to speak to the issue. Time permitting, other brothers may speak; after which, a vote will be taken.
8. When the voting method is not prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws, it shall be by the usual sign of a Mason while voting. The Grand Master, or other officer presiding, may prescribe voting by secret, written ballot, or other method, at his discretion.
9. Questions of procedure not provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws, or these rules, shall be determined by the Grand Master.



All committee reports submitted were approved and adopted by the delegation of the 133rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska



VOTING ON RITUAL CHANGE

The Grand Master announced that it had been brought to his attention, by the Grand Custodian, that the 1989 proceedings contained the following proposed resolution, to be placed for vote at this 1990 session of the Grand Lodge:

Resolve that the statement that "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" be included in the preparatory address and removed from the ritual.

Motion was made to change ritual, in that the above disclaimer would be stated in the Preparation Room, and not preparatory at the altar. Vote was taken by a show of hands, resulting in the affirmative; therefore, disclaimer will be given in the Preparation Room.

The Grand Master advised that this change would take effect upon direction of the Grand Custodian, inasmuch as the Grand Custodian should have time to direct his Deputy Grand Custodians; and, they, in turn, direct the lodges.



PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON AND PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

At this time, Past Grand Master Bevin B. Bump came forward to present the Most Worshipful Grand Master with the Past Grand Master's Apron. Most Worshipful Brother Bump then presented the Grand Master with the Past Grand Master's Jewel, explaining that, through the years, the dies for the jewel had been misplaced. Therefore, dies were made to be identical to the Jewel of Past Grand Master Joseph C. Tye.



PREPARATORY TO CLOSING

Before closing, the Grand Master requested that any resolutions or bylaw changes, or anything of that nature, be presented to the Grand Secretary. In response, the appeal lodged against the Committee on Nebraska Work was withdrawn, and the Grand Master declared the appeal officially dismissed.

Brethren presented the following resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Section 1-314 of Grand Lodge Bylaws be revised to include a new paragraph 1-314 (h) to read as follows:

"It shall be the responsibility of the COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK to prepare STANDARD CEREMONIES for the authorized CEREMONIAL WORK for all subordinate Lodges within this Jurisdiction, subject to approval by the Grand Lodge."

Submitted by: Charles W. Amidon - Lodges Nos. 281 & 327
 Leo Stines - Lodges Nos. 36 & 323
 Wayne G. Lueningburg - Lodges Nos. 32 & 39
 James L. Eatmon - Lodge No. 294
 Kenneth G. Fleming - Lodge No. 75
 Jerry L. Rittenburg - Lodge No. 210

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Section 1-314 of Grand Lodge Bylaws be revised to include a new paragraph 1-314 (i) to read as follows:

"It shall be the responsibility of the COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK to prepare a STANDARD MONITOR for the authorized MONITORIAL WORK for all subordinate Lodges within this Jurisdiction subject to approval by the Grand Lodge."

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3. Resolve that the Section 2-408 - PLURAL MEMBERSHIP - of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be revised to include the statement that: "On a plural membership, there will be no Per Capita tax or Special Assessments."

Submitted by: Harold E. McClenahan - Lodge No. 25
 Mannie P. Hansen - Lodge No. 25
 Cleo W. Robinson, Jr. - Lodge No. 1
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 Charles R. McIntosh - Lodge No. 3
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 Frank La Breck - Lodge No. 281
 Karl H. Hoffman - Lodge No. 25

4. Chapter IV - SECTION 2-402 - PROFICIENCY - shall be amended by inserting after the first full sentence of the existing Bylaw, the words: "Such examination shall be defined by the individual subordinate lodge, and shall consist of what proof of proficiency the individual lodge deems appropriate."

Submitted by: Kurt R. Weiss - Lodge No. 19
 Reginald S. Kuhn - Lodge No. 19
 James F. Brown, Jr. - Lodge No. 54
 Delbert E. Adams - Lodge No. 54
 William E. Hokanson - Lodge No. 54

5. Whereas: No person, business, nor organization can long spend more than its revenues without financial annihilation be it resolved: That, after adoption of this resolution, the Appropriations Committee must submit a proposed budget not to exceed the anticipated revenues of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Submitted by: Don R. Monnette - Lodge No. 105
Kurt R. Weiss - Lodge No. 19
Gerald D. Sorensen - Lodge No. 127
Lewis B. Halsey - Lodge No. 48



CLOSING REMARKS

By Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas W. Tye

Brethren, I have one other thing that I want to do; and then we shall proceed to close.

On Monday of this week, I received a card in the mail; and, on the front of the card it reads as follows:

*"May you always be inspired to stand tall in the sunlight
To seek out the bright face of beauty
To reach for the dream, the star
To see the world through eyes of tenderness
To love with openheartedness
To speak with the quiet word of comforting
To look up to the mountain and to not be afraid to climb
To be aware of the needs of others
To believe in the wonder of life, the miracle of creation,
the rapture of love, the beauty of the universe,
the dignity of the human being."*

"Dear Dad:

I am so sorry that I will not be able to be with you during your final days as Grand Master. When you first became Grand Master, I was not fully aware of the true meaning of Masonry; but, now, I know.

I feel that it takes a special man to be a Mason. Several times, while working at the hospital, I have taken care of patients, and noticed that they were wearing a Masonic ring. When I told them that my grandfather, father, and brothers, were Masons, their faces would light up; and it created an instant bond and trust.

I have watched you interact with your fellow brethren, and I see love, caring, and respect. You have truly acquired lifetime friendships. I have seen Masons stick together through tragedy and joy, which, I feel, is the meaning of Masonry. I am so proud of you and your accomplishments, and I know

that Grandpa would also be proud. Beneath that tough exterior, I have always known that there is one of the most special, loving and caring fathers in the world.

Again, congratulations on a very successful term. Remember that I am with you in spirit.

With all my love,

Your daughter, Debbie"

Thank you my Brethren. Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain, will you lead us in prayer?



CLOSING

The Grand Chaplain lead 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 Grand Marshal proclaimed the 133rd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons closed in ample form.



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of
Grand Lodge
A.:F & A.:M
of Nebraska



Kearney, Nebraska
February 2nd and 3rd, 1990

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- Marvin Andersen** 1710 Mulberry, Dakota City 68731
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 274, Walthill; Pilot 240, Lyons; Jordan 27, West Point; Golden
 Rule 236, Allen; Magnolia 220, Emerson
- Michael G. Eason** Route 1, North Bend 68649
 Scribner 132, Scribner; Hooper 72, Hooper; North Bend 119,
 North Bend; Oakland 91, Oakland; Comet 229, Ceresco
- Scott Eveland** Route 1, Ames 68621
 Landmark 222, Herman; Tekamah 31, Tekamah; Acacia 34,
 Schuyler; Lebanon 323, Columbus; George Armstrong 241, Craig;
 Fidelity 51, David City
- Darryl Frerichs** Route 1, Pilger 68768
 Wayne 120, Wayne; Fraternity 235, Winside; Wisner 114, Wisner;
 Northern Light 41, Stanton; Corinthian 83, Wakefield; Globe 113,
 Madison
- Bruce Curtiss** 317 West Locust, Plainview 68769
 Relief 219, Coleridge; Laurel 248, Laurel; Plainview 204, Plainview;
 Gilead 233, Butte; Ornan 261, Spencer; Ionic 87, Niobrara
- Fernando Siores** 1100 Terrace Road, Norfolk 68701
 Albion 78, Albion; Newman Grove 305, Newman Grove;
 Evergreen 153, Pierce; Mosaic 55, Norfolk; Crescent 143,
 Primrose; Mount Nebo 125, Genoa
- Willotte Medow** 3404 Rolling Hills Drive, Norfolk 68701
 Trowel 71, Neligh; Diamond 291, Orchard; Atkinson 164,
 Atkinson; Wausa 251, Wausa; Bloomfield 218, Bloomfield
- Roderick Imm** 107 North Cedar, Ainsworth 69210
 Bassett 254, Bassett; Long Pine 136, Long Pine; Silver Cord 224,
 Ainsworth; Garfield 95, O'Neill; Wood Lake 221, Wood Lake
- Tom Elder** Route 2, Box 16A, Imperial 69033
 Ogallala 159, Ogallala; Sutherland 299, Sutherland; Perkins 308,
 Grant; Wallace 279, Wallace; Palisade 216, Palisade; Purity 198,
 Imperial; Wauneta 217, Wauneta

- Randolph R. Eatmon** 315 West 9th, Kimball 69145
Kimball 294, Kimball; Frank Welch 75, Sidney; Goldenrod 306,
Lodgepole; Golden Fleece 205, Chappell; Harmony 321, Dalton;
Oshkosh 286, Oshkosh
- Stephen Gilmore** 903 Armory Road, Gering 69341
Robert W. Furnas 265, Scottsbluff; Oasis 271, Morrill; Mitchell
263, Mitchell; Scottsbluff 201, Gering; Minatare 295, Minatare;
Bayard 301, Bayard; Camp Clarke 285, Bridgeport
- Richard Lee Bretthauer** Route 1, Box 270, Mitchell 69357
Sioux 277, Harrison; Samaritan 158, Chadron; Hay Springs 177,
Hay Springs; Arcana 195, Gordon; Alliance 183, Alliance; Zion
234, Hyannis
- Wayne G. Luenenborg** 2202 West D St., North Platte 69101
Mullen 282, Mullen; Seneca 284, Thedford; Anselmo 258,
Anselmo; Cable 225, Arnold
- Ernest G. Lehmkuhler** 127 North Allen Ave., North Platte 69101
Parian 207, Callaway; Platte Valley 32, North Platte; Minnekadusa
192, Valentine
- Albert A. Wise** 133 Lawrence Road, Hebron 68370
- Rick Saum** 1535 I Street, Geneva 68361
York 56, York; Fairmont 48, Fairmont; Geneva 79, Geneva; Edgar
67, Edgar; Lily 154, Davenport; Gavel 199, Carleton; Hebron 43,
Hebron; Chester 298, Chester
- Gary Steffens** Route 1, Box 98A, Firth 68358
Highland 194, Cortland; DeWitt 111, DeWitt; Beatrice 26,
Beatrice; Wymore 104, Wymore; Barneston 165, Barneston;
Fairbury 35, Fairbury
- Michael Jones** 222 5th Street, David City 68632
Silver 266, Silver Creek; Cedar River 89, Fullerton; Stromsburg
126, Stromsburg; Osceola 65, Osceola; Mt. Zion 161, Shelby;
Composite 81, Rising City; Solar 134, Clarks; Polk 311, Polk
- Henry C. Beatty** 659 Faidley Plaza, Grand Island 68801
Ashlar 33, Grand Island; Grand Island 318, Grand Island; St. Paul
82, St. Paul; Friendship 239, Chapman; Keystone 62, Phillips; Lone
Tree 36, Central City; Cairo 324, Cairo; Hampton 245, Hampton;
Aurora 68, Aurora

- Dale Whitefoot** **Route 2, Box 24, Shelton 68876**
 Hastings 50, Hastings; Mid-West 317, Hastings; Harvard 44,
 Harvard; Evening Star 49, Sutton; Guide Rock 128, Guide Rock;
 Nelson 77, Nelson; Superior 121, Superior; Cement 211, Wood
 River
- Lawrence D. Yost** **514 Padua, Ravenna 68869**
 Ord 103, Ord; Crystal 191, Scotia; Custer 148, Broken Bow; Mason
 City 170, Mason City; Lotus 289, Ravenna; Porter 106, Loup City
- Harold Rutter** **Box 464, Elm Creek 68836**
 Meridian 188, Cozad; Elwood 167, Elwood; Thistle 61, Lexington;
 Jachin 146, Holdrege; Rob Morris 46, Kearney; Minden 127,
 Minden; Shelton 99, Shelton; James A. Tulleys 267, Overton
- Norman L. Coe** **920 West 22nd St., Kearney 68847**
 Beaver City 93, Beaver City; Rawalt 138, Oxford; Melrose 60,
 Orleans; Republican 98, Republican City; Franklin 264, Franklin;
 Charity 53, Red Cloud
- Marvin K. Colson** **509 Simpson St., Box 131, Bartley 69020**
 Justice 180, Benkelman; Robert Burns 173, Stratton; Bartley 228,
 Bartley; Culbertson 174, Culbertson; McCook 135, McCook;
 Endeavor 262, Indianola; Cambridge 150, Cambridge; Monument
 293, Arapahoe
- Gladwyn A. Youngs** **3900 South 39th St., Lincoln 68506**
 Friend 73, Friend; Blue River 30, Milford; Crete 37, Crete; Blue
 Valley 64, Wilbur; Union 287, Palmyra; Canopy 209, Elmwood;
 Euclid 97, Weeping Water; Hickman 256, Lincoln; Bennet 94,
 Lincoln; College View 320, Lincoln
- Everette D. Hilfiker** **107 South Elm Street, Mead 68041**
 George Washington 250, Lincoln; Cotner 297, Lincoln; Oliver 38,
 Seward; Lincoln 19, Lincoln; Lancaster 54, Lincoln; East Lincoln
 210, Lincoln; North Star 227, Lincoln; Pomegranate 110, Ashland;
 Utica 96, Utica
- Jerry Verbeek** **1550 North Lincoln, Fremont 68025**
 Fremont 15, Fremont; Hiram 52, Arlington; Victory 310, Valley;
 Waterloo 102, Elkhorn; John S. Bowen 232, Kennard; Washington
 21, Blair, Solomon 10, Ft. Calhoun

- Herbert P. Taylor** **1808 Franklin Street, Bellevue 68005**
 Bellevue 325, Bellevue; Papillion 39, Papillion; Springfield 112,
 Springfield; Plattsmouth 6, Plattsmouth; Nebraska 1, Omaha;
 Capitol 3, Omaha; Nehawka 246, Nehawka
- Thomas F. Simpson, Jr.** **2556 South 125th, Omaha 68144**
 John J. Mercer 290, Omaha; Mizpah 302, Omaha; Centennial 326,
 Omaha; Shiloh 327, Omaha; Miloma 328, Omaha
- Don L. McCoy** **3704 Gordon Street, Omaha 68105**
 Covert 11, Omaha; St. Johns 25, Omaha; Bee Hive 184, Omaha;
 George W. Lininger 268, Omaha; Florence 281, Omaha; Omaha
 288, Omaha; Victory 310, Valley
- Lloyd F. Vrtiska** **Route 1, Box 99, Table Rock 68447**
 Mt. Moriah 57, Syracuse; Western Star 2, Nebraska City;
 Tecumseh 17, Tecumseh; Trestle Board 162, Brock; Peru 14, Peru;
 Auburn 124, Auburn; Nemaha Valley 4, Brownville
- Clay W. Kennedy** **Route 1, Box 38, Brownville 68321**
 Orient 13, Rulo; Falls City 9, Falls City; Stella 105, Stella;
 Humboldt 40, Humboldt; Table Rock 108, Table Rock; Pawnee 23,
 Pawnee City; Upright 137, Burchard

GRAND CUSTODIAN

**Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210
3540 Daniel Road
Lincoln, Nebraska 68506**

**DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS
AND THEIR DISTRICTS**

NAME

APPOINTED

District #1

Roy L. Smith, 6, Rt. 1, Box 122, Plattsmouth 68048 1989
Western Star #2, Nebraska City; Plattsmouth #6, Plattsmouth;
Springfield #112, Springfield; Nehawka #246, Nehawka

District #2

Don L. McCoy, 11, 3704 Gordon St., Omaha 68105 1975
Solomon #10, Fort Calhoun; Covert #11, Omaha; Papillion #39,
Papillion; Florence #281, Omaha; John J. Mercer #290, Omaha;
Mizpah #302, Omaha

District #3

Augustine S. Scolaro, 3, 801 5th St. No., Bellevue 68005 1981
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, 31, R.R. 2, Box 102, Tekamah 68061 1976
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, 108, Table Rock 68447 1988
Falls City #9, Falls City; Orient #13, Rulo; Pawnee #23, Pawnee City; Humboldt #40, Humboldt; Stella #105, Stella; Table Rock #108, Table Rock; Upright #137, Burchard

District #8

John C. Sierks, 4, Rt. 1, Box 15, Brownville 68321 1969
Nemaha Valley #4, Brownville; Peru #14, Peru; Tecumseh #17, Tecumseh; Auburn #124, Auburn; Trestle Board #162, Brock

District #9

Lloyd I. Edwards, 110, 2642 Kendel Dr., Ashland 68003 1960
Wahoo #59, Wahoo; Waterloo #102, Elkhorn; Pomegranate #110, Ashland; Comet #229, Ceresco; Victory #310, Valley

District #10

Steven A. Green, 54, 2635 S. 12th St., Lincoln 68502 1988
Lincoln #19, Lincoln; Blue River #30, Milford; East Lincoln #210, Lincoln; Hickman #256, Lincoln; Cotner #297, Lincoln; Liberty #300, Lincoln; Roscoe Pound Research #329, Lincoln

District #11

Eugene C. Sibley, 54, 5221 S. 67th, Lincoln 68516 1984
Lancaster #54, Lincoln; Mt. Moriah #57, Syracuse; Euclid #97, Weeping Water; Highland #194, Cortland; George Washington #250, Lincoln; Union #287, Palmyra; Craftsmen #314, Lincoln

District #13

Daniel E. Spearow, 26, 112 N. 28th, Beatrice 68310 1989
Beatrice #26, Beatrice; Fairbury #35, Fairbury; Wymore #104, Wymore; Barneston #165, Barneston; Gavel #199, Carleton

District #14

To Be Appointed

Garfield #95, O'Neill; Atkinson #164, Atkinson; Gilead #233, Butte; Bassett #254, Bassett; Ornan #261, Spencer

District #15

Justin F. Fauss, 55, Rt. 1, Box 475, Norfolk 68701 1982
Northern Light #41, Stanton; Mosaic #55, Norfolk; Globe #113, Madison; Wisner #114, Wisner; Evergreen #153, Pierce; Fraternity #235, Winside; Newman Grove #305, Newman Grove

District #16

Lynn Doty, 251, Box 178, Wausa 68786 1977
Trowel #71, Neligh; Ionic #87, Niobrara; Plainview #204, Plainview; Bloomfield #218, Bloomfield; Wausa #251, Wausa; Diamond #291, Orchard

District #17

Victor D. Hunt, 62, Rt. 1, Box 9, Phillips 68865 1976
Keystone #62, Phillips; Aurora #68, Aurora; Shelton #99, Shelton; Cement #211, Wood River; Friendship #239, Chapman; Hampton #245, Hampton

District #18

Arthur S. Dye, 317, 910 Jefferson, Hastings 68901 1964
Harvard #44, Harvard; Hastings #50, Hastings; Charity #53, Red Cloud; Minden #127, Minden; Guide Rock #128, Guide Rock; Franklin #264, Franklin; Mid-West #317, Hastings

District #19

Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65, Rt. 1, Box 31, Osceola 68651 1967
Fidelity #51, David City; Osceola #65, Osceola; Composite #81, Rising City; Mt. Zion #161, Shelby; Lebanon #323, Columbus

District #20

Robert E. Kyes, 36, 1208 21st Ave., Central City 68826 1986
Lone Tree #36, Central City; Albion #78, Albion; Cedar River #89, Fullerton; Solar #134, Clarks; Crescent #143, Primrose

District #21

Wayne W. Beatty, 126, Rt. 2, Stromsburg 68666 1984
York #56, York; Mount Nebo #125, Genoa; Stromsburg #126,
Stromsburg; Silver #266, Silver Creek; Polk #311, Polk

District #22

A. W. Clark, 318, 219 W. 15th, Grand Island 68801 1982
Ashlar #33, Grand Island; St. Paul #82, St. Paul; Porter #106,
Loup City; Lotus #289, Ravenna; Grand Island #318, Grand
Island; Cairo #324, Cairo;

District #23

D. Wayne Erickson, 146, 1010 Garfield, Holdrege 68949 1970
Melrose #60, Orleans; Beaver City #93, Beaver City; Republican
#98, Republican City; Rawalt #138, Oxford; Jachin #146,
Holdrege; Monument #293, Arapahoe

District #24

Ralph E. McNulty, 188, Box 83, Cozad 69130 1975
Platte Valley #32, North Platte; Rob Morris #46, Kearney; Thistle
#61, Lexington; Elwood #167, Elwood; Meridian #188, Cozad;
James A. Tulleys #267, Overton

District #25

To Be Appointed

McCook #135, McCook; Cambridge #150, Cambridge; Culbertson
#174, Culbertson; Bartley #228, Bartley; Endeavor #262,
Indianola

District #26

Arthur J. Ferguson, 221, Rt. 2, Box 2, Wood Lake 69221 1979
Long Pine #136, Long Pine; Minnekadusa #192, Valentine; Wood
Lake #221, Wood Lake; Silver Cord #224, Ainsworth; Seneca
#284, Thedford

District #27

Alfred V. Peltzer, 148, Rt. 2, Box 225, Broken Bow 68822 1975
Ord #103, Ord; Custer #148, Broken Bow; Mason City #170,
Mason City; Crystal #191, Scotia; Blazing Star #200, Burwell;
Parian #207, Callaway; Cable #225, Arnold; Anselmo #258,
Anselmo

District #28

V. Rosenberger, 183, 320 Box Butte, Hemingford 69348 1982
Alliance #183, Alliance; Zion #234, Hyannis; Mullen #282,
Mullen; Camp Clarke #285, Bridgeport

District #29

Leslie A. Evert, 195, 508 Ash St., Gordon 69343 1985
Samaritan #158, Chadron; Hay Springs #177, Hay Springs; Arcana
#195, Gordon; Sioux #277, Harrison

District #30

Steven K. Jones, 263, 265, 1555 14th St., Mitchell 69357 1988
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell; Robert W.
Furnas #265, Scottsbluff; Oasis #271, Morrill; Minatare #295,
Minatare; Bayard #301, Bayard

District #31

Gordon E. Richards, 75, 2404 Steven Ave., Sidney 69162 1986
Frank Welch #75, Sidney; Golden Fleece #205, Chappell;
Oshkosh #286, Oshkosh; Kimball #294, Kimball; Golden Rod
#306, Lodgepole; Harmony #321, Dalton

District #32

Roger L. Shillington, 180, Rt. 1, Box 13, Max 69037 1976
Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity
#198, Imperial; Palisade #216, Palisade; Wauneta #217, Wauneta

District #33

Harry L. Saum, 308, P. O. Box 261, Grant, 69140 1979
Ogalalla #159, Ogalalla; Wallace #279, Wallace; Sutherland #299,
Sutherland; Perkins #308, Grant

District #34

W. Dale Page, 15, 1925 No. Platte Ave., Fremont 68025 1985
Fremont #15, Fremont; Acacia #34, Schuyler; Hiram #52,
Arlington; Hooper #72, Hooper; North Bend #119, North Bend;
Scribner #132, Scribner; John S. Bowen #232, Kennard

District #35

Harold W. Noble, 325, 2504 Sidney St., Bellevue 68005 1987
Nebraska #1, Omaha; St. Johns #25, Omaha; Omaha #288,
Omaha; Bellevue #325, Bellevue

District #36

Deon D. Eberly, 314, 3765 B St., Lincoln 68510 1988
Crete #37, Crete; Blue Valley #64, Wilbur; Bennet #94, Bennet;
DeWitt #111, DeWitt; Canopy #209, Elmwood; North Star #227,
Lincoln; College View #320, Lincoln

District #37

Ben D. Fussell, 79, 1610 G St., Geneva 68361 1976
Oliver #38, Seward; Fairmont #48, Fairmont; Evening Star #49,
Sutton; Friend #73, Friend; Geneva #79, Geneva; Utica #96,
Utica

District #38

Robert M. Littrell, 77, 290 S. Montgomery St., Nelson 68961 1989
Hebron #43, Hebron; Edgar #67, Edgar; Nelson #77, Nelson;
Superior #121, Superior; Lily #154, Davenport; Chester #298,
Chester

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- Frank H. Smith, 301 Box 644, Bayard 69334
- T. Leo Stines, 36 2404 21st St., Central City 68826
- Glenn W. Binder, 23 Rt. 2, Pawnee City 68420
- Curtis J. Griess, 49 1215 N. Howard, Grand Island 68801
- Arnold F. Mains, 15 2084 N. Lincoln, Fremont 68025
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- Walter S. Cork, 75 2416 Steven Ave., Sidney 69162
- Paul D. Fleming, 93 R. R. 1, Box 48G Beaver City 68926
- Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210 5745 Baldwin, Lincoln 68507
- Mannie O. Hansen, 1 2531 Iowa St., Omaha 68112
- Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210 2615 Randolph, Lincoln 68510
- Herman O. Hansen, 3 8521 California, Omaha 68114
- Jens P. Nielsen, 121 1355 Idaho St., Superior 68978
- Richard L. Mauch, 254 Box 10, Sec. 1, Bassett 68714
- Everett K. Dappen, 265 602 W. 29th St., Scottsbluff 69361
- Frank R. Harris, 77 Box 3, Nelson 68961

MEMBERSHIP and ACTIVITY of NEBRASKA LODGES for 1989

LODGE	E. A.		F. C.		MASTER MASONS															Total Loss	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1989
	Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1989	Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1989	Membership Dec. 31, 1988	GAIN						LOSS									
						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Deaths	Demitted	Suspended	Withdrew	Other Causes				
1 - Nebraska	4	0	4	1	444	3	1	1	1	0	0	6	14	1	8	1	4	28	422		
2 - Western Star	1	4	1	2	234	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	7	0	5	0	0	12	225		
3 - Capitol	6	3	3	0	235	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	11	0	19	0	0	30	211		
4 - Nemaha Valley	4	2	5	2	42	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	42		
5 - Omadi	1	0	1	2	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	2	10	67		
6 - Plattsmouth	6	7	3	0	255	3	2	2	3	0	0	10	8	2	0	0	0	10	255		
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	116	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	8	108		
10 - Solomon	0	4	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	89		
11 - Covert	11	2	11	2	760	11	6	0	10	0	0	27	18	2	31	0	0	51	736		
13 - Orient	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	26		
14 - Peru	0	1	0	1	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	9	53		
15 - Fremont	6	3	7	2	456	6	5	0	5	0	0	16	11	2	8	0	0	21	451		
17 - Tecumseh	0	0	0	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	4	83		
19 - Lincoln	3	12	2	4	393	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	16	1	13	0	0	30	367		
21 - Washington	3	0	5	0	105	5	1	2	0	0	0	8	4	1	2	0	8	15	98		
23 - Pawnee	1	2	3	2	68	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	2	7	64		
25 - St. Johns	2	1	2	0	347	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	13	3	0	0	0	16	334		
26 - Beatrice	1	0	2	0	269	4	0	2	2	0	0	8	7	1	7	0	1	16	261		
27 - Jordan	0	2	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	40		
30 - Blue River	2	0	2	0	54	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	4	52		
31 - Tekamah	1	3	2	1	166	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	4	165		
32 - Platte Valley	3	2	7	4	413	4	1	1	1	0	0	7	12	2	14	3	0	31	389		
33 - Ashlar	1	3	0	0	281	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	9	0	0	21	261		
34 - Acacia	2	0	2	0	110	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	2	5	0	0	11	102		
35 - Fairbury	0	0	0	0	136	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	131		
36 - Lone Tree	1	0	1	1	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	7	99		
37 - Crete	1	2	4	1	126	3	0	1	1	0	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	2	129		
38 - Oliver	0	4	0	1	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83		

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39 - Papillion	12	17	12	12	523	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	20	7	12	1	0	40	495
40 - Humboldt	3	2	2	0	57	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	4	56
41 - No. Light	0	0	6	0	59	6	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	1	1	0	1	3	63
43 - Hebron	1	0	1	0	64	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	64
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	53
46 - Rob Morris	14	19	14	9	247	17	1	1	0	0	0	19	3	0	2	0	0	5	261
48 - Fairmont	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	7	39
49 - Evening Star	1	0	1	2	57	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	8	1	0	0	0	9	49
50 - Hastings	2	0	10	2	284	9	0	2	0	0	2	13	19	0	2	0	0	21	276
51 - Fidelity	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	4	64
52 - Hiram	0	1	0	0	54	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	52
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	91	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	6	87
54 - Lancaster	7	16	5	1	683	6	2	1	4	0	0	13	16	0	20	0	0	36	660
55 - Mosaic	2	5	0	0	187	2	2	1	2	0	0	7	1	1	10	0	0	12	182
56 - York	2	4	1	0	179	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	6	175
57 - Mt. Moriah	1	1	1	2	54	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	4	51
59 - Wahoo	1	5	0	0	158	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	3	0	0	7	152
60 - Melrose	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	92
61 - Thistle	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	4	146
62 - Keystone	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	6	0	0	11	64
64 - Blue Valley	0	0	3	0	55	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	2	3	56
65 - Osceola	2	3	2	0	69	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	69
67 - Edgar	2	0	2	2	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	39
68 - Aurora	1	1	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	1	0	9	64
71 - Trowel	0	1	0	0	71	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	69
72 - Hooper	0	0	3	4	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	71
73 - Friend	0	0	0	1	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	45
75 - Frank Welch	1	2	6	1	199	5	1	2	1	0	1	10	4	1	0	1	2	8	201

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77 - Nelson	1	1	1	0	87	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	4	84
78 - Albion	0	1	0	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	53
79 - Geneva	3	2	3	0	135	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	6	0	0	12	128
81 - Composite	1	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	54
82 - St. Paul	0	0	0	0	89	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	90
83 - Corinthian	0	1	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	41
87 - Ionic	1	6	0	2	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	50
89 - Cedar River	0	1	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	7	57
91 - Oakland	0	0	0	0	66	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	70
93 - Beaver City	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	4	43
94 - Bennet	0	0	2	0	43	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	5	40
95 - Garfield	0	1	3	3	74	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
96 - Utica	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	43
97 - Euclid	3	0	6	2	91	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	2	1	3	0	0	6	90
98 - Republican	0	0	0	0	31	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
99 - Shelton	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	27
102 - Waterloo	0	7	0	2	137	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	5	1	3	0	0	9	131
103 - Ord	2	1	1	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	63
104 - Wymore	1	4	1	2	99	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	5	96
105 - Stella	0	4	0	1	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	2	5	28
106 - Porter	0	0	1	1	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	36
108 - Table Rock	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
110 - Pomegranate	1	4	1	2	178	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	5	1	2	0	0	8	172
111 - DeWitt	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	40
112 - Springfield	28	15	27	9	91	28	0	0	0	0	0	28	2	0	0	0	0	2	117
113 - Globe	1	0	1	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	4	32
114 - Wisner	2	1	1	0	66	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	67
119 - North Bend	4	3	5	4	90	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	90

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120 - Wayne	1	3	1	0	137	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	1	6	134
121 - Superior	0	3	0	0	122	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	6	2	1	0	0	9	116
124 - Auburn	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	6	57
125 - Mt. Nebo	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	31
126 - Stromsburg	0	1	0	1	123	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	120
127 - Minden	0	1	2	1	66	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	67
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	3	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	64
132 - Scribner	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	40
135 - McCook	4	13	8	3	246	9	2	1	0	0	0	12	15	0	18	0	9	42	216
136 - Long Pine	0	0	1	0	31	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	31
137 - Upright	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	27
138 - Rawl	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	34
143 - Crescent	4	0	4	0	17	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
146 - Jachin	0	5	0	0	137	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	13	0	2	0	0	15	124
148 - Custer	0	1	1	0	142	4	9	0	0	0	0	13	5	0	1	0	0	6	149
150 - Cambridge	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	6	36
153 - Evergreen	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	27
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	43
158 - Samaritan	1	0	1	1	151	0	2	1	0	0	1	4	3	1	0	0	0	4	151
159 - Ogallala	5	2	5	2	121	5	2	0	0	0	0	7	5	0	1	0	0	6	122
161 - Mt. Zion	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	28
162 - Trestleboard	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	44
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
165 - Barneston	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	24
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	5	47
170 - Mason City	1	0	1	1	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	30
173 - R. Burns	1	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	52

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174 - Culbertson	2	1	2	0	55	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
177 - Hay Springs	0	2	0	0	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	93
180 - Justice	0	1	1	1	80	1	0	1	1	0	1	4	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	77
183 - Alliance	6	5	5	1	228	5	1	0	2	0	0	8	6	2	4	0	2	14	222	14	466	
184 - Bee Hive	11	3	13	2	471	13	0	2	4	0	0	19	9	2	13	0	0	24	466	24	466	
188 - Meridian	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	4	86	0	86	
191 - Crystal	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	0	34	
192 - Minnekadusa	1	0	1	0	98	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	4	97	0	97	
194 - Highland	2	2	0	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	4	50	0	50	
195 - Arcana	5	0	6	0	84	8	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	0	0	1	92	0	92	
198 - Purity	0	2	1	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	71	0	71	
199 - Gavel	0	1	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	25	0	25	
200 - Blazing Star	3	0	3	1	47	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	2	50	0	50	
201 - Scotts Bluff	2	0	5	0	119	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	1	6	0	0	12	113	0	113	
204 - Plainview	2	1	1	1	139	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	8	0	0	12	129	0	129	
205 - Golden Fleece	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	
207 - Parian	1	1	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	25	
209 - Canopy	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	47	0	47	
210 - East Lincoln	10	10	12	3	645	16	1	1	2	0	0	20	25	3	18	0	0	46	619	0	619	
211 - Cement	0	2	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	18	0	1	22	61	0	61	
216 - Palisade	2	0	2	2	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	5	58	0	58	
217 - Wauneta	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	29	0	29	
218 - Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	68	0	68	
219 - Relief	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	50	
220 - Magnolia	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	26	0	26	
221 - Wood Lake	2	3	0	0	59	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	58	0	58	
222 - Landmark	5	4	4	0	69	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	1	0	0	4	69	0	69	
224 - Silver Cord	0	1	0	1	92	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	7	88	0	88	

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225 - Cable	1	1	1	1	51	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	48
227 - North Star	4	5	4	0	213	4	2	0	3	0	0	9	11	0	3	0	2	16	206
228 - Bartley	1	2	1	0	35	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
229 - Comet	3	1	2	0	93	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	92
232 - J. Bowen	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
233 - Gilcad	0	0	1	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	25
234 - Zion	0	4	0	0	60	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	5	58
235 - Fraternity	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	4	11
236 - Golden Rule	6	3	4	1	34	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
239 - Friendship	1	3	1	1	54	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	5	50
240 - Pilot	0	3	0	0	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	6	105
241 - G. Armstrong	0	0	0	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
245 - Hampton	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	23
246 - Nehawka	0	3	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	61
248 - Laurel	1	2	2	0	56	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	0	0	6	52
250 - G. Washington	5	0	5	0	147	5	0	1	2	0	0	8	10	0	6	0	0	16	139
251 - Wausa	2	4	2	0	58	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	60
254 - Bassett	0	3	0	2	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	53
256 - Hickman	20	17	21	14	137	16	0	0	0	0	1	17	0	0	15	0	0	15	139
258 - Anselmo	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	35
261 - Orman	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	3	0	0	8	42
262 - Endeavor	1	4	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	46
263 - Mitchell	1	1	1	0	100	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	5	96
264 - Franklin	0	2	0	0	59	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	60
265 - R. Furnas	6	0	7	1	268	6	0	0	3	0	0	9	8	2	0	0	0	10	267
266 - Silver	0	1	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
267 - J. Tulleys	3	4	3	1	60	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	1	4	60
268 - G. Lininger	4	2	4	0	217	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	4	3	0	1	0	8	215

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271 - Oasis	3	4	1	0	107	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	6	102	
274 - Olive Branch	0	6	0	0	97	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	97		
277 - Sioux	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	6	57	
279 - Wallace	2	0	2	1	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	
281 - Florence	1	2	1	1	402	1	1	0	4	0	0	6	16	0	20	0	0	36	372	
282 - Mullen	0	0	0	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	31	
284 - Seneca	0	4	3	0	36	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	40		
285 - Camp Clarke	1	3	0	1	82	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	83	
286 - Oshkosh	1	7	0	1	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	5	68	
287 - Union	1	0	4	1	63	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	2	66	
288 - Omaha	2	0	4	0	194	4	0	0	1	0	1	6	11	1	3	0	0	15	185	
289 - Lotus	2	1	2	0	79	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	3	0	1	6	76	
290 - J. Mercer	9	15	6	2	913	6	2	1	7	0	0	16	32	5	16	0	0	53	876	
291 - Diamond	0	2	1	0	52	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	52	
293 - Monument	1	0	9	9	41	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	43		
294 - Kimball	4	5	0	1	124	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	3	123	
295 - Minatare	6	0	6	0	37	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	
297 - Cotner	2	6	1	0	222	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	8	0	6	0	0	14	212	
298 - Chester	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	
299 - Sutherland	0	2	0	1	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	6	61	
300 - Liberty	1	2	2	0	256	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	15	4	10	0	0	29	230	
301 - Bayard	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	36	
302 - Mizpah	5	8	3	1	542	3	0	0	4	0	0	7	27	1	4	0	0	32	517	
305 - Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	44	
306 - Golden Rod	0	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	
308 - Perkins	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	3	59	
310 - Victory	6	5	4	2	116	4	2	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	3	119	
311 - Polk	1	0	1	0	49	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	3	47	

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314 - Craftsmen	11	1	13	0	351	14	4	0	0	0	0	18	8	4	0	0	0	12	357
316 - Alpha	0	2	0	0	156	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	2	0	0	9	150
317 - Mid-West	5	12	8	0	454	8	1	0	3	0	0	12	8	1	1	0	0	10	456
318 - Grand Island	2	1	1	0	198	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	3	9	2	1	18	183
320 - College View	6	4	2	1	98	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	6	0	0	8	93
321 - Harmony	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	41
323 - Lebanon	5	4	4	0	151	4	2	0	3	0	0	9	2	1	0	0	0	3	157
324 - Cairo	0	7	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	43
325 - Bellevue	3	0	5	2	363	4	0	0	4	0	0	8	5	1	17	0	0	23	348
326 - Centennial	2	4	1	3	285	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	6	0	13	0	0	19	269
327 - Shiloh	12	4	10	4	135	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	143
328 - Miloma	22	9	24	4	191	20	3	0	3	0	0	26	1	0	17	0	0	18	199
	406	440	446	174	24903	434	99	37	111	0	12	693	761	95	559	15	59	1489	24107

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Kearney, Nebraska
February 2nd and 3rd, 1990

PAST GRAND MASTERS

YEAR	SERVED	NAME	LODGE
1st	1857-58-59	Robert C. Jordan	3
2nd	1860-61-62	George Armstrong	3
3rd	1863-64	Daniel H. Wheeler	6
4th	1865-66	Robert W. Furnas	4
5th	1867-68	Orsamus H. Irish	5
6th	1869-70	Harry P. Deuel	11
7th	1871-72	William E. Hill	12
8th	1873	Martin Dunham	3
9th	1874	Frank Welch	27
10th	1875	Alfred G. Hastings	19
11th	1876	George H. Thummel	33
12th	1877	George W. Lininger	3
13th	1878	Edward K. Valentine	27
14th	1879	Rolland H. Oakley	9
15th	1880	James A. Tulleys	53
16th	1881	James R. Cain, Sr.	9
17th	1882	Edwin F. Warren	2
18th	1883	Samuel W. Hayes	55
19th	1884	John Jay Wemple	50
20th	1885	Manoah B. Reese	59
21st	1886	Charles K. Coutant	11
22nd	1887	Milton J. Hull	67
23rd	1888	George B. France	56
24th	1889	John J. Mercer	4
25th	1890	Robert E. French	46
26th	1891	Bradmer D. Slaughter	89
27th	1892	Samuel P. Davidson	17
28th	1893	James P. A. Black	76
29th	1894	John A. Ehrhardt	41
30th	1895	Henry H. Wilson	19
31st	1896	Charles J. Phelps	34
32nd	1897	John B. Dinsmore	49
33rd	1898	Frank H. Young	207
34th	1899	William W. Keysor	25
35th	1900	Albert W. Crites	158
36th	1901	Robert E. Evans	5
37th	1902	Nathaniel M. Ayers	93
38th	1903	Frank E. Bullard	32
39th	1904	Charles E. Burnham	55
40th	1905	Melville R. Hopewell	31
41st	1906	Zuingle M. Baird	155

41st	1906	Zuingle M. Baird	155
42nd	1907	Ornan J. King	54
43rd	1908	William A. DeBord	3
44th	1909	Michael Dowling	119
45th	1910	Harry A. Cheney	100
46th	1911	Henry Gibbons	46
47th	1912	James R. Cain, Jr.	105
48th	1913	Alpha Morgan	148
49th	1914	Thomas M. Davis	93
50th	1915	Samuel S. Whiting	54
51st	1916	Andrew H. Viele	55
52nd	1917	Frederic L. Temple	61
53rd	1918	Ambrose C. Epperson	139
54th	1919	John J. Tooley	258
55th	1920	Joseph B. Fradenburg	3
56th	1921	Lewis E. Smith	136
57th	1922	Edward M. Wellman	1
58th	1923	Charles A. Chappell	127
59th	1924	Robert R. Dickson	95
60th	1925	John Wright	19
61st	1926	Edwin D. Crites	158
62nd	1927	Albert R. Davis	120
63rd	1928	Frank H. Woodland	25
64th	1929	Ira C. Freet	56
65th	1930	Orville A. Andrews	19
66th	1931	John R. Tapster	119
67th	1932	Edwin R. Johnston	33
68th	1933	Ralph O. Canaday	50
69th	1933	Archie M. Smith	203
70th	1934	Virgil R. Johnson	26
71st	1935	William C. Ramsey	268
72nd	1936	Chancellor A. Philips	150
73rd	1937	William A. Robertson	6
74th	1938	Walter R. Raecke	36
75th	1939	William J. Breckenridge	317
76th	1940	Earl J. Lee	15
77th	1941	Edward F. Carter	201
78th	1942	George A. Kurk	54
79th	1943	William B. Wanner	9
80th	1944-45	William C. Schaper	148
81st	1946	Benjamin F. Eyre	1
82nd	1947	Edward Huwaldt	318
83rd	1948	Elmer E. Magee	227
Honorary	1949	Roscoe Pound	54
84th	1949	Ernest S. Schiefelbein	59

85th	1950	John S. Hedelund	268
86th	1951	Thomas J. Aron	37
87th	1952	Edward M. Knight	183
88th	1953	Fay Smith	198
89th	1954	Charles F. Adams	68
90th	1955	Herbert T. White	11
91st	1956	Merle M. Hale	54
92nd	1957	Roy I. Babbitt	295
93rd	1958	John E. Beaver	153
94th	1959	Joseph C. Tye	46
95th	1960	John F. Futcher	290
96th	1961	Herbert A. Ronin	210
97th	1962	Ernest O. Van Way	249
98th	1963	Ralph M. Carhart	120
99th	1964	Harry A. Spencer	227
100th	1965	Louis V. Sylvester	281
101st	1966	Lewis R. Ricketts	19
Honorary	1966	Carl R. Greisen	32
102nd	1967	John A. Bottorf	49
103rd	1968	Norris W. Lallman	72
104th	1969	Hugh W. Eisenhart	150
105th	1970	John H. Brown	1
106th	1971	Russell L. Fickes	33
107th	1972	Howard J. Hunter	59
108th	1973	Frank J. Mattoon	75
109th	1974	Donald R. Swanson	54
110th	1975	Harold Hultman	39
111th	1976	T. Leo Stines	36
112th	1977	Alfred B. Saum	46
113th	1978	Jack H. Hendrix	174
114th	1979	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	314
115th	1980	Byron C. Jenkins	325
116th	1981	Harold C. Wurdeman	323
117th	1982	Paul R. Pierce	50
118th	1983	Bevin B. Bump	158
119th	1984-85	Robert A. Metcalf	210
120th	1986	Charles W. Amidon	281
121st	1987	Wayne G. Luenenborg	32, 39
122nd	1988	Paul R. Eveland	119

PAST GRAND SECRETARIES

- ★ George Armstrong September 23, 1857 to June 2, 1858
- ★ Robert W. Furnas June 2, 1858 to June 4, 1862
- ★ Robert C. Jordan June 4, 1862 to June 24, 1863
- ★ Stephen D. Bangs June 24, 1863 to June 24, 1865
- ★ J. Newton Wise June 24, 1865 to October 27, 1869
- ★ Robert W. Furnas October 27, 1869 to June 21, 1872
- ★ William R. Bowen June 21, 1872 to May 6, 1899
- ★ Francis E. White June 9, 1899 to June 11, 1925
- ★ Lewis E. Smith June 11, 1925 to June 6, 1946
- Carl R. Greisen June 7, 1946 to June 6, 1968
- ★ Robert W. Cook June 6, 1968 to April 5, 1969
- ★ Norris W. Lallman June 4, 1969 to June 13, 1981
- Ralph W. Gerry June 13, 1981 to June 15, 1985
- Paul R. Pierce June 15, 1985 to December 6, 1986
- Edward M. Cummings December 6, 1986 to May 1987
- Albert T. Reddish May, 1987 to September, 1989
- ★ Deceased

PAST GRAND CUSTODIANS

Lee P. Gillette, 2	1882-1883, 1887-1894
Benjamin F. Rawalt, 84	1884-1887
James A. Tulleys, 53	1894-1900
Robert E. French, 46	1901-1927
Lute M. Savage, 3	1927-1948
Raymond C. Cook, 6	1948-1965
Robert W. Cook, 33	1965-1967
★ Ralph W. Gerry, 281	1968-1981
Mannie O. Hansen, 1	1981-1984
T. Leo Stines, 36	1984-1985
★ Emeritus	

GRAND LECTURERS

George Armstrong, 3	1858, 1859, 1866
Lee P. Gillette, 2	1860, 1861, 1881
Sylvester S. Redfield, 2	1862
E. C. Adams, 6	1863
Henry Brown, 2	1864
William E. Hill, 2	1865, 1866, 1868, 1874 to 1877
Byron Reed, 3	1867
Charles T. Whitmore, 11	1869 to 1871
Charles F. Catlin, 11	1871 (Acting)
George H. Thummel, 33	1872, 1873
Hiram C. Rider, 19	1877 to 1880

THE ROLL OF DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT

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

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

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

Note: From 1880 until 1910, there were no recorded appointments of brethren to serve as assistants to the Grand Custodian. In 1910, Brother Robert E. French did hold special meetings to examine and instruct brethren who were willing to become "assistant" in the work. Thirteen brethren were nominated and approved

for appointment as assistants. After 1917, these brethren were generally referred to as "assistant custodians." In 1925, the designation was "Deputy Custodians." The following brethren appeared in the records as "assistant custodians"; or, at times, as "Deputy Custodians."

★ John J. Mercer, 3	1910
★ Samuel S. Whiting, 54	1910
★ Walter W. Wells, 192	1910
★ Ensign J. Rix, 55	1910
★ James D. Phillips, 93	1910
★ Frederick L. Wolff, 135	1910
★ Ernest H. James, 1	1910
★ Fred A. Howe, 119	1910
★ Robert B. Walker, 170	1912
★ Frank W. Farrand, 36	1913
★ Ira C. Freet, 56	1913
★ Benjamin Wood, 210	1913
★ Edward M. Wellman, 1	1913
★ Charles A. Eyre, 268	1913
★ Robert A. Armstrong, 32	1913
★ Levi Pringle, 276	1913
★ Earl M. Bolen, 130	1914
★ Frank L. Haycock, 207	1914
★ George A. Stevens, 158	1914
★ Harry M. Jones, 46	1916
★ Levi D. Phipps, 31	1916
★ Alfred G. Hunt, 33	1916
★ Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50	1916
★ Barclay M. Hickman, 38	1916
★ Orville A. Andrews, 50	1917
★ Andrew H. Viele, 55	1917
★ Maro C. Shipherd, 15	1920
★ Jesse Lowther, 219	1920
★ Franklin C. Tym, 25	1920
★ Lute M. Savage, 3	1920
★ Frank M. Johnson, 188	1920
★ Lamont L. Stephens, 106	1922
★ Frances S. Robey, 19	1922
★ John B. Lichtenwallner, 275	1923
★ Harry R. Belville, 146	1923
★ George R. Patterson, 136	1923
★ William J. Birkoffer, 249	1923
★ D. Horace Schall, 307	1923
★ Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	1924
★ William D. Edson, 53	1926

- ★ Francis B. Rodwell, 224 1926
- ★ Edwin H. Gerhart, 305 1926
- ★ William McCormack, 268 . . . 1926
- ★ Harry L. Mantor, 306 1927
- ★ John R. Easley, 49 1927
- ★ L. Donald Huston, 65 1928
- ★ Elmer Surber, 95 1928
- ★ John M. Bennett, 19 1928
- ★ Earl Barnett, 146 1929
- ★ Jonathan Frye, 1 1929
- ★ Ernest R. Reynolds, 124 1930
- ★ Osborne P. Simon, 174 1930
- ★ Doc L. Redfern, 300 1930
- ★ Austin F. Whitmire, 306 1931
- ★ Henning C. Johnson, 171 1930
- ★ Carroll C. Raymer, 164 1932
- ★ Ward B. Schrack, 46 1933
- ★ Byron S. Peterson, 25 1933
- ★ Raymond C. Cook, 6 1933
- ★ Ray B. Bottorf, 33 1933
- ★ Wallace E. Linn, 1 1934
- ★ Jesse P. Entriken, 295 1934
- ★ Harrold D. Weddel, 208 1937
- ★ Cecil C. Gates, 227 1938
- ★ Fred G. Christensen, 33 1938
- ★ Ross Van Sickle, 184 1938
- ★ S. William Beck, 43 1940
- ★ Stanley B. Fryar, 139 1940
- ★ Roy S. Planck, 15 1940
- ★ Buren P. Wells, 315 1940
- ★ Clarence G. McNamee, 55 . . 1941
- ★ F. Ray Dilts, 83 1942
- ★ Ernest C. Purdy, 195 1942
- ★ Lewis E. Baker, 135 1943
- ★ Howard E. Bradstreet, 261 . . 1943
- ★ George S. Schwab, 49 1946
- Louis V. Sylvester, 281 1946
- ★ Irving S. Johnson, 148 1946
- ★ LaVerne A. Walker, 55 1946
- ★ Ernest E. James, 1 1946
- ★ Frank A. Anderson, 17 1949
- ★ Robert W. Cook, 33 1949
- Paul D. Fleming, 93 1949
- ★ Charles M. Frederick, 136 . . . 1949
- ★ Sylvester Shumard, 227 1949

- ★ Ralph M. Carhart, 120 1950
- ★ Morris V. Balcom, 46 1950
- ★ William F. Flicklinger, 56 . . . 1951
- ★ Forest A. Lape, 183 1951
- Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314 . . . 1954
- ★ Harold M. Wilkerson, 54 1954
- Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9 1955
- Clifford D. Webster, 321 1956
- ★ Matthias E. Mael, 173 1956
- Frank H. Smith, 301 1957
- ★ Ward V. Whitaker, 310 1957
- ★ Richard L. Ely, 138 1957
- Asa J. Farnham, 106 1958
- ★ Robert B. Conrad, 125 1958
- Winston C. Swanson 1958
- ★ Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210 1959
- ★ Edmund D. Shaw, 195 1959
- ★ Harry N. Ahl, 112 1959
- ★ Alfred R. Kenover, 148 1960
- Lloyd I. Edwards, 110 1960
- T. Leo Stines, 36 1960
- ★ Erwin J. Imig, 38 1960
- Sebert A. Stover, 281 1960
- ★ Stanley E. Brunton, 222 1961
- Glenn W. Binder, 23 1961
- ★ Richard L. Wait, 19 1962
- ★ Gordon Chard, 240 1962
- Harold A. Tilton, 71 1962
- Stuart A. Johnson, 169 1964
- Arthur S. Dye, 317 1964
- ★ W. Upton Dawson, 135 1964
- Donald R. Davis, 164 1964
- ★ Ralph I. Berry, 256 1965
- ★ Carl A. Johnson, 183 1965
- ★ Robert W. Boon, 33 1965
- Augustus W. Clark, 318 1965
- ★ Alton S. Mote, 183 1965
- Ralph W. Gerry, 281 1965
- Arnold F. Mains, 15 1965
- Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210 . . . 1965
- ★ Harold J. Oehlerking, 159 . . . 1966
- ★ Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258 . . . 1966
- ★ Ward L. McGlashan, 180 1966
- Curtis J. Griess, 49 1966
- ★ Walter Brown, 1 1967

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

Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210	1984
Eugene C. Sibley, 54	1984
Leslie Evert, 195	1985
William Fogle, 135	1985
Roscoe Malick, 297	1985
★ R. Winton Wilson, 199	1985
Robert Kyes, 36	1985
W. Dale Page, 15	1985
Gordon E. Richards, 75	1986
Harold Noble, 325	1987
Deon D. Eberly, 314	1988
Steven A. Green, 54	1988
Steven K. Jones, 265, 263 . . .	1988
Lloyd Vrtiska, 108	1988
Robert M. Littrell, 77	1989
Roy L. Smith, 6	1989
Daniel E. Spearow, 26	1989
★ Deceased	

DEPARTED GRAND MASTERS

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

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR	SERVED
Robert C. Jordan	Jan. 9, 1899	3	(1st)	1857-58-59
George Armstrong	Nov. 12, 1896	3	(2nd)	1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler	Nov. 27, 1912	6	(3rd)	1863-64
Robert W. Furnas	June 1, 1905	4	(4th)	1865-66
Orsamus H. Irish	Jan. 27, 1883	5	(5th)	1867-68
Harry P. Deuel	Nov. 23, 1914	11	(6th)	1869-70
William E. Hill	Dec. 29, 1917	2	(7th)	1871-72
Martin Dunham	Feb. 18, 1915	3	(8th)	1873
Frank Welch	Sept. 4, 1878	27	(9th)	1874
Alfred G. Hastings	July 10, 1894	19	(10th)	1875
George H. Thummel	Feb. 5, 1932	33	(11th)	1876
George W. Lininger	June 8, 1907	3	(12th)	1877
Edward K. Valentine	April 11, 1916	27	(13th)	1878
Rolland H. Oakley	Feb. 2, 1904	19	(14th)	1879
James A. Tulleys	Jan. 31, 1901	53	(15th)	1880
James R. Cain, Sr.	Nov. 24, 1920	9	(16th)	1881
Edwin F. Warren	July 9, 1923	2	(17th)	1882
Samuel W. Hayes	Nov. 15, 1913	55	(18th)	1883
John Jay Wemple	May 28, 1943	50	(19th)	1884
Manoah B. Reese	Sept. 18, 1917	59	(20th)	1885
Charles K. Coutant	Aug. 23, 1910	11	(21st)	1886
Milton J. Hull	Sept. 18, 1923	67	(22nd)	1887
George B. France	Aug. 16, 1914	56	(23rd)	1888
John J. Mercer	Feb. 25, 1915	4	(24th)	1889
Robert E. French	Feb. 16, 1947	46	(25th)	1890
Bradmer D. Slaughter	May 8, 1909	89	(26th)	1891
Samuel P. Davidson	Dec. 8, 1928	17	(27th)	1892
James P. A. Black	Nov. 12, 1918	76	(28th)	1893
John A. Ehrhardt	Nov. 1, 1925	41	(29th)	1894
Henry H. Wilson	June 28, 1941	19	(30th)	1895
Charles J. Phelps	Aug. 24, 1915	34	(31st)	1896
John B. Dinsmore	Oct. 6, 1915	49	(32nd)	1897
Frank H. Young	Dec. 24, 1917	207	(33rd)	1898
William W. Keysor	Aug. 17, 1922	25	(34th)	1899
Albert W. Crites	Aug. 23, 1915	158	(35th)	1900
Robert E. Evans	July 9, 1925	5	(36th)	1901

Nathaniel M. Ayers	Nov. 19, 1913	93	(37th)	1902
Frank E. Bullard	Jan. 31, 1933	32	(38th)	1903
Charles E. Burnham	May 29, 1933	55	(39th)	1904
Melville R. Hopewell	May 2, 1911	31	(40th)	1905
Zuingle M. Baird	Dec. 17, 1916	155	(41st)	1906
Orman J. King	Dec. 26, 1927	54	(42nd)	1907
William A. DeBord	May 17, 1916	3	(43rd)	1908
Michael Dowling	May 5, 1921	119	(44th)	1909
Harry A. Cheney	June 27, 1948	100	(45th)	1910
Henry Gibbons	Aug. 22, 1923	46	(46th)	1911
James R. Cain, Jr.	Sept. 3, 1950	105	(47th)	1912
Alpha Morgan	April 17, 1924	148	(48th)	1913
Thomas M. Davis	Aug. 12, 1919	93	(49th)	1914
Samuel S. Whiting	Aug. 11, 1931	54	(50th)	1915
Andrew H. Viele	May 9, 1941	55	(51st)	1916
Frederic L. Temple	Aug. 13, 1944	61	(52nd)	1917
Ambrose C. Epperson	Mar. 16, 1944	139	(53rd)	1918
John J. Tooley	July 31, 1934	258	(54th)	1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg	June 14, 1950	3	(55th)	1920
Lewis E. Smith	July 10, 1965	136	(56th)	1921
Edward M. Wellman	Aug. 31, 1922	1	(57th)	1922
Charles A. Chappell	Nov. 21, 1971	127	(58th)	1923
Robert R. Dickson	June 18, 1941	95	(59th)	1924
John Wright	Oct. 29, 1936	19	(60th)	1925
Edwin D. Crites	Nov. 7, 1953	158	(61st)	1926
Albert R. Davis	Mar. 7, 1929	120	(62nd)	1927
Frank H. Woodland	Oct. 23, 1940	25	(63rd)	1928
Ira C. Fleet	Oct. 13, 1944	56	(64th)	1929
Orville A. Andrews	Oct. 16, 1936	19	(65th)	1930
John R. Tapster	Mar. 21, 1954	119	(66th)	1931
Edwin R. Johnston	Feb. 11, 1933	33	(67th)	1932
Ralph O. Canaday	Oct. 7, 1970	50	(68th)	1933
Archie M. Smith	May 8, 1950	203	(69th)	1933
Virgil R. Johnson	Aug. 7, 1956	26	(70th)	1934
William C. Ramsey	May 19, 1938	268	(71st)	1935
Chancellor A. Philips	Sept. 12, 1968	150	(72nd)	1936
William A. Robertson	July 3, 1944	6	(73rd)	1937
Walter R. Raecke	April 9, 1960	36	(74th)	1938
William J. Breckenridge	Nov. 16, 1951	317	(75th)	1939
Earl J. Lee	Dec. 15, 1963	15	(76th)	1940
Edward F. Carter	Dec. 21, 1981	201	(77th)	1941
George A. Kurk	May 4, 1977	54	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner	June 13, 1975	9	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper	Feb. 12, 1977	148	(80th)	1944-45
Edward Huwaldt	Feb. 14, 1977	318	(82nd)	1947

Elmer Magee	Mar. 19, 1975	227	(83rd)	1948
Roscoe Pound	July 1964	54	(Honorary)	1949
Ernest S. Schiefelbein	April 20, 1959	59	(84th)	1949
John S. Hedelund	Jan. 30, 1962	268	(85th)	1950
Edward M. Knight	Mar. 3, 1983	183	(87th)	1952
Fay Smith	Oct. 2, 1968	198	(88th)	1953
Charles F. Adams	April 17, 1980	68	(89th)	1954
Herbert T. White	Oct. 12, 1975	11	(90th)	1955
Merle M. Hale	Feb. 23, 1988	54	(91st)	1956
Roy I. Babbitt	Feb. 13, 1971	295	(92nd)	1957
John E. Beaver	Sept. 20, 1965	153	(93rd)	1958
Joseph C. Tye	Feb. 14, 1989	46	(94th)	1959
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov. 10, 1965	120	(98th)	1963
John A. Bottorf	Feb. 21, 1984	49	(102nd)	1967
Norris W. Lallman	Nov. 1, 1984	72	(103rd)	1968
John H. Brown	Feb. 2, 1978	1	(105th)	1970
Russell L. Fickes	April 18, 1989	33	(106th)	1971
Howard J. Hunter	May 6, 1975	59	(107th)	1972
Alfred B. Saum	Oct. 11, 1980	46	(112th)	1977
Harold C. Wurdeman	June 21, 1985	323	(116th)	1981

**GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA
ROCK MAUL AWARD**

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

1981	.....	Geneva Lodge No.	79	.....	Geneva
1982	.....	Shiloh Lodge No.	327	.....	Omaha
1983	.....	Culbertson Lodge No. ...	174	.....	Culbertson
1984	.....	Scotts Bluff Lodge No. ...	201	.....	Gering
1984	.....	Fremont Lodge No.	15	.....	Fremont
1985	.....	Comet Lodge No.	229	.....	Ceresco
1985	.....	Hickman Lodge No.	256	.....	Hickman
1986	.....	Springfield Lodge No.	112	.....	Springfield
1987	.....	Platte Valley Lodge No. ...	32	.....	North Platte
1989	.....	Lancaster Lodge No.	54	.....	Lincoln
1990	.....	Geneva Lodge No.	79	.....	Geneva

**GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA
GOLD PAN AWARD**

Presented by the Grand Master, at each Grand Lodge Communication, to a Lodge deemed to have made the greatest contribution or most improvement toward Masonry that year.

1987	.....	Fremont Lodge No.	15	.....	Fremont
1989	.....	Hickman Lodge No.	256	.....	Lincoln
1990	.....	Crescent Lodge No.	143	.....	Primrose

**GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA
GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Presented during the year to not more than two honorees. This award is presented to publicly and openly honor an individual who has been an outstanding citizen, as well as an outstanding Mason. It is necessary that he has been a Master Mason for thirty years, and has been active in an least three of five designated activities in his community.

1989	....	Henry Rood	.....	Wahoo Lodge No. 59.	.....	Wahoo
1989	....	Thomas Lutey	.....	Kimball Lodge No. 294	.....	Kimball

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

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

*Formed Grand Lodge of Nebraska September 23 1857.

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Northern Light	No. 41	Stanton	Stanton.....	January 20, 1873	June 18, 1873
Hebron	No. 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10, 1873	June 18, 1873
Harvard	No. 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25, 1873	June 18, 1873
Rob Morris	No. 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	February 21, 1873	June 26, 1874
Fairmont	No. 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	December 4, 1873	June 26, 1874
Evening Star	No. 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22, 1873	June 26, 1874
Hastings	No. 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 3, 1874	June 26, 1874
Fidelity	No. 51	David City.....	Butler.....	January 19, 1874	June 26, 1874
Hiram	No. 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	February 26, 1874	June 26, 1874
Charity	No. 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	March 2, 1874	June 26, 1874
Lancaster	No. 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	April 20, 1874	June 26, 1874
Mosaic	No. 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	October 1, 1874	June 23, 1875
York	No. 56	York.....	York.....	October 1, 1874	June 23, 1875
Mount Moriah	No. 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	November 7, 1874	June 23, 1875
Wahoo	No. 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20, 1875	June 23, 1875
Melrose	No. 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	March 10, 1875	June 24, 1875
Thistle	No. 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8, 1875	June 21, 1876
Keystone	No. 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1, 1876	June 21, 1876
Blue Valley	No. 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	October 6, 1876	June 20, 1877
Osceola	No. 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23, 1876	June 20, 1877
Edgar	No. 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	February 27, 1877	June 20, 1877
Aurora	No. 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	February 10, 1876	June 19, 1878
Hooper	No. 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 1878	June 25, 1879
Friend	No. 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 1878	June 25, 1879
Frank Welch	No. 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 1878	June 25, 1879
Nelson	No. 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 1879	June 23, 1880
Albion	No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 1879	June 23, 1880
Geneva	No. 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 1879	June 23, 1880
Composite	No. 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 1880	June 22, 1881
Saint Paul	No. 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 1880	June 22, 1881
Corinthian	No. 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 1880	June 22, 1881

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Ionic	No. 87	Niobrara	Knox	January 24, 1881	June 20, 1882
Cedar River	No. 89	Fullerton	Nance	January 19, 1882	June 20, 1882
Oakland	No. 91	Oakland	Burt	February 7, 1882	June 19, 1883
Beaver City	No. 93	Beaver City	Furnas	May 3, 1882	June 19, 1883
Bennet	No. 94	Bennet	Lancaster	May 5, 1882	June 19, 1883
Garfield	No. 95	O'Neill	Holt	June 28, 1882	June 19, 1883
Utica	No. 96	Utica	Seward	July 14, 1882	June 19, 1883
Euclid	No. 97	Weeping Water	Cass	July 21, 1882	June 19, 1883
Republican	No. 98	Republican City	Harlan	July 27, 1882	June 19, 1883
Shelton	No. 99	Shelton	Buffalo	July 28, 1882	June 19, 1883
Waterloo	No. 102	Waterloo	Douglas	September 7, 1882	June 19, 1883
Ord	No. 103	Ord	Valley	September 14, 1882	June 19, 1883
Wymore	No. 104	Wymore	Gage	November 10, 1882	June 19, 1883
Stella	No. 105	Stella	Richardson	December 4, 1882	June 19, 1883
Porter	No. 106	Loup City	Sherman	December 9, 1882	June 19, 1883
Table Rock	No. 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	January 24, 1883	June 19, 1883
Pomegranate	No. 110	Ashland	Saunders	February 13, 1883	June 19, 1883
DeWitt	No. 111	DeWitt	Saline	February 28, 1883	June 19, 1883
Springfield	No. 112	Springfield	Sarpy	March 30, 1883	June 19, 1883
Globe	No. 113	Madison	Madison	February 16, 1882	June 24, 1884
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner	Cuming	February 12, 1883	June 24, 1884
North Bend	No. 119	North Bend	Dodge	September 5, 1883	June 24, 1884
Wayne	No. 120	Wayne	Wayne	September 26, 1883	June 24, 1884
Superior	No. 121	Superior	Nuckolls	November 22, 1883	June 24, 1884
Auburn	No. 124	Auburn	Nemaha	December 25, 1883	June 24, 1884
Mount Nebo	No. 125	Genoa	Nance	January 1, 1884	June 24, 1884
Stromsburg	No. 126	Stromsburg	Polk	January 16, 1884	June 24, 1884
Minden	No. 127	Minden	Kearney	January 22, 1884	June 24, 1884
Guide Rock	No. 128	Guide Rock	Webster	January 28, 1884	June 24, 1884
Scribner	No. 132	Scribner	Dodge	July 9, 1884	June 24, 1885
Solar	No. 134	Clarks	Merrick	August 8, 1884	June 24, 1885
McCook	No. 135	McCook	Red Willow	October 6, 1884	June 24, 1885
Long Pine	No. 136	Long Pine	Brown	October 6, 1884	June 24, 1885

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Upright	No. 137	Burchard	Pawnee	November 14, 1884	June 24, 1885
Rawalt	No. 138	Oxford	Furnas	November 15, 1884	June 24, 1885
Crescent	No. 143	Primrose	Boone	January 24, 1885	June 24, 1885
Jachin	No. 146	Holdrege	Phelps	July 13, 1885	June 17, 1886
Custer	No. 148	Broken Bow	Custer	August 10, 1885	June 17, 1886
Cambridge	No. 150	Cambridge	Furnas	March 31, 1885	June 17, 1886
Lily	No. 154	Davenport	Thayer	November 28, 1885	June 17, 1886
Samaritan	No. 158	Chadron	Dawes	March 17, 1886	June 16, 1887
Ogalalla	No. 159	Ogallala	Keith	August 14, 1886	June 16, 1887
Mount Zion	No. 161	Shelby	Polk	August 25, 1886	June 16, 1887
Trestle Board	No. 162	Brock	Nemaha	October 9, 1886	June 16, 1887
Atkinson	No. 164	Atkinson	Holt	August 19, 1886	June 21, 1888
Bameston	No. 165	Bameston	Gage	August 20, 1886	June 21, 1888
Elwood	No. 167	Elwood	Gosper	June 21, 1887	June 21, 1888
Mason City	No. 170	Mason City	Custer	August 1, 1887	June 21, 1888
Robert Burns	No. 173	Stratton	Hitchcock	November 15, 1887	June 21, 1888
Culbertson	No. 174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	November 16, 1887	June 21, 1888
Hay Springs	No. 177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	February 20, 1888	June 21, 1888
Justice	No. 180	Benkelman	Dundy	October 8, 1888	June 20, 1889
Alliance	No. 183	Alliance	Box Butte	January 18, 1889	June 20, 1889
Bee Hive	No. 184	Omaha	Douglas	January 22, 1889	June 20, 1889
Meridian	No. 188	Cozad	Dawson	February 4, 1889	June 20, 1889
Crystal	No. 191	Scotia	Greeley	August 7, 1889	June 20, 1890
Minnekadusa	No. 192	Valentine	Cherry	August 15, 1889	June 20, 1890
Highland	No. 194	Cortland	Gage	September 21, 1889	June 20, 1890
Arcana	No. 195	Gordon	Sheridan	October 17, 1889	June 20, 1890
Purity	No. 198	Imperial	Chase	December 24, 1889	June 20, 1890
Gavel	No. 199	Carleton	Thayer	July 20, 1889	June 18, 1891
Blazing Star	No. 200	Burwell	Garfield	August 5, 1890	June 18, 1891
Scotts Bluff	No. 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	August 8, 1890	June 18, 1891
Plainview	No. 204	Plainview	Pierce	September 1, 1890	June 18, 1891
Golden Fleece	No. 205	Chappell	Deuel	September 2, 1890	June 18, 1891

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Parian	No. 207	Callaway.....	Custer	January 31, 1891	June 18, 1891
Canopy	No. 209	Elmwood.....	Cass	September 4, 1891	June 16, 1892
East Lincoln	No. 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	November 5, 1891	June 16, 1892
Cement	No. 211	Wood River.....	Hall.....	November 27, 1891	June 16, 1892
Palisade	No. 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock.....	July 18, 1892	June 15, 1893
Wauneta	No. 217	Wauneta.....	Chase.....	December 7, 1892	June 15, 1893
Bloomfield	No. 218	Bloomfield.....	Knox.....	January 18, 1893	June 15, 1893
Relief	No. 219	Coleridge.....	Cedar.....	January 19, 1893	June 15, 1893
Magnolia	No. 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	January 21, 1893	June 15, 1893
Wood Lake	No. 221	Wood Lake.....	Cherry.....	September 22, 1892	June 21, 1894
Landmark	No. 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	March 1, 1893	June 21, 1894
Silver Crod	No. 224	Ainsworth.....	Brown.....	October 17, 1893	June 21, 1894
Cable	No. 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	November 17, 1893	June 21, 1894
North Star	No. 227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 28, 1894	June 13, 1895
Bartley	No. 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November 23, 1894	June 13, 1895
Comet	No. 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	December 5, 1894	June 13, 1895
John S. Bowen	No. 232	Kennard.....	Washington.....	February 6, 1895	June 13, 1895
Gilead	No. 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	November 22, 1894	June 10, 1896
Zion	No. 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	July 19, 1895	June 10, 1896
Fraternity	No. 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	August 2, 1895	June 10, 1896
Golden Rule	No. 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	August 3, 1895	June 10, 1896
Friendship	No. 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	October 7, 1895	June 10, 1896
Pilot	No. 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	November 29, 1895	June 10, 1896
George Armstrong	No. 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	August 1, 1895	June 17, 1897
Hampton	No. 245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	July 13, 1899	June 7, 1900
Nehawka	No. 246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	January 2, 1900	June 7, 1900
Laurel	No. 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	February 12, 1900	June 7, 1900
George Washington	No. 250	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 20, 1900	June 6, 1901
Wausa	No. 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	November 18, 1900	June 6, 1901
Bassett	No. 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	October 8, 1902	June 4, 1903
Hickman	No. 256	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	December 7, 1903	June 9, 1904

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Anselmo	No. 258	Anselmo	Custer	December 10, 1904	June 7, 1905
Orman	No. 261	Spencer	Boyd	March 5, 1906	June 5, 1907
Endeavor	No. 262	Indianola	Red Willow	June 28, 1906	June 5, 1907
Mitchell	No. 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	July 5, 1906	June 5, 1907
Franklin	No. 264	Franklin	Franklin	June 11, 1907	June 10, 1908
Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scotts Bluff	Scotts Bluff	June 21, 1907	June 10, 1908
Silver	No. 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	June 14, 1907	June 10, 1908
James A. Tulleys	No. 267	Overton	Dawson	December 26, 1907	June 10, 1908
George W. Lininger	No. 268	Omaha	Douglas	February 26, 1908	June 10, 1908
Oasis	No. 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	June 14, 1909	June 8, 1910
Olive Branch	No. 274	Walhill	Thurston	September 20, 1909	June 8, 1910
Sioux	No. 277	Harrison	Sioux	June 10, 1910	June 6, 1911
Wallace	No. 279	Wallace	Lincoln	February 25, 1911	June 4, 1912
Florence	No. 281	Omaha	Douglas	January 17, 1913	June 4, 1913
Mullen	No. 282	Mullen	Hooker	July 22, 1913	June 9, 1914
Seneca	No. 284	Theadford	Thomas	September 29, 1913	June 9, 1914
Camp Clarke	No. 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	October 16, 1913	June 9, 1914
Oshkosh	No. 286	Oshkosh	Garden	November 25, 1913	June 9, 1914
Union	No. 287	Palmyra	Otoe	December 15, 1913	June 8, 1915
Omaha	No. 288	Omaha	Douglas	March 24, 1914	June 8, 1915
Lotus	No. 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	June 11, 1914	June 8, 1915
John J. Mercer	No. 290	Omaha	Douglas	November 21, 1914	June 8, 1915
Diamond	No. 291	Orchard	Antelope	November 23, 1914	June 8, 1915
Monument	No. 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	December 18, 1914	June 8, 1915
Kimball	No. 294	Kimball	Kimball	June 10, 1915	June 7, 1916
Minatare	No. 295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	June 10, 1915	June 7, 1916
Cotner	No. 297	Lincoln	Lancaster	June 15, 1917	June 5, 1918
Chester	No. 298	Chester	Thayer	June 27, 1917	June 5, 1918
Sutherland	No. 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	June 23, 1917	June 5, 1918
Liberty	No. 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	January 10, 1918	June 5, 1918
Bayard	No. 301	Bayard	Morrill	January 19, 1918	June 5, 1918

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LODGE			TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Mizpah	No.	302	Omaha	Douglas	November 12, 1918	June 4, 1919
Newman Grove	No.	305	Newman Grove	Madison.....	January 14, 1920	June 9, 1920
Golden Rod	No.	306	Lodgepole.....	Cheyenne.....	August 19, 1920	June 8, 1921
Perkins	No.	308	Grant.....	Perkins	December 1, 1920	June 8, 1921
Victory	No.	310	Valley.....	Douglas	December 27, 1920	June 8, 1921
Polk	No.	311	Polk.....	Polk	January 4, 1921	June 8, 1921
Craftsmen	No.	314	Lincoln	Lancaster	March 22, 1922	June 5, 1923
Alpha	No.	316	South Sioux City	Dakota	January 27, 1925	June 10, 1925
Mid-West	No.	317	Hastings	Adams	January 8, 1925	June 10, 1925
Grand Island	No.	318	Grand Island	Hall	April 1, 1925	June 9, 1926
College View	No.	320	Lincoln	Lancaster	July 1, 1927	June 6, 1928
Harmony	No.	321	Dalton	Cheyenne.....	February 21, 1928	June 5, 1929
Lebanon	No.	323	Columbus.....	Platte	November 14, 1928	June 5, 1929
Cairo	No.	324	Cairo	Hall.....	January 16, 1936	June 8, 1937
Bellevue	No.	325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy	March 5, 1955	June 8, 1955
Centennial	No.	326	Omaha	Douglas	November 26, 1955	June 6, 1956
Shiloh	No.	327	Omaha	Douglas	September 3, 1965	June 10, 1966
Miloma	No.	328	Omaha	Douglas	January 19, 1972	June 28, 1972
Roscoe Pound Research Lodge	No.	329	Lincoln	Lancaster		June 14, 1985

CONSOLIDATED LODGES

Joppa Lodge No. 76	Bloomington with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, October 18, 1934
Parallel No. 152	Liberty with Barneston No. 165 Barneston, January 2, 1940
Tyre No. 85	Blue Springs with Wymore No. 104 Wymore, July 7, 1941
Bradshaw No. 255	Bradshaw with Hampton No. 245 Hampton, May 21, 1942
Level No. 196	Stockville with Cambridge No. 150 Cambridge, June 4, 1942
Riverside No. 269	Belgrade with Cedar River No. 89 Fullerton, June 5, 1942
Juniata No. 42	Juniata with Kenesaw No. 144 Kenesaw, July 15, 1942
Palmer No. 315	Palmer with St. Paul No. 82 St. Paul, October 6, 1942
Elk Creek No. 90	Elk Creek with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, November 11, 1944
Riverton No. 63	Riverton with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, May 16, 1945
Hildreth No. 252	Hildreth with Grace No. 226 Wilcox, October 11, 1945
Hubbell No. 92	Hubbell with Hebron No. 43 Hebron, February 8, 1946
Incense No. 182	Ohiowa with Jewell No. 149 Dubois, April 22, 1947
Bee No. 259	Bee with Oliver No. 38 Seward, June 13, 1947
Tuscan No. 130	Surprise with Composite No. 81 Rising City, February 9, 1963
Delta No. 230	St. Edward with Albion No. 78 Albion, January 1, 1965
Jewel No. 149	Dubois with Geneva No. 79 Geneva, September 9, 1966
Valley No. 157	Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93 Beaver City, March 8, 1966
Ruskin No. 304	Ruskin with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, September 23, 1966
Morning Star No. 197	Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126 Stromsburg, December 9, 1967
Cornerstone No. 247	Osmond with Plainview No. 204 Plainview, December 12, 1967
Kenesaw No. 144	Kenesaw with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, January 13, 1968
Blue Hill No. 129	Blue Hill with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, February 9, 1968

- Pioneer No. 322Lyman with Oasis No. 271
Morrill, April 10, 1969
- Compass & Square No. 212Sumner with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, April 20, 1969
- Hope No. 29Nemaha with Nemaha Valley No. 4
Brownville, September 9, 1969
- Elm Creek No. 133Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267
Overton, March 17, 1970
- Napthali No. 206Diller with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, March 23, 1970
- Alexandria No. 74Alexandria with Hebron No. 43
Hebron, September 10, 1970
- Pythagoras No. 156Ewing with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, December 4, 1970
- Grace No. 226Wilcox with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, May 11, 1971
- Wolbach No. 292Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82
St. Paul, December 23, 1971
- Tyrian No. 243Oak with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, June 9, 1972
- Mystic Tie No. 166Tilden with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, June 12, 1972
- Roman Eagle No. 203Pender with Bancroft No. 145
Bancroft, April 20, 1973
- Amethyst No. 190Stapleton with Cable No. 225
Arnold, April 20, 1973
- Prudence No. 179Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96
Utica, April 20, 1973
- Fairfield No. 84Fairfield with Clay Center No. 139
Clay Center, January 24, 1974
- Ramah No. 275Bertrand with Elwood No. 167
Elwood, February 14, 1974
- Sterling No. 70Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 20, 1974
- Mt. Hermon No. 231Cook with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 15, 1974
- Winnebago No. 309Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 3, 1974
- Temple No. 175Filly with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 26, 1975
- Beemer No. 253Beemer with Wisner No. 114
Wisner, June 17, 1975
- Signet No. 193Leigh with Northern Star No. 41
Stanton, February 20, 1976
- Plumblin No. 214Adams with Beatrice No. 26
Beatrice, October 1, 1976
- Cubit No. 237Douglas with Union No. 287
Palmyra, December 13, 1977
- Bancroft No. 145Bancroft with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 17, 1978

- Litchfield No. 278Litchfield with Mason City No. 170
Mason City, July 1, 1979
- Hartington No. 155Hartington with Relief No. 219
Coleridge, August 10, 1979
- Creighton No. 100Creighton with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, May 17, 1980
- Star No. 88Decatur with Pilot No. 240
Lyons, January 22, 1981
- Gladstone No. 176Ansley with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, November 4, 1981
- Eminence No. 223Giltner with Keystone No. 62
Phillips, October 26, 1981
- Antelope No. 276Elgin with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, January 1, 1982
- Bladen No. 319Bladen with Charity No. 53
Red Cloud, May 6, 1982
- Oak Leaf No. 312.....Lynch with Orman No. 261
Spencer, April 22, 1983
- Crofton No. 273Crofton with Wausa No. 251
Wausa, April 17, 1984
- Harlan No. 116Alma with Melrose No. 60
Orleans, April 17, 1984
- Hardy No. 117Hardy with Superior No. 121
Superior, April 17, 1984
- Merna No. 171Merna with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, April 17, 1984
- Lee P. Gillette No. 272Dunbar with Western Star No. 2
Nebraska City, January 18, 1985
- Occidental No. 215Cedar Bluffs with Fremont No. 15
Fremont, March 28, 1985
- Siloam No. 147.....Stuart with Atkinson No. 164
Atkinson, November 20, 1985
- Ponca No. 101.....Ponca with Alpha No. 316
South Sioux City, June, 1986
- Boaz No. 185Danbury with McCook No. 135
Danbury, September, 1986
- Curtiss No. 168.....Curtiss with McCook No. 135
McCook, February 15, 1986
- Clay Center No. 139Clay Center with Mid-West No. 317
Hastings, March 5, 1986
- Unity No. 163.....Greenwood with Pomegranate No. 110
Ashland, December, 1986
- Gothenburg No. 249Gothenburg with Platte Valley No. 32
North Platte, January, 1987
- Granite No. 189Gibbon with Cement No. 211
Wood River, April, 1987
- Amity No. 169.....Rushville with Hay Springs No. 177
Hay Springs, May, 1987
- Golden Sheaf No. 202Randolph with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, December 31, 1987

- Faith No. 181** Crawford with Sioux No. 277
Harrison, December 1987
- Potter No. 313** Potter with Frank Welch No. 75
Sidney, October 1988
- Western No. 140** Western with DeWitt No. 111
DeWitt, December 1988
- Zeredetha No. 160.** Reynolds with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, December 1988
- Right Angle No. 303** Omaha with Papillion No. 39
Papillion, December 1988
- Trowel No. 71** Neligh with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, January 1990

**LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORIES
OTHER THAN NEBRASKA**

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

EXTINCT LODGES

NAME & LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 - Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 - Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 - Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 - Arago.....	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 - Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 - Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macoy No. 22 - Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 - Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 - Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 - Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 - Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 - First	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 - Ulysses	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 - Waco	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 - Doniphan	May 12, 1966
Steele City No. 107 - Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 - Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 - Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 - Dorchester.....	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 - Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 - Indianola	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131 - Ainsworth.	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141 - Johnson	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 - North Loup.....	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 - Valparaiso	October 9, 1962
Evergreen No. 153 - Pierce	September, 1989
Grafton No. 172 - Grafton	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178 - Shickley	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186 - Grant.....	November 15, 1897
Israel No. 187 - Ulysses	December 18, 1956
Gauge No. 208 - Arcadia.....	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213 - Miller	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238 - Crab Orchard	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242 - Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244 - Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Holbrook No. 257 - Holbrook.....	June 11, 1959
Springview No. 260 - Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270 - Huntley.....	June 7, 1939
Swastika No. 280 - Sargent.	December 31, 1988
Exeter No. 283 - Exeter	December 16, 1952
Cowles No. 296 - Cowles	December 31, 1946
William E. Hill No. 307 - Otoe	December 15, 1964

MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it **Anno Lucis** (A.:L.:) "in the year of light."

A.:A.:S.:RITE, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish Chronology is used, **Anno Mundi** (A.:M.:) "in the year of the world."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, **Anno Inventionis** (A.:I.:) "in the year of the discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, **Anno Depositionis** (A.:Dep.:) "in the year of the deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR commence their era with the organization of their Order, **Anno Ordinis** (A.:O.:) "in the year of the Order."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the year of the Blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, **Anno Benefacto** (A.:Beo.:) "in the year of the Blessing."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

- ANCIENT CRAFT Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 4000 = 5909.
- A.:A.:S.:RITE Add 3760 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 3760 = 5669. After September add another year.
- ROYAL ARCH Add 530 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 530 = 2439.
- ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS Add 1000 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 4000 = 5909.
- KNIGHTS TEMPLAR From the Christian era take 1118. Thus, 1118 from 1909 = 791.
- ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD To the Christian era, add 1913, the year of the Blessing, B.C. Thus, 1909 and 1913 = 3822.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
1 - Nebraska	Lyle F. Ward	Cleo W. Robinson, Jr.	Robert R. Eckwall
2 - Western Star	William J. Thummel	Thomas W. Ramage	Andrew J. Lagerstrom
3 - Capitol	Robert L. Herbolzheimer*	Lawrence J. Courtnage*	—
4 - Nemaha Valley	Stephen C. Kennedy*	Stephen Knapp*	Melvin Andrew*
5 - Omadi	Walter M. Beermann*	—	—
6 - Plattsmouth	Bruce R. Ramage*	John C. Ostrander	Donald D. Jeanneret
9 - Falls City	Elsworth L. Abbott	—	—
10 - Solomon	Charles A. Pleak	Larry L. Halford	—
11 - Covert	Howard R. McCoy	Roger T. Nicholson	John C. Popejoy*
13 - Orient		—	—
14 - Peru	Ansel Clayburn*	—	—
15 - Fremont	Gerald D. Verbeek	Charles A. Folsom	John M. Dick
17 - Tecumseh		—	Warren D. Brown
19 - Lincoln	Kurt R. Weiss	Robert E. Olson*	—
21 - Washington	Richard F. Hansen*	Bobby F. Hardy	Edward L. Grube*
23 - Pawnee	Robert J. Schilling, Jr.	David L. Williams*	Larry L. Bradbury*
25 - St. Johns	James P. Hansen	Karl Hoffman	Albert Goble*
26 - Beatrice	William Arnold	Paul Redwine*	Donald Davidson
27 - Jordan		—	—
30 - Blue River	James Boshart	Gary Brhel*	Lowell Hudson
31 - Tekamah	Leland Ott	Don M. Neary*	Terry Schroeder
32 - Platte Valley	Owen A. Howard	Marvin L. Nelson	Donald E. McFarland
33 - Ashlar	William E. Cooper	Ronald M. Emery	—
34 - Acacia	Ben Vrana	Gerald Hamata	Craig M. Draucker
35 - Fairbury	John Culp	Donald Sleigh*	Bruce Ackerman*
36 - Lone Tree	Howard C. Lenhart*	—	—
37 - Crete	Jerry F. Bepalec	James A. Clark	Rick Wienke*
38 - Oliver	Larry V. Smith	Gregory W. Zabka*	Dean A. Naylor*
39 - Papillion	James E. Carter	Ronald R. Siwirski, Jr.	Dana E. Fischbach
40 - Humboldt	Homer Fishwood	Robert A. Albright*	William E. Martin*
41 - Northern Light	Robert Schellpeper	—	—
43 - Hebron		—	—
44 - Harvard	Kenneth Keasling	—	Lyle T. Hinrichs*
46 - Rob Morris	Eddie G. Hiner	Leighton H. Kesselring	Andrew W. Hoffmeister
48 - Fairmont	Lewis B. Halsey	Victor A. Jensen*	Andrew J. Anderson*
49 - Evening Star		—	—
50 - Hastings	Richard A. Johnson	Keith A. Penrose*	Michael R. Sidlo
51 - Fidelity		—	Dennis D. Gustafson*
52 - Hiram		—	—

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LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
53 - Charity	Robert D. McCartney	—	Virgil A. Goos
54 - Lancaster	Delbert E. Adams	James F. Brown, Jr.	William E. Hokanson
55 - Mosaic	Fernando E. Siores	—	Fred S. Kreuger
56 - York	James W. Wallingford*	—	Earl T. Hart*
57 - Mt. Moriah	Ralph Ross*	David Pearson	—
59 - Wahoo	Bradley D. Hoppe*	Edgar F. Knox*	John R. Miyoshi
60 - Melrose		—	—
61 - Thistle	Lauren F. Daberkow	—	Waldron G. Heany
62 - Keystone	Melvin H. Obermeier	Tom G. Cornwell*	Robert D. Jensen*
64 - Blue Valley		—	—
65 - Osceola	Scott M. Watts	Mitchell J. Coffin*	Edwin L. Willhoft, Jr.*
67 - Edgar	Robert Crumbliss*	John Horst*	Vern Watson*
68 - Aurora		—	—
72 - Hooper		—	—
73 - Friend	Charles A. Cogswell	Glen Steffensen*	Leroy Garrels*
75 - Frank Welch	William G. Woepfel	Kent Talich	James Cook
77 - Nelson	Scott W. Corman	Earl W. Ferguson*	Allan D. Sole
78 - Albion	E. Lee Howell	Ron Coakes*	—
79 - Geneva	Alfred L. Andrews	Richard D. Oliva	Bradley W. Stephens
81 - Composite	Andrew S. Glock	William D. Potter	Clarence Rost
82 - St. Paul		—	—
83 - Corinthian	Thomas M. Gustafson*	Robert A. Jones	Paul Byers
87 - Ionic	Paul A. Thierolf	Howard Mayberry	Robert E. Ganz
89 - Cedar River	Maryl J. Hanson	—	Dennis E. McCoig
91 - Oakland		—	—
93 - Beaver City		—	—
94 - Bennet	Gale D. Cook	—	—
95 - Garfield	Chester Frisch	—	—
96 - Utica	Mark Eberspacher*	Dale Carr*	John Fox, Jr.*
97 - Euclid	Matthew L. Mogensen	Phillip W. Rhodes	Willie C. Kunz
98 - Republican	Norman L. Coe	Thomas Moore*	Scott Randall*
99 - Shelton		—	—
102 - Waterloo		—	—
103 - Ord	Dan Van Zandt*	Charles P. Zangger	Clarence E. Fox*
104 - Wymore	Robert A. Norris*	Alfred G. Tatro*	David L. Thoman*
105 - Stella	Michael Kentopp*	G. Lee Kuker*	Richard Vlach*
106 - Porter	Kenneth A. Bills	Roy D. Wooden	Jack A. Charlton
108 - Table Rock	Jerry L. Vrtiska*	David A. Pope*	Melvin B. Wenzbauer*
110 - Pomegranate	Charles H. Niemeyer	—	Thomas Mithcell*
111 - DeWitt	Max Waldo*	Trent Geistlinger	Leonard Karl*
112 - Springfield	Timothy A. Sikora	Hugh Ellenberger	Joseph G. Syslo
113 - Globe		—	—

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REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES *continued*

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
114 - Wisner	Dean T. Dinklage	Darryl Frerichs*	Donald E. Vyborny*
119 - North Bend	John A. Nelson	Andrew J. Von Rein	Steven E. Grueber
120 - Wayne	Robert D. Newman	Richard A. Brown	Luther Sensenig*
121 - Superior	Chauncey B. Mickelsen	—	E. James Harvey*
124 - Auburn		—	—
125 - Mt. Nebo	Dorris L. Cuddeford	V. Keith Olsen	Clifford Peterson*
126 - Stromsburg	Wayne Brehm	Robert Dittmer*	Willis Waller
127 - Minden	David L. Craig*	Robert G. Sorensen	Tim J. Burke*
128 - Guide Rock		—	—
132 - Scribner	Floyd J. Ruppert	—	Harold Goodrich*
134 - Solar	Craig L. Swedenburg*	Phil Foulk*	Earl Miller*
135 - McCook	Donald O. Bickham	Kenneth R. Martin	E. Kent Augustine
136 - Long Pine		—	—
137 - Upright		—	—
138 - Rawalt	Jud D. Nissen*	—	—
143 - Crescent	Roy L. Kiser	—	James V. Cornwell
146 - Jachin	Curtis G. Lindstrom	James E. Mote	Bruce G. Raddatz
148 - Custer	Walter H. Dietz	Robert L. Hostick*	C. Floyd Grantzinger*
150 - Cambridge		—	—
154 - Lily	Russell D. Pfeifer	Craig A. Pope*	Gary L. Meyer*
158 - Samaritan	David G. Moore	Richard H. Cooper	Cliff DeLong*
159 - Ogallala	Calvin C. Berry	David P. Sheldon	Dana J. Lindauer
161 - Mt. Zion	Greg Whitmore	Don Linton*	Gordon Clark*
162 - Trestleboard	David E. Gravatt	Ival Schmucker*	Samuel E. Smith*
164 - Atkinson	James Widtfeldt	—	Dale Riha
165 - Barneston	Ronald March*	Arthur Taylor*	Burdette Bowhay
167 - Elwood	Kurt D. Ringenberg	—	—
170 - Mason City	Cliff P. E. Moore	—	—
173 - R. Burns		—	—
174 - Culbertson	William Carlson*	Kurt Harrison*	Terry Carlson*
177 - Hay Springs	Richard R. Schneider*	Terry L. Michaelson*	Alan J. Ferrel*
180 - Justice	Robert C. Thackery	Richard M. Glidden*	Paul M. Erdman
183 - Alliance	Albert T. Reddish	Gary L. Schafer	Kenneth C. Green
184 - Bee Hive		—	—
188 - Meridian	Grant Junior Dishman	Dallas Nichols*	Billy M. Stevenson*
191 - Crystal	Floyd W. Thompson	—	—
192 - Minnekadusa		—	Fred Perrett*
194 - Highland	Paul Quackenbush	Arnie Rudder	Norman DeVries*
195 - Arcana	William C. Conway	Edward L. Prentice*	Morris T. Coggin
198 - Purity	Byron Hust	Douglas Ohlson*	Ronald Milner
199 - Gavel		—	—
200 - Blazing Star		—	Donald R. Field

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LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
201 - Scotts Bluff	William R. Zalman	Byron L. Lane*	Frank Weiss
204 - Plainview	Brad H. Adamson	Larry Foster*	Larry Wiegert, Sr.*
205 - Golden Fleece		—	—
207 - Parian		—	—
209 - Canopy	Ralph W. Speth	Dennis Nielsen*	—
210 - East Lincoln	Eugene H. Kirchhoff	Jeffrey S. Wunder	LeRoy H. Rosenthal, Jr.
211 - Cement	Timothy E. Thienel	Donald E. Miller*	Maurice J. Paulk*
216 - Palisade	Robert G. Keating	Richard L. Baxter*	Bernes J. Schutte*
217 - Wauneta	Cleve D. Anderson*	—	—
218 - Bloomfield	Harry Sage, Jr.	Herb Bose*	—
219 - Relief	Richard R. Lentz	Arnold L. Anderson	Milo D. Patefield*
220 - Magnolia	Harold Lewin	—	—
221 - Wood Lake	Kenneth L. Marlatt	John C. Gross	O. William Micheel*
222 - Landmark	Allen R. Trumble	Brent I. Thone	Randall L. Hart*
224 - Silver Cord	Roderick C. Imm	William B. Cassel*	Ray Thomas
225 - Cable	Raymond F. Koubek	—	Dennis Beatty*
227 - North Star	Albert Chatfield	Jerry Mrkvicka	Walter Powell
228 - Bartley	Roy G. Hart, Jr.*	Thomas P. White*	Gary A. Newcomb*
229 - Comet	Robert E. Black	B. Richard Basel*	Michael Van Brown*
232 - John S. Bowen		—	—
233 - Gilead	Edward G. Peppel*	—	—
234 - Zion	Max E. Rothwell	—	Dan Manning*
235 - Fraternity	Robert D. Jensen*	Cecil C. Prince*	Wayne L. Kerstine*
236 - Golden Rule	Maurice Warner	—	—
239 - Friendship		—	Thomas G. Nuss*
240 - Pilot	Dale K. Miller	Mark A. Siecke*	Lester W. Shaw*
241 - George Armstrong		—	Lloyd Hurrell
245 - Hampton		—	—
246 - Nehawka		—	—
248 - Laurel		—	Herbert Bose
250 - George Washington	Richard Tuhey	Larry Kirwan*	V. K. Krenk*
251 - Wausa	Mike Burns*	Bruce Jorgensen*	William Monson*
254 - Bassett	Dennis Graf*	—	Keith Sandall
256 - Hickman	Jerry Sievers	Ron Osborne*	—
258 - Anselmo	Marion E. Mason	—	Wayne H. Hardly
261 - Orman	Thomas E. Blake, Sr.*	C. Curtis Nelson*	Don P. Drickey*
262 - Endeavor		—	—
263 - Mitchell	Steven K. Jones	Rodney L. Ramig*	Walter R. Frey*
264 - Franklin	Rhn Jacobson	David P. Muckel	—
265 - Robert Furnas	Rodney C. Gillespie	Mark A. Patterson	J. W. Coulter
266 - Silver		—	—
267 - James A. Tulleys	Ross Gibbons	—	Thomas H. Neill

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LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
268 - George Lininger	Davide J. Huber*	Thomas E. Baker*	John T. Parsons*
271 - Oasis	Daniel J. Duncan	—	—
274 - Olive Branch	David V. Nelson*	—	—
277 - Sioux	Dale E. Buckley*	—	Dean R. Robinson*
279 - Wallace	Randall E. Ogier	Lyle S. Clapp*	Joseph D. Chrisman*
281 - Florence	Thomas L. Perrigo	James A. Johnson, II	Franklin O. Shuffty
282 - Mullen	Ernest L. Leach	Wilbert Ericksen*	Gary Tuton*
284 - Seneca	Myron Mercer	—	—
285 - Camp Clarke	George T. Chikos	Darrell Schuler, II	—
286 - Oshkosh		—	—
287 - Union	Billy D. Weatherhogg	Dewaine Knutson	Dennis Brydle
288 - Omaha	Loren Mylenek	Fred Guss*	Myron Widger
289 - Lotus	Donald R. Seifert	Jerry J. Karel	—
290 - John J. Mercer	Harold E. Gilliam, Jr.	Norman C. Major	William A. Cox
291 - Diamond	Duard Dempster	Gordon Johnson*	Hoyt Sirek*
293 - Monument		—	Weldon d'Allemand
294 - Kimball	Dewain Lockwood*	Richard D. Henson	Donald L. Story*
295 - Minatare	Carl Upp*	Neil Gatch*	Harold Bishop
297 - Cotner	Gayle L. Angus	J. Kent Wassung	Robert C. Sides
298 - Chester	Ernest Dunn*	—	—
299 - Sutherland	William E. Culver	—	—
300 - Liberty	Bruce A. Watkins	Lumir A. Vajgrt	Roger W. Miner
301 - Bayard	Frank Smith*	—	—
302 - Mizpah	Frank R. Lostovica, Sr.	Mark L. Miller	—
305 - Newman Grove	Danny Potzel	—	—
306 - Golden Rod	Mal Minshall*	Russell L. Olson*	Gale M. Beers
308 - Perkins	Cecil Hendricks*	Dennis Hutt*	—
310 - Victory	Robert C. King	James D. Sake	Gregory J. Kibbie
311 - Polk	Dennis W. Ditloff	—	Richard C. Sealey, Jr.*
314 - Craftsmen	Jeffrey D. Young*	Theodore J. Johnson	Patrick J. Scanlon*
316 - Alpha	Robert L. Anderson*	James E. Buttermore	Edward S. Matz
317 - Mid-West	Scott J. Krieger	Terry W. Larsen	Maurice B. Kline
318 - Grand Island	Bill Jussel	David L. Sims	Darrel W. Olson*
320 - College View	Jay Lamb	—	—
321 - Harmony	Gordon Lee Carley*	Wendell L. Draper*	Ronnie Draper*
323 - Lebanon	Terence H. Pilkenton*	Robert E. Wilbur	Charles G. Brooks*
324 - Cairo	Robert Lowry*	—	—
325 - Bellevue	Roy E. Williams	Cecil R. Carroll*	Glen D. Rozell
326 - Centennial	Garry S. Toombs	Charles H. Jacobs	Kenneth E. Woelfle
327 - Shiloh	James R. Taylor	Michael J. Hawley	Russell E. Lambert* *
328 - Miloma	Dan Perdue	Randy Krasneck	Jeff Ogle
329 - Roscoe Pound	William G. Hurst	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	Thomas F. Simpson*

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GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

Representative	Appointed	Grand Jurisdiction	Representative	Appointed
Steven J. Brownfield	3/3/89	Alabama	Victor D. Hunt, 62	4/29/77
Wayne G. Coleman	3/30/82	Alaska	Byron C. Jenkins, 325	3/8/82
Jose Gonzalez	1/10/64	Argentina	Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210	6/12/87
Ralph P. Faulkner	8/22/83	Arizona	Robert E. Kyes, 36	9/3/76
Dennis H. Carmack	8/6/89	Arkansas	James L. Eatmohn, 294	1/1/84
Gordon Ross Mallam	6/16/74	Australia, New S. Wales	Donald R. White, 327	2/3/81
W. T. Neale	2/29/60	Australia, Queensland	Wayne J. Pauley, 19	7/18/77
G. T. Brice	....	Australia, South Aust.	Charles W. Goodwin, 25	5/4/85
Farrin Webb	3/23/46	Australia, Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 174	11/15/79
F. G. Hatcher	12/17/60	Australia, Western Aust.	Keith E. Winheim, 1	6/12/87
Hugo Barber	3/22/51	Austria	Randolph R. Eatmon, 294	12/31/89
Alfonso Reyes	8/13/63	Belgium	L. L. Haddix, 36	12/31/81
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	9/19/36	Bolivia	G. Irwin Osterloh, 72	....
....	....	Brazil, Bahia	Frank J. Vlasak, 119	7/6/72
Adolpho Porta	1/4/88	Brazil, Brazilia	Albert G. Bates, 1	6/4/71
Aderiou F. Andrade	1/4/88	Brazil, Ceara	Clay W. Kennedy, 4	2/10/89
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/73	Brazil, Goais	Harry L. Scheffel, 91	7/1/74
Oscar de Paula Assis	8/1/69	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	....
Jose Cesario Horta	9/21/49	Brazil, Mato Grosso do	Norris L. Rusmisell, 46	12/20/89
Luthgard Nobre	6/26/74	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Robert E. Richards, 205	11/17/78
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/68	Brazil, Para	Gerald A. Moller, 15	12/10/68
Joao Bento	10/23/57	Brazil, Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	1/3/36
Tutomo Sato	3/7/68	Brazil, Parana	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	3/7/68
....	Brazil, Pernambuco	Mannie O. Hansen, 1	6/12/74

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Representative	Appointed	Grand Jurisdiction	Representative	Appointed
....	....	Brazil, Rio Grande Do Sul	Wm. H. Beckenhauer, 19	7/1/74
Paulo Roberto Curi	10/17/89	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Virgil L. Tubach, 54	2/10/89
Lirio Burigo Bez	9/22/76	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	7/1/74
Jose de Vitits Silva	11/14/51	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Charles W. Amidon, 281	6/7/77
Harold Loewenthal	4/23/69	California	Eugene C. Sibley, 54	6/11/76
Cecil D. Holmes	8/6/89	Canada, Alberta	Edward H. Lockwood, 265	12/15/59
Barney R. Peatt	12/30/86	Canada, British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, Sr., 37	7/10/47
Joseph S. Reynolds	3/29/80	Canada, Manitoba	Michael J. Tye, 46	12/31/89
Kenneth Nelson	10/21/55	Canada, New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	1/31/58
D. C. Horton	6/21/78	Canada, Nova Scotia	Curtis J. Griess, 49	12/2/68
Kenneth N. Nesbitt	12/21/76	Canada, Ontario	Paul R. Eveland, 119	2/16/82
Allan C. Jenkins	4/8/71	Canada, Pr. Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	1/17/45
George Fairbairn	1/4/88	Canada, Quebec	Viron E. Baxter, 216	....
Edward L. Lee	3/11/87	Canada, Saskatchewan	Bruce L. Bump, 158	1/1/84
Rigoberto Jamett	8/22/83	Chile	Ben D. Fussel, 79	6/4/71
Dawson Kwauk	6/26/80	China	John D. Richardson, 50	6/10/83
Jacque N. Hampton	4/9/80	Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	6/23/43
Jose Maria Serna	7/31/51	Columbia, Barranquilla	Kenneth P. Lott, 184	2/3/81
Rafael F. Moreno	....	Columbia, Bogota	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	8/7/69
Vincent Vernon	3/18/69	Connecticut	Arnold F. Mains, 15	12/13/68
Carlos Miranda	10/22/68	Costa Rica	Richard H. Scheef, 288	7/7/76
V. H. F. E. Garcia	11/5/52	Cuba	John F. Dale, 135	12/14/89
Leonard S. Strycharz	1/28/71	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, 317	6/12/87
Knud Meister	11/23/82	Denmark	Frank Lawson, 1	12/21/89
H. Kenneth Kingsbury	9/24/82	District of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	5/13/54
M. D. J. C. Navarro	8/25/69	Dominican Republic	Harry A. Tollander, 281	7/8/81
F. G. Araya	6/17/53	Ecuador	Richard O. Cowles, 217	11/7/78

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Representative	Appointed	Grand Jurisdiction	Representative	Appointed
Lord Mais	10/22/76	England	Harry A. Spencer, 227	12/2/68
Kalle Putkisto	12/15/69	Finland	Sebert A. Stover, 281	2/9/68
Wm. C. Mitchell	6/23/70	Florida	John Lippert, 323	8/8/66
Edward Jeanmonod	9/14/54	France	J. Dallas Gibson, 54	7/1/174
....	....	Gabon	Don E. Rasmussen, 135	2/10/89
Wm. H. McDaniel	8/6/89	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	8/3/60
Wolfgang Durst	9/24/75	Germany	Alfred G. Wurst, 59	7/6/72
Andreas Rizopoulos	2/12/89	Greece	Benjiman H. Harvey, 119	2/10/89
Angel G. Guzman	8/13/63	Guatemala	Roger L. Shillington, 180	6/8/77
Bjarne Bjarnason	1/7/53	Honduras	S. Gordon Chard, 240	11/3/62
John R. Sheridan	12/17/86	Iceland	Dan W. Holmstedt, 314	5/10/80
Wiley F. Smith	8/6/89	Idaho	Bevin B. Bump, 158	1/1/84
J. Garrie Burr	8/18/89	Illinois	Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210	5/3/77
H. J. Engineer	8/7/63	India	William Hurst, 54	9/17/77
Herbert Newman	12/4/74	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	6/12/87
....	....	Iran (in exile)	Noel J. Lindquist, 1	6/4/71
John R. Sheridan	12/17/86	Ireland	Robert E. Comer, 239	10/10/77
Yehuda Ashkenazi	9/22/81	Israel	Leo Hill, 210	2/10/89
Giancarlo Boero	5/1/86	Italy	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	9/14/62
Yasuhiko Ide	....	Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	7/31/58
Richard K. Hart	1/6/64	Kansas	Wilbert W. Wittmuss, 39	6/12/87
O. J. Hyde	7/31/72	Kentucky	Wayne G. Luenenborg, 32, 39	6/12/87
Clifford A. Bradley	8/6/89	Louisiana	Thomas W. Tye, 46	1/1/84
Rene Gregorius	8/17/71	Luxembourg	Thomas W. Tye, II, 46	12/31/89
Royce G. Wheeler	8/30/76	Maine	Ralph W. Gerry, 281	8/7/69
John M. Baker, III	Maryland	Henry L. Rood, 59	7/6/72
Charles A. Lukas, Jr.	8/6/89	Massachusetts	Arthur R. Sharp, 54	12/31/89

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Representative	Appointed	Grand Jurisdiction	Representative	Appointed
Juan L. Arocha	10/23/50	Mexico, Nuevo Leon	Doane O. Trail, 135	....
German Barrera	8/27/70	Mexico, Tamaulipas	Norman L. Coe, 46	12/31/89
George Sanfor	8/8/69	Mexico, York Grand Lodge	Gary Martin, 46	12/31/89
Willard Sauer	2/14/58	Michigan	Paul R. Pierce, 50	3/15/79
Frederick B. Vihovde	8/6/89	Minnesota	Donald L. Pohlman, 41	2/10/89
John T. Brown	1/16/53	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	9/8/53
William R. Robbins	7/23/63	Missouri	Robert A. Metcalf, 210	1/1/84
Ludvik H. Jun	8/18/88	Montana	V. Kaye Ramsey, 290, 317	12/31/89
J. F. A. Gravenberch	12/14/60	Netherlands	W. Upton Dawson, 135	10/12/65
Franklin L. Coonley	8/18/89	Nevada	James N. DeMoss, 325	1/8/81
Ellis W. Howard	6/14/62	New Hampshire	William Keller, 250	4/14/80
Robert W. Emery	9/15/72	New Jersey	John M. McHenry, 19	11/6/85
Andrew Krause	8/6/89	New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	7/1/74
Raymond E. Dovey	2/14/79	New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	6/14/73
....	....	Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	12/9/41
Nathaniel C. Dean	7/26/65	North Carolina	G. Richard Myers, 158	1/1/84
Calvin E. Rustad	9/7/55	North Dakota	Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150	4/28/64
Ivar Moe	4/24/75	Norway	Michael E. Jones, 51	2/10/89
E. L. Galbraith	4/23/69	Ohio	Darrell D. Christensen, 54	4/28/77
Aubrey R. Erhart	6/11/63	Oklahoma	Frederick E. Forsee, 288	....
Arthur E. Baird	9/16/80	Oregon	Frank J. Mattoon, 75	12/4/68
Elias S. Mizrachi	1/13/53	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	7/28/65
Carlos Pena	9/1/72	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 254	6/4/71
Antonia Espinosa	....	Philippines	Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	8/7/69
Luis S. Parrill A. Castro	4/1/81	Puerto Rico	Herman O. Hansen, 3	6/4/71
Edward T. Hudson	8/11/78	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	7/3/42
William F. S. Reid	11/19/86	Scotland	Steven K. Jones, 263, 265	6/12/87

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Representative	Appointed	Grand Jurisdiction	Representative	Appointed
A. Rhodie	8/18/89	South Africa	Delmar Jones, 46	12/31/89
Rhoden D. Batson	7/6/71	South Carolina	Steven F. Mattoon, 75	12/31/89
L. L. Kirkpatrick	3/29/80	South Dakota	U. Wesley Fox, 192	7/6/72
....	....	Spain	Albert T. Reddish, 183	1/5/88
Ollie Hellberg	10/23/78	Sweden	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	6/12/87
Frederick J. Pruefer	6/21/78	Switzerland	Wayne W. Reese, 54	7/1/74
Leighton Gordon Scott	7/5/85	Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	9/8/60
M. D. Manning	9/14/81	Tennessee	George A. Iverson, 15	4/28/77
G. P. Stockwell	12/10/77	Texas	Donald A. Keys, 300	12/20/61
Attila Atli	12/29/71	Turkey	Melvin E. Johnson, 112	8/27/63
John J. Greiner	9/9/59	Utah	Robert L. Little, 240	6/11/76
Wendell H. Chaffee	5/16/62	Venezuela	Paul A. Canaday, 323	6/12/87
....	....	Vermont	Steven W. Olson, 229	5/2/85
George W. Farley	8/6/89	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	1/28/52
Malcom L. Wilkinson	4/14/71	Washington	H. Gene Gustafson, 318	6/10/83
J. K. Ferguson	9/28/61	West Virginia	Gary W. Radil, 268	12/31/89
George J. Schreiber	3/23/46	Wisconsin	Harold Hultman, 39	6/12/74

GRAND LODGE A. F. AND A. M. OF NEBRASKA

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF UNRESTRICTED FUND
INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1989

DESCRIPTION	CARRYING VALUE	FACE VALUE	MARKET VALUE
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - RESTRICTED - U.S. GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS, 8.3%	\$ 27,183		\$ 27,183
COMMERCIAL PAPER - General Electric Capital Note, 8.4%, 2-2-90	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000
BONDS:			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES:			
U.S. Treasury Bills, 5.9%, 1-18-90	\$ 98,137	\$ 100,000	\$ 99,673
U.S. Treasury Notes, 11.375%, 5-15-90	99,664	100,000	101,125
U.S. Treasury Notes, 9.75%, 10-15-92	56,941	50,000	52,172
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.625%, 5-15-92	49,862	50,000	48,562
Total government securities	304,604	300,000	301,532
PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS:			
New England Power Company, 6.375%, 12-1-96	47,427	60,000	52,425
Northern States Power Co., First Mortgage (reg.), 6.75%, 5-1-98	25,000	25,000	22,031
Public Service of Colorado, First Mortgage, 6.75%, 7-1-98	21,813	25,000	21,719
Puget Sound Power and Light Co., First Mortgage, 10%, 9-15-94	50,500	50,000	51,062
Southern California Edison, First & Refunding Mortgage Bond, 6.125%, 8-15-91	21,000	25,000	24,188
Southern California Edison, First & Refunding Mortgage Bond, Series Z, 7.875%, 12-1-95	46,682	50,000	47,625
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Debenture (reg.), 8.75%, 8-1-2007	25,105	25,000	24,250
Texas Electric Service Co., First Mortgage, 4.375%, 4-1-93	10,115	10,000	8,763
Virginia Electric & Power Company, First & Refunding Mortgage Bond, Series CC, 7.375%, 6-1-2002	20,173	20,000	17,625
Total public utility bonds	267,815	290,000	269,688
TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS BONDS:			
Chevron USA Inc., 5.35%, 6-15-91	73,112	100,000	96,375
The Dow Chemical Company, Debenture (reg.), 7.40%, 7-15-2002	15,000	15,000	13,538
Ford Motor Credit Co., 7.5%, 3-1-94	49,688	50,000	47,875
General Motors Corporation, 7.5%, 8-15-93	47,365	50,000	47,813
Household Finance Corporation, Debenture (reg.), 7.5%, Series 1F, 8-1-95	15,000	15,000	13,706
Quaker State Oil Refining Corporation, (reg.), 9%, 8-1-95	29,886	30,000	29,812
Socony Mobil Oil Co., Inc., 4.25%, 4-1-93	25,079	25,000	22,000
Union Carbide Corporation, Sinking Fund Debenture (reg.), 5.30%, 3-1-97	69,667	100,000	78,875
Eastman Kodak Co., 9.125%, 3-1-89	48,687	50,000	48,937
Times Mirror Co., 8.25%, 4-1-96	47,313	50,000	48,313
Georgia Pacific Corporation, 10.125%, 5-15-2000	49,874	50,000	49,688
Nordstrom Credit Corporation, 8.75%, 3-20-95	48,500	50,000	50,716
Total transportation, industrial, and miscellaneous bonds	519,171	585,000	547,648
TOTAL BONDS	\$1,091,590	\$1,175,000	\$1,118,868

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED FUND
INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1989

DESCRIPTION	CARRYING VALUE	1989 FACE VALUE	MARKET VALUE
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - U.S. GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS, 8.3%	<u>\$ 18,623</u>		<u>\$ 18,623</u>
COMMERCIAL PAPER - General Electric Capital Note, 8.4%, 2-2-90	<u>\$ 45,000</u>		<u>\$ 45,000</u>
BONDS:			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES:			
U.S. Treasury Bills, 5.9%, 1-18-90	\$ 63,789	\$ 65,000	\$ 64,787
U.S. Treasury Notes, 9.625%, 11-15-90	65,805	65,000	65,853
U.S. Treasury Notes, 8.875%, 2-15-99	24,378	25,000	26,312
Total government securities	<u>153,972</u>	<u>155,000</u>	<u>156,952</u>
CORPORATE:			
Dayton Hudson Corporation, 7.875%, 4-1-96	23,088	25,000	23,156
Eastman Kodak Co., 9.125%, 3-1-98	24,750	25,000	24,469
IBM Credit Corporation, 8.65%, 7-15-94	24,750	25,000	25,324
Total corporate bonds	<u>72,588</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>72,949</u>
TOTAL BONDS	<u>\$226,560</u>	<u>\$230,000</u>	<u>\$229,901</u>
COMMON STOCKS:			
Bristol Myers Co., 200 shares	\$ 9,044		\$ 11,200
Exxon Corporation, 200 shares	9,095		10,000
Ford Motor Co., 150 shares	8,040		6,544
General Electric Co., 200 shares	8,795		12,900
International Business Machines, 70 shares	8,215		6,589
Eli Lilly and Co., 100 shares	9,135		13,700
Pacific Telesis Group, 200 shares	6,145		10,075
Teco Energy Inc., 300 shares	7,455		8,850
USX Corporation, 200 shares	5,520		7,150
U.S. West, Inc., 150 shares	8,790		12,019
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	<u>\$ 80,234</u>		<u>\$ 99,027</u>

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