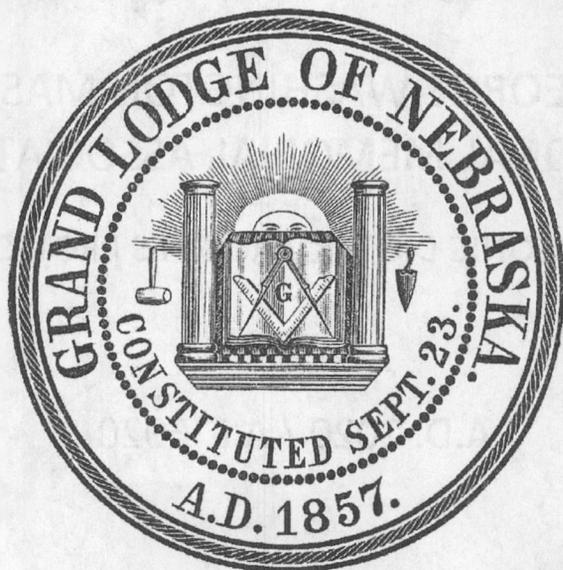


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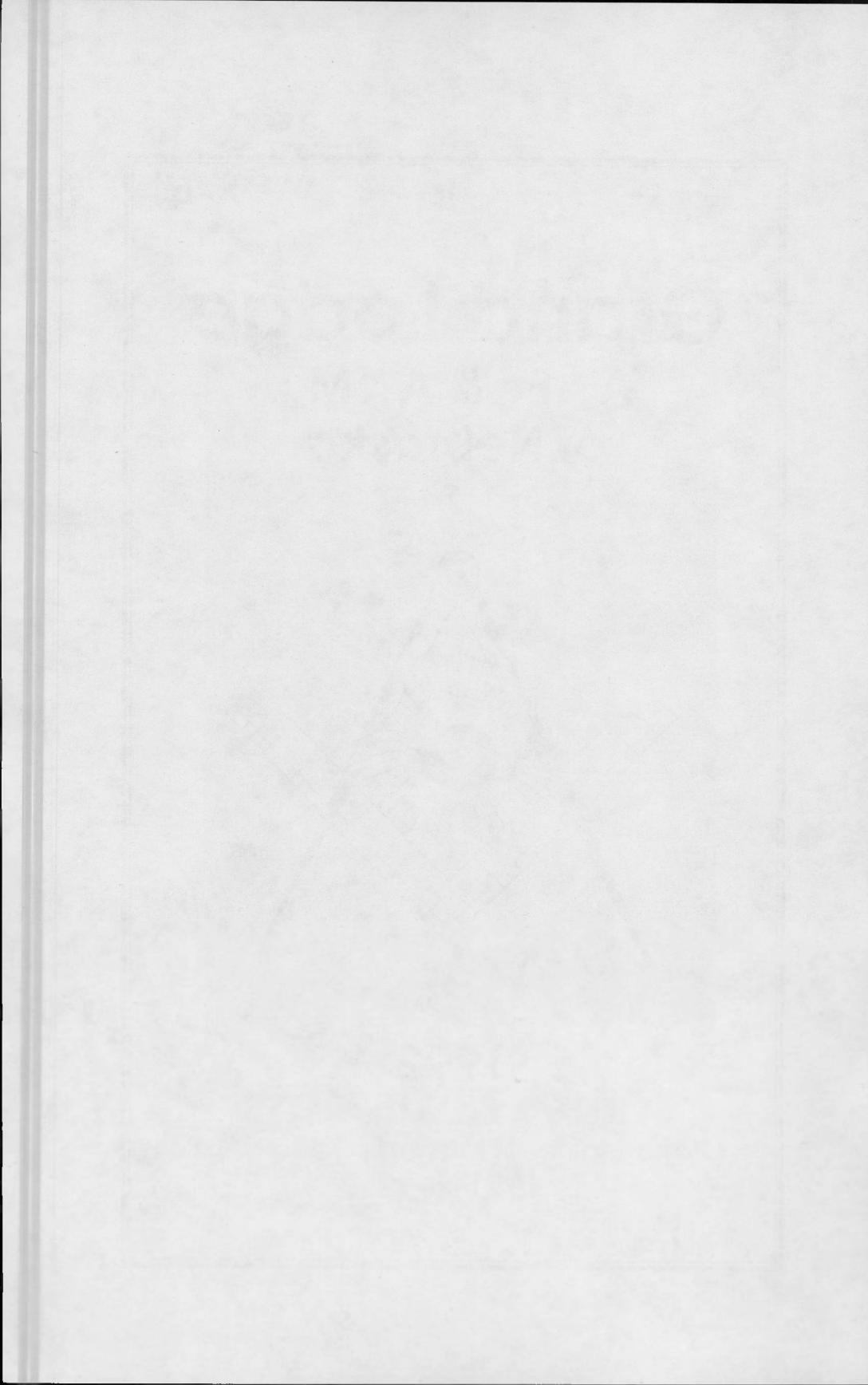
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**James N. DeMoss**  
Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska  
1991-1992

# Masonic History of the 125th Grand Master

*James N. DeMoss*

**Ancient Craft Masonry** Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on June 9, 1964; passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on September 15, 1964; and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on October 17, 1964, all in Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha, Nebraska. Served as Master of Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue, Nebraska, in 1986.

**Grand Lodge** Appointed Grand Chaplain in June, 1980 by M.: W.: Byron C. Jenkins. Appointed Grand Orator in June 1981 by M.: W.: Harold C. Wurde- man, in June 1982 by M.: W.: Paul R. Pierce, in June 1983 by M.: W.: Bevin B. Bump, and in June 1984 by M.: W.: Robert A. Metcalf. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in December 1986 by M.: W.: Charles W. Amidon. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in December 1986 by M.: W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg. Elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden under M.: W.: Paul R. Eveland in February 1988. Elected and installed as Grand Senior Warden under M.: W.: Thomas W. Tye in February 1989. Elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-elect in February 1990 under M.: W.: John M. McHenry. Installed as the 125th Grand Master of Masons on February 10, 1991. In 1976 was appointed and served as a member of the Grand Lodge Youth Committee under M.: W.: T. Leo Stines. Since that time has also served as a member and/or chairman of the following Grand Lodge Committees: Fraternal Dead, Statue of Liberty Centennial, Finance, and Grand Lodge Offices. Was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, F.: & A.: M.: near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 1980. Commission as Grand Representative of Nevada near Nebraska was resigned in April 1991 in favor of another individual. In January 1991 was commissioned as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, F.: & A.: M.: near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. In February 1990 at Salt Lake City, Utah, was elected Chairman of the Conference Committee of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, to serve in that capacity through the close of the Conference to be held in San Diego, California, on February 17-19, 1991.

**Capitular Masonry** Made a Royal Arch Mason in Florence Chapter No. 61, at Omaha, Nebraska, on February 29, 1980.

**Cryptic Masonry** Made a Royal and Select Master in Omaha Council No. 1, at Omaha, Nebraska, on March 8, 1980.

**Chivalric Masonry** Dubbed a Knight Templar in Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, at Omaha, Nebraska, on March 15, 1980.

**Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite** Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Omaha, Orient of Nebraska, on April 25-28, 1966. Elected as Class Orator on April 28, 1966. Served as Wise Master, Omaha Chapter of Knights Rose Croix in 1977. Elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on December 7, 1973. Coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary on December 9, 1977.

**Shrine** Member since 1985 of Tangier Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Order of Eastern Star** Member of Alpha Chapter No. 325 in Bellevue, Nebraska, since 1968. Served as Worthy Patron in 1973. Served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska in 1977-1978. Elected and served as a member and/or chairman of the Grand Trustees of Nebraska Grand Chapter from 1978 through 1988. Presently serving the Grand Trustees as Investment Manager.

**International Order of Job's Daughters** Served as Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 68 in Bellevue, Nebraska, from June 1972 through June 1975. Served as Associate Grand Guardian of the Grand Guardian Council of Nebraska, June 1975 - June 1976. Past member and chairman of the Grand Guardian Council Finance Committee.

**Order of Rainbow for Girls** Past Rainbow Dad of Athena Assembly No. 24 in Bellevue, Nebraska. Past member and Chairman of the Nebraska Rainbow Advisory Committee on Finance, June 1978 - May 1980. Holder of the Grand Cross of Colors.

**Order of DeMolay** Past member of the Advisory Board of Robert A. Chandler Chapter in Bellevue, Nebraska. Served as State Membership Director of the Nebraska Chapter of DeMolay, April 1979 - May 1980.

**Other Masonic Bodies** Served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth from 1978 until 1987. Re-elected as a member of the Home Board of Trustees in January 1992. Presently serving, and has since 1984, as Investment Manager for the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, Nebraska. Member of Chapter No. 19, National Sojourners, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska. Member of Joseph Warren Camp, Heroes of '76, Omaha, Nebraska. Member of Court No. 19, Royal Order of Jesters, Omaha, Nebraska.

**Honorary Memberships** Numerous Honorary Memberships in various Masonic and Masonic-related bodies in Nebraska and other Grand Jurisdictions.

**Military Service** Retired from the United States Air Force on August 1, 1971, as a Chief Master Sergeant, after period of service of 21 years.

# Masonic History of the 126th Grand Master

*James L. Eatmon*

**Ancient Craft Masonry** Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on July 7, 1961; passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on September 8, 1961; and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on December 18, 1961, all in Kimball Lodge No. 294, Kimball, Nebraska. Served as Master of Kimball Lodge No. 294, Kimball, Nebraska, in 1967. Certified for past six years as a Proficient Mason.

**Grand Lodge** Appointed Grand Tyler in June, 1983 by M.:W.: Bevin B. Bump. Appointed Grand Marshal in June, 1984 by M.:W.: Robert A. Metcalf. Appointed Grand Marshal in October, 1985 by M.:W.: Charles W. Amidon. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in December, 1986 by M.:W.: Wayne G. Lueningborg. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in February, 1988 by M.:W.: Paul R. Eveland. Elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden under M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye in February, 1989. Elected and installed as Grand Senior Warden under M.:W.: John M. McHenry in February, 1990. Elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-elect in February, 1991 under M.:W.: James N. DeMoss. Installed as the 126th Grand Master of Masons on February 8, 1992.

Served on Grand Lodge Office Committee, both as member and chairman; Special Committees; Preparation of the Cipher, Modern Proficiency, Revised Monitor and the Revised Manual of Ceremonies

**York Rite Masonry** — A member of Oregon Trail, Chapter No. 65; Temple Council No. 20; and Bethlehem Commandery No. 18, all in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

**Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite** Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Alliance, Orient of Nebraska, on April 2-5, 1963. Served as Wise Master, Alliance Chapter of Knights Rose Croix in 1978 and 1979. Venerable Master of Kadosh in 1984 and 1985. Elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on December 8, 1967. Coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary on December 6, 1975.

**Shrine** Member since 1963 of Tehama Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Hastings, Nebraska.

**Order of Eastern Star** Member of Truth Chapter No. 262 in Kimball, Nebraska.

**International Order of Job's Daughters** Served as Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 12 in Kimball, Nebraska.

**Other Masonic Bodies** Serves as Director of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska. Member of the Board of Trustees for the Omaha Home for Boys, Member of the Omaha Chapter No. 19, National Sojourners, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska .

**Military Service** Served in the United States Marine Corp from April 6, 1945 to May 10, 1947, as Corporal.



**James L. Eatmon**  
Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska  
1992-1993



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# Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

**I**t is hereby certified that the foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Thirty-Fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Omaha, Nebraska, February 7th and 8th, 1992, and printed under my direction.

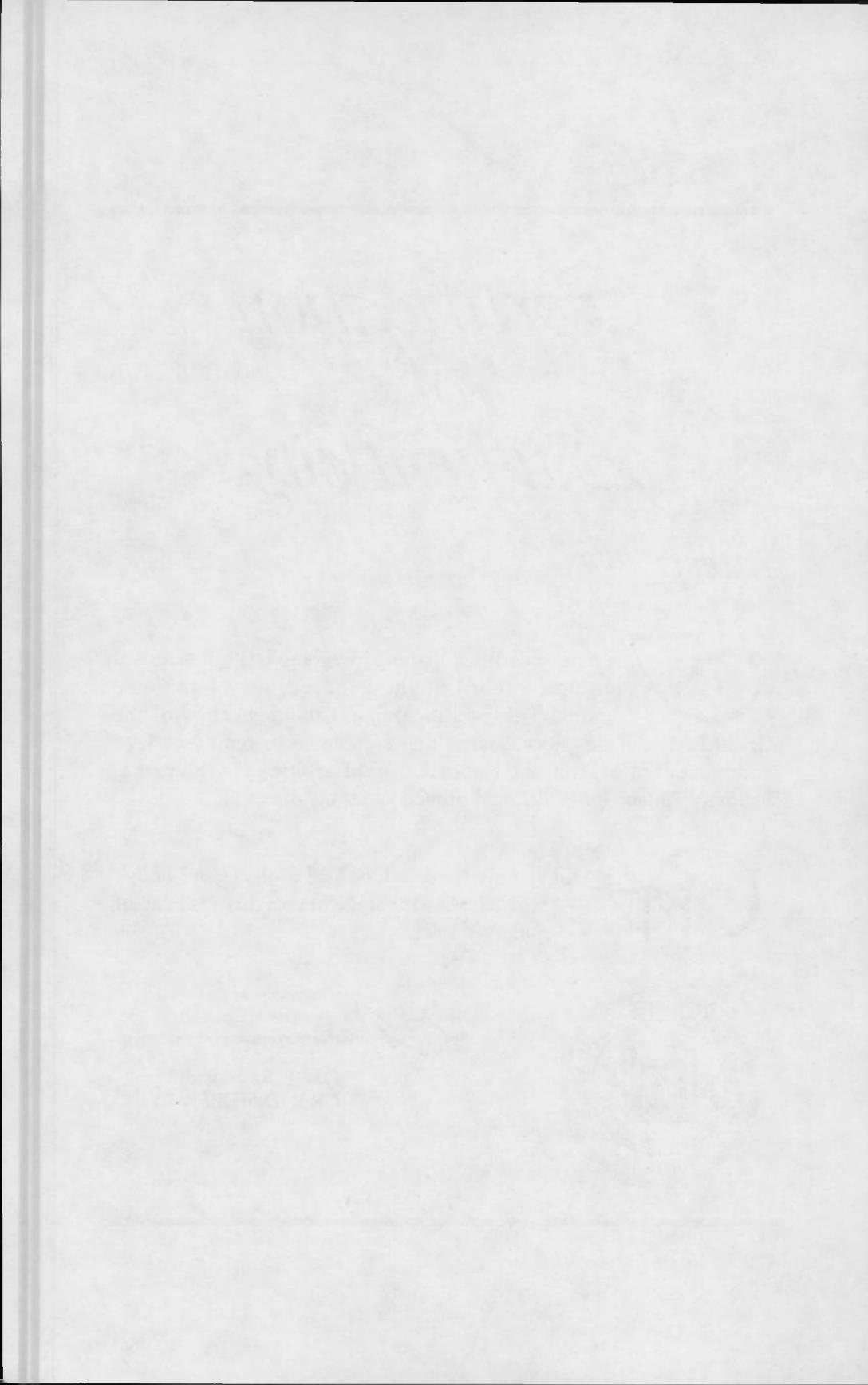
**W**itness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska this 15th day of September 1992.



*Don E. Rasmussen*

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GRAND SECRETARY

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*Most Worshipful James N. DeMoss*  
*Grand Master*

*First Day — Opening Session*  
*Friday, February 7, 1992*

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Holiday Inn Central, Omaha, Nebraska, 9:30 a.m. Friday, February 7th, 1992.

R.: W.: James L. "Sonny" Eatmon presided.

Following the Presentation of the Colors by the Knights of Columbus, the M.: W.: Grand Master, James N. DeMoss, and his Lady, Carole, were presented and given Grand Honors.

First of the dignitaries to be presented to the Grand Master and honored by the masons assembled were the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

**PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS OF NEBRASKA**

- M.: W.: Brother Harry A. Spencer . . . . . 1964
- M.: W.: Brother Louis V. Sylvester . . . . . 1965
- M.: W.: Brother Frank J. Mattoon . . . . . 1973

M.: W.: Brother Harold Hultman . . . . .	1975
M.: W.: Brother Warren D. Lichty, Jr. . . . .	1979
M.: W.: Brother Bevin B. Bump . . . . .	1983
M.: W.: Brother Robert A. Metcalf . . . . .	1984 - 85
M.: W.: Brother Charles W. Amidon . . . . .	1986
M.: W.: Brother Wayne G. Lueningborg . . . . .	1987
M.: W.: Brother Thomas W. Tye . . . . .	1989
M.: W.: Brother John M. McHenry . . . . .	1990

**REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

W.: Robert L. Bartholic . . . . .	Grand Junior Deacon of Colorado
M.: W.: Tom Eggleston . . . . .	Grand Master of Iowa
M.: W.: Lowell Wagoner . . . . .	Past Grand Master of Iowa
R.: W.: James Davidson . . . . .	Senior Grand Warden of Idaho
M.: W.: Conrad F. Johnson . . . . .	Grand Master of Kansas
W.: Morris L. Fisher . . . . .	Grand Senior Deacon of Kansas
M.: W.: William Skrepnek . . . . .	Grand Master of Michigan
W.: Alton C. Darling . . . . .	Grand Tyler of Michigan
M.: W.: Charles Baltos . . . . .	Grand Master of Minnesota
M.: W.: Frederick Nolan . . . . .	Grand Master of Prince Hall in Nebraska
R.: W.: Clarence E. Shead . . . . .	Junior Grand Warden of Nevada
M.: W.: William G. Roberts . . . . .	Past Grand Master of Nevada
M.: W.: Thomas R. Dougherty . . . . .	Past Grand Master of New Jersey
	Director of Hospital Visitations for the Masonic Service Association of the United States.
M.: W.: Gerald Johnson . . . . .	Grand Master of South Dakota
M.: W.: Raymond Horn . . . . .	Grand Secretary of South Dakota
M.: W.: Robert Morrow . . . . .	Past Grand Master of South Dakota
M.: W.: Fred E. Allen . . . . .	Past Grand Master of Texas
R.: W.: Douglas F. Krimmer . . . . .	Grand Secretary of Wisconsin
R.: W.: Richard R. Cooper . . . . .	Deputy Grand Master of Wyoming

**REPRESENTATIVES OF THE APPENDANT BODIES  
of the GRAND LODGE of NEBRASKA**

Mrs. Bonnie Brasel . . . . .	Worthy Grand Matron Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
Brother James F. Brown, Jr. . . . .	Worthy Grand Patron Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
Mrs. Shirley Frink . . . . .	Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
Miss Kimberlee Pfister . . . . .	Grand Worthy Advisor International Order of Rainbow for Girls
Mrs. Bettie Curtis . . . . .	Chairman of the Grand Executive Board International Order of Rainbow for Girls
Miss Anne Morrow . . . . .	Grand Bethel Honored Queen International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska

- Miss Christina Harrison . . . . . Miss Nebraska Job's Daughters
- Mrs. Susan Arndt . . . . . Grand Guardian of the Grand Guardian Council  
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Brother Rodney Reeder . . Associate Grand Guardian of the Grand Guardian Council  
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Brother David Smith . . . . . State Master Councilor of the Nebraska State Chapter  
International Order of DeMolay
- M.:I.: Don R. Monnette . . . . . Deputy General Grand Master of the North  
Central Region Cryptic Masons International
- M.:E.: Viron E. Baxter . . . . . Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of  
Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- M.:I.: Bert C. Keith . . Grand Illustrious Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
- R.:E.: Jay H. Speck . . . . . Grand Secretary - Recorder,  
York Rite Bodies of Nebraska
- ILL.: Warren D. Lichty, Jr. . . . . Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the  
Orient of Nebraska, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite,  
Southern Jurisdiction and Grand Commander of  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska
- IMP.: Sir John D. VerMaas . . . . . Imperial Oriental Guide of the Imperial Council  
of the Ancient Arabic Order of the  
Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America
- ILL.: Sir Rollie Johnson . . . . . Potentate of Sesostris Temple,  
Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- ILL.: Sir John Bohrer . . . . . Potentate of Tangier Temple,  
Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- ILL.: Sir Wendell Wertz . . . . . Potentate of Tehama Temple,  
Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- Brother John M. McHenry . . . . . Executive Officer of Nebraska, Order of DeMolay
- Brother Gerald D. Verbeek . . . . . Regional Representative of  
National Sojourners for Nebraska and Iowa

V.: W.: Michael E. Jones, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION of NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS**

W.: Gus Scolaro Grand Custodian presented the Deputy Grand Custodians:

- Lloyd I. Edwards . . . . . Ashland
- Arthur S. Dye . . . . . Hastings
- John C. Sierks . . . . . Brownville
- D. Wayne Erickson . . . . . Holdrege
- Ralph E. McNulty . . . . . Cozad
- Eugene C. Sibley . . . . . Lincoln
- Leslie A. Evert . . . . . Gordon
- Steven K. Jones . . . . . Mitchell
- Lloyd F. Vrtiska . . . . . Table Rock
- Harold W. Noble . . . . . Bellevue
- Roy L. Smith . . . . . Plattsmouth
- Daniel E. Spearow . . . . . Beatrice

LeRoy Crye	Omaha
Ronald D. Grass	Tekamah
Scott J. Krieger	Hastings
Herbert M. Chambers	Omaha
James E. Cornish	Tekamah

**Deputy Grand Custodian Emeriti**

Manny O. Hansen	Omaha
Everett Ken Dappen	Scottsbluff

John C. Sierks was recognized for 25 consecutive years of proficiency, Jim Cornish for 35 years, Kaye Ramsey received his 10 year pin, and Kenneth Fleming his 20 year Certificate of Merit.



Following the presentation of the Deputy Grand Custodians, M.: W.: Grand Master DeMoss received the official greetings of the Order of the Eastern Star from Worthy Grand Matron Bonnie Brasel and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Jim Brown. Following her remarks the Worthy Grand Matron presented a check to Brother Arthur R. Sharp, Executive Director of the Nebraska Masonic Home. The check represented the proceeds of the 'Fall In-Gathering' from Eastern Star Chapters throughout the state.

Greetings were also received from Miss Kimberlee Pfister, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of the Order of Rainbow Girls of Nebraska; Miss Anne Morrow, Grand Bethel Honored Queen of the International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska; and from Brother David Smith, State Master Councilor of the Nebraska State Chapter, International Order of DeMolay.

M.: W.: Grand Master DeMoss expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the musical expressions provided during the presentation of guests by Ruby House on the organ. He also directed the attention of the Grand Lodge delegates and guests to the list of Emick, Grand Lodge Youth Committee and Houghton Scholarships printed in the program, indicating Masonic funds well invested in these young scholars.

**GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

M.: W.: Grand Master DeMoss made the following remarks as he presented the 1991 Grand Master's Humanitarian Award recipients:

*"The next two individuals that are going to speak to you are very special people. They are the two recipients of our Grand Master's Humanitarian Award within the state of Nebraska this year. Again, if you will look in the program, you will find that we have some stringent criteria that we have established for recognition of these individuals. First of all, we will not award this to more than two individuals in any calendar year. The individual that is entitled to*

*receive this award, and there are many, ... must be a Master Mason and have been such for at least 30 years. He must have been active in at least three of the five following community activities: he could have held a political office such as mayor, city council member, county board member, NRD member, school board member, some other political office, whatever might be available where he resides; he could have been active in his church, either as an elder, a vestryman, deacon, lay leader, lay reader, whatever his particular denomination permits; he could have been denoted as a civic leader because of his involvement on boards of directors for local hospitals, nursing homes, financial institutions, foundations; he could have been a volunteer for such charitable organizations as the Y, United Way, Scouting, similar organizations to that. He could have been involved in such service organizations as Lions, Sertoma, Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimists, and so forth. But lastly, he must have been active in the Masonic fraternity. In other words, these are the Masons that make the difference within their community. These awards are presented to them in their local community, and the entire community is invited to be present, particularly these organizations with which they have been involved."*

The Grand Master then presented W.: Lloyd I. Edwards of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 and W.: Wayne H. Hardy of Custer Lodge No. 148, recipients of the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award. Brother Hardy closed his remarks with a poem whose central line was repeated throughout each stanza: *"I'm glad I touched shoulders with you."*

#### ROCK MAUL AWARD

M.: W.: Grand Master DeMoss described the Rock Maul Award as one that is presented to one lodge each year by the Grand Master. The lodge selected should represent the best all around lodge in the jurisdiction of Nebraska. The Rock Maul is a sixteen pound rock maul that has been used in a rock quarry for its intended purpose. It was inscribed and presented to the Grand Lodge in the year of M.: W.: Byron C. Jenkins, and has been awarded once a year since then to that lodge determined to have been the recipient by the selection process. The recipient of the Award is unknown until this announcement at Grand Lodge each year. The Grand Master presented the Rock Maul Award for 1991 to Fremont Lodge No. 15.

#### GOLD PAN AWARD

M.: W.: Grand Master DeMoss displayed the Gold Pan Award, which is, in fact, a pan that was used to pan for gold. It was presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by the Grand Lodge of Alaska. It is a beautiful trophy presented each year to that lodge which has shown, in the determination of the selection committee, the greatest overall improvement, or the most significant contribution to Masonry in Nebraska. The Grand Master presented the Gold Pan Award for 1991 to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75.

## THE GRAND ORATION

*W.: Virgil Tubach, 54*

Most Worshipful Grand Master. Good morning, everyone. It is indeed a pleasure for me to be allowed to address this assembly of fraters so early in the proceedings of this 135th Grand Lodge Session. My purpose this morning will be to tickle your thought processes, so that during the next day and one half you will be thinking about Masonry in the State of Nebraska, rather than Masonry in your own community. For as each subordinate lodge is affected by the economic climate, societal behavior and the shift of population, so also is your Grand Lodge affected. It's the old "ripple effect". And I trust that the stones of deliberation dropped in the pond of thought will not cause ripples to overflow the bank of truth, equality and brotherhood.

I have been told that orations need a beginning, a middle and an end. The beginning will be thoughts on where we were several years ago. The middle will be of things as they seem to be now. And the end will be about seventeen minutes away, and will be as I see them possibly happening. I would like to stress at this time, that I have been most fortunate again this year in never having been told by any member of the Grand Lodge at any time what any of the contents of any of my orations should be, and they no doubt will be as surprised as you on some of my thoughts and comments, but I hope that when I am finished, I will still be allowed the privilege of being called a brother.

The late 1900's and early to mid-1950's was a period of growth in the fraternity. We were at the end of the Second World War. The Korean War had not yet started, and the colonies seemed to still be in a strong upswing that began around 1938. People were busy living their lives, having families, buying houses, joining organizations. Yes, life was indeed good. The Masonic fraternity enjoyed the benefit of young men in their late twenties and early thirties, who felt that they needed to belong to a solid, respected, well established organization. And why not? Fathers, uncles, fathers-in-law, supervisors at work, the president of the company who was their employer, or the chief executive officer of the corporation for which they worked, all were members of the Masonic fraternity. For them, it was a natural thing to do: join the Masonic fraternity; become a respected adult in their community. Commerce was being driven by the need to restock the necessities that the American family perceived it required after years of doing without while sustaining the war effort. Young people returning from fighting in the war were all familiar with new devices, new innovations, new ways to do things, and a knowledge of what was "over the mountain." They had gone from just being a member of their local community to being a member of a generation of world travelers.

Our fraternity did all right. We had our monthly business meetings every month except for maybe the one or two summer months when we went dark. We did Entered Apprentice degrees one week, Fellow Craft degrees another week, and Master Mason degrees the remaining week of the month.

We had our posting teams for each degree, and they met with the brothers several

times a week to teach them the work. As I recall, each posting session lasted about one and one half hours. Something like thirty minutes of repeated recitation, a thirty minute break when the poster would talk, or more likely ramble about his ideas and understanding of what we were then trying to commit to memory, and then a last thirty minute time frame with once again repeated recitation. I remember always trying to get the middle thirty minute session extended. Masonry was a very personal thing with those of us going through the degree together, and our poster.

The lodge had the usual observances and family evenings. There was St. John's Day, Memorial Day to recognize those who had died and were no longer with us — and their widows were especially remembered with introductions and, if needed, were given a ride to the lodge. The summertime picnic with watermelon and ice cream in the park, or if it rained, at the lodge. Past Masters' Day, sometimes in the spring, and sometimes in the fall depending upon the Master's calendar, but always done each year, it was the time when we younger members got to see it done "correctly" by our peers. Usually there was a Bingo night for Halloween with boxes of cookies and crackers, billfolds, clutch purses, small boxes of chocolate...everything under the sun and under \$5 in value as prizes for the winners. The children were the biggest winners in the month of December, with the lodge's Christmas party. We Masons would stay after lodge, and after refreshments on that lodge night just preceding the weekend of the Christmas party, sacking the goodies. Ah, yes, it became a tradition that each sack had to contain one apple, one orange, one coffee cup of hard candy, six old fashioned chocolate drops, and a measuring scoop of salted in-the-shell peanuts. Yes, the Masonic fraternity was a very busy, thriving hive of activity in the forties and early fifties. I'm sure that your lodge also had these like activities that they sponsored for their families and their members.

Now let's skip thirty years ahead, forward to the 1990's, and if you will, let's include today in this time frame. What are the differences we find that have taken place in only thirty years.

Well, the country has completed several military conflicts, some of which the population has agreed with, others which were violently opposed by segments of the population. Let me just rapidly enumerate them: Korea, Viet Nam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama and Kuwait/Iraq. The young people today seem to be individualists, each doing what pleases himself, unbound by traditions of any type, more interested in the material possessions that can be obtained, than in the quality of life to be lived. They are caught up in the acquiring mode, too enthused in gaining every advantage, every work saver, every luxury item possible for them to grab. Now maybe that isn't all too bad. But it would seem that as the years go by it well may be that they will all truly discover that lasting friendships and a meaningful purpose in life is a requirement for lasting health and happiness.

The last thirty years plus has seen a large economic change and population shift. Nebraska's population is moving out of the rural areas, not into the larger cities, but into the fringes of the metropolitan areas or the suburbs of the larger cities.

Where once in the eastern third of the state we used to find in the rural areas four or more families living on a section of land, today we find just over two families for each three sections of land. I find it hard to believe that the other two thirds of the state is not to be found with a like proportion from their population of thirty years ago.

What has happened to the towns that are the homes for our Masonic lodges? The last thirty plus years has not weathered well for the small towns across the state. These towns that have been able to hold onto industrial firms that need manpower have probably not fared too badly. But towns that have lost their small industries or businesses that require people to staff them in any quantity have suffered, and in most cases, I would say, are now found in a stressed financial position to maintain the town at its present service level for its remaining citizens.

What is our fraternity like today? From being lulled into a false sense of security and comfort that characterized the earlier years, when we worried about the degrees and whether or not we had enough bodies to do the work, we found ourselves completely immersed in the philosophy that portraying the Masonic ritual was the important thing. Our existence, it seems, was to create as many Masons as we could. Being interested in increasing the number of members is not a bad goal, but we must educate them as they are created. Masonic illiteracy of purpose and knowledge has no place in a fraternity that says its fraternal ancestors had an education the equal of any bishop or member of royalty which allowed them to raise the over 1000 gothic cathedral structures in Europe.

Today, our fraternal membership is on the rise. Realizing that it is easier to retain a member of an organization if the member understands the organization's background, ideals and goals, our Grand Lodge implemented the revised proficiency for the use of all lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. Although we are Masons, we are still human beings, and true to social behavior studies, this change to a modified proficiency has slowly been accepted.

We now exist in unity with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons in and for the jurisdiction of Nebraska. Although our Prince Hall brothers are few in numbers, do not be mistaken in underestimating their dedication and commitment to the Masonic ideals upon which the fraternity is founded world-wide. If ever you want to know a very serious and dedicated Mason, introduce yourself to a Prince Hall Mason.

Some of our sister jurisdictions seem to be having a small amount of trouble with Prince Hall recognition due to the fact that jurisdictional boundaries do not always coincide between Grand Lodges. Others are now just testing the water, waiting for the right time to grant recognition. Pressure to make changes more times than not creates a reverse motion that stops all advancement. Again I am reminded of that saying, "Patience and perseverance accomplish all things."

Now, if you will, transport yourself forward in time to the year 2025. Looking about the room, I would say that not too many of us here this morning will be attending the Grand Lodge Session that year. What will our fraternity be like

then? Will you allow me to prophesy for just a few minutes?

Statewide membership has shown a continual increase each year since the early 1990's. The increase for the year just completed, 2024, is one half of one percent. The Masonic lodges across the state have been quite active this past year, in targeting highly prominent and successful leaders in their communities for membership. The Grand Historian, in his address to the Grand Lodge delegates, on research he did in old reports found in the Grand Lodge library archives, shows that one has to go all the way back to the early 1900's to find such a large number of "shakers and movers" in all phases of community life as members of the fraternity.

The movement of population from the rural areas to the more metro areas of the state continues. That shift, the latest report from the State of Nebraska's Economic Development department shows, is fueled by the lack of jobs in small towns and cities. Cottage industries and "mom and pop" businesses are the rule as one travels across the state.

Nebraska Masonic Lodges have grown in size, but diminished in number. Lodges are now primarily located in or around some seventeen cities. Large initiatory classes, once each quarter, seem to be the normal mode of operation. Small towns that once boasted a Masonic lodge now have a Masonic club that meets monthly and keeps the fraternal tie alive.

Almost every charity across the state has Masons prominently active in their ranks. The Tri-Cities area of Grand Island, Hastings and Kearney has put together a step-by-step plan for all Nebraska cities to use in keeping their local food banks stocked. This plan was the result of almost 100+ years of planning the semi-truck food pickup each fall for the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. The Nebraska Masonic Home Board has just announced that the final building in its "Pearls of Sanctuary" program begun in 1998 has just been completed. This was a highly controversial program to build retirement enclaves across the state for our Masonic brothers and their widows, who in their late years, did not want the responsibility of caring for their own homes, but could care for themselves, and like to have a health nurse check up on them every couple of weeks. This program was the direct result of the continuing upward spiral of health care costs, when a mail survey by the Grand Lodge showed that nearly 82% of our members were no longer covered under a health insurance plan.

Well, my friends, this is one scenario from one person. Each of you here this morning should have your own vision of the future. Our work before us is to take all of our individual dreams and wants for the future, mix them together, and form a mode of action that will be acceptable to all. No one wins. No one loses. The time to worry about what to do for 1992 has long ago passed. 1993 is just out of your reach, and if you don't hurry, 1994 will soon be a memory. In this day and one-half before you, your deliberations and decisions should be geared to sustaining, maintaining and creating the Masonic fraternity that you want in the future. It will not be done without pain. It will not be done without sacrifice. And it will not be done without compromise. But it must be done.

May Almighty God, that glorious Architect of the Universe, send a portion of His wisdom, vision and understanding to each of you, that through combined efforts, this, our beloved fraternity, may continue to progress for the benefit of future mankind.

Thank you for your kind attention.



With words of greetings to special guests not previously introduced, the Grand Master closed the informal public opening ceremony and excused all who were not Master Masons.

**1992 Proceedings**  
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*One Hundred Thirty-Fifth*  
*Annual Communication*  
*Held in Omaha, Nebraska*  
*February 7th & 8th, 1992*

*First Day — Opening Session*  
*Friday, February 7, 1992*

M.:W.: Grand Master James N. DeMoss requested that the W.: Grand Marshal proclaim the 135th Annual Communication opened in ample form. He proceeded to make the special appointment of W.: Brother Will Medow to the office of Grand Senior Steward pro-tem.

The report of the Committee on Business and Rules was made by the R.: W.: Grand Secretary, who then moved for its adoption.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES**

*R.: W.: Don E. Rasmussen, 82 & 135*

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.: & 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 decisions 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.

The report was accepted by vote of the delegates assembled.



R.:W.: Grand Secretary Don Rasmussen requested the approval of the Proceedings of the 1991 Grand Lodge Communication. A second from the floor and

a favorable vote allowed its acceptance.

M.:W.: James N. DeMoss announced the appointment of M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye as Parliamentarian for this 135th Annual Communication.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M.:W.: James DeMoss then appointed the Deputy Grand Custodians as Tellers for this session with W.: Gene Sibley as Chairman, and directed that delegates cast their ballots for the election of the offices of Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden and Grand Secretary. All ballots were then collected by the Tellers.

### PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

*W.: John VerMaas, 256, Chairman*

M.:W.: Brother, Grand Master DeMoss, and brethren. On behalf of your Appropriations Committee, and as chairman of the Appropriations Committee, it is my duty to report the budget for the ensuing year. We are going to submit two budgets, they are printed and in your packets. The first is the balanced budget which is on the yellow pages, 19, 20 and 21. The balanced budget is required by the law of the Grand Lodge. The second is a more realistic budget, which is catering to the needs of the Grand Lodge until such time as the additional dues can be reported in January of 1993. The realistic budget is on pages 22, 23 and 24 as printed in your packet. And so at this time I would just like to move that they be reported as printed.

### MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

*M.:W.: Thomas R. Dougherty  
Past Grand Master of New Jersey  
Director of Hospital Visitation for the  
Masonic Service Association of America*

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, distinguished members of this Grand Lodge and my brethren. I want to thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the kind and friendly hospitality that I have received since I've been here. It's been just great. It's a pleasure to be with you, and I thank you so much for all you've done for me. Someone asked me if I would tell about the redcap that I ran into the other day when I was at the airport. I was in the Newark airport a couple of days ago when I was bringing my bags in, and there was another fellow there that had all kinds of luggage, and the skycap was trying to help him and do the best he could. He was trying to please this fellow, but no matter what he did, he couldn't help this man in any way, he just insulted him and called him all kinds of things. Finally he got all the luggage on the rack,

and I thought he did a good job, and the customer said to him, "Look, I just can't be near you, go away. That's it." And the fellow walked away, and I walked over to him and I said, "Gee, you know, you deserve a lot of credit. You've got patience, you smiled at that man, you did everything you could to please him, and he just insulted you and wouldn't give you a tip." I think that's what he didn't want to do. And the skycap said, "Oh, that's O.K. You know, things like that happen to us every day. We run into different types of people. That young man is on his way to Miami, Florida, and his luggage is going to Portland, Oregon."

I've had some kind of an infection since the 2nd of January, and I'm under some medication now, and we have a doctor in my home town who makes house calls, he's been a very good friend of ours. Last week when I was home convalescing, he came into my house and he examined me, and he walked out into the dining room, and I could hear what he was saying, he talked to my wife, and he said, "You know, Norma, I don't like the looks of your husband." And she said, "Neither do I, Doc, but he's awful nice to the kids."

I'm the National Representative of the Masonic Service Association to the Veteran's Affairs Committee, representing all of you fellows at that committee. I appreciate the Grand Master giving me a chance to talk about MSA because there are 2.5 million Masons in the United States, and unfortunately less than 1% even know that we even have a Masonic Service Association, and that kind of hurts me when I go around and talk to people and I ask them what the Masonic Service Association is to them, and they say, "Gee, I never heard of it."

Brethren, the Masonic Service Association was organized in 1918, during World War I. The Grand Masters in North America got together in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and what they wanted to do was organize a national committee that would represent Masonry without any authority, because they had gone to the government and asked them if they could take part in the camps around the country and overseas just like the Red Cross and the USO and so forth, and the government said, "We can't possibly deal with 50 different organizations. If you come up with one organization that represents all of Masonry, we'll recognize that as your spokesman and deal with them accordingly."

By the time that they got the thing organized in Cedar Rapids, the war was over, and there was no need for people going into the camps. But now they had the Masonic Service Association organized, they wanted to do something, so what they did, they started to visit the military hospitals and helped those who came back wounded from overseas in World War I, and from that, the Masonic Service Association began.

In 1923, M.:W.: Carl H. Claudy, a Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia, a very prolific newspaper man, writer and nationally known editor, was hired as the executive secretary, and he started what is known as the *Short Talk Bulletin*. In 1923 each month he wrote a *Short Talk Bulletin* on the different Masonic subjects, and from that time to this very day, there are *Short Talk Bulletins* available and they are all still in print, almost 900 different issues. I don't care what kind of a subject you want to talk about Masonry, there is a *Short*

*Talk Bulletin* that covers it. If you want to talk about those lesser lights, if you want to talk about the rough ashlar or the perfect ashlar, if you wanted to talk about solicitation, if you wanted to talk about George Washington, Paul Revere, any subject you could think about that you want to talk about in Masonry or in your lodges, there is a *Short Talk Bulletin* that covers it. If your lodge was to meet every night from Monday through Friday, for four consecutive years, and if you use the materials that are available through the Masonic Service Association, you could have a different program every night without duplicating yourself.

It really breaks my heart when I go around to the different Grand Jurisdictions and a Master will say to me, "I really have difficulty planning meetings that will be of interest to my brethren," or "I have a difficult time writing trestle board notices, or monthly notices". Brethren, there are *Short Talk Bulletins* that cover all those subjects. I have brought with me today, packs with *Your Masonic Hospital Visitor* on the outside, and inside of that pack is a catalog, and the catalog has the publications of all the Masonic *Short Talk Bulletins* that were printed since 1923. They are categorized. You can pick out the subject you want. And for the ridiculous price of 35 cents plus postage, you can get any one of those subjects just by writing to us and letting us know.

Also inside of that packet, is a little yellow slip, and it's an application form for the *Short Talk Bulletin*. If you fill that out today, give me your \$3, I'll see to it that you start to get the *Short Talk Bulletin* in March. Now, this *Short Talk Bulletin* at the end of February is going to go from \$3 a year to \$3.50, so if you fill out this form and give it to me, I'll save you not only 50 cents, but also the postage. You're practically getting it for nothing. And I'll tell you something else, my brethren, if after you start to receive this *Short Talk Bulletin*, you feel that it's not the best buy you've had in Masonry, I'll refund your money to you personally. You have no obligation, and you're not taking any kind of a chance at all. If you like it, you keep it. If you don't like it, you write to me, and I promise you, I'll give you back your money. But you can take advantage of that \$3 subscription before the end of this month, so think about it if you would.

Every year, we come to the aid of some section of the world that's in peril, such as Hurricane Hugo that hit North and South Carolina and Puerto Rico a few years ago. The Masons in the United States, you and your Grand Lodge and other Grand Lodges around the country dedicated better than \$400,000 that went directly to that area to assist those that had been stricken by the devastation of that hurricane. Every penny that we collect goes to the devastated area. We don't take one penny for administration fees. Everything that is given to us is given to that area. The same way with the earthquake in San Francisco two years ago. We came to the aid of that devastated area and contributed better than \$200,000, all because of Masons being concerned about those around the country.

So you see, there are many things that are happening with the Masonic Service Association that people don't know about, and we wish they did, because the Masonic Service Association is not standing still, we're not marking time, we're going ahead. The materials that are coming out of our office are better than ever,

and I hope you'll take advantage of them. Every lodge in this state gets a copy of the *Short Talk Bulletin*. It probably goes to your secretary. Your Grand Lodge pays dues to the Masonic Service Association, and there helps to underwrite the cost of these things. Everything that goes out of our office goes out at less than cost. The *Short Talk Bulletin*, to mail them costs more than \$3.50, but we send them to you and we're glad to do it because they are helpful to every Mason. It makes our Masonic fraternity stronger. Take advantage of it, my brethren.

There is another branch of the Masonic Service Association that I would like to talk to you about. This morning, you know, we all got up, we took a shower, we shaved, we dressed, you had your breakfast, you read the newspaper, you drove your car, you did all kinds of things, tied your necktie, put on your shoes, and you hadn't even thought about it until I just mentioned it. It had never crossed your mind, because you take it for granted. But I want to tell you something, all over the United States at this very moment, there are men and women that can't do those simple chores. The veterans that are paying the price in VA hospitals right here in Omaha, in Lincoln, and up in Grand Island, and all over the United States, in 172 VA Medical Centers. They are paying the price so that we can meet today as Masons. They have given everything but their lives for us. They're not nice to look at. Some of them don't make sense when you talk to them. They're doctors, they're lawyers, they're school teachers, they're electricians, plumbers, mail carriers, all walks of life. One time, perfect specimens of manhood, or they would had never gotten into the service. But today they don't look so good. Families have deserted them, wives have divorced them, and they're lonely. We think about Alzheimer's Disease, we think of heart attacks, cancer, we think of sugar diabetes as being serious problems, and they are, very serious. But the most serious problem in the world today has affected every one of us in this room. There isn't one of us that has escaped it at one time or another. And that illness, my brethren, is loneliness. Loneliness. If you've never been lonely, you're either a very lucky person, or you're living in a dream world, because it happens to all of us, but we have friends and relatives, families, loved ones, Masons, church people, that help us, that snap us back, and put us on the right level again. But these men and women in the VA Hospitals don't have that luxury. But you and I as Masons have men all around the country, and women and boys and girls, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay boys and Job's Daughters, going into those hospitals day in and day out, doing little things for those patients that they can't do for themselves. They're not too proud to bend down and tie somebody's shoe, they're not too proud to read the Bible or the newspaper to a blind or paralyzed veteran. They're not too proud to sit by their bed and talk to them, and show them that they are somebody. That we as Masons love them, and will never forget the sacrifices that they have made, for this great country because we live in the greatest country that God ever made. And if it wasn't for these people that sacrifice for us, we wouldn't be here today.

I'm very proud of the Masonic Service Association and the Hospital Visitation Program because it's been going on since the inception of the Veteran's Administration which came into being under President and Brother Harry S. Truman, Grand Master of Masons in Missouri, and also President of the United States in

1946 when the VA/VS was organized. And you and I as Masons had representatives there, and we've been on that council as charter members ever since. Every year we contribute better than 500,000 hours of voluntary service. Better than a half a million dollars is given to the hospitals for comfort items, for equipment in the hospitals, and every cent of that comes from volunteers, from you and your Grand Lodges and so forth. The dues that your Grand Lodge pays to the MSA, none of it goes to the Hospital Visitation Program. It is all voluntary contributions. The pennies, the dollars, the dimes that we get come from people like yourself and from your Grand Lodges who support this. It takes a great deal of money to operate the program, and we're doing it in fine style.

Here in your Grand Jurisdiction, Bob May right here in Omaha, goes into that hospital every day, and has volunteers helping him to do little things for those patients, making us look good, every one of us. Dave Cook is down in Lincoln. Ervin Kimball is up at Grand Island. Your Grand Master, back in October, invited me into the state, and we toured those hospitals for two days. He saw what actually happens to these people in those hospitals, and how much we're respected by the staff, and by the administrative sections of the hospital for what we're doing.

Yes, my brethren, we are really doing something worthwhile in this VA Hospital program. We get more accolades, more commendations, and more recognition for this program, than anything else that Masons do, because we just don't treat Masons, we're there to help anybody. We don't care who they are, where they come from, what the color of their skin might be, what their religious preference is. If they need help, if they need assistance, we're there as Masons to give it to them. If we want Masonry to grow, my brethren, this is the way it's going to have to be. We have to get out into our communities and show the world that we're not a secret organization. That we don't meet behind closed doors and do fanatic things. That we are loving and kind. That we're God fearing men and women. And that we serve our fellow man. Yes, better than a million dollars a day is contributed to charities throughout the United States by the Masonic fraternities. We don't pat ourselves on the back, but it's true and it's there.

In the Book of Matthew in the 25th chapter we read: "I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was sick and you ministered to me; I was naked and you clothed me; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was in prison and you visited me. Lord, when did I see Thee hungry and feed Thee? When were You sick and I ministered to Thee? When were You thirsty and I gave You a drink? When were You naked and I clothed Thee? When were You in prison and I visited Thee? And the Master answers, "When you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it also unto me."

That is the commission of every Master Mason that wears the white apron, that took the obligation of an Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft or Master Mason, at this altar or any altar around the world. To make the world a better place in which to live, to do his very best to serve his fellow man and his God. Some day when we stand before the Omniscient Judge, and it's going to happen to all of us. He's not going to ask us what kind of a car did we drive, how much money did we

have in the bank, what was your stock portfolio, how many titles did you have. Nay, my brethren, he's going to ask us one question, and how we answer that questions will determine where we spend our eternity. That question is this, "What did you do for others in my name?"

Bob May, Dave Cook, and Ervin Kimball will have no problem when facing that question, because they are serving their fellow man, and they are representing you and I in the best possible way.

M.:W.: Grand Master, would you come up here for just a minute, please? Grand Master, you've been an exceptionally fine Mason, and I mean that in every sense of the word. You've been an outstanding Grand Master, you've been a great friend, you've been an encouragement to me. I've told you this personally, and I tell you publicly now, that you're an inspiration. I've followed you around this country, and I have always sat back and admired you for being able to inspire people to do their very best. You and your wife Carole, are dear friends. If it wasn't for Masonry we would never have met. And I do love you dearly, and I love Carole also. Because of your support and your great inspiration to me, we have a little plaque here that we'd like to give you. It has no intrinsic value, but it comes from our heart. It's a certificate of appreciation which reads: "*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to work together in unity. The Masonic Service Association of the United States presents this certificate of appreciation to Most Worshipful James N. DeMoss, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, with sincere appreciation for his interest and support in assisting and promoting our MSA Hospital Visitation Program in his state, and for his promotion of the use of all educational materials published by the Association. We commend him for his fine leadership during his tenure as Grand Master in Nebraska, and with this certificate goes our best wishes for continued success and service to our gentle craft.*" It's signed by Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master, Executive Secretary, and yours truly. Grand Master, God bless you and thank you for being my friend.

### Report of Ballot

The Chairman of Tellers, W.: Gene Sibley, presented the report of the balloting on Grand Lodge Officers. There were a total of 258 ballots cast with the following individuals receiving a majority of votes for offices indicated:

Deputy Grand Master &  
Grand Master-elect:

R.: W.: Donald L. Pohlman

Grand Senior Warden:

R.: W.: Steven F. Mattoon

Grand Junior Warden:

W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg

Grand Secretary:

R.: W.: Don E. Rasmussen

The Grand Master then elicited acceptance from each of the newly elected officers and congratulated them individually on their election. He then accepted a motion that the ballot be destroyed and that the Teller Committee be excused until Saturday morning. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **GREETINGS FROM PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE**

*M.:W.: Frederick Nolan, Grand Master*

Grand Master DeMoss, ... Let me bring you greetings and best wishes on your 135th Annual Communication from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, and hope that all your endeavors will meet with every success. I don't have to tell anyone in this Grand Lodge that it's a hard task with a great responsibility. And I'm sure that with hard work, everything will rise to the top. And in closing, let me say that Love is like a check or savings deposit. You don't make a deposit, you can't make a withdrawal. Thank you.

### **GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA**

*M.:W.: Tom Eggleston, Grand Master*

Thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, distinguished guests, my brethren all. Two nights ago I attended a lodge meeting of Fervent Lodge No. 513 in Collins, Iowa, a small lodge of about 79 members. And I didn't take my apron and jewel, it wasn't an official visitation, I simply went over to visit these brethren. They had purchased a building and remodeled it for Masonic purposes. And I went over basically to help them plan a dedication for that lodge building. And they asked me when I put my white apron on, they said, "Where's your pretty apron?" And I said, "My brethren, this apron that I am now wearing is the most beautiful apron that I have ever had. It is a white apron just like yours." And to you delegates that are representing your lodges out here, I want you to know that I really mean that. You delegates are the most important Masons in this room right now, and we do appreciate all that you do for Freemasonry in Nebraska and Freemasonry in general.

Most Worshipful Sir, if I might tell just one short story that I feel is very important. It's a story that really means a lot to me. It's a story of a wise old man that lived up in the hills of Tennessee. And this wise old man had the beautiful, unusual talent of clairvoyancy, in that he was always able to tell any of the hillside youngsters that lived in his community just exactly what they had in their hand or even in their pockets. But in every community there is always one skallywag, one borderline delinquent, one who is always getting himself into trouble and pulling the others into trouble along with him, and there was one such in this community. And one day he gathered his colleagues around him and he said, "Fellows, I've got an idea how we're going to outfox that old man up on the hill. He thinks he's so smart." He says, "We're going out in the woods

and we'll get a bird. And we'll go up to the old man's cabin, and we'll knock on the door, and the old man will come to the door, and I'll hold the bird up in my hand and I'll say, 'What have I in my hand, old man?' and he'll guess right, he always does. He'll say it's a bird. But then I'm going to say, 'Yes, old man, but is it dead or is it alive?' And if he says it's dead, I'll just open my hands up and let the bird fly away. And if he says it's alive, I'll just crush it to death before I open my hands up." Well, the boys went up in the woods, they got their bird, they went up to the old man's cabin, they knocked on the door and the old man came to the door, and the young man held the bird up in his hand and he says, "What have I in my hand, old man?" Without any hesitation whatsoever, the wise old man said, "Why it looks like you've got a bird there boy." "Yes," he says, "but is it dead, or is it alive?" Once again without any hesitation, the wise old man of the mountain said, "It is in your hands, my son, it is as you will."

My brethren, I would remind you all that so it is with things like freedom, and democracy, and the schools that we go to and the churches that we attend, and the Masonic lodges that we support. We can love these things, and nourish them and they'll flourish and fly like they've never flown before. Or we can starve them, and we can neglect them, and they'll die. It is exactly as the wise old man of the mountain said, my brethren, "It is in your hands." Please remember, brethren, that I am aware that as I am pointing one finger at you, I am pointing three at myself.

M.: W.: Sir, thank you so much for the many courtesies that have been extended to Barb and me. We've enjoyed a long-standing good relationship with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and to you, newly elected Grand Master, I wish the very best. My brethren all, thank you so much.

### THE GAVELS

The Grand Master displayed the two gavels to be used interchangeably throughout the session: the first is the poi pounder, and there are identical ones on the Warden's pedestals that were presented to the Nebraska Grand Lodge by M.: W.: Brother McKee from Hawaii; the other gavel is a beautiful, hand-carved gavel out of cocobola wood which comes from the rain forest of the Amazons. This gavel was presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska during the tenure of M.: W.: Herb Ronin. It was presented on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Colorado by Past Grand Master Charles Mantz, who was Grand Master of Colorado in 1955, and it was his wish that this gavel be used ad infinitum at least some of the time when the Grand Masters of Nebraska were presiding. On the face of it is a Grand Master's Jewel with the working jewel of a Master Mason.



Following an explanation of the locations for the afternoon's workshops, the R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master called the session from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 8th at 9:00 a.m.

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*Second Session*  
*Saturday, February 8, 1992*

The R. : W. : Deputy Grand Master called the 135th Annual 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 8, 1992.

V. : W. : Grand Chaplain Michael E. Jones invoked the blessings of Deity.

M. : W. : Grand Master DeMoss explained the absence of Grand Junior Warden, Brother Steve Mattoon, noting that the Grand Senior Deacon had assumed the station in the South, and appointed W. : Glen D. Rozell, Master of Bellevue Lodge No. 325, to take the station of the Grand Senior Deacon.

The Grand Master thanked the members of Bellevue Lodge No. 325 for opening the Lodge of Master Masons prior to the opening of the Grand Communication. Some of the furnishings for the session are the property of Bellevue Lodge, and the Bible on the altar was the personal Masonic Bible of the Grand Master, used at his installation as Master, and as Grand Master. Grand Master DeMoss then thanked the Assistant Grand Tylers for their excellent work outside the door.

The workshop presenters were publicly thanked for the excellent sessions they provided for the delegates.

## PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP PIN

The Grand Lodge, under the direction of R.: W.: Grand Secretary Don Rasmussen, has designed and produced a special pin recognizing those who are participating as Perpetual Members. The pins were made available for the first time to Perpetual Members attending Grand Lodge.

## NECROLOGY

### Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead

V.: W.: *Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173, Grand Chaplain*

M.: W.: Sir, let's take a moment if we could, please, within our fraternal body, for Brother Steve and his family, as well as for Brother Marvin Andersen and his family. A moment of silence.

As we bring the 1991 Masonic year to a close, we must report to you on the loss of 568 brothers who have ascended to that celestial home eternal in the heavens. With our faith being well founded, rest assured each and every one met the Master and, we pray, heard the welcome words from Him who sitteth as Judge Supreme, *"Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."*

Now, from a publication entitled *A Moment to Reflect*, by Veronica Ray, come these words of reflection, that ties us to those who have entered that home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

#### *"Commitment"*

*"For every choice we make, we're choosing against many other options. As we have heard so often, we can't have it all. But even after we make our choices, we may sometimes try to hang on to the alternatives, to keep our options open. We may still devote energy in our hearts and minds, to other possibilities. We may even spend time and activity pursuing contrary goals, and then we may wonder why our so-called commitments don't work out."*

Making a commitment means giving ourselves totally to our decision. It means putting 100% of our energy and effort into the choice. It means focus, concentration, and determination. It means not letting our attention and energy seep through the cracks in our commitment. The only way to make a commitment work, is to work at it with all our energy.

Just as these, our brothers who have fallen, were committed to the principles of our order, let us devote ourselves to our fraternal commitments 100%. Thank you.



V.: W.: Grand Chaplain moved for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead as printed in the packet on page 4. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

## REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

*W.: Norris Rusmisell, 46, Chairman*

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Brethren: Once again it is my privilege to bring to you the attendance numbers of this 135th Annual Communication held February 6, 7, and 8, 1992 in Omaha, Nebraska.

We have registered here at this session, 97 Masters in their elected right, and 57 Masters by Proxy; 55 Senior Wardens in their elected right, and 60 by Proxy; 45 Junior Wardens in their elected right and 57 Proxy. These offices are represented by 284 Master Masons. Also registered are 73 non-voting delegates consisting of Secretaries and interested Masons as well as 77 Dignitaries and 27 Deputy Grand Custodians for a total registration of 461. In addition, a number of ladies were present to attend social functions.

We are fortunate to have all but one of our Grand Officers present as well as 17 Past Grand Masters of Nebraska. Nebraska dignitaries present other than Grand Lodge Officers include representation from Eastern Star, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies, Imperial Order of the Shrine, Tangier Temple, Sesostris Temple, Tehama Temple, Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and National Sojourners from Iowa and Nebraska. Other Grand Jurisdictions present include Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

At the time of this report there is no representation from 32 lodges, which are: No. 32, 60, 61, 91, 103, 106, 111, 121, 125, 128, 134, 136, 150, 154, 164, 167, 177, 180, 191, 205, 211, 224, 248, 254, 262, 282, 285, 291, 301, 311, and 324. If there is any brother present who is a member of any of the above listed lodges, we ask that you contact the Credentials Committee at the registration table. We have been advised, however, that Lodges No. 61, 150, and 191 may be considering consolidation with another lodge and this perhaps could be the reason of their absenteeism. Lodges absent for two consecutive years are No. 91, 103, 167, and 254. The only Lodge absent for three consecutive years is No. 91.

For your information the Table Lodge Thursday evening was attended by 185 Masons and the Membership Dinner last evening had 330 Masons and guests present.

I am pleased to serve Most Worshipful Grand Master "James DeMoss" as his Credentials Committee Chairman, and I want to thank the other committee members, Frank Dougherty, Lincoln; Wesley Suggs, Papillion; Herb Taylor, Bellevue; Delmar Jones, Kearney; Bill Hurst, Lincoln; and Doyle Berg, Omaha. Their devoted time and efforts along with the excellent cooperation from Chris and Tish have made the registration much easier.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norris L. Rusmisell  
Lodge No. 46, Chairman

Norris Rusmisell moved for the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

### ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

*M.:W.: James N. DeMoss*

“My brethren, all of the delegates were furnished 45 days before the opening of Grand Lodge, back late in December, a copy of the Grand Master’s Address, and as you registered you were given the final printed copy of it along with a supplemental address. If it is your wish, I will read that entire report. If it is not necessarily your wish that I read the whole thing, I would like to highlight just a few things, and go from there. Hearing no objection to that, we will proceed in that regard.

The printed address of the Grand Master is as follows:

### GRAND MASTER’S ADDRESS

TO THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND  
ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA

*My Brethren:*

In accordance with Article X, Section 2(b), of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Nebraska, I herewith submit my written address to this 135th Annual Communication. This address will include a report of my official acts; my opinion of the general conditions of Masonry within this Jurisdiction; and certain recommendations for such legislation as I deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of our Fraternity. Further, inasmuch as §1-304 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge dictate that all recommendations to be contained in this address shall be submitted to the Jurisprudence 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, this entire Address will be submitted to those individuals as well as to the current Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens both installed and elect, and all Lodge Secretaries. This additional distribution is being made in keeping with the Grand Lodge Officers’ philosophy of keeping our delegates to Grand Lodge informed of the acts, doings, and proposals to come before them, and to give them sufficient time to give thoughtful consideration to the Recommendations on which a vote will be taken on Saturday, February 8, 1992.

My first task in this Address is to attempt to convey to each Mason in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska my most sincere and heartfelt gratitude for having had

confidence in my abilities and given to me the opportunity to fill this exalted office for the past year. Someone once said that life is filled with mountain-top experiences. Surely this past year has been for me the highest achievable peak of such experiences. I have tried to give to the Fraternity of my time and talents in such a manner as to have been of service — in those places, times and situations — as I felt would best serve you who placed the governance of this Grand Lodge in my hands. I am painfully aware that not all of my actions this past year have met with the universal accord of all of my brethren.

As in years past, Freemasonry in Nebraska has made great strides this past year. The credit for those improvements is due not to your Grand Master but to each and every one of the thousands of Masons who have labored in the quarries of Masonry, thinking not of themselves but the welfare of others.

To each of the visiting dignitaries from other Grand Jurisdictions we offer a sincere welcome. We appreciate your taking time from your busy and demanding schedules to be present with us. We extend to you the hospitality and greetings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and most sincerely hope that your time spent with us will be a one of fond remembrance on your part.

To the delegates and other members in attendance at this 135th Annual Communication, we extend a welcome as you come together to consider serious matters concerning your Grand Lodge. As in the past two years we have again structured this Communication with your primary concerns in mind. The Friday afternoon Workshops have been deliberately crafted to offer to you the concerns you have expressed. We hope that you arrived in time to take part in the Table Lodge on Thursday evening and found it to be an enjoyable time of festive association. Your thoughtful consideration of the items of business to be considered on Saturday morning is earnestly requested.

### **NECROLOGY**

As of the writing of this Address, the faithful Secretaries of our Subordinate Lodges have reported to the Grand Lodge Office that 549 members of our gentle craft have been called to stand before that Great White Throne where it has been their portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme the welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We give our thanks to the Grand Architect of the Universe that the Golden Chain of Past Grand Masters of Masons of Nebraska has remained unbroken this past year.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead, under the able leadership of our V. : W. : Grand Chaplain Michael E. Jones, will be presenting a suitable tribute to our departed brethren as an integral portion of this Annual Communication.

### **CORNERSTONES**

1. On Sunday, May 5, 1991, I was received in a Special Communication of Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice, called for the purpose of hosting an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge, which was opened in ample form, to re-set

the Cornerstone Casket of the Gage County Courthouse in conjunction with the Centennial Observance of the courthouse. The Cornerstone, originally laid by the Grand Lodge in 1890, had previously been opened on September 9, 1990, under the supervision of the Grand Lodge, and the original casket removed. In spite of less than ideal weather conditions, there was a large crowd on hand for the festivities and greetings were brought by Nebraska's Governor Ben Nelson and several other of the elected dignitaries in attendance.

2. On Saturday, September 14, 1991, I was received in a Special Communication of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney, at which time an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form for the purpose of laying two cornerstones in the City of Sidney. At 10:30 AM, thirteen of the Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance when the Grand Lodge was invited to lay the cornerstone for the Sidney Volunteer Fire Department's newly finished and enlarged Fire Station. This is an impressive structure and is a most welcome addition to this vital service which provides fire protection over roughly a 700 square mile area.

3. Also on Saturday, September 14, 1991, at 2:30 PM, thirteen of the Grand Lodge Officers were again in attendance when the Grand Lodge was invited to lay the cornerstone for the Cheyenne County Community Center under construction in the City of Sidney. When finished, this facility will provide a far ranging array of services to a large geographic area and is an outstanding example of the cooperative efforts of a number of communities. Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, under the leadership of W.: Kent A. Talich, Master, had previously opened a Special Communication of that lodge for the purposes of receiving the Grand Master and hosting the Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge. A large crowd of interested spectators was on hand for the cornerstone ceremonies.

4. On Sunday, September 22, 1991, twelve of the Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance when I was received as Grand Master in a Special Communication of Fairbury Lodge No. 35, at which an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form for the purpose of Re-Setting the Casket in the Cornerstone of the Jefferson County Courthouse in Fairbury. The original cornerstone had been laid by the Grand Lodge on July 7, 1891. On July 17, 1991, the casket was, in commemoration of the Centennial Observance of the building, removed and the contents placed on permanent display. At the ceremony, which was held on the steps of the courthouse at 1:30 PM, new artifacts were included in the casket in an impressive ceremony attended by better than 300 people. Speakers at the event included two State Senators and the Governor of Nebraska.

5. On Sunday, September 28, 1991, twelve of the Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance when I was received as Grand Master in a Special Communication of Wahoo Lodge No. 59, at which an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form for the purpose of Re-Laying the Cornerstone of the Wahoo Masonic Temple. The original cornerstone, which had been laid in 1938, had been damaged by vandals in recent years and it was the desire of

the brethren of Wahoo Lodge that a new cornerstone be placed. The articles in the original casket were on display in the lodge rooms and a new casket was prepared.

6. On Saturday, November 9, 1991, the Deputy Grand Master was received as my personal representative at a Special Communication of Beatrice Lodge No. 26, at which an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in due form for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the magnificent new library building in the city of Beatrice. Many of the Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance on this cold, blustery day to take part in the ceremony. The entire Cornerstone Ceremony was televised through the Local Access Station. In spite of the weather, a large, interested crowd was on hand.

### **DEDICATIONS**

On Saturday, November 16, 1991, I was received at a Special Communication of Melrose Lodge No. 60 in Orleans, at which an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Temple erected by the brethren of Melrose Lodge. Nine of the Grand Lodge Officers were present to take part in the Dedicatory Service which was conducted before an audience which filled the beautiful new lodge room.

### **CONSOLIDATIONS**

1. On April 15, 1991, I approved the consolidation of Silver Lodge No. 266 of Silver Creek into Osceola Lodge No. 65 of Osceola.
2. On May 17, 1991, I approved the consolidation of Cable Lodge No. 225 of Arnold into Custer Lodge No. 148 of Broken Bow.
3. On August 9, 1991, I approved the consolidation of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 of Grand Island into Ashlar Lodge No. 33 of Grand Island.
4. On August 21, 1991, I approved the consolidation of Orient Lodge No. 13 of Rulo/Falls City into Falls City Lodge No. 9 of Falls City.
5. On October 9, 1991, I approved the consolidation of Rawalt Lodge No. 138 of Oxford into Jachin Lodge No. 146 of Holdrege.

#### ***Consolidations Pending:***

- i. Beaver City No. 93 with Monument No. 293 at Arapaho.
- ii. Hampton No. 245 with Aurora No. 68.
- iii. Meridian No. 188 of Cozad with Thistle No. 61 at Lexington.
- iv. Gavel No. 199 of Carleton with Lily No. 154 at Davenport
- v. Edgar No. 67 with Nelson No. 77.

### **EXTINCTIONS**

It is always a sad occurrence when a Lodge decides to surrender its Charter. On September 16, 1991, the Secretary of Wauneta Lodge No. 217 wrote to advise that it was the decision of the members to surrender their charter. On September 23, 1991, I directed the R.: W.: Grand Secretary, accompanied by the R.: W.:

Deputy Grand Master, to set up a meeting with the members of Wauneta Lodge No. 217 to discuss the matter with them in detail. I also requested that representatives of both Palisade Lodge No. 216 and Purity Lodge No. 198 of Imperial be present at the meeting to attempt to persuade the decision to surrender to be changed to one of consolidation. This meeting was held on October 3 with all of the above individuals or lodges in attendance. It was reported back to me that the decision had not been based upon apathy, but one of reasonable economic thought. However, Wauneta Lodge did agree to meet one more time to discuss the matter with their members. On November 7, 1991 a final decision was made by the members, at their regular communication, to surrender their charter as of December 31, 1991.

### **BYLAWS APPROVED**

On February 11, 1991, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Bartley Lodge No. 228. A copy of the fully revised bylaws is on file in the Grand Lodge Office.

On March 14, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On March 14, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Monument Lodge No. 293 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On March 18, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Justice Lodge No. 180 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On March 21, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Acacia Lodge No. 34 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On March 21, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Elwood Lodge No. 167 changing the date and time of their regular communication.

On April 7, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Geneva Lodge No. 79 changing the time of their regular communication and setting an alternate date should the regular communication fall on a national holiday.

On April 16, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Nelson Lodge No. 77 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On April 18, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Crete Lodge No. 37 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On May 3, 1991, I approved four separate amendments to the bylaws of Washington Lodge No. 21. The approved amendments: 1) changed the date of their regular communication; 2) changed the time of their regular communication; 3) increased the amount of fees for the three degrees; and 4) increased the amount of their annual dues.

On May 10, 1991, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. A copy of the fully revised bylaws is on file in the Grand Lodge Office.

On May 17, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 lowering the amount of fees for the three degrees.

On May 25, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Landmark Lodge No. 222 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On May 25, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Union Lodge No. 287 increasing the amount of their annual dues and changing the method of computation thereof.

On June 7, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On June 7, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 increasing the amount of their annual dues, changing the method of computation thereof, and changing the statutory allocation thereof.

On June 16, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 changing the time of their regular communication and setting an alternate date should the regular communication fall on a legal holiday

On June 16, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Florence Lodge No. 281 increasing the amount of their annual dues, changing the method of computation thereof, and changing the statutory allocation thereof.

On June 28, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of North Star Lodge No. 227 which established the assessment of a late fee of \$3.00 against those members who have not paid their annual dues by October 1 of the year in which due.

On July 8, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Friendship Lodge No. 239 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On August 5, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cotner Lodge No. 297 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On August 21, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hastings Lodge No. 50 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On August 22, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Highland Lodge No. 194 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On September 3, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wayne Lodge No. 120 changing the time of their regular communications.

On September 3, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On September 13, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Covert Lodge No. 11 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On September 13, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Geneva Lodge No. 79 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On September 13, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Ogalalla Lodge No. 159 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On September 13, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On October 11, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mizpah Lodge No. 302 decreasing the amount of their annual dues.

On October 11, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 increasing the amount of fees for the three degrees.

On October 19, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Samaritan Lodge No. 158 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On October 19, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On October 29, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hastings Lodge No. 50 increasing the amount of fees for the three degrees.

On October 29, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On November 14, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 increasing the amount of fees for the three degrees.

On November 14, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Euclid Lodge No. 97 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On November 16, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Corinthian Lodge No. 83 increasing the amount of fees for the three degrees.

On November 16, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Corinthian Lodge No. 83 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On November 16, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On November 16, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Laurel Lodge No. 248 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On November 30, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Fairmont Lodge No. 48 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

**REINSTATEMENTS**

I approved, on dates shown, the reinstatement to membership, in lodges shown, of the following individuals based upon satisfactory approval by the respective lodges of petitions therefor:

Feb 25, 1991	David P. Talbot	North Star No. 227
Feb 25, 1991	Robert J. Rowe, Jr.	Florence No. 281
Feb 25, 1991	Harold J. Hauberg	Western Star No. 2
Mar 8, 1991	Charles K. Kassebaum	East Lincoln No. 210
Mar 14, 1991	LeRoy A. Lindsey	Centennial No. 326
Mar 14, 1991	Steven F. Hansen	Mid-West No. 317
May 3, 1991	Stephen B. Phillips	McCook No. 135
May 13, 1991	Howard L. Franklin	Samaritan No. 158
May 17, 1991	James C. Taylor	Centennial No. 326
May 17, 1991	Darold J. Raburn	Cambridge No. 150
May 17, 1991	Paul F. Giebelhaus	College View No. 320

June 7, 1991	Stanley B. Voegel	Orient No. 13
July 12, 1991	Richard L. Hecht	Mid-West No. 317
Aug 21, 1991	Stephen D. O'Brien	Fairbury No. 35
Aug 22, 1991	Richard K. Bloch	North Bend No. 119
Sep 7, 1991	Jack L. Timmins	Bellevue No. 325
Sep 18, 1991	Loren H. Brown	Blazing Star No. 200
Oct 11, 1991	David J. Gibbs, Sr	Miloma No. 328
Oct 11, 1991	James B. Parks	Covert No. 11
Oct 23, 1991	Chester B. Mack, Jr.	Shiloh No. 327
Nov 8, 1991	Kenneth Newbry	Meridian No. 188
Nov 14, 1991	Troy N. Brendle	Plattsmouth No. 6
Nov 14, 1991	Paul N. Steffen	Fremont No. 15
Nov 14, 1991	Wayne C. Anderson	York No. 56
Nov 14, 1991	Robert B. Leary	Lancaster No. 54
Nov 16, 1991	Robert W. Mathewson	East Lincoln No. 210

**WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION**

I granted, on dates shown, absolute waivers of Nebraska jurisdiction over individuals listed in favor of named lodges all operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.:F.:&A.:M.::

Mar 25, 1991	G. Rodney Quint to Landmark Lodge No. 103
Apr 22, 1991	Edward J. Knowlton to Landmark Lodge No. 103
Apr 22, 1991	Lynn D. Peters to Landmark Lodge No. 103
Jun 28, 1991	Stephen H. Nelson to Landmark Lodge No. 103
Aug 20, 1991	Samuel L. Hoff to Morningside Lodge No. 615
Nov 30, 1991	Donald G. Leedom to Landmark Lodge No. 103

**DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS**

At the request, and upon the recommendation of our W.: Grand Custodian, Augustine S. "Gus" Scolaro, I commissioned the following individual as a Deputy Grand Custodian of the Grand Lodge:

Herbert M. Chambers      District Number 2

**DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIAN EMERITUS**

I had the honor and privilege this year to appoint W.: Brother Don L. McCoy of Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha, as a Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus. W.: Brother Don had served as a Deputy Grand Custodian of this Grand Lodge for sixteen years, and asked to be relieved from his active duties for personal health reasons.

The dedication of this brother in the faithful performance of his time-consuming duties as a ritual leader of the craft merits this reward given for his actions and deserves the wholehearted thanks of the members of this Grand Lodge.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

During the year it was my pleasure to recommend, to the Grand Master of those jurisdictions listed, the following individuals for appointment as Grand Representative of those jurisdictions near Nebraska:

<b>Brother's Name</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Ronald R. Siwirski, Jr. (39) 5851 Gold Street Omaha, NE 68106-3020	<i>Nevada</i>
Lawrence J. Zwart, (11) 7336 Lawndale Drive Omaha, NE 68134	<i>Virginia</i>
Herbert P. Taylor (325) 1808 Franklin Street Bellevue, NE 68005	<i>Utah</i>
Charles E. House (52) P.O. Box 70 Arlington, NE 68002	<i>Western Australia</i>

Also during this year it has been my pleasure, at the request of other Grand Masters, to commission the following individuals to be Grand Representatives of Nebraska near their Grand Jurisdiction:

<b>Brother's Name</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Charles M. Ketchum	<i>New York</i>
Walter Covey	<i>South Dakota</i>
Conrad R. Johnson	<i>Kansas</i>
Fred E. Allen	<i>Texas</i>
Sidnei Luiz Saut	<i>Santa Catarina</i>

**CENTENNIALS**

I was privileged to be in attendance at the Centennial observance of Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 in Gering on June 17th and 18th. I was received as Grand Master in Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 and presented the Master, W.: Byron Lane, with the Grand Lodge Centennial Certificate.

On June 29th, the Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: James L. Eatmon, served as my Personal Representative at the Centennial observance of Blazing Star Lodge

No. 200 in Burwell. The Grand Lodge Centennial Certificate was presented.

On September 8, 1991, I was privileged to be in attendance at the program hosted by Plainview Lodge No. 204 in observance of the Centennial of that lodge. The lodge room was literally filled with members and guests who all enjoyed a very interesting program. The Grand Lodge Centennial Certificate was presented.

On October 20, 1991, I was privileged to be in attendance at the Centennial observance of Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 in Chappell. The afternoon program, under the leadership of the Worshipful Master Jack Woodman, included presentation of a 60 year pin to Brother Paul A. Swanson, musical selections provided by Bethel No. 46 of the International Order of Job's Daughters from Oshkosh, and a History of Golden Fleece Lodge presented by W.: Dwight E. Smith, Secretary. The Grand Lodge Centennial Certificate was presented on behalf of the Grand Lodge by Deputy Grand Master James L. "Sonny" Eatmon.

### **GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES**

In keeping with the custom established two years ago wherein the Grand Master would be reimbursed only for expenses incurred during the calendar year, and further that the Deputy Grand Master-Grand Master Elect would be responsible for the majority of public functions on behalf of the Grand Master after the first of the year, you will find included in my Grand Master's Activities those functions attended by me in January 1991 and early February 1991 even though I was not installed as Grand Master until February 10, 1991.

#### *January 1991*

- 2 Attended meeting of Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue.
- 5 Served as Installing Officer for Springfield Lodge No. 112 in Springfield.
- 5 Served as Installing Marshal for Fremont Lodge No. 15 in Fremont.
- 6 Served as Installing Chaplain for Bellevue Lodge No. 325 in Bellevue.
- 8 Attended meeting of Plattsmouth Home Board.
- 9 Attended meeting of Fremont Home Board.
- 10 Attended meeting of Alpha Chapter No. 325, OES, in Bellevue.
- 13 Attended Installation of Officers of Papillion Lodge No. 39 in Papillion.
- 14 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 14 Conducted Masonic Trial at Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in Omaha.
- 15 Attended Installation of Officers of Lincoln Chapter No. 148, OES, in Lincoln.
- 16 Served as Installing Officer for Covert Lodge No. 11 in Omaha.

- 17 Attended Installation of Officers of Narcissus Chapter No. 269, OES, in Omaha.
- 20 Attended meeting of 1973 WM's & WP's of the Omaha Area.
- 21 Attended meeting of Omaha Lodge of Perfection in Omaha.
- 23 Represented Grand Master at Annual Meeting of Stockholders of The Nebraska Masonic Home held in Lincoln.
- 24 Attended Installation of Officers of Alpha Chapter No. 325, OES, in Bellevue.
- 25 Attended and spoke at Friendship Dinner hosted by Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln.
- 26 Attended meeting of Grand Master's Task Force in Lincoln.
- 30 134th Grand Lodge Annual Communication — Grand Island.
- 31 134th Grand Lodge Annual Communication — Grand Island.

*February 1991*

- 1 134th Grand Lodge Annual Communication — Grand Island.
- 2 134th Grand Lodge Annual Communication — Grand Island.
- 5 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 6 Attended meeting in Omaha of Investment Committee of the Fremont Home.
- 6 Attended meeting of Bellevue Lodge No. 325.
- 8 Attended Luncheon of Jesters Court No. 19 in Omaha.
- 9 Conducted meeting of and hosted dinner for all Grand Lodge Officers in Omaha.
- 10 Installation and Reception for Grand Lodge in Omaha.
- 12 Attended meeting of Plattsmouth Home Board.
- 12 Attended meeting and made presentation at Springfield Lodge No. 112.
- 13 Attended meeting of Fremont Home Board in Fremont.
- 14 Grand Masters' Conference — San Diego, California.
- 15 Grand Masters' Conference — San Diego, California.
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- 18 Grand Masters' Conference — San Diego, California.
- 19 Grand Masters' Conference — San Diego, California.
- 20 Grand Masters' Conference — San Diego, California.
- 23 Omaha Valley, AASR, One Day Reunion in Omaha.

- 23 Attended Sesostris Temple, AAONMS, Potentate's Ball in Lincoln.
- 24 Attended reception for Supreme Guardian, IOJD, Omaha.
- 26 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.

*March 1991*

- 1 Attended Masonic Memorial Services for Past Master of Bellevue Lodge No. 325 in Bellevue.
- 2 Attended funeral for Bellevue Past Master in Bellevue.
- 4 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 4 Attended and spoke at Charter Day Dinner given by Electa Chapter No. 8, OES, in Lincoln.
- 6 Received as Grand Master in Bellevue Lodge No. 325.
- 7 Driving to St. Louis, Missouri.
- 8 Attended and spoke at meeting of Membership Committee Conference of Imperial Shrine of North America in St. Louis, Missouri.
- 9 Attended Tangier Temple, AAONMS, Potentate's Ball in Omaha.
- 13 Attended meeting of Fremont Home Board in Fremont.
- 14 Attended Kansas Grand Lodge in Salina, Kansas.
- 15 Attended Kansas Grand Lodge in Salina, Kansas.
- 16 Attended Kansas Grand Lodge in Salina, Kansas.
- 17 Attended Breakfast at Florence Chapter, RAM, Omaha.
- 17 Attended Scottish Rite Foundation Meeting in Lincoln.
- 17 Attended Reception for Grand Bethel Honored Queen in Lincoln.
- 17 Attended and spoke at dinner honoring Walter Miller at Shrine Mosque in Omaha.
- 18 Attended Omaha Lodge of Perfection meeting in Omaha.
- 20 Attended Grand Custodian's School of Instruction in Master's Degree (1st Sec.) at Bellevue Lodge No. 325, and received as Grand Master.
- 21 Attended Grand Custodian's School of Instruction in Master's Degree (1st Sec.) at East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, and received as Grand Master.
- 22 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 23 Attended meeting of Nebraska DeMolay Foundation in Lincoln.
- 24 Attended and spoke at Palm Sunday Breakfast hosted by Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 in Ashland.
- 25 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.

- 26 Attended Tennessee Grand Lodge in Nashville, Tennessee.
- 27 Attended Tennessee Grand Lodge in Nashville, Tennessee.
- 28 Attended Tennessee Grand Lodge in Nashville, Tennessee.

*April 1991*

- 1 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 1 Received as Grand Master by Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in Omaha.
- 2 Received as Grand Master by Fremont Lodge No. 15 in Fremont.
- 3 Attended meeting in Omaha of Investment Committee of Fremont Home.
- 3 Attended Bellevue Lodge No. 325 in Bellevue.
- 4 Attended meetings of Nebraska York Rite in Columbus.
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- 6 Attended meetings of Nebraska York Rite in Columbus.
- 7 Attended meeting of Grand Lodge Planning and Grand Lodge Social Committees in Omaha.
- 7 Attended meeting of Omaha Masters & Wardens Club in Omaha.
- 8 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 9 Attended meeting of Plattsmouth Home Board.
- 10 Attended meeting of Fremont Home Board.
- 11 Attended Minnesota Grand Lodge in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 12 Attended Minnesota Grand Lodge in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 13 Attended Minnesota Grand Lodge in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 14 Attended Reception for Viron Baxter, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, in McCook.
- 15 Attended Reception for Irene Hosier at Scottish Rite in Omaha.
- 16 Attended Omaha Chapter No. 19, National Sojourners, in Omaha.
- 17 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 17 Attended meeting with Sam Nelson at Lincoln High School on behalf of Nebraska Masonic Foundation.
- 20 Attended meeting of Grand Master's Task Force in Lincoln.
- 20 Attended Tehama Temple, AAONMS, Potentate's Ball in Grand Island.
- 24 Participated in Past Master's Degree Team raising at Bellevue Lodge No. 325.
- 25 Attended meeting of Alpha Chapter No. 325, OES, in Bellevue.

- 27 Attended and spoke at Friendship Dinner for Florence Lodge No. 281.
- 28 Attended Initiatory Service at Lincoln Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls at East Lincoln Lodge.
- 30 Attended and spoke at Past Master's Dinner for John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 in Omaha.

*May 1991*

- 1 Presented Jordan Medal at Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo.
- 4 Attended Beatrice Cornerstone Re-Laying Celebration.
- 5 Attended Beatrice Cornerstone Re-Laying Celebration.
- 5 Attended meeting of Omaha Masters & Wardens Club in Omaha.
- 8 Attended meeting of Fremont Home Board in Fremont.
- 8 Attended and spoke at Past Master's Dinner for Covert Lodge No. 11.
- 12 Attended Nebraska Grand Chapter, OES, in Lincoln.
- 13 Attended Nebraska Grand Chapter, OES, in Lincoln.
- 14 Attended Nebraska Grand Chapter, OES, in Lincoln.
- 15 Attended Nebraska Grand Chapter, OES, in Lincoln.
- 16 Attended Nebraska Grand Chapter, OES, in Lincoln.
- 20 Attended Indiana Grand Lodge in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 21 Attended Indiana Grand Lodge in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 22 Attended Indiana Grand Lodge in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 27 Attended Michigan Grand Lodge in Lansing, Michigan.
- 28 Attended Michigan Grand Lodge in Lansing, Michigan.
- 29 Attended Michigan Grand Lodge in Lansing, Michigan.
- 30 Attended Michigan Grand Lodge in Lansing, Michigan.
- 31 Travelling from Michigan to Kentucky.

*June 1991*

- 1 Attended DeMoss Lodge No. 220 in Butler, Kentucky.
- 6 Attended meeting in Omaha of Investment Committee of Fremont Home.
- 7 Attended Luncheon Meeting of Omaha Court No. 19, ROJ.
- 8 Hosted breakfast and held joint meeting at Bellevue Lodge No. 325 with Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

- 8 Attended joint meeting with Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers of Kansas at Smithton Lodge No. 1 in Highland, Kansas.
- 9 Attended Wisconsin Grand Lodge in Middleton, Wisconsin.
- 10 Attended Wisconsin Grand Lodge in Middleton, Wisconsin.
- 11 Attended Wisconsin Grand Lodge in Middleton, Wisconsin.
- 12 Travelling to North Dakota
- 13 Attended North Dakota Grand Lodge in Fargo, N.D.
- 14 Attended North Dakota Grand Lodge in Fargo, N.D.
- 15 Attended Nebraska Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls at Crete and presented Grand Lodge Scholarship. Explained Working Tools after banquet.
- 16 Travelling to Gering, Nebraska.
- 17 Attended Centennial Observation of Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201.
- 18 Attended Centennial Observation of Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201.
- 19 Presented Bronze Jordan Medal at Hickman Lodge No. 256 in Lincoln.
- 20 Attended Grand Guardian Council and Grand Bethel of Nebraska, International Order of Job's Daughters. Presented Grand Lodge Scholarship.
- 23 Attended and participated in parade for Prince Hall Grand Lodge celebration of St. John the Baptist Day in Omaha.
- 25 Attended Rainbow Grand Officers Visitation at Athena Assembly No. 24 in Bellevue. Gave Apron lecture.
- 29 Attended Imperial Council, AAONMS, in San Francisco, CA.
- 30 Attended Imperial Council, AAONMS, in San Francisco, CA.

*July 1991*

- 1 Attended Imperial Council, AAONMS, in San Francisco, CA.
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- 5 Attended Imperial Council, AAONMS, in San Francisco, CA.
- 9 Attended Steak Fry and Regular Communication of North Bend Lodge No. 119, in North Bend. Received as Grand Master.
- 12 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 12 Travelling to St. Louis, Missouri.
- 13 Attended meeting of Masonic Renewal Committee of North America held in St. Louis, Missouri.

- 14 Travelling from St. Louis, Missouri.
- 16 Attended meeting of Fremont Home Board in Fremont.
- 16 Represented Grand Lodge at Annual Stockholders meeting of Masonic-Eastern Star Home For Children in Fremont.
- 18 Attended dinner hosted by Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha.
- 19 Attended Prince Hall Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Omaha.
- 20 Attended Prince Hall Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Omaha.
- 20 Attended Reception for Sheila Speck, Grand Ruth, OES, at Plattsmouth.
- 21 Attended Installation of officers of Hastings Chapter, Order of DeMolay, in Hastings.
- 25 Travelling to Rapid City, South Dakota.
- 26 Attended Retreat of Grand Lodge Officers and Planning Committees at Rapid City, South Dakota.
- 27 Attended Retreat of Grand Lodge Officers and Planning Committees at Rapid City, South Dakota.
- 28 Travelling from Rapid City, South Dakota to Bellevue.

*August 1991*

- 2 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 3 Participated in the Shrine Parade and attended the Shrine Bowl Game in Lincoln.
- 7 Attended a meeting of the Investment Committee of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.
- 9 Attended regular meeting of the Omaha Square & Compass Club.
- 10 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 10 Travelling to Wyoming Grand Lodge.
- 11 Attended Wyoming Grand Lodge, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- 12 Attended Wyoming Grand Lodge, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- 13 Attended Wyoming Grand Lodge, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- 17 Attended meeting of Nebraska Masonic Foundation Directors in Kearney, NE.
- 20 Attended meeting of Omaha Chapter #19, National Sojourners.
- 24 Attended Second Annual Fellowship Dinner sponsored by Friendship Lodge No. 239, Chapman, in Grand Island.
- 25 Attended Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Papillion Lodge No. 39 to benefit Midland's Community Hospital in Papillion.

- 25 Attended 4-H Achievement Day Activities at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont.
- 28 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.

*September 1991*

- 3 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 3 Attended regular communication of Geneva Lodge No. 79.
- 4 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 4 Attended pre-meeting dinner and regular communication of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in Hastings. Received as Grand Master.
- 7 Attended meeting of the Nebraska Masonic Task Force in Lincoln.
- 8 Attended program for Centennial Observance of Plainview Lodge No. 204 in Plainview.
- 11 Attended meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont.
- 11 Attended meeting of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in Hastings to observe conferral of the EA degree on three candidates.
- 12 Attended Table Lodge hosted by Falls City Lodge No. 9 in Falls City.
- 13 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 14 Received as Grand Master at Special Communication of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney. Opened Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying of two cornerstones in that city.
- 15 Attended and spoke at Friendship Dinner hosted by Hiram Lodge No. 52 in Arlington.
- 16 Attended dinner and spoke at regular meeting of the Lodge of Perfection of Omaha Valley, AASR.
- 18 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 18 Met with Potentate, Chief Rabban, and Recorder of Tangier Temple in Omaha, in advance planning for 1992 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.
- 19 Attended Grand Lodge of Iowa in Davenport, Iowa.
- 20 Attended Grand Lodge of Iowa in Davenport, Iowa.
- 21 Attended Grand Lodge of Iowa in Davenport, Iowa.
- 22 Received as Grand Master at Special Communication of Fairbury Lodge No. 35 in Fairbury. Opened Occasional Communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of re-setting the cornerstone casket of the Jefferson County Courthouse.

- 22 Served as Master of Ceremonies at a dinner in Lincoln, Nebraska honoring Past Grand Master Harry A. Spencer for 50 years of service to the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home.
- 24 Attended meeting of Fremont Lodge No. 15 at which State Master Councillor of Nebraska DeMolay was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.
- 25 Attended meeting of Fremont Home Investment Committee.
- 25 Attended and brought greetings to Brethren and guests of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 in special observance of the 25th Anniversary of the chartering of the lodge.
- 26 Attended special visitation meeting of Alpha Chapter No. 325, OES.
- 28 Received as Grand Master in Wahoo Lodge No. 59 and opened an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge for the purposes of re-laying the cornerstone of Wahoo Lodge.
- 28 Presented Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to W.: Lloyd I. Edwards at Pomegranate Lodge No. 110.
- 29 In Grand Lodge Office.
- 29 Attended Missouri Grand Lodge in Jefferson City, Mo.
- 30 Attended Missouri Grand Lodge in Jefferson City, Mo.

*October 1991*

- 1 Attended Missouri Grand Lodge in Jefferson City, MO.
- 2 Travel day from Missouri Grand Lodge to Illinois Grand Lodge.
- 3 Attended Illinois Grand Lodge in Springfield, IL.
- 4 Attended Illinois Grand Lodge in Springfield, IL.
- 5 Attended Illinois Grand Lodge in Springfield, IL.
- 8 Met with Chairman of Fraternal Relations Committee.
- 9 Attended meeting and reception at Covert Lodge No. 11 to recognize W.: Don McCoy as Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus.
- 10 Attended Dinner at Falls City Lodge No. 9 welcoming members and spouses of Orient Lodge No. 13 as new members. Received as Grand Master at regular communication following dinner.
- 12 Travel day to San Francisco, CA.
- 13 Attended California Grand Lodge in San Francisco, CA.
- 14 Attended California Grand Lodge in San Francisco, CA.
- 15 Attended California Grand Lodge in San Francisco, CA.
- 16 Travel day from San Francisco, CA.

- 18 Attended dinner and meeting of Past Grand Masters of Nebraska in Omaha. Inducted into organization.
- 19 In Grand Lodge Office.
- 20 Attended Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 Centennial in Chappell.
- 21 Attended Feast of Tishri celebration at Omaha Valley of the Scottish Rite. Responded to obligatory toasts.
- 22 Attended Dinner at Papillion Lodge No. 39 for mortgage burning – presented year pins, and dedicated new elevator.
- 24 Attended District No. 4 Visitation of OES Grand Chapter Officers of Nebraska in Omaha.
- 26 Attended and spoke at Past Master's Dinner for Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City.
- 27 Presented Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to W.: Brother Wayne H. Hardy at Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow.
- 28 Visited Omaha VA Hospital with M.: W.: Thomas Dougherty, Director of Hospital Visitation, MSA.
- 29 Visited Grand Island VA Hospital and Lincoln VA Hospital with Director of Hospital Visitation, MSA.
- 29 In Grand Lodge Office.
- 30 Attended and spoke at joint Scottish Rite/Shrine Friendship Dinner in Lincoln.

*November 1991*

- 1 Attended General Grand Chapter, OES, in St. Louis, MO.
- 2 Attended General Grand Chapter, OES, in St. Louis, MO.
- 3 Attended General Grand Chapter, OES, in St. Louis, MO.
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- 6 Attended General Grand Chapter, OES, in St. Louis, MO.
- 7 Attended General Grand Chapter, OES, in St. Louis, MO.
- 8 Attended General Grand Chapter, OES, in St. Louis, MO.
- 9 Travelled to Minden, Nevada.
- 10 Attended Nevada Grand Lodge in Minden, Nevada.
- 11 Attended Nevada Grand Lodge in Minden, Nevada.
- 12 Attended Nevada Grand Lodge in Minden, Nevada.
- 13 Travel day from Nevada to Nebraska.
- 14 In Grand Lodge Office.

- 16 In Grand Lodge Office.
- 16 Lodge Dedication in Orleans, Nebraska.
- 16 Attended Dinner for joint meeting of Nebraska and Kansas OES Grand Chapter Officers in Hastings.
- 17 Attended and main speaker for Omaha Valley AASR Fall Reunion Banquet in Omaha.
- 18 Attended and spoke at Friendship Dinner for Albion Lodge No. 78 in Albion.
- 19 Attended 33° Degree Team Rehearsal in Omaha.
- 19 Attended and brought greetings at Sat-ra Temple No. 59, Daughters of the Nile Dinner in Omaha held to honor the Supreme Queen of the Nile on her official visit.
- 20 Took part in Past Master's Degree Night at Bellevue Lodge No. 325.
- 21 In Grand Lodge Office.
- 21 Attended and took part in conferral of Master Mason Degree on my brother, William R. DeMoss, at Idaho Springs Lodge No. 26 in Idaho Springs, Colorado.
- 23 Was received and brought greetings at Grand Master's Class sponsored by the Nebraska State Chapter of the Order of DeMolay in Omaha.
- 30 Attended meeting of Grand Lodge Appropriations Committee at Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 30 Attended and served as Installing Narrator for Installation of Bethel Officers in Bethel No. 68, International Order of Job's Daughters at Bellevue.

*December 1991*

- 2 Attended meeting of Investment Committee for Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children of Fremont.
- 2 Attended 33° Degree Team Rehearsal in Omaha.
- 4 Attended Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco, Texas.
- 5 Attended Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco, Texas.
- 6 Attended Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco, Texas.
- 7 Attended conferral of 33°, AASR, in Omaha.
- 10 Attended Potluck Dinner at Springfield Lodge No. 112 and presented two members with 50 year pins.
- 12 Attended Stated Meeting of Alpha Chapter No. 325, OES.

- 13 Attended Christmas Luncheon of Court No. 19, Royal Order of Jesters in Omaha.
- 13 In Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln.
- 16 Attended Omaha Valley Lodge of Perfection in Omaha.
- 17 Attended Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.
- 18 Attended Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.
- 19 Attended Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.

### QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS

1. On March 6, 1991 I was advised by the Worshipful Master of Covert Lodge No. 11 that the Treasurer of the lodge wished to submit his resignation due to his unforeseen move from this jurisdiction. I advised the Worshipful Master that under the provisions of §2-304 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws he could not accept such a resignation. I further advised him that the office would have to be filled by temporary appointment by him from meeting to meeting.
2. On April 21, 1991 I refused a verbal request from Springfield Lodge No. 112 to receive a petition, ballot and confer degrees all without regard to time. Although the intended petitioner was in the Military Service of the United States of America, exigencies of the service did not warrant the request.
3. On May 1, 1991, in response to a letter of April 30, 1991 from the Secretary of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, wherein it was shown that on April 4, 1991 at the regular communication of the lodge a motion was entertained and passed to expel from membership a member of the lodge, I advised that such an action was a violation of §3-401 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws. I further directed that the minutes of the April 4, 1991 communication be amended to strike the matter from the minutes and that a copy of my letter be appended to said minutes as authority to strike. I further directed that an amended Monthly Report be forwarded to the Grand Lodge Office as expeditiously as possible.
4. On May 10, 1991, I issued a letter to the Master, Wardens and Brethren of all Subordinate Lodges directing that from and after December 31, 1991, it would be unlawful in this jurisdiction to use in whole, or in part, any Monitor while conferring degrees, except that version of the Monitor adopted by the Grand Lodge on February 2, 1991.
5. On May 10, 1991, I issued a letter to the Master, Wardens and Brethren of all Subordinate Lodges directing that from and after December 31, 1991, it would be unlawful in this jurisdiction to conduct, in whole, or in part, any Official Ceremony in this jurisdiction except those versions thereof as are contained in the Book of Ceremonies adopted by the Grand Lodge on February 2, 1991.
6. On June 24, 1991, the M.:W.: Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F.: & A.:M.: of Oklahoma wrote to me setting forth facts and circumstances, accompanied by supporting documentation, surrounding an incident within his

jurisdiction involving a member of a Nebraska Lodge who is a resident within the jurisdiction of Oklahoma. The matter had been referred to him by one of his lodges. It was his opinion that the matter did not warrant a Masonic Trial, but he had referred the matter to me for final decision. After a thorough review of the matter, and conversations with the Grand Master of Oklahoma, on July 11, 1991, I advised the Grand Master of Oklahoma that it was my decision that sufficient grounds to warrant a Masonic Trial did not exist.

7. On July 24, 1991, I advised the Secretary of Palisade Lodge No. 216, in response to his letter of July 22, 1991, that The Rev. Hugh H. Houchin, who wished to petition Palisade Lodge No. 216 for reinstatement, that such a petition could not be accepted by Palisade Lodge No. 216 and that jurisdiction in the matter of reinstatement now rests with Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 since Gothenburg Lodge No. 249, from which The Rev. Houchin was suspended for non-payment of dues, was consolidated with Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in January 1987.

8. On August 26, 1991, upon request of the Grand Lodge Office, and after review of the matter, I appointed M.: W.: Paul R. Pierce, PGM, as my Personal Representative to assist Edgar Lodge No. 67 in the completion and submission to the Grand Lodge Office of the Annual Return for Edgar Lodge No. 67 for the period ending December 31, 1990.

9. On August 27, 1991, I refused a request for dispensation submitted by Lincoln Lodge No. 19 for irregular proficiency involving Brother Joel Beckenhauer, EA. A review of the matter revealed no irregularity in the matter with respect to the Bylaws of Grand Lodge. I further appointed W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg, Grand Senior Deacon, as my Personal Representative to attend a Special Communication of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 to be held on August 27, 1991, to clarify and answer any questions which might arise at the meeting concerning this matter.

10. On September 16, 1991, in response to a letter from Covert Lodge No. 11, I ordered that the actions taken by Covert Lodge No. 11, in regular communication, which resulted in the issuance of a demit for Brother George Speliotes, be stricken from the minutes of said regular communication and that the brother be, and thereby was, reinstated to membership in Covert Lodge No. 11 as if said action had never been taken, and that a copy of my letter be appended to said minutes as authority for such action. Brother Speliotes had sought a dual membership with a lodge in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Unbeknown to Brother Speliotes, the Secretary of the lodge in Colorado requested, although such was not a requirement of Colorado Grand Lodge Law, a demit to permit membership in that lodge. Brother Speliotes, upon learning of the actions after the fact, had requested that the demit be reversed by Covert Lodge No. 11. When discussed by Covert Lodge, a member cited §2-1404 of the Bylaws, and questioned if the action under consideration was proper. The matter was referred to me and I took this action to resolve the matter as expeditiously as possible.

11. On October 28, 1991, I was telephonically advised by the Secretary of Mosaic Lodge No. 55 that a Brother had passed away on Saturday, October 26, and some guidance was needed. The brother had, at the last Regular Commu-

nication of Mosaic Lodge been elected to become affiliated with them but time had not sufficiently elapsed to permit issuance of a demit from the Brother's previous lodge, Plainview No. 204. After consideration of the matter I telephonically advised Mosaic Lodge No. 55 and Plainview Lodge No. 204 to consider the Brother as a dual member at the time of his death, and that either lodge could respond with proper Masonic Funeral Services as requested by the family. I further advised Plainview Lodge that the Brother should be dropped from their rolls on their October monthly report as deceased, and that the request for demit should be returned to Mosaic Lodge No. 55 without action. I also advised Mosaic Lodge No. 55 to report the Brother as a gain through affiliation and a loss through death on their October monthly report.

12. On November 25, 1991, I responded to a letter written October 31, 1991 by the Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, requesting guidance on a fund raising proposal pending before his lodge. The proposal consisted of the sale of advertising by the members of the lodge, for which a commission would be paid directly to the lodge, with the advertisements to appear in a commercially prepared directory of various federal, state, and local governmental offices along with educational and medical activities within the state. It was my decision that, while the proposed matter did not, in and of itself, appear to be a violation of our Masonic Law, I could not give permission for the venture since the sale of the advertising, by members of the lodge as representatives thereof, could lead to confusion wherein it might be interpreted by members of the public that Freemasonry, more specifically Nebraska Lodge No. 1, was involved in the sponsorship of this commercial venture.

13. On December 1, 1991, I returned, without action, a proposed total revision (re-write) of the Bylaws of College View Lodge No. 320 of Lincoln. The requested approval was not given because provisions of §'s 2-301, 2-513, and 2-515 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws had not been properly addressed or covered in the proposed revisions.

14. On December 5, 1991, I sent the Grand Custodian, as my Personal Representative, to the Regular Communication of St. John's Lodge No. 25 in Omaha. The purpose of this action was to bring about a satisfactory resolution to a pending request for demit submitted to the lodge better than four months prior to this time, and to insure that certain other documentation requested and required by Grand Lodge Officers be completed properly and submitted hereafter in a timely fashion.

15. On December 11, 1991, the Grand Lodge Office was contacted by an attorney in McCook who stated that he had been retained by the City of Danbury to effect the statutory transfer of the property in Danbury formerly owned and occupied by Boaz Lodge No. 185, which was consolidated with McCook Lodge No. 135 in September 1986. The records of the Grand Lodge Office indicate that permission to transfer the property to the City of Danbury was approved by then Grand Master Charles W. Amidon at the time of the consolidation approval. I requested Past Grand Master John M. McHenry to contact the attorney and advise that since a deed had apparently not been executed, or if executed, had

not been filed, the title to the property in question should now rest with McCook Lodge No. 135 in accordance with §2-207 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, and to extend such advice and assistance to the attorney as might be necessary to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

## DISPENSATIONS

1. On February 25, 1991, I gave dispensation to Nebraska Lodge No. 1 to install the duly appointed Junior Deacon for the year 1991 at their regular communication on March 4, 1991.
2. On February 25, 1991, I gave dispensation to Beatrice Lodge No. 26 to install the duly appointed Junior Deacon for the year 1991 at their regular communication on March 11, 1991.
3. On February 25, 1991, I gave dispensation to Scribner Lodge No. 132 to install their duly appointed Senior Deacon for the year 1991 at their regular communication on March 5, 1991.
4. On March 4, 1991, I gave dispensation to Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 to confer the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry upon Mr. Byron Randolph Lane on Saturday, March 9, 1991, without regard to time. Mr. Lane, the son of the Worshipful Master of Scotts Bluff Lodge, is in the military service of the United States and would be available on that date.
5. On July 16, 1991, I gave dispensation to Mosaic Lodge No. 55 to confer the degree of Entered Apprentice upon Mr. Kyle E. Hughes, petitioner, on July 25, 1991 provided the report of the examining committee was favorable and the ballot on Mr. Hughes was clear. Mr. Hughes is a member of the United States Navy and was under orders to leave the Norfolk area shortly after July 25, 1991.
6. On August 6, 1991, I gave dispensation to Mid-West Lodge No. 317 to receive and refer to committee, prior to receipt of waiver of jurisdiction from Geneva Lodge No. 79, petitions from the following named individuals: George Burke, Arsenios Coolik, Philaret Taylor, Seraphim Weber, Simeon Davis, Macarius Washburn, and Simeon Goldstein.
7. On August 7, 1991, I gave dispensation to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 to confer the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry upon Mr. Mark Carley without regard to time and waiving the provisions of §2-402 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge.
8. On August 28, 1991, I issued a dispensation waiving the provisions of §2-1204 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge to permit John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 to Open a Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons on Sunday, September 29, 1991, for the purposes of hosting a festive Table Lodge to be conducted by the Omaha Masters & Wardens Club to which prospective members and ladies of members and guests were invited, provided the instructions in a separate letter to the Masters & Wardens Club of the same date were followed.
9. On September 3, 1991, I issued a dispensation waiving the provisions of §2-905 and §2-1002 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge to permit Geneva Lodge No. 79, A.:F.:&A.:M.:, of Geneva, to proceed to ballot without referral to

committee and on a collective basis upon the request for waiver of jurisdiction submitted to Geneva Lodge No. 79 on July 24, 1991 by Mid-West Lodge No. 317 of Hastings, over the following named petitioners previously rejected by Geneva Lodge No. 79: George Burke, Arsenios Coolik, Philaret Taylor, Seraphim Weber, Simeon Davis, Macarius Washburn, and Simeon Goldstein.

10. On September 4, 1991, a Waiver of Jurisdiction having been granted by Geneva Lodge No. 79 in favor of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 over petitioners previously rejected by Geneva Lodge, I issued a dispensation waiving the provisions of §2-1002 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge to permit Mid-West Lodge No. 317, A.:F.: & A.:M.:, of Hastings, to ballot, on a collective basis, upon the petitions for initiation from the following named individuals: George Burke, Arsenios Coolik, Philaret Taylor, Seraphim Weber, Simeon Davis, Macarius Washburn, and Simeon Goldstein.

### **PERMISSIONS AND WAIVERS**

1. On February 11, 1991, I waived the provisions of Section 2-402 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws to permit Mizpah Lodge No. 302 to proceed with conferring of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry upon Mr. Leighton W. Smith, a duly elected petitioner, on leave from his duty station at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. At the same time I advised Mr. Smith to contact the Grand Lodge of Hawaii upon his return to Pearl Harbor to receive instruction in proficiency for his degree work. Formal notification of the circumstances surrounding this matter were forwarded direct to the Grand Master of Hawaii.

2. On March 8, 1991, I gave permission to Blazing Star Lodge No. 200 to temporarily move the charter of the lodge to an outdoor location for purposes of holding an outdoor degree in connection with their Lodge Centennial Observance to be held on June 29, 1991.

3. On March 31, 1991, I gave permission to Fidelity Lodge No. 51 to temporarily move their charter on April 2, 1991 to Rising City, Nebraska for a joint meeting with Composite Lodge No. 81.

4. On April 25, 1991, I gave permission to the Clyde Malone Community Center Foundation in Lincoln, Nebraska, a Charitable Foundation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to solicit Nebraska Lodges for monetary donations to the Foundation. The Foundation was instructed to include a copy of my authorization letter with all solicitations.

5. On April 27, 1991, I gave permission to Crescent Lodge No. 143 to temporarily move their charter on June 20, 1991 to the Cedar Rapids, Nebraska Community Building for purposes of holding a catered dinner and Table Lodge.

6. On April 27, 1991, I gave permission to Nebraska Lodge No. 1 to temporarily move their charter on June 8, 1991 to the Bellevue Masonic Temple for purposes of opening a lodge of Master Masons to receive the Grand Master and host a joint meeting of the Grand Lodge Officers of Nebraska and Kansas.

7. On May 23, 1991, the Deputy Grand Master, on my behalf and during my absence from the jurisdiction, gave written permission to the Worshipful Master,

Wardens and brethren of Melrose Lodge No. 60 to commence construction of a new Masonic Temple in Orleans, Nebraska, in accordance with previously approved plans and specifications.

8. On May 26, 1991, I gave permission to Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 to temporarily move their charter on July 1, 1991 to Gordon Howard's for the purpose of holding an outdoor lodge for their regular communication.

9. On June 16, 1991, I gave permission to the Nebraska State Chapter of the Order of DeMolay to conduct a solicitation for funds directly from individual lodges of this jurisdiction. The State Master Councillor was instructed to insure that a copy of my authorization letter accompanied all requests to the lodges.

10. On June 16, 1991, I gave permission to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 to temporarily move their charter on July 13, 1991 to 8100 Old Cheney Road, Lincoln, Nebraska for the purpose of holding an outdoor lodge to confer the Master Mason degree.

11. On August 22, 1991, I gave permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to solicit Nebraska lodges and individual members thereof for contributions to the Annual Robert W. Boon Memorial Food Truck Drive in support of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

12. On November 20, 1991, I gave permission to Aurora Lodge No. 68 to temporarily move their charter to either the Hamilton County 4-H Building located on the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Aurora or to the Masonic Temple of Hampton Lodge No. 245 for the months of November and December 1991, and the months of January, February and March of 1992.

13. On November 20, 1991, I gave permission to Capitol Lodge No. 3 to temporarily move their charter to the Masonic Temple located at 2411 I Street in Omaha on January 18, 1992, for the purposes of holding an Open Installation of Officers of Capitol Lodge No. 3.

14. On November 20, 1991, I gave permission to Minatare Lodge No. 295 to move their charter back from Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 in Gering to the Minatare Masonic Temple, effective on January 1, 1992.

### **TRIAL COMMISSIONS**

1. On October 31, 1991, pursuant to that authority delineated in §1-301 of the Bylaws, I appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Cotner Lodge No. 297 and a member of that lodge. As of the writing of this address the matter is still pending final resolution.

2. On November 14, 1991, pursuant to that authority delineated in §1-301 of the Bylaws, I appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Hickman Lodge No. 256 and a member of that lodge. As of the writing of this address the matter is still pending final resolution.

## CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America for 1991 began with some Committee meetings on Saturday, February 16th, at the Town and Country Resort Hotel in San Diego, California, the site of the entire conference for this year. It was the distinct honor of your Grand Master to have been elected, at the 1990 Conference, to serve as Chairman of the Conference Committee for this year. The Conference Committee, composed of eight seated Grand Masters, plus the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Conference, ex-officio, is charged with the responsibility of arranging the agenda for the conference, selecting speakers, proposing the rules of order for the conference, and various other duties as may be delegated to it by the conference. Nebraska was additionally represented at the Conference by James L. Eatmon, Deputy Grand Master; Donald L. Pohlman, Grand Senior Warden; Steven F. Mattoon, Grand Junior Warden; Don E. Rasmussen, Grand Secretary; Jerry L. Rittenburg, Grand Senior Deacon; Warren D. Lichty, Past Grand Master and then Deputy in Nebraska of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America; Thomas W. Tye, Past Grand Master; John D. VerMaas, then Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Ancient and Accepted Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America; and Charles A. Folsom, Past National President, National Sojourners, and Past National Commander, Heroes of '76.

The Conference was most ably presided over this year by the Grand Master of California, M.:W.: Ronald A. Sherod, as Chairman. His most able assistant as Vice Chairman of the Conference was M.:W.: William G. Roberts, Grand Master of Nevada. During the Conference various groups such as the National Masonic Foundation on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, the Masonic Service Association, and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, conducted their Annual Meetings. The Commission on Recognition, a standing committee of the Conference, also makes its annual presentation.

This was the third consecutive year that Nebraska has played a significant role in the Conference. In 1989 our then Grand Master Thomas W. Tye served as a member of the Conference Committee and was privileged to address that Conference with the official response to the welcome at the opening of the Conference. In 1990 our then Grand Master John M. McHenry, assisted by several other Masons from Nebraska, was responsible for and did an outstanding job of presenting to that Conference a Workshop on Nebraska's Standard Proficiency. This year, Thomas W. Tye, Past Grand Master, gave the Keynote Address to the Conference on Monday morning. M.:W.: Brother Tom's excellent remarks helped to set the tone for the entire Conference Theme — "Be Positive—Catch the Wave". Nebraska was also responsible this year for a Workshop on Public Awareness and Community Service.

Unfortunately, the Conferees rejected, after much debate, a proposal submitted by the Conference's Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations. The proposal was designed to serve as a suggested buffer type of action between the various

Grand Masters and our related appendant or allied bodies, particularly the Shrine of North America. The almost irrational and jealous safeguarding of certain of our sister jurisdictions by their Grand Masters of what they perceive or understand as their sovereign right to dictate terms and conditions of operations of the various appendant or allied bodies operating within their jurisdictions is a matter of grave concern to the national leadership of some of those appendant or allied bodies, and is, in some cases, in direct conflict with the duly constituted legislative actions of those national bodies. This is a matter which, if not soon resolved in an amicable fashion, will have far-reaching repercussions within our Fraternity.

**The conferees did accept, without debate, the report of the Masonic Renewal Task Force and did adopt a motion making the Masonic Renewal Task Force (now known as the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America) a standing and ongoing committee of the Conference. I will speak more of this Committee, of which Nebraska is an active participant, in the next section of my Address under The Condition of the Craft.**

While in many ways this Conference, as frustrating as it may be at times, may seem to some to be of questionable importance, it is my firm opinion and strong recommendation that the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America continue to be supported to the utmost possible by Nebraska's Masonic leaders. M.:W.: Brother Thomas W. Tye stated in his Address to this body, referring to the Conference: "...it is 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."

Finally, on this matter, it is my proud duty to inform you that at the 1992 Conference to be held in Arlington, Virginia on February 16 through 18, Nebraska will again be playing a significant role. Our Grand Secretary, R.: W.: Don E. Rasmussen, will be a primary participant in a Workshop to be presented at the Conference of Grand Secretaries on the subject of Masonic Ritual. We congratulate Brother Don on his selection for this important task and know that he will carry the banner of Nebraska proudly.

### **THE CONDITION OF THE CRAFT**

1. OUR NEBRASKA MASONIC CHARITIES. The two primary charities of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, continue to provide outstanding care to their residents. Brother Arthur R. Sharp, Executive Director of the Home at Plattsmouth, and Brother Benjiman H. Harvey, Administrator of the Home at Fremont, are both outstanding leaders in their respective positions and are to be commended for their stewardship of your charitable acts.

Any mention of either home and their success would not be complete without recognition of the dynamic leadership of M.: W.: Harry A. Spencer as President of the Board of Trustees of the Home at Plattsmouth and W.: Brother Charles E. "Ched" House as President of the Board of Trustees of the Home at Fremont.

Past Grand Master Spencer this year completed 50 years of service on the Board of Trustees of the Plattsmouth Home and was honored at a special dinner recognizing this singular achievement on September 22, 1991. In spite of his length of service on the Board, M.: W.: Brother Harry is among the youngest of thinkers serving with this important group of Masons.

W.: Brother "Ched", who has served this Grand Lodge as our Grand Tyler this year, is a graduate of the Fremont Home having lived there many years in his youth, and brings to his challenging position a unique sense of empathy and a strong ability to lead the deliberations of his Board in the directions which are needed.

2. REVISED MONITOR and REVISED BOOK OF CEREMONIES. The Revision Committee, appointed by M.: W.: Thomas W. Tye in 1990, published the results of their exhaustive efforts this year following your approval at the 134th Annual Communication in February 1991. The work of this group of dedicated Masons will do much to improve the ritual and ceremonial work of this Grand Lodge and is owed a debt of gratitude from each of us.

3. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA F.: & A.: M.: The bold step taken by the delegates to the 133rd Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in 1990 in extending full Masonic Recognition to our Masonic Brothers of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, F.: & A.: M.:, continues to this date to be unique in the scope of the action. While seven other Jurisdictions — Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Minnesota, North Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin — have mutually recognized their respective Prince Hall Jurisdictions for purposes of inter-visitation, no other has as yet been as all-encompassing in their cognitive actions as have we. Several other Jurisdictions are at this very moment moving forward with deliberate intent to effect a mutual recognition between their respective jurisdictions.

Our recognition actions of 1990 are a matter of understandable concern among some jurisdictions. Primarily, it appears that they are those jurisdictions who have not yet fully accepted that portion of the Standards of Recognition, as published by The Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, which address the matter of Territorial Sovereignty. That Standard states, in part, when referring to a grand lodge requesting recognition, that it must be: "...an independent self-governing organization, having Masonic authority within the governmental territory over which it assumes jurisdiction — whether Country, Province, State or other political subdivision; or else shares such exclusive territorial jurisdiction with another grand lodge by mutual consent and/or treaty."

To date, no Masonic jurisdiction has taken any action to withdraw or sever Masonic relations with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska over our recognition of Prince Hall, nor is any anticipated. While the Grand Master of West Virginia has issued an edict forbidding his members from visiting any Masonic Lodge in any of those jurisdictions that have recognized Prince Hall in any manner, the

edict specifically states that Masons from the proscribed grand lodges are not prohibited from visiting West Virginia Lodges. Additionally, the United Grand Lodge of England has advised its members that "members of Masonic constitutions not recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England may be encountered in Lodges in North America under grand lodges which we at present recognize. (Note: The reference there is to those Grand Lodges which have recognized Prince Hall Grand Lodges) Until further notice, brethren of the English Constitution should not visit lodges under the grand lodges named above."

In an attempt to bring a semblance of order to the actions of the United Grand Lodge of England and to resolve whatever differences may exist, the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, Cdr. M.B.S. Higham, RN, PJGW, together with the Chairman of the External Relations Committee of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, V.:W.: Oscar Boehringer, PGSwdB, flew to Boston, and, on April 11, 1991, met with representatives of those jurisdictions who have recognized Prince Hall. Nebraska was most ably represented at that meeting by Past Grand Master Thomas W. Tye and our Grand Secretary, R.:W.: Don E. Rasmussen. I specifically asked M.:W.: Tye to attend as he was the seated Grand Master in Nebraska at the time of our recognition. While the final results of that meeting are not yet in and may not be realized for some time, it is indeed gratifying and noteworthy that the United Grand Lodge of England has extended herself to such a measure in attempts to bring this matter to a satisfactory resolution.

In the meantime, our relations with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and with its constituent lodges and individual members, continues on the same high plane of enthusiasm and mutual respect which have been enjoyed since our initial recognition of each other.

**4. ANNUAL RETREAT OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.** For three years now, your Grand Lodge Officers have held a retreat at a location outside the boundaries of the State of Nebraska. In spite of the fact that it has been previously reported to you that these retreats are held at basically no expense to Grand Lodge, I still hear complaints from some individuals that those Grand Lodge Officers are taking an Annual Vacation outside Nebraska at the expense of Grand Lodge. My brethren, this simply is not true. All expenses of the individual Grand Lodge Officers and their families are their personal expense and no reimbursement of any kind from any Grand Lodge funds of any sort is made.

That point being hopefully now made, I will reiterate that at these sessions we review the future directions of the Craft, develop modifications of our plans where necessary, and establish details of the Grand Lodge Annual Communication such as you are now attending. Under Nebraska's unique Directorate Leadership, the overall responsibility for the formation of plans and organization of each Annual Communication are the responsibility of the Deputy Grand Master. He, the Deputy, is also responsible for establishing and seeing to fruition the various workshops which have proven to be of such value to our members.

In spite of being physically separated from so many of us by so many miles, your Deputy Grand Master "Sonny" Eatmon has done an excellent job for you for this session and deserves your specific thanks for a job well done.

5. THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION. Although the Nebraska Masonic Foundation is not a creature of the Grand Lodge, its well-being is directly related. It is my distinct pleasure to announce that on December 5, 1991, the Internal Revenue Service granted to the organization the Final Determination Letter of the Foundation's Exempt Status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The actions of the Foundation's Directors, most importantly those of Past Grand Master John M. McHenry, for his personal contributions of time and effort in achieving this select status, are worthy of the highest accolades of the entire Masonic family of Nebraska. This is an organization of which you will be hearing more and more in the days to come. It deserves your support as the leaders of the Foundation strive to make the Foundation responsive to the varied needs of Freemasonry in Nebraska, and attempt to educate the general public of just who we are, what we stand for, and what we do.

6. NEBRASKA AS A NATIONAL MASONIC LEADER. My brethren, by the time this year as your Grand Master is over, I will have travelled to eighteen Annual Communications of other Masonic jurisdictions. These include the Grand Lodges of California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, North Dakota, Prince Hall of Nebraska, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Additionally, either the Deputy Grand Master or the Senior Warden have attended as my Personal Representative the Grand Lodges of Idaho, South Dakota and Washington. Finally, Past Grand Master Byron C. Jenkins will be my Personal Representative to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The combined membership of these Grand Lodges is roughly 1,082,000 Masons — a pretty good cross-section of the total United States membership.

Without exception, at each of the Grand Lodges mentioned above, questions have been posed to us concerning any of a number of the specific programs your leaders have instituted and you the members have embraced in this Grand Lodge over the past few years which have made Nebraska the envy of so many. We were always more than happy to share any of our programs and plans, for it is our opinion that in such cooperation we will once again see our great fraternity commence to grow across this land, as it already has here in Nebraska. It is, my brethren, your acceptance of the need to change which has enabled you to achieve what so many only dream about.

7. MASONIC RENEWAL COMMITTEE of NORTH AMERICA. Again, on a national level, the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America has been established as an on-going standing committee of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. Past Grand Master McHenry and myself are honored to serve as members of that committee. The Committee held two strategic planning sessions in 1991. The first was at the Lake of the Ozarks and the second in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is encouraging to know that more than 60 Masonic leaders representing 30 Grand Jurisdictions have met together to

consider our future. Nebraska was represented at both of the strategic planning sessions by our Grand Senior Deacon Jerry L. Rittenburg and our Grand Junior Deacon V. Kaye Ramsey. Our two Deacons were selected to represent Nebraska due to the length of time they have to work as advancing Grand Lodge Line Officers. The intended results of this Committee are based upon a long range approach to the reversal of the diminishing of Masonic influence in our everyday lives and establishing agreement on a vision for Freemasonry for the year 2000.

8. ANNOTATION OF NEBRASKA MASONIC LAW. Frequently, during the time a Grand Master is serving in that office, questions are posed to him for a decision that requires an interpretation of our law. Some of these are relatively simple. Some, however, are quite complex and require extensive research through historical records to determine precedent which may or may not have been set by previous Grand Masters in like or similar situations. At one point in time Nebraska had an annotation of our law which was kept up to date and afforded a quick reference tool to be used in such cases. The location of that documentary reference tool has, for some years now, been one of the "hidden mysteries of masonry." One of my first acts as your Grand Master, therefor, was the appointment of a Special Committee charged with the responsibility of completing a full annotation of our law. This is a huge task. Past Grand Master Donald R. Swanson was selected to serve as chairman of this committee because of his experience, abilities, and known meticulous attention to detail. The committee has reported to me that it is hard at work on this onerous task. While the fruits of their labors have not yet fully ripened, the committee is owed our heartfelt thanks.

9. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. I personally applaud the delegates to the 134th Annual Communication in February 1991 for their concerns and actions involving Grand Lodge funds. The adoption of the balanced budget resolution indicates a desire to see that funds are handled in a responsible manner. The further adoption of an increase in the per-capita to be paid to Grand Lodge for operating funds is viewed as an endorsement of the programs for growth and improvement which have been instituted over the past few years. HOWEVER, the balanced budget is effective immediately, while the increase in available funds will not be realized until calendar year 1993. In keeping with the mandate for a balanced budget this year the Appropriations Committee has been forced to cancel any increases in available funds for the operating budget and to severely restrict or eliminate many of the previously budgeted items. The thoughtful consideration of the voting delegates to the proposal(s) of the Appropriations Committee for Grand Lodge year 1992 is earnestly solicited.

10. OUR DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS. Nowhere in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska will you find a more dedicated group of men than in the ranks of this elite group. The time and effort they expend in behalf of our gentle craft is outstanding. I am aware of plans which have been discussed with them by our Deputy Grand Master which will increase their visibility and ultimate worth to this Grand Lodge. I congratulate them all, individually and collectively, on what

they have done in the past and for acceptance of the challenges which are ahead.

11. **GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD.** Again this year it was my distinct pleasure to continue this outstanding program instituted by M.: W.: Thomas W. Tye two years ago. We have so many of our brothers throughout this great state that are entitled to recognitions such as this that it is difficult to make these coveted selections. However, on September 28, 1991, it was our pleasure to present the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to W.: Lloyd I. Edwards of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 in Ashland. Then, on October 27, 1991, it was our pleasure to present the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to W.: Wayne H. Hardy of Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow. Both of these individuals are and have been deeply involved in their communities in many ways and have continued, for better than 30 years, to be active in the Masonic Fraternity. Both will have an opportunity to address the Informal Opening of Grand Lodge where they will be more adequately introduced.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

In accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 2(b) of the Constitution, I make the following recommendations, which, in my opinion and the opinion of the Grand Lodge Officers, are deemed necessary and expedient for the future welfare of the Fraternity in this Jurisdiction.

**Recommendation Number 1.** The Membership Committee, as well as numerous Lodge Secretaries, have once again requested that I place before the Delegates a recommendation to change the date on which a member is delinquent in the payment of his dues. Our current regulations on this matter are extremely lenient, and it is the feeling that this is a potentially destructive situation for many lodges. Many of our lodges struggle to have sufficient funds available throughout the year to meet their necessary obligations while we, in effect, permit our members to have a free ride for up to a whole year without meeting their individual obligations to the lodge. I therefore recommend that Section 2-605 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be changed to read as follows:

*"Section 2-605 — LODGE DUES — The dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be due and payable on January 1st of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on March 31st 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 who may be 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 nonpayment 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 nonpayment 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 No. 2.** A review of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge has shown that, for at least the past 6 years, the Committee on Returns, a Regular Committee of this Grand Lodge, has reported to the Grand Lodge only once. That was in 1987. It therefor must be concluded that for 5 of the past 6 years the committee has not even met to perform the duties assigned by our Bylaws. Years ago, before the membership records were computerized, this committee was no doubt beneficial and necessary. Such is apparently no longer the case. I therefor recommend that:

*Section 1-324 — RETURNS — be deleted in its entirety and changed to read: "Sec. 1-324 — (Not used)"*

And that:

*Section 1-301 — NUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION — be changed in the third paragraph to delete all references to the Committee on Returns.*

**Recommendation No. 3.** Heretofore each subordinate lodge has been required to purchase, through the Grand Lodge, blank receipts for dues ("dues cards") to be issued to members upon payment of their annual dues. The Grand Lodge Office has now achieved the capability, and in fact does, furnish to each lodge secretary a fully personalized dues card for each member of each lodge on an annual basis, saving the individual lodges the expense of purchasing and preparing the dues cards. I therefore recommend that Section 2-604 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be changed to read as follows:

*"Section 2-604 — DUES CARDS — HOW PREPARED — The receipt for dues, adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall contain all the information contained in the form of receipt found on page 102 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1913, printed on cards of convenient size to fit in the ordinary card case.*

*Said receipts shall be computer-generated in the Office of the Grand Lodge and furnished to each subordinate lodge without charge to the lodge."*

**Recommendation No. 4.** In the past several years the specific duties of the Grand Secretary and certain of those of the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices have been altered by direction of various Grand Masters as a means of modernizing the operations of both entities and to make them more responsive to the general membership of this Grand Lodge, while concomitantly bringing about savings in terms of dollars and efforts expended. After extensive consultations with the current Grand Secretary, the entire Committee on Grand Lodge Offices, and conferral with the Jurisprudence Committee, the following revisions to §1-201 and 1-321 are deemed appropriate. Adoption of these changes will harmonize our Bylaws with currently accepted operating procedures. It is therefore recommended that:

*Section 1-201 be hereby deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefor:*

**“Sec. 1-201 — GRAND SECRETARY —** The Grand Secretary shall have charge of the seal and jewels of the Grand Lodge; shall personally attend and record the transactions of the Grand Lodge when meeting in Annual Communication; shall see to the drawing of all orders, certificates, documents and diplomas requiring the seal of the Grand Lodge, to include the affixing of the seal thereon; shall complete and carry on such communications with the various subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, all appendant and/or allied bodies operating therein, and with such other jurisdictions as may from time to time be necessary to insure that a harmonious relationship exists between such bodies and this Grand Lodge, and to enforce attention to compliance with the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary. The Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices. The Grand Secretary shall, in concert with the staff of the Grand Lodge Office, see that all subordinate lodges submit correct, complete and accurate annual reports as are required by §2-310 of these Bylaws. The Grand Secretary shall report to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge such statistical data concerning the status of the membership of this Grand Lodge as may, in his opinion, be appropriate, or as may be directed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary shall devote such time as his duties may require for the efficient and prompt completion of such duties or other programs of the Grand Lodge to include the promotion of Masonry. The Grand Secretary shall receive as compensation for his services such amount as may be determined by the Appropriations Committee with the approval of the membership of the Grand Lodge.”

**AND ALSO THAT:**

*Section 1-321 be hereby deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefor:*

**“SEC. 1-321 — GRAND LODGE OFFICES**

(a) The Committee on Grand Lodge Offices 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. In case of a vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired term. This Committee shall recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of rules and regulations when such rules and regulations shall appear to be for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. Such rules and regulations shall be effective when approved by the Grand Lodge. The determinations of this committee shall be final until changed by the Grand Lodge.

(b) The Committee on Grand Lodge Offices shall have authority, jurisdiction, and direct supervision over the Grand Lodge Office including the right to

approve the employment of all employees of that office, their salaries and working conditions.

(c) The Committee shall have the responsibility for prescribing the business methods to be followed within the Grand Lodge Office, to include: (1) the approval of and adherence to those Office Policies and Job Descriptions created from time to time governing all employees of the Grand Lodge Office; (2) the keeping of all membership and related records; (3) the accounting and reporting of Grand Lodge income to include the receipt and deposit of all monies in approved accounts; (4) the preparation, final approval and payment of all expenditures on orders regularly issued and signed by the Grand Master or his designated representative; (5) the maintenance of appropriate levels of supplies for normal activities within the Grand Lodge Office, the use by Grand Lodge Officers and by Committees of the Grand Lodge, as well as those maintained available for use by subordinate lodges; (6) the collection, review and compilation of monthly statistics and activities from subordinate lodge secretaries as required under §2-310 of these bylaws; (7) notifying each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the first day of December of each year and the closing of all accounts of subordinate lodges on the thirty-first day of December of each year; and (8) such other matters appropriate to the efficient administrative control of the Grand Lodge not otherwise fixed by the Constitution, Bylaws or other action of the Grand Lodge.

(d) This committee shall, at least annually, effect a review of equipment available for use in the Grand Lodge Office, the Office of the Grand Secretary, and the Office of the Grand Custodian, and make such recommendations and changes therein as are appropriate and within budgetary restraints.

(e) All recommendations made to the Grand Lodge with reference to changes in the salaries of Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be referred to this Committee for its review and recommendation before action by the Grand Lodge can be taken thereon."

**Recommendation No. 5.** The Committee on Work, at the request of the Deputy Grand Master, has been examining all of the ritualistic requirements of this Grand Lodge. The purpose of this review has been to revise some of the out-dated non-esoteric requirements presently practiced so that our presentation of ritualistic work may be as succinct and meaningful as possible without losing any of the ancient meanings. It has now been decided by that Committee, with the concurrence of the Grand Custodian and his Deputies, that the Proficiency Examination Procedures should be modified to eliminate the present necessity of opening a Lodge in the Degree on which the Candidate is to be examined and then going through the time consuming procedure of Calling-Off and then re-opening in the next higher Degree in order to proceed with a degree conferral. To permit this change will require that our law be changed to eliminate a conflict.

Since the ritual is the responsibility of the Committee on Work and the Grand

Custodian, it is therefore my recommendation that our law be changed as so that the phrase "...and examination of candidates..." which appears in the first sentence of §2-504 — CALLING OFF AND ON — be deleted, so that the sentence WHICH NOW READS:

"The conferring of degrees and examination of candidates shall be conducted by the subordinate lodge opened upon the degree then under consideration."

BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*"The conferring of degrees shall be conducted by the subordinate lodge opened upon the degree then under consideration."*

## CONCLUSION

As I approach the conclusion of this, my twelfth consecutive year of service to this Grand Lodge as a Grand Lodge Officer, my heart is filled to overflowing with gratitude. Gratitude that our Heavenly Father has blessed me with the physical ability to complete my tasks — Gratitude to all of those stellar individuals who have occupied the Office of Grand Master before me and set the course for us to follow — Gratitude to you the members for having had the confidence in my abilities to serve you — Gratitude to all of the Grand Lodge Officers for the cooperation and support which has been so unselfishly and freely given over the years — Gratitude to the staff of the Grand Lodge Office, specifically to Chris Rudder and Tish DeMoss, for their acceptance of the challenges which have been placed before them and their accomplishment thereof over and beyond the call of duty — but most especially, gratitude and love to my wife, Carole, without whose constant and enduring love and support I would have been unable to surmount the challenges and vicissitudes which have come our way along this journey.

In all that I have done I have earnestly tried to do that which was thought best for Masonry — first, last and always.

The great strides which have been realized in Nebraska Masonry can only be attributed to **YOU** the individual and collective members who have, perhaps unknowingly, adopted that simple yet forceful philosophy contained in those ten small two letter words — "If it is to be, it is up to me."

Permit me, my Brethren, to close this my address to you with the following Prayer penned by Max Ehrmann in which he so eloquently states:

*"Let me do my work each day; and if the darkened hours of despair overcome me, may I not forget the strength that comforted me in the desolation of other times. May I still remember the bright hours that found me walking over the silent hills of my childhood, or dreaming on the margin of the quiet river, when a light glowed within me, and I promised my early God to have courage amid the tempests of the changing years. Spare me from bitterness and from the sharp*

*passions of unguarded moments. May I not forget that poverty and riches are of the spirit. Though the world know me not, may thoughts and actions be such as shall keep me friendly with myself. Lift my eyes from the earth, and let me not forget the uses of the stars. Forbid that I should judge others lest I condemn myself. Let me not follow the clamor of the world, but walk calmly in my path. Give me a few friends who will love me for what I am; and keep ever burning before my vagrant steps the kindly light of hope. And though age and infirmity overtake me, and I come not within sight of the castle of my dreams, teach me still to be thankful for life, and for time's olden memories that are good and sweet; and may the evening's twilight find me gentle still."*

Fraternally,

James N. DeMoss  
Grand Master

**GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS  
(SUPPLEMENTAL)**

TO THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF  
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA

**MY BRETHREN:**

In accordance with Article X, Section 2(b), of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, I herewith submit my written supplemental address to this 135th Annual Communication.

Inasmuch as §1-304 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge dictate that my Address must be submitted to certain individuals not later than 45 days prior to the opening of the Annual Communication, there are certain official acts and events which transpire subsequent to that time. This Supplemental Address is to advise you of such matters.

**CONSOLIDATIONS**

6. On January 30, 1992, I approved the consolidation of Beaver City Lodge No. 93 of Beaver City into Monument Lodge No. 293 of Arapaho.

(Pending)

~~i. Beaver City No. 93 with Monument No. 293 at Arapaho.~~

(Additional Pending)

vi. Cambridge No. 150 with Bartley No. 228.

vii. Crystal No. 191 of Scotia with Ord No. 103.

**BY-LAWS APPROVED**

On December 13, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wahoo Lodge No. 59 increasing the amount of their annual dues and changing the method of computation thereof.

On December 13, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Ionic Lodge No. 87 increasing the amount of their annual dues and changing the method of computation thereof.

On December 23, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mitchell Lodge No. 263 changing the frequency of their Regular meetings to allow for no Regular meetings during the months of July and August.

On December 30, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Capitol Lodge No. 3 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On December 30, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On December 30, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Crescent Lodge No. 143 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On December 30, 1991, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Comet Lodge No. 229 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

On January 17, 1992, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of College View Lodge No. 320. A copy of the revised by-laws is on file in the Grand Lodge Office.

On January 24, 1992, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of North Star Lodge No. 227 increasing the amount of monthly remuneration for the lodge secretary.

On February 3, 1992, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 increasing the amount of their annual dues.

**REINSTATEMENTS**

I approved, on dates shown, the reinstatement to membership, in lodges shown, of the following individuals based upon satisfactory approval by the respective lodges of petitions therefor:

Dec 13, 1991	Richard H. Meierhenry	Fremont Lodge No. 15
Dec 23, 1991	Paul M. Donelon	John J. Mercer No. 290
Jan 17, 1992	Leland E. Anderson	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
Jan 21, 1992	Richard R. Diede	Plainview Lodge No. 204

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

During the year it was my pleasure to recommend, to the Grand Master of those jurisdictions listed, the following individuals for appointment as Grand Repre-

sentatives of those jurisdictions near Nebraska:

<b>Brother's Name</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
James N. DeMoss (325) 612 N. 3rd Street Bellevue, NE 68005-4504	<i>Hawaii</i>

Also during this year it has been my pleasure, at the request of other Grand Masters, to commission the following individuals to be Grand Representatives of Nebraska near their Grand Jurisdiction:

<b>Brother's Name</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>
Lawrence L. Myers	<i>Wisconsin</i>

## **GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES**

### *December 1991*

- 16 Attended Masonic Funeral Services for a member of Bellevue Lodge No. 325.
- 19 Visited the International Eastern Star Temple, headquarters of the International Order of the Eastern Star, in Washington, DC. Met with Betty J. Briggs, Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter O.E.S.
- 19 Visited the House of the Temple, headquarters of The Supreme Council, 33°, AASR, SJ, in Washington, DC. Had audience with the Sov.: Gr.: Cmdr.: , Ill.: C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33°, and Ill.: W. Gene Sizemore, G.: C.: , Gr.: Executive Director.
- 23 In Grand Lodge Office.
- 27 Attended Masonic Funeral Services conducted by Bellevue Lodge No. 325 for a sojourning Georgia Mason. Served as Chaplain.
- 30 Visited The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth for conference with Executive Director.
- 30 In Grand Lodge Office.

### *January 1992*

- 5 Served as Installing Master at Installation of 1992 Officers for Bellevue Lodge No. 325.
- 6 In Grand Lodge Office.

- 7 Travel Day to Hawaii.
- 10 Attended Grand Lodge of Hawaii.
- 11 Attended Grand Lodge of Hawaii.
- 12 Attended Grand Lodge of Hawaii.
- 13 Attended Stated Communication of Pearl Harbor Lodge in Honolulu.
- 16 Travel Day from Hawaii.
- 17 In Grand Lodge Office.
- 17 Attended dinner meeting of Victory Lodge No. 310. Presented 60 year pin to lodge member on behalf of Omadi Lodge No. 5.
- 21 In Grand Lodge Office.
- 23 Attended Installation of Officers of Alpha Chapter No. 325, OES.
- 25 Travel Day to Colorado.
- 26 Attended Grand Lodge of Colorado.
- 27 Attended Grand Lodge of Colorado.
- 28 Attended Grand Lodge of Colorado.
- 29 Travel Day from Colorado.
- 30 In Grand Lodge Office.

*February 1992*

- 2 Attended Installation of Lincoln Assembly No. 6, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Installed the adult Rainbow Board and installed Miss Tish DeMoss as Mother Advisor.
- 4 In Grand Lodge Office.
- 5 Attended meeting of Investment Committee for Fremont Home.

**QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS**

16. On January 17, 1992 I was advised that the brethren of Cambridge Lodge No. 150 had failed to have a constitutional number of members present to open their lodge on December 3, 1991 at which time they were to consider a resolution of consolidation. Accordingly, on January 23, 1992, I issued a letter to each member of Cambridge Lodge No. 150 directing that at 7:30 PM on March 3, 1992 all members of the lodge are to assemble at the Masonic Temple in Cambridge for their stated communication at which time, should a constitutional number not be present, the Grand Master, or his Personal Representative present at the time, shall convene the lodge and preside therein. The adoption or rejection of the proposed resolution of consolidation shall then be decided by a majority vote of the member(s) present.

### **DISPENSATIONS**

11. On December 11, 1991, I issued a dispensation to Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 to install the duly appointed Senior Deacon for the year 1991 at a Special Communication of the lodge on December 12, 1991.
12. On December 31, 1991, I issued a dispensation to John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232 to elect the Officers of the lodge for the year 1992 on January 16, 1992.
13. On January 3, 1992, I issued a dispensation to Auburn Lodge No. 124 to install their Worshipful Master for the year 1992 on March 10, 1992.
14. On January 3, 1992, I issued a dispensation to Oliver Lodge No. 38 to elect the Officers of the lodge for the year 1992 on January 9, 1992.
15. On January 24, 1992, I issued a dispensation to Bartley Lodge No. 228 to install their Senior Warden, Treasurer, Senior Steward and Chaplain for the year 1992 on February 12, 1992.
16. On January 30, 1992, I issued a dispensation to Palisade Lodge No. 216 to install their Junior Deacon, Senior Steward and Junior Steward for the year 1992 on February 4, 1992.

### **PERMISSIONS AND WAIVERS**

15. On December 14, 1991, I gave permission to Miloma Lodge No. 328 to temporarily move their charter to the Masonic Temple located at 2411 "T" Street in Omaha on January 25, 1992, for the purpose of holding an Open Installation of Officers of Miloma Lodge No. 328.
16. On January 22, 1992, I gave permission to Bellevue Lodge No. 325 to temporarily move their charter to the Holiday Inn Central in Omaha for the purpose of opening a lodge of Master Masons to host the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on February 7 and 8, 1992.

### **TRIAL COMMISSIONS**

Trial was held on December 14, 1991 in the matter called before that Trial Commission which was appointed on November 14, 1991 and which involved a member of Hickman Lodge No. 256. Findings of the Commission were that the individual was guilty as charged. It was the judgement of the Commission that the individual be expelled from Masonry. Expulsion has been effected.

### **CONCLUSION**

The information contained in this Supplemental Grand Master's Address is to be considered along with and as a part of the printed Grand Master's Address which was forwarded to all delegates to Grand Lodge 45 days prior to the opening of the 135th Annual Communication.

Fraternally,

James N. DeMoss  
Grand Master

Upon the motion of the Grand Master, the printed address of the Grand Master, consolidated with the supplemental address of the Grand Master, in its entirety, was referred to the appropriate committees for their consideration and action, and published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.



The Grand Master called upon M.: W.: Brother Charles Baltos, Grand Master of Minnesota, to bring greetings to the delegates assembled. M.: W.: Brother Baltos presented the Grand Master with a peace pipe from the state of Minnesota.

### VOTE ON TABLED RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution #1** — Resolution to delete paragraph (B) of Section 3-102, "Masonic Offenses - Enumerated," which reads as follows:

*(b) "Attempting to give the aid of Freemasonry, in organized or individual form, to any lottery of gift enterprise, or the sale, purchase, or drawing of lottery tickets."*

M.: W.: Grand Master called for a signer of Resolution #1 to approach the microphone at the altar and state their position and move for the adoption of the resolution. W.: B.: Cleo Robinson, Jr., Secretary of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 spoke as the author and a signer of the resolution regarding lotteries and raffles.

The Grand Master called for discussion on the resolution, ruling that he would accept only two pro and two con speakers for no more than two minutes apiece.

Donald Field, Master of Blazing Star Lodge No. 200, Burwell, and Bob Van Valkenburg, Senior Warden of Liberty Lodge No. 300, spoke in opposition to the question.

By a show of hands, the resolution was defeated.

**Resolution #2** — Resolution to change paragraph 2 of Section 2-301: "Officers - Election and Appointment," to read as follows:

*The elective officers shall be elected by secret written ballot by a majority vote at the first regular meeting in November of each year. Anyone so elected should, if possible, accept the office. An election cannot be reconsidered by the lodge unless the member so elected declines. All appointive officers shall be appointed by the Master.*

LeRoy H. Rosenthal, Jr., East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in Lincoln, elaborated on Resolution #2, regarding the traditional date for election of officers, and moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion was seconded.

By a show of hands, the resolution was passed.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

*W.: Ivan Vrtiska, 327*

M.: W.: Grand Master and brethren, today I do assume the responsibility of presenting the following report. Yesterday it was reported to you that there are in your packet two budgets: one on yellow pages and one on white pages. The yellow pages represents the balanced budget as required by the law. It includes many items that are fixed costs over which we have very little control. Proposal B represents the "real world" budget, if you will, and it represents the work and the projects, and the progress that our Grand Lodge and we as brethren are enjoying. We would like to see our Grand Lodge continue its progress, its resurgence, its revitalization. And with that in mind, as a proxy to our Senior Warden in our lodge, I move adoption of Proposal B. Motion was seconded.

The Grand Master spoke to clarify the two reports, and asked for comments from the floor.

W.: Don Monnette, Secretary of Stella Lodge No. 105, and W.: William Morrow, Past Master and Senior Warden of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 of Hastings spoke against the question.

W.: Chuck Folsom, Past Master of Fremont Lodge No. 15, and M.: W.: John M. McHenry, Past Grand Master, spoke for the question.

By a show of hands, Proposal B was adopted and is here printed:

**— REVENUE —  
LODGE INCOME**

2105.000	Dues—Masonic Home	\$46,760
2106.000	Dues—Geo Washington Memorial	1,800
4100.000	Membership Dues	116,900
4175.000	Perpetual Membership Mgt. Fee	200
4200.000	Initiation Fees	3750
4300.000	Surety Bond Premium	2,735
4350.000	Liability Ins. Premium	14,012
4600.000	Reinstatement Fees	1,300
	Sub-total	187,457 *

**SALES INCOME**

4400.000	Supplies	12,500
4620.400	Banquet Tickets	7,000
4625.400	Other Meal Tickets	4,600
4630.400	Ladies Luncheon	1,250
	Sub-total	25,350 *

**PARTICIPATORY INCOME**

4650.000	NE Masonic Home—Admin Services	10,000
4655.000	NE Masonic Home—Newspaper	12,500
4660.000	OES & Fremont Home—Newspaper	12,000
	Sub-total	34,500 *

## INVESTMENT INCOME

4700.000	Int & Div—FNB Omaha	95,851
4750.000	Int & Div—Firs Tier Lincoln	450
4800.000	Gain on Sale of Investments	0
4875.000	Miscellaneous Income	1,500
	Sub-total	<u>97,801</u> *
	TOTAL REVENUE	345,108

—EXPENSES —  
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

5xxx.400	Annual Communication	39,220
	Sub-total	39,220 *

## INSTALLATION

5xxx.425	Grand Lodge Installation	2,600
	Sub-total	2,600 *

## TRAVEL &amp; RELATED

52xx.000	Office Staff	1,000
52xx.100	Grand Master	15,000
52xx.150	Deputy Grand Master	6,800
52xx.200	Grand Secretary	3,350
52xx.250	Grand Custodian	2,600
52xx.300	Deputy Grand Custodian	8,900
52xx.350	Other Officers	11,100
	Sub-total	48,750 *

## SALARIES &amp; RELATED

5310.250	Grand Custodian	6,426
5320.000	Office Staff—Full Time	48,200
5320.100	Grand Master Staff	0
5330.000	Office Staff—Temporary	5,000
5340.000	FICA Taxes	4,562
5350.000	Federal Unemployment Taxes	179
5360.000	Nebraska Unemployment Taxes	45
5370.000	Employer's Share—401K	1,000
5380.000	Office Staff Training	500
	Sub-total	65,912 *

## OCCUPANCY &amp; RELATED

5400.000	Office Rent	21,360
5410.000	Utilities	2,294
5415.xxx	Telephone	11,200
5420.000	Equipment Maintenance	2,500
5425.000	Equipment Rental	600
5430.000	Equipment Purchase	500
5435.xxx	Postage	6,725
5440.xxx	Printing & Copying	5,500
5445.xxx	Office Supplies	4,800

5450.000	Office Maintenance	1,500
5455.000	Computer Supplies	1,500
5460.000	Computer Repairs & Maintenance	2,500
5465.000	Computer Software Support	1,600
5470.000	Dues & Subscriptions	750
5475.000	Publication of NE Masons	28,720
5480.000	Bank Service Charges	625
5485.000	Professional Fees	4,500
5490.000	Legal Fees	100
5500.000	Supplies for Lodges—Printed	10,000
5505.000	Supplies for Lodges—Other	4,000
5505.250	Supplies for Lodges—GC	650
5510.000	Supplies for Lodges—Year Pins	2,000
5515.000	Publication of Secretary's Desk Book	2,500
5525.000	Grand Lodge Jewels, Aprons & Collars	2,800
5550.000	Retirement—Carl Greisen	4,650
5555.000	Retirement—Alice Lallman	3,360
	Sub-total	127,234

INSURANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE

5600.000	Worker's Compensation	456
5605.000	Grand Lodge Staff Medical	10,000
5610.000	Surety Bond	2,750
5620.000	Directors & Officers Liability	4,300
5625.000	Blanket Liability	12,738
5635.000	Office Contents & Equipment	583
5650.000	Other General Administrative Expenses	1,000
	Sub-total	31,827

COMMITTEES

xxxx.450	Masonic Education	1,000
xxxx.475	Appropriations Committee	0
xxxx.525	Committee on Work	500
xxxx.550	Relief	500
xxxx.600	Trial Comissions	0
xxxx.625	Grievance Committee	200
xxxx.650	Grand Lodge Offices	0
xxxx.675	Finance Committee	100
xxxx.700	Public Relations	1,500
	Cornerstones	2,000
	Grand Marshal	1,200
xxxx.725	Insurance Committee	200
xxxx.750	Youth	2,750
xxxx.800	Membership	0
xxxx.825	General Session & Social	500
xxxx.850	Grand Trustees	500
xxxx.900	Awards	400
xxxx.925	Charters & Dispensations	30
xxxx.950	Lodge Advisory	100
xxxx.975	Credentials	0
xxxx.995	Masonic Renewal Committee	4,000
	Sub-total	15,480

## CONTRIBUTIONS

2105.000	NE Masonic Home Dues	46,760
2106.000	Geo Washington Memorial Dues	1,800
5800.000	Masonic Service Assoc Dues	1,500
5810.000	NE Demolay Donation	3,500
5820.000	MSA Hospital Visitation Fund	2,500
5830.000	Other Masonic Promotion	0
5835.000	Masonic Relief Association	350
5850.000	Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	10,000
	Sub-total	66,410
	TOTAL EXPENSES	397,443
	Total Revenue Less Total Expenses	\$(52,325)

\* Denotes Appropriation Item. Other items shown for information purposes only.



M.:W.: Grand Master DeMoss called to the podium the Grand Master of Michigan, M.:W.: Brother William Skrepnek to bring his greetings. His words of friendship were followed by similar greetings from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, M.:W.: Brother Conrad F. Johnson

### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

*R.:W.: Don E. Rasmussen, #135 & #82*

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

In completing another year as Grand Secretary, I still find the work challenging and rewarding. I enjoy the fellowship with the secretaries across the state, whether by phone or mail, and on those occasions when we are able to visit in person. As I have stated before, being Grand Secretary in Nebraska is not a full-time working position. The routine and daily work is handled by the office staff in Lincoln. However, I do answer questions I receive by phone or mail and other correspondence. I also correspond with other Grand Secretaries from across the nation. This work is truly enjoyable.

#### Grand Secretary's Office

Our Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln is managed by Chris Rudder. Tish DeMoss is our Administrative Secretary. These ladies are both very capable in their duties; and by their performance, they bring credit to themselves and honor to the Fraternity. I am sure many of you have visited with them on the phone.

#### Secretary's Handbook

At our Annual Communication held in Grand Island, 1991, we again held a workshop on the Secretary's Handbook. This handbook has been well received

and is a valuable tool for our lodge secretaries. As there are a number of new secretaries each year, it was decided we would have another workshop on the secretary's handbook at the Grand Lodge Session in 1992.

**Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America**

It was my pleasure to attend this conference in San Diego, California, on February 18th - 20th, 1991. Several workshops were made available to us, and much valuable information was gained. It was a pleasure to visit with my fellow secretaries from across the country, and visit about our mutual cares and concerns. I served on the Memorial Committee in 1991, and it has been a rewarding experience to serve the conference in this capacity. The 1992 conference will be held in Arlington, Virginia, on February 16th - 18th. I have been asked to co-chair a workshop on the Modernization of the Ritual. A full report will be in our 1992 report.

**Meeting with the Grand Lodge of England**

On April 11, 1991, it was my pleasure to accompany our Past Grand Master, Thomas W. Tye, to a meeting held in Boston, Massachusetts, with representatives from the Grand Lodge of England, as well as Connecticut, Wisconsin, Washington, and Colorado attending. This meeting was called by the Grand Lodge of England for the purpose of discussing visitation of their members in jurisdictions where brothers may be present, that are not recognized by the Grand Lodge of England. Although this situation has not been resolved at this time, it is hopeful it will be in the near future.

**Consolidations**

Consolidations were covered in the Grand Master's report.

**Returns**

The final tabulation from the annual returns for 1990, and the preliminary returns for the year 1991 are:

	Final 1990	Prelim. 1991
Number of lodges	200	194
Initiated	412	366
Passed	452	372
Raised	442	423
Affiliated	73	76
Dual Membership	48	42
Reinstatements	174	172
Consolidations	407	304
Other	19	41
<b>Total Gains</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>1,058</b>

Deaths	711	636
Demits	*97	*145
Suspensions	425	401
Withdrawals	23	17
Consolidations	407	304
Expelled & Susp. UMC	2	
Other	21	32
Total Losses	1,684	1,537
Net Membership Change	(521)	(425)
Membership 12/31/89	24,107	
Membership 12/31/90	23,374	
	Preliminary Membership 12/31/91	22,895

\*97 demits includes 14 termination of dual membership.

\*145 demits includes 25 termination of dual membership.

### Appreciation

Again I wish to thank the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction for electing and allowing me to serve as your Grand Secretary. It has been a rewarding experience, and I hope I have carried out my duties to the satisfaction of the Craft.

### Honor Awards

Pins presented during this fiscal year are:

50 Year Pins presented	125
60 Year Pins presented	64
70 Year Pins presented	25

### Cornerstones

As Grand Secretary, it was my pleasure to serve as such, at the re-setting of the Cornerstone at the Gage County Courthouse in Beatrice. This cornerstone had originally been laid by the Grand Lodge in 1890. This event was held in conjunction with the Centennial observance of the Courthouse. This event was held on May 5, 1991, and was very well attended.

On September 14, 1991, the Grand Lodge had the privilege of laying two cornerstones. The first at the new addition to the Sidney Fire Department Building. The second, was at the Cheyenne Community Center. Both of these events were well attended.

On September 22, 1991, the Grand Lodge was invited to re-set the Casket in the

Courthouse at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Fairbury. The cornerstone had originally been laid by the Grand Lodge on July 7, 1891. This event was held in conjunction with the Centennial observance of the building and was very well attended.

On September 28, 1991, the Grand Lodge was invited to re-lay the Cornerstone of the Wahoo Masonic Lodge. The original stone had been damaged by vandalism.

### **Lodge Dedications**

On November 16, 1991, the Grand Lodge dedicated a new temple for Melrose Lodge No. 60 in Orleans.

### **Humanitarian Awards**

It was my pleasure to attend both Humanitarian Award presentations this year. The first was on September 28, 1991. The award was presented to Lloyd I. Edwards of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 in Ashland. The second was on October 27, 1991. This award was presented to Wayne H. Hardy of Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow. Both of these presentations were well attended by the masons and the public.

### **Lodge Centennials**

On September 8, 1991, it was my pleasure, along with several Grand Lodge Officers, to attend the Centennial celebration of Plainview Lodge No. 204 of Plainview. On October 20, 1991, it was my pleasure to attend the Centennial celebration of Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 in Chappell. Both of these Lodges are to be congratulated on their achieving 100 years, and for the fine programs they provided for their guests.

The report of the Grand Secretary was approved and accepted by a vote of the delegates present.



With regret, R.: W.: Don Rasmussen announced the two extinct lodges, and 20 of their members who have failed to associate with another lodge or pay their Grand Lodge dues. Under the provisions of Section 2-406 and 2-601 of Masonic law, the following brothers from Swastika Lodge No. 280 at Sargent, and Evergreen Lodge No. 153, formerly of Pierce, were to be suspended for non-payment of dues. From Swastika Lodge: Edwin Brass, Frank Dilsaver, Stanley Eaves, James Grove, Eldon Hyde, Verne King, Don M. Leibert, Roe E. Meyer, Leslie G. North, Richard D. Parkinson, Donald H. Rhoad, David M. Sandoz. From Evergreen Lodge No. 153: Burton Andersen, David Lederer, Hans Little, Ezra Miller, Lloyd Mordhorst, Don G. Uher, Jimmy Walton. Grand Secretary, Rasmussen move that these members be suspended for non-payment of dues as of December 31, 1991. The motion to do so was seconded and carried.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

*M. W. : Harry A. Spencer, 227, Chairman*

Minutes of Meeting Held February 6, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Harry A. Spencer at 10:03 a.m. with a full compliment of members present as follows:

Charles W. Amidon  
Bevin B. Bump  
Robert A. Metcalf  
Jack H. Hendrix

Also attending as observers were the following Grand Lodge Officers:

James N. DeMoss, Grand Master  
James L. Eatmon, Deputy Grand Master  
Donald L. Pohlman, Grand Senior Warden  
Steven F. Mattoon, Grand Junior Warden  
Don E. Rasmussen, Grand Secretary  
Michael E. Jones, Grand Chaplain  
Virgil L. Tubach, Grand Orator  
Augustine S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian  
Kenneth Fleming, Grand Marshal  
Jerry L. Rittenburg, Grand Senior Deacon  
V. Kaye Ramsey, Grand Junior Deacon  
Philip A. Lorenzen, Grand Junior Steward

At the request of the Chairman, Hendrix moved that the minutes of the February 1991 meeting be approved as distributed. Following a second by Metcalf, they were so approved.

Following a motion by Bump, with a second by Hendrix, the report of the Committee on Business and Rules dated 8/10/91 was approved.

Bump moved that Grand Master DeMoss should be commended on his excellent report with the further comment that his year would be a "tough act to follow." Following a second by Hendrix, the motion was unanimously approved.

Following an additional motion by Bump, with a second by Hendrix, the entire report of the Grand Master was unanimously approved.

Metcalf moved that the Grand Masters actions listed on page 22 of his report regarding Dispensations, Permissions and Waivers, be approved, following a second by Amidon, motion carried unanimously. A further motion by Hendrix to also include the supplemental report on these actions was seconded by Metcalf and unanimously approved.

The following actions were taken on the Grand Master's Recommendations listed as starting on page 31 of his report, were approved as to proper form and as noted:

	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Approved</i>
1. Lodge Dues	Amidon	Bump	X
2. Returns	Hendrix	Metcalf	X
3. Dues Cards	Hendrix	Metcalf	X
4. Grand Secretary	Metcalf	Bump	X
5. Calling Off & On	Amidon	Metcalf	X

The following Resolutions received from the floor of the February 1991 Session were considered as to form and action was taken on each as follows:

	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Approved</i>
1. Section 33-102 (Re: Masonic Offenses - Lottery)	Metcalf	Hendrix	X
2. Section 2-301 (re: Time of Officer Elections)	Metcalf	Hendrix	X

Regarding the Grand Master's Decisions listed on Page 19 of his report, Bump moved that they be approved. Following a second by Amidon, motion carried. No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles W. Amidon  
Acting Secretary

### Floor Report

M.:W.: Charles W. Amidon reported on behalf of M.:W.: Harry A. Spencer, Chairman.

On the Grand Master's Recommendation #1 regarding Section 2-605, changing the date of determining delinquency for non payment of dues, the Committee found it to be in proper form.

On the Grand Master's Recommendation #2 deleting Section 1-324 RETURNS and changing Section 1-301 NUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION, the Committee found it to be in proper form.

On the Grand Master's Recommendation #3 regarding Section 2-604 DUES CARDS - HOW PREPARED, the Committee found it to be in proper form.

On the Grand Master's Recommendation #4 regarding Section 1-201 GRAND SECRETARY and Section 1-321 GRAND LODGE OFFICES, the Committee found it to be in proper form.

On the Grand Master's Recommendation #5 regarding Section 2-504 CALLING OFF AND ON, the Committee found it to be in proper form.

On FLOOR RESOLUTION #1, regarding a change in Section 3-102, MASONIC OFFENSES-ENUMERATED, the Committee found it to be in proper form.

On FLOOR RESOLUTION #2 regarding a change in SECTION 2-301 OFFICERS-ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT, the Committee found it to be in proper form.

It was then moved that the report of the Jurisprudence Committee be accepted in it's entirety. Motion was seconded and carried.

### GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master James Eatmon presided over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations.

#### Recommendation #1

Recommendation #1 to change Section 2-605 — Lodge Dues.

The Recommendation was found to be in proper form by the Committee on Jurisprudence and discussion from the floor ensued. The Deputy Grand Master called for the Tellers to receive the written ballot. There were a total of 271 ballots cast. Those balloting For: 166. Against: 105. A two-thirds vote of 181 was not achieved and the recommendation failed.

#### Recommendation #2

Grand Master's Recommendation #2, deleting Section 1-324 — Returns, and changing Section 1-301 — Numeration and Classification, was found to be in proper form by the committee. Following a brief explanation, the question was called and the recommendation was adopted.

#### Recommendation #3

Grand Master's Recommendation #3, to change Section 2-604 — Dues Cards, How Prepared, was found by the committee to be in proper form. Following discussion, the recommendation was adopted.

#### Recommendation #4

Grand Master's Recommendation #4 changing Section 1-201 — Grand Secretary and Section 1-321 — Grand Lodge Offices, was found by the committee to be in proper form. Following a brief explanation, the question was called and the recommendation was adopted.

#### Recommendation #5

Grand Master's Recommendation #5, to change Section 2-504 — Calling Off and On, was found by the committee to be in proper form.

Following discussion, the recommendation was adopted.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

FEBRUARY 1992

1. Following approval of the Committee's report at the February 1991 Grand Lodge Communication, the authorized editions of a Revised Standard Monitor and Ceremonies were published and made available to all Subordinate Lodges in late summer of 1991.

2. During 1991, the Committee also prepared a Standard Floor Work Manual. Samples of this Manual were presented for review by the Deputy Custodians during the Central School of Instruction which was held on September 20, 1991 in Grand Island, Nebraska.

This manual is in the process of being edited for final publication and will be available to all Subordinate Lodges on a "cost of reproduction" basis later this spring. It will be of valuable assistance to all Lodges in preparing their members for proper ritualistic floor work.

3. Although Degree Team competitions were scheduled for the fall of 1991, they were subsequently canceled for lack of interest. Only two teams from the Ceresco area and one team from the North Platte area indicated an interest in participating last year.

It is a recommendation of the Committee on Nebraska Work, that future competitions be arranged to portray the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree rather than the Second Section of the Master's Degree. This will allow more lodges with limited membership an opportunity to take part on an equal footing with those which have a larger membership from which to draw sufficient ritualistic participants.

4. It is also the recommendation of the Committee that the Ritual for closing any Lodge meeting be modified to eliminate the time consuming and redundant Lecture portion between the Master and Officers.

### LODGE CLOSING PROCEDURE RECOMMENDATION

Current ritual dictates that five (5) classes of ceremonies must be performed in opening any Lodge. They are:

*CONGREGATING*

*PURGING*

*TYLING*

*LECTURES*

*DECLARATION*

In closing a Lodge, three (3) ceremonies must be performed:

*TYLING*

*LECTURES*

*DECLARATION*

As the Lectures between the Master and various officers during closing are almost exactly the same as in opening, it is recommended that this redundancy be eliminated during the closing ceremony.

Under this format the following procedure in closing is recommended:

When the Master is ready to close the Lodge, he asks the Senior and Junior Wardens if either has anything to bring before the Lodge, the Secretary if he has anything on his table and then the Craft if they have anything to offer for the good of Masonry.

The Master then raises the Lodge and asks the Senior Warden how Masons should meet, (WM, SW, & JW descend to the floor level.) The Master then asks the Junior Warden how they should act and then states how they should part and immediately gives his closing prayer.

The Master then declares the Lodge closed with words and motions contained in the present Ritual and instructs the Junior and Senior Deacons to perform their duties.

While the Senior and Junior Deacons are performing their duties the Master returns up his steps, keeping the pedestal to his RIGHT, remains uncovered until the Lesser Lights are extinguished, covers himself and when the Junior Deacon reports that he has completed his duty, the Master raps once and the Lodge is closed.

5. A suggestion has been made that the Proficiency Examination procedure should be modified to eliminate the present necessity of opening a Lodge in the Degree on which the Candidate is to be examined and then going through the long procedure of Calling Off and then Re-opening in the next Degree in order to proceed with the conferral.

During a meeting held in Kearney on Saturday, August 17, 1991, the following recommendation was presented.

Have the Grand Master make a floor Recommendation that the words "...and examination of candidates..." be deleted from Section 2-504.

With this change in the By-Laws, the procedure for examination will be as follows:

When an Entered Apprentice is ready for examination **in that Degree**, the Lodge is first opened in the **Fellowcraft Degree**.

**While the Lodge is being opened**, the Candidate is properly clothed for the Fellowcraft Degree **except that the hoodwink and cable tow are not worn and the Apron is in the Entered Apprentice position.**

As soon as the Lodge is opened, the Worshipful Master raps up the Senior Deacon and orders him to instruct the Stewards to present the Candidate for examination. The Stewards go to the Altar, salute the Worshipful Master, turn left and in going to the Preparation Room, the Junior Steward opens the door, and the Senior Steward exits first and takes charge of the Candidate.

The Senior Steward has Candidate knock thrice on the Preparation Room door. The Senior Deacon goes to the door, opens it, takes over the Candidate and conducts him West of the Altar on the Inside Line of March and on 1/3 Line facing North. The Senior Deacon then steps back one pace and remains in position during the examination.

The Examiner places himself North of the Altar, on the Inside Line of March and on the 1/3 Line, facing South, and proceeds with the examination.

If more than one Candidate is examined, the Senior Deacon and additional Brethren assist as required.

Upon completion of the examination and assuming the Master declares the Candidate proficient, the Senior Deacon takes charge of the Candidate, conducts him straight NORTH on the 1/3 Line to the North Outside Line of March, turns left and turns the Candidate over to the Senior Steward who then conducts him out of the lodge via the Preparation Room Door, preceded by the Junior Steward. The Tyler takes charge of the Candidate.

The Stewards immediately return to the Lodge by the Preparation Room Door, approach the Altar and salute the Worshipful Master and return to their chairs.

After the door is closed by the Junior Steward, the Tyler sees that the Candidate is hoodwinked, the cabletow is in the **Fellowcraft** position and the Apron is left in the **Entered Apprentice** Degree arrangement.

The Degree then proceeds as per the present ritual starting with the Worshipful Master ordering to the Senior Deacon to see that the Candidate is prepared for initiation.

Point of argument!

A Candidate for the Fellowcraft Degree has already been inside of a Lodge and the only difference between what he has seen would be the position of the Great Lights which he would not be aware of until after the Obligation anyway!

A **Fellowcraft** Mason could be handled in a same manner by first opening the Lodge in the **Master Masons Degree**.

If Candidates are to be examined in both the FELLOWCRAFT and MAS-TERS Degree prior to examining the Brethren in their individual Degrees, candidates would then be taken out of the Lodge by way of the Preparation Room door immediately following their **individual** examinations.

With this procedure, a great deal of duplication involving considerable wasted time, would be eliminated.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master is agreeable to this change, as well as the Grand Custodians and a consensus of the Deputy Grand Custodians.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles W. Amidon, PGM, 281  
& 327, Chairman  
T. Leo Stines, PGM, 36  
John M. McHenry, PGM, 19

M.:W.: Amidon moved for the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Work. By a favorable vote of the Masons assembled, the report was adopted.

### **REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION**

*CHARLES W. AMIDON, PGM, #281 & #327*

During the year 1991, the Foundation received from Internal Revenue Service it's permanent classification as a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization. Donors may rely on this classification until such time as they are actually notified of a change in status. From its incorporation in 1985 to the permanent classification the Foundation was operating under an advanced ruling, in which it was a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization subject to the permanent classification.

In 1991 the Foundation together with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: supported the Drug Awareness Resistance Education program (D.A.R.E.). This program is coordinated by the Nebraska State Patrol and provides educational programs to students in 5th & 6th grade classes across the State by police officers. The Foundation purchased \$5,514.74 worth of supplies and materials for this program. The material indicated that it was being provided by the Masons of Nebraska. This was just one of the ways the Foundation helped promote, support and maintain the principals of Freemasonry and in the process benefitted the public at large.

The Grand Master requested that the Foundation help support the committee of Grand Masters of North America on Masonic Renewal. This particular committee is developing video tapes and other promotional aids in such areas as membership recruitment and retention and Masonic history. The Foundation contributed \$10,000.00 to help produce materials we can use in each of our Lodges. If we would have produced these materials using only the resources from Nebraska, we would have spent nearly \$200,000.00 in their production.

The Nebraska Masonic Foundation continues to administer funds from trusts, gifts and bequests for scholarship purposes. Funds are made available to every lodge in the State to give Masonic Scholarships in their community. Individual lodges can establish personal scholarships that are administered by the Foundation. The Pierce-Evergreen Scholarship was granted to Nichole Mittelstaedt who is attending Northern State University. Kimball Lodge established a Scholarship Fund this year and the Masons of the Kimball areas have generously

contributed to it. More than \$30,000.00 in scholarships have been given each year to Nebraska students. The Nebraska Masonic Foundation has now taken over the function of reimbursing Lodges for Guest Night Dinners. If your Lodge is holding a Guest Night you can be reimbursed for the meals of the guests. You should direct your request to the Foundation at P.O. Box 5348, Lincoln, Nebraska 68505.

As reported last year the Foundation has been successful in purchasing a building site for a building which will house the Grand Lodge offices, museum and library. The site is at the corner of 11th & J Streets in Lincoln, Nebraska, on the Lincoln Mall, which is a very prominent and assessable location between the State Capitol and the County City Building. The Fund Raising Committee is now in full swing and when contacted we would appreciate any support you would have for the building project. The land and building is estimated to cost approximately \$750,000.00 which of course is greatly reduced from the prior building plans of \$2,500,000.00.

The Nebraska Masonic Foundation thanks all brothers and friends who have made donations and contributions to the Foundation. We appreciate all your support and look forward to another good year in 1992.

Submitted by:

Charles W. Amidon, President  
Nebraska Masonic Foundation

The report was accepted by vote of the delegates assembled.



M.:W.: Grand Master DeMoss called upon the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, the Right Worshipful Richard R. Cooper, to bring greetings.



## REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

*Augustine S. Scolaro*

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.

To date this year ninety-one lodges have received their certification of proficiency. As the final reports from the Deputy Grand Custodians come in this number will undoubtedly increase.

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

St. Johns Lodge No. 25  
Charity Lodge No. 53  
Albion Lodge No. 78  
Kimball Lodge No. 294

These lodges and their officers should be congratulated for making the extra efforts required to certify their lodges.

The following lodges have reached their fortieth year of consecutive certificate they are:

Platte Valley Lodge No. 32  
Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201

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

Cotner Lodge No. 297 (50)  
Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 (53)  
Oakland Lodge No. 91 (54)  
Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (57)  
Ashlar Lodge No. 33 (58)  
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (58)  
Crete Lodge No. 37 (59)  
North Star Lodge No. 227 (59)  
Pilot Lodge No. 240 (59)  
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (60)  
Euclid Lodge No. 97 (61)  
Lebanon Lodge No. 323 (61)  
Fremont Lodge No. 15 (62)  
Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (63)  
Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 (66)  
Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 (66)  
Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (67)  
Hooper Lodge No. 72 (67)  
Nebraska Lodge No. 1 (68)  
Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (68)  
Hastings Lodge No. 50 (68)  
Craftsman Lodge No. 314 (68)  
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (70)

I congratulate all these lodges and their officers in the special effort they set forth in continuing this fine tradition.

As of the writing of this report, there are 359 certified masons. Of this number, 9 have been certified 50 years or more.

This year six Brethren received their 20 year certificate of merit. They are:

Saul Libowski of Capitol Lodge No. 3  
William G. Hurst of Lancaster Lodge No. 54

M.: W.: Frank J. Mattoon of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75  
Duane Grove of Hickman Lodge No. 256  
Thomas G. Nuss of Friendship Lodge No. 239  
Kenneth C. King of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314

It is a pleasure to report the achievement these Brethren have accomplished. They are indeed an asset to their lodge and masonry as a whole.

This year four Brethren received their 10 year pin of proficiency. They are:

J. L. Spray of Lincoln Lodge No. 19  
Don L. Jelinek of Lancaster Lodge No. 54  
Lloyd F. Vrtiska of Table Rock Lodge No. 108  
Steven K. Jones of Mitchell Lodge No. 263

These Brethren are to be congratulated for their dedication to the craft.

During the year Deputy Grand Custodian Donald L. McCoy of District No. 2, asked to be replaced for personal reasons. Brother Don has devoted many years of fine and dedicated service to the lodges of his district, and I am sure he will continue to be active in his lodge. Don's replacement in District No. 2 is Herbert M. Chambers of Omaha Lodge No. 288. I examined Brother Chambers and with the approval of the Committee on Nebraska Work he was appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

As of this writing the active Deputy Grand Custodians are:

District No. 1 Roy L. Smith  
District No. 2 Herbert M. Chambers  
District No. 3 LeRoy Crye  
District No. 4 James E. Cornish  
District No. 5 Ronald D. Grass  
District No. 7 Lloyd F. Vrtiska  
District No. 8 John C. Sierks  
District No. 9 Lloyd I. Edwards  
District No. 10 Steven A. Green  
District No. 11 Eugene C. Sibley  
District No. 13 Daniel E. Spearow  
District No. 16 Lynn Doty  
District No. 17 Victor D. Hunt  
District No. 18 Arthur S. Dye  
District No. 19 Mervin E. Ransom, Sr.  
District No. 20 Scott J. Krieger  
District No. 21 Wayne E. Beatty  
District No. 22 A. W. Clark  
District No. 23 D. Wayne Erickson  
District No. 24 Ralph E. McNulty  
District No. 25 Richard W. Linnemeyer  
District No. 26 Arthur J. Ferguson  
District No. 27 Keith Leibhart

District No. 28 V. Rosenberger  
District No. 29 Leslie A. Evert  
District No. 30 Steven K. Jones  
District No. 31 Gordon L. Carley  
District No. 32 Roger L. Shillington  
District No. 33 Harry L. Saum  
District No. 34 Gerald D. Verbeek  
District No. 35 Harold W. Noble  
District No. 36 Deon D. Eberly  
District No. 37 Ben D. Fussell  
District No. 38 Robert M. Littrell

These fine men are one of the hardest working groups of masons in the state, and deserve the utmost courtesy and respect for their diligence and devotion to duty. They spend many evenings away from home and their families in order to perform their duties. It is indeed a pleasure to work with such a fine group of dedicated Brethren.

The current list of Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti are:

Louis V. Sylvester  
Delbert H. Pinkerton  
Sebert A. Stover  
Clifford D. Webster  
Frank H. Smith  
T. Leo Stines  
Glenn W. Binder  
Curtis J. Griess  
Arnold F. Mains  
Harold A. Tilton  
Willard I. Lewis, Jr.  
Paul D. Fleming  
Nelson W. Rittenburg  
Mannie O. Hansen  
Donald A. Kyckelhahn  
Herman O. Hansen  
Richard L. Mauch  
Everett K. Dappen  
Frank R. Harris  
W. Dale Page  
Alfred V. Peltzer  
Donald L. McCoy  
Ralph Gerry (Grand Custodian Emeritus)

This year, I along with Deputy Grand Custodians of various districts held thirty schools of instruction. In traveling across the state, I find the Brethren have a strong interest in the ritual and all are following the same as set by the committee on Nebraska Work.

At this time I would like to thank the Deputy Grand Custodians and Worshipful Masters who made these schools possible.

In addition to the thirty schools of instruction throughout the state, a custodial school was held in Grand Island September 20th and 21st. It was well attended by Deputy Grand Custodians, Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti, Grand Lodge Officers, and several Past Grand Masters.

During this school the floor work and all lectures were covered in their entirety. It has been a 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 James N. DeMoss for the opportunity of serving the Grand Lodge as your Grand Custodian this year.

This report is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally,  
Augustine S. Scolaro

The report of the Grand Custodian was accepted by vote of the Masons assembled. Brother Gus Scolaro then announced the degree competition in the Entered Apprentice Degree to be held this year. Those wishing to participate were urged to contact Brother Scolaro.



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

*Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1, Chairman*

In prior years the Grand Trustees had the responsibility for the management of the investment funds of the Grand lodge and the Nebraska Masonic Home.

A resolution adopted in the Nebraska Grand Lodge Session, February 2, 1990, authorized the transfer of The Nebraska Masonic Home Endowment and Bequest Funds to the recently formed Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation. Effective August 1, 1991, this transfer was made. The Foundation assumed the responsibility for the Home funds. A special audit was made of the Home funds for the period May 1, 1991 to August 1, 1991. Copies of this audit report are on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

This report, therefore, deals only with Grand Lodge investment funds. As explained before, the Grand Lodge investment funds are handled in two separate accounts—the Grand Lodge General (or unrestricted) Fund and the Restricted (or special) Fund. The latter encompasses the Stephen C. Houghton Fund the Emick Scholarship Fund as well as the Perpetual Membership Fund. A record of the separate interests of the various contributing entities is kept by the Grand Lodge Office.

In the tables below the figures for 1991 are from the auditors preliminary, yet-to-be-finalized report.

**Grand Lodge General Fund**

Years Ended	12/31/91	12/31/90	12/31/89
Total Revenues	358,434	357,654	356,818
Total Expenses	405,922	375,247	393,530
<b>Operating Income</b>			
<Deficit>	<47,488>	<17,593>	<36,712>
Fund Equity	1,226,235	1,242,835	1,260,428

This was the third year of deficit operation. In a sense this is not surprising. Revenues are definitely flat and inflationary pressures keep pushing expenses up. It should be noted here that the dues increase passed at the 1991 Grand Lodge Session are being collected at the Lodge level this (1992) year but are not due to be paid to Grand Lodge until April 1993. This delay or lag should be kept in mind as future budgets are developed.

There was an additional item of note in 1991. Some bonds which were purchased at a discount some years ago matured and a capital gain of \$30,888 was realized. That is good news/bad news. The good news is that gain was realized. The bad news is that the gain is non-recurring, (incidentally, it is not included in Total Revenues above) and that the bond proceeds had to be reinvested at lower interest rates.

**Restricted Funds**

These funds include the Emick Scholarship Fund and the Stephen C. Houghton Fund. Total 1991 income was \$25, 836, which was down from \$27, 251 due primarily to declining interest rates. For 1991 disbursements were \$17,617 and the year-end fund balance was \$384,230.

**Endowment Funds (the Perpetual Membership Fund)**

Year End	12/31/91	12/31/90	12/31/89
New Membership	36,600	26,150	16,080
Investment Income	5,629	4,598	3,827
Disbursements	3,232	2,006	22
Fund Balance	108,021	68,964	40,222

Two comments about the above table are appropriate. First, the rising receipts for "New Membership" indicates growing acceptance of the perpetual dues program. Second, Income Disbursements and Fund Balance are rising nicely.

When available, the audit report for the Grand Lodge for this year ended 12/31/91 will be on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Board of Grand Trustees  
Frank V. Lawson, Jr., Chairman

Upon the vote of the delegates assembled, the report of the Trustees was accepted.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

*Lawrence J. Zwart, 11, Chairman*

During this year we received requests from the following Grand Lodges for recognition:

Brazil - Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Tocantius  
M. Resp. Grand Lodge of the State of Segipe  
Mexico - Muy Resp. Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico  
Grand Lodge of Uruguay  
Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia  
Grand Lodge of Hungary  
Grand Lodge of Paraguay  
Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia

The committee finds that all of these Grand Lodges conform to the Standards of Recognition as enumerated in Section 1-306 of the Bylaws, and recommends recognition of the eight Grand Lodges.

In addition to the above requests, we received a request from the Grand Lodge of France. We presently recognized the French National Grand Lodge, therefore, the committee has agreed to defer action on recognition of the Grand Lodge of France pending the resolution of the question as to their regularity. We expect a report from the Commission on Recognition for the Conference of Grand Masters in February of 1992.

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.

Respectfully and Fraternally  
submitted,

Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

By vote of the delegates assembled, the report was accepted. Following the acceptance of the report, the Grand Master proceeded to the podium with Brother Zwart, to whom he presented the Commission as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.



The Grand Master then entertained a motion that the following reports, as printed and distributed to the delegates, be accepted without reading and printed in the proceedings:

Committee on Masonic Relief  
Masonic Education Committee  
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee  
Committee on Finance  
Committee on Grand Lodge Offices  
Committee on Public Relations  
Grand Lodge Membership Committee  
Grand Lodge Youth Committee  
Committee on Grievances  
Awards Committee  
Insurance Review Committee  
Masonic Eastern Star Home For Children  
Nebraska Masonic Home  
Doings of the Grand Lodge Officers

Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



The Grand Senior Warden to the Grand Lodge of Idaho, R.: W.: Brother James Davidson, was given the opportunity at this time to bring his greetings to the members of the Grand Lodge. His remarks were followed by greetings from R.: W.: Brother Doug Krimmer, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and from W.: Robert L. Bartholic, Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.



## REPORT OF CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

*W.: Don Madsen, 11*

M.: W.: Sir, there were four lodges that were on our list from last year that have not attended. No. 124 from Auburn did report this time and are doing very good. No. 68 at Aurora, the officers were here and progressing great. Oshkosh Lodge 286, there was a brother here, a proxy for the Master, Brother Paul Temple, but he never did show up, and no one did show up from Oakland Lodge No. 91. Your committee will continue to work on both those lodges and see if we can't bring them back in the fold. That's my report.

Upon a motion by Brother Madsen the report was seconded and approved by the Masons present.

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Eatmon assumed the gavel while the Grand Master presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law Committee for the absent Grand Junior Warden, Chairman.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW**

*R.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon, 75, Chairman*

(With the Deputy Grand Master presiding, this report was given by the Grand Master in the absence of the Committee 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 Subsection H of Section 1-401 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows, and that otherwise said Section 1-401 shall remain unchanged:

“Section 1-401 (h) The Board of Grand Trustees shall employ a certified public accountant to make an annual audit of the accounts of the Grand Lodge. An original of such audit shall be filed in the office of the Grand Lodge.”

That Section 2-403 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

“Section 2-403 — REFUSING EXAMINATION — A brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination in the Master Mason degree as provided in Section 2-402 renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a certificate of good standing, certificate of transfer, demit, diploma, to hold an office in a lodge, nor to make application or join any lodge, society, or institution enumerated in section 3-102, Sub-section "g" of this Code until he has complied with said Section 2-402; provided that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to a brother whose only lodge membership is in a lodge in a Masonic Jurisdiction other than Nebraska.”

That Section 2-708 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

“Section 2-708 — LODGE DEDICATIONS — CONDITIONS — A lodge room can be lawfully dedicated if occupied only by those organizations provided for in Section 3-102 (g) including a Chapter of the Order of Demolay, International Order of Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Council of Royal & Select Masters, a Commandery of Knights Templar, a body of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, a Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity and the Achoth Sorority.”

That Section 2-802 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

“Section 2-803 — PETITIONS FORM AND WHERE PRESENTED — Peti-

tions for initiation must be submitted upon the form set out in the Appendix to this Code and for sale through the office of the Grand Lodge, or upon forms prepared by the subordinate lodge, which must in all cases embrace all of the matter contained within the form adopted by the Grand Lodge.”

That Section 2-1209 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

“Section 2-1209 — MONITOR — The Monitor adopted by the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction at its annual communication in the year 1991, is the adopted work of this Grand Jurisdiction. Nothing outside of our esoteric work is authorized and our monitorial work as published by this Grand Lodge shall be given or be permitted to be given in the conferring of degrees, at funerals, or any work of the subordinate lodge: Provided, that with the approval in writing of the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction and of the Grand Master of any Grand Jurisdiction within which this Grand Jurisdiction is in fraternal relations, any subordinate lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction may invite members of such other Grand Jurisdiction to confer either or any of the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason or Master Mason upon a candidate of such other Grand Jurisdiction and to use the work of such other Grand Jurisdiction in such degree or degrees.

All of the work of the Subordinate Lodge, including opening and closing, shall be conducted in the English language.”

That Section 1-324 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be deleted in its entirety and changed to read: “Section 1-324—(Not Used).”

That Section 1-301 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

“Section 1-301 — NUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION — The committees of this Grand Lodge shall be of four classes, namely, Standing Committees, Regular Committees, Special Committees and Trial Commissions.

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Codification of the Law, Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Fraternal Dead, Masonic Relief, Temple Building Advisory, Masonic Education, Board of Grand Trustees, Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, Lodge Advisory, Public Relations, Membership and Youth. Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

The Regular Committees shall be the following: Grievances, Doings of the Grand Lodge Officers, Charters and Dispensations, Credentials and Entertainment of Distinguished Guests. The Regular Committees, except the Credentials Committee, shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master at least sixty days prior to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. The Credentials Committee shall

consist of not less than three nor more than seven members and shall be appointed in the same manner as other Regular Committees.

Special Committees may be appointed at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master or at the direction of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master shall appoint from time to time such committees for the purpose of conducting Masonic trials as in his judgment shall be deemed advisable; each committee shall consist of not less than three nor more than five disinterested Master Masons. Said committee shall be styled "Trial Commission." The Grand Master shall designate the President of such Commission. Three members shall constitute a quorum and a Master Mason appointed by the Commission shall act as its Secretary and in his absence the Trial Commission may designate some other Master Mason so to act. A majority of such Commission sitting at a trial shall decide all questions before it."

That Section 2-604 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2-604 — DUES CARDS — HOW PREPARED. The receipt for dues, adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall contain all the information contained in the form of receipt found on page 102 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1913, printed on cards of convenient size to fit in the ordinary card case. Said receipts shall be computer-generated in the Office of the Grand Lodge and furnished to each subordinate lodge without charge to the lodge."

That Section 1-201 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be deleted in its entirety and the following be substituted therefor:

"Section 1-201 — GRAND SECRETARY — The Grand Secretary shall have charge of the seal and jewels of the Grand Lodge; shall personally attend and record the transactions of the Grand Lodge when meeting in Annual Communication; shall see to the drawing of all orders, certificates, documents and diplomas requiring the seal of the Grand Lodge, to include the affixing of the seal thereon; shall complete and carry on such communications with the various subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, all appendant and/or allied bodies operating therein, and with such other jurisdictions as may from time to time be necessary to insure that a harmonious relationship exists between such bodies and this Grand Lodge, and to enforce attention to compliance with the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary. The Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices. The Grand Secretary shall in concert with the staff of the Grand Lodge Office, see that all subordinate lodges submit correct, complete and accurate annual reports as are required by Section 2-310 of these Bylaws. The Grand Secretary shall report to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge such statistical data concerning the status of the membership of this Grand Lodge as may, in his opinion, be appropriate, or as may be directed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary shall devote such time as his duties may require for the efficient and prompt completion of such duties or other programs of the Grand

Lodge to include the promotion of Masonry. The Grand Secretary shall receive as compensation for his services such amount as may be determined by the Appropriations Committee with the approval of the membership of the Grand Lodge."

That Section 1-321 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be deleted in its entirety and the following be substituted therefor:

"Section 1-321 — GRAND LODGE OFFICES.

(a) The Committee on Grand Lodge Offices 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. In case of a vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

This Committee shall recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of rules and regulations when such rules and regulations shall appear to be for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. Such rules and regulations shall be effective when approved by the Grand Lodge. The determinations of this committee shall be final until changed by the Grand Lodge.

(b) The Committee on Grand Lodge Offices shall have authority, jurisdiction, and direct supervision over the Grand Lodge Office including the right to approve the employment of all employees of that office, their salaries and working conditions.

(c) The Committee shall have the responsibility for prescribing the business methods to be followed within the Grand Lodge Office, to include: (1) the approval of and adherence to those Office Policies and Job Descriptions created from time to time governing all employees of the Grand Lodge Office; (2) The keeping of all membership and related records; (3) the accounting and reporting of Grand Lodge Income to include the receipt and deposit of all monies in approved accounts; (4) the preparation, final approval and payment of all expenditures on orders regularly issued and signed by the Grand Master or his designated representative; (5) the maintenance of appropriate levels of supplies for normal activities within the Grand Lodge Office, the use by Grand Lodge Officers and by Committees of the Grand Lodge, as well as those maintained available for use by subordinate lodges; (6) the collection, review and compilation of monthly statistics and activities from subordinate lodge secretaries as required under Section 2-310 of these bylaws; (7) notifying each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the first day of December of each year and the closing of all accounts of subordinate lodges on the thirty-first day of December of each year; and (8) such other matters appropriate to the efficient administrative controls of the Grand Lodge not otherwise fixed by the Constitution, Bylaws or other action of the Grand Lodge.

(d) This committee shall, at least annually, effect a review of equipment available for use in the Grand Lodge Office, the Office of the Grand Secretary, and the Office of the Grand Custodian, and make such recommendations and changes therein as are appropriate and within budgetary restraints.

(e) All recommendations made to the Grand Lodge with reference to changes in the salaries of Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be referred to this Committee for its review and recommendation before action by the Grand Lodge can be taken thereon."

That Section 2-504 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2-504 — CALLING OFF AND ON — The conferring of degrees shall be conducted by the subordinate lodge opened upon the degree then under consideration. To pass from a lodge of one degree to a lodge of another degree, the lodge may be first called to refreshment and then opened in the degree desired. The closing of a lodge in one degree also closes the lodge opened on all inferior degrees.

A lodge cannot be called off from one day or night to another day or night, except in cases of trials."

That Section 2-301 of the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2-301 — ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT — The elective officers of a subordinate lodge shall consist of a Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary. The appointive officers shall consist of a Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Stewards and Tyler. The officers of Marshal and Organist may also be appointed if desired.

The elective officers shall be elected by secret written ballot by a majority vote at the first regular meeting in November of each year. Anyone so elected should, if possible, accept the office. An election cannot be reconsidered by the lodge unless the member so elected declines. All appointive officers shall be appointed by the Master."

Upon the motion of the Grand Master, the report was seconded and carried.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

*Arnold F. Mains, 15, Chairman*

Your Committee on Masonic Relief had several requests again this year for assistance one request didn't respond and came from California the other was for long term assistance and also was in need of some immediate help and after talking to the Grand Master, it was decided to give \$100.00 from our budgeted amount. A request was also sent to the Scottish Rite Almoner's Fund and they sent \$200.00 and the Brother's Lodge, Culbertson Lodge No. 174 added another \$100.00 for a total of \$400.00. Following is a copy of a letter from the Worshipful Master of Culbertson Lodge No. 174 in response for the help given, which I think is worth bringing to the attention of Grand Lodge. We are proud to serve and thank the Grand Master for appointing us on this committee and

stand ready to help when requested to do so.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arnold F. Mains, Chairman  
Gary L. Martin  
Jerry Sievers  
James W. Keebaugh  
Ron Osborne

The following is a reproduction of a letter received by the Committee on Masonic Relief.

Culbertson Lodge No. 174  
A.:F.: & A.:M.:  
Culbertson, Nebraska

*June 24, 1991*

*Arnold F. Mains  
350 East 23rd  
Fremont, NE 68025*

*Dear Arnold:*

*We have received the \$100.00 from the Grand Lodge and \$200.00 from the Scottish Rite Almoner's Fund. We have matched with \$100.00 from the Culbertson Lodge and presented the money to the Barney Whatley family.*

*Barney appreciated the money very much and now knows that his brothers do care.*

*Arnold, I certainly appreciate the efforts you made in our behalf! I have been a Mason only a short time, but I now know for sure that Masons stand behind their beliefs.*

*On behalf of the Culbertson Lodge and the Whatley family, THANK YOU!!*

*Sincerely,  
K.D. Harrison, Master  
Culbertson Lodge #174*

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION**

*B. Lynn Alexander, 54, Chairman*

Recent surveys and studies in the Masonic Community predict that within a few years — perhaps by the turn of the century, half of all masons alive today will have passed into the eternal lodge. It is difficult for us to imagine what the Masonic Fraternity will be like if these predictions come to pass. There is no question that membership is declining. One by one, we see old lodges surren-

dering their charters, and members fading away. At the same time, we see that in parts of the world where Masonry has been dormant, there is a new enthusiasm for the Ancient Craft. Lodges are being opened, and grand jurisdictions are being reestablished. We need to put some of that enthusiasm into our own lodges.

One way to put enthusiasm into a lodge is to develop an aggressive Masonic Education Program. We mean a program that is something more than having a brother read a short article from a magazine during the meeting. We are looking for programs that involve the members in stimulating educational experiences. After all, our ritual lessons teach us that Masons should pursue learning throughout their lives. Like all institutions these days, we are short of money. That is true for your Grand Lodge. But money is not really a critical factor for Masonic Education. Ideas for Masonic Education can be found in your own community.

One suggestion for Masonic Education is to develop a discussion on the topics of the decline of masonic membership — what should we do about it — how can the fraternity become more active in the community — how can the fraternity be more interesting to younger men? Once the membership becomes accustomed to the discussion program, other topics can be offered. Subjects for discussion are endless; from questions about ritual, to masonic history, to activities of jurisdictions around the world. These discussions can be very interesting, and provide an incentive for attendance at lodge as well as for greater community interest in the lodge.

The sources for masonic information and topics for discussion are endless. Some ideas follow:

How about a field trip to visit locations of Masonic Cornerstones in the area. Civil authorities could be involved, and a little research in Grand Lodge Proceedings will provide historic background for each cornerstone.

Try a "Masonic Anecdote" program wherein members are invited to share short stories about lodge folklore, embarrassing ritual incidents, significant or interesting masonic encounters with other masons. Everyone has a story to tell.

Nearly every lodge has masonic artifacts; photographs, old aprons, charters and letters, swords, and memorabilia. Select some of these artifacts, and develop a program around them.

Arrange a visit to a local historical society or museum. Be prepared to discuss exhibits and their connection to the local lodge, or Nebraska masonic history. Again local authorities could be involved.

Develop a masonic father-son evening. Bring in a prominent person of interest to the boys. Go light on masonic recruiting, but show the boys that their father or grandfather is a mason. Make sure the community is aware of the event.

Develop a teacher appreciation evening to include spouses and guests. Honor the local educators, and make the point that masons are involved in the community, and appreciate education professionals. Get all the lodge members in-

volved. Again make sure the community is aware of the event.

Try an education program that focuses on one of the craft degrees. In the Fellowcraft, the lodge might invite a local math teacher to give a talk about Phytthagoras and or Euclid and Geometry. A local architect could give a talk about orders in the architecture and or the types of columns. How about inviting a modern working mason to describe the methods of brick and stone-work construction? When appropriate, the lodge could be called to refreshment for these discussions. Some talks could be open to the public, and thus offer an opportunity to get non-masons into the lodge facilities, meet masons, and become interested in lodge activities. The idea is to use masonic education to make lodge attendance interesting to a broad range of people.

Don't forget the use of Table Lodges for masonic education. Table lodges always inspire interest. They are not difficult to organize, and the Education Committee can offer samples of rituals and advise. A table lodge is also an excellent opportunity to present a masonic education program. Table Lodges can, and should be tailored to the interests of your local lodge. A table lodge is an excellent format for lodge award activities, and with a little imagination a Table Lodge can be converted to a Festive Board to include spouses and guests.

Remember that the Grand Lodge Office has video tapes, and materials that are available upon request. Also members of the Education Committee are ready to offer suggestions, provide help, and give you further ideas. All it takes is a phone call. Don't forget that proficiency in ritual work is automatically an educational experience. One idea is to organize a groups for the purpose of learning ritual. During the course of proficiency practice, perhaps in a round-robin manner, discussion will develop and the participants will become more knowledgeable about masonic ideas. The bottom line is that a vigorous educations program will make lodge meetings more interesting, and will ultimately lead to a growing and active membership.

We should stop trying to make masonic education difficult. Instead we should look at masonic education as a tool to enhance and benefit the lodge as an institution, and the community as a whole. We need to use a little imagination and enjoy the blessings that will result.

Respectfully Submitted:

B. Lynn Alexander, Chairman

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MEMORIAL**

*Warren D. Lichy, PGM, 314, Chairman*

*Gayle Angus, 261*

*Orval Cooley, 323*

This report of your Committee emphasizes the beautiful building—your building. It houses the Lodge which George Washington served as Master, and his picture is there at the head of the line of Past Master's pictures. Another Lodge room is a replica of the room in which Washington presided over the Lodge with its 18th century ambience and furnishings.

The Master's chair in the replica Lodge Room is one which Washington brought from his library at Mt. Vernon. Every year, after his installation, the new Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 is allowed to remove the protective ribbon and sit in George Washington's chair. What a feeling that must be! It is a thrill just to stand among the many, many things which belonged to or were used by Washington, in the replica room and in the magnificent museum, which contains the Washington Family Bible and so many other things.

In addition to the museum and the extensive Masonic library, the Memorial Building also houses displays which were furnished by almost every associated and appendant Masonic body you can think of. These display are all different, and are most colorful and interesting.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial building is located high atop Shooters Hill in Alexandria, Virginia. In the 18th century, many people thought this should be the location of our National Capitol, but George Washington would not hear of it. He indicated that he owned a great deal of real property in and around Alexandria and that to locate the seat of National Government there would unduly increase the value of his property. He did not want to make money from the actions of his Government.

If you would like to contribute to the upkeep of the Masonic memorial to this great man and great Brother, you can send your contribution to:

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Ass'n.

101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22301.

Any amount you send will be appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted:  
George Washington Masonic  
National Memorial Committee

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

*Thomas W. Tye, PGM, 46, Chairman*  
*Lawrence Chandler, 325, Ben Fussell, 79*  
*Don Monnette, 105,*  
*David L. Knutson, 302*

The Committee on Finance met several times throughout 1991 and early 1992 to perform the duties as outlined in Section 1-318 of the Bylaws of Grand Lodge. At each of these meetings, the following audit procedure was followed:

1. A comparison of the canceled checks to the check register, as well as examination of endorsements.
2. Examination of support documents for disbursements and review of accounts to which the disbursements were charged selecting all items over \$500 and every fifth disbursement at random.

3. Review and reconciliation of bank statements.
4. Review of all income items and lodge assessment.
5. Review of the financial statements.

Total revenues for the year 1991 were \$389,391.92. 1991 budget revenue estimate was \$352,110.00, so that there was an excess of revenue over budget in the amount of \$37,281.92. It should be noted however, that \$30,888.00 of these excess revenues were generated by the sale, of certain investments by the Grand Trustees and that the amount of \$30,888.00 represents profit made by the sale of those investments so that actual total revenues exclusive of the aforementioned gain was \$358,503.92 some \$6,393.92 in excess of total revenue budgeted.

Prior to year end and in accordance with section 1-325, proper authorization to adjust subtotals budgeted was approved by the Appropriations Committee and the requisite number of Grand Lodge Officers. Over all, expenditures were \$9,903.00 under the amount budgeted for the calendar year 1991. Total expenditures for the calendar year in all categories was \$398,102.98. Our anticipated deficit in accordance with the 1991 budget adopted by this Grand Lodge was \$36, 996.00 and in actuality our deficit at year end was \$8,711.06 some \$28,284.94 less than the amount of deficit anticipated.

The members of the Finance Committee found satisfactory verification for all expenditures within the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office and were able to complete their audit procedures as hereinabove referred to with the fine aid and assistance of the office manager and staff of the Grand Lodge Office.

This committee's report which was adopted by this Grand Lodge in 1991 recommended that the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices be requested to establish written procedures for the expenditure of Grand Lodge funds, by including a voucher system for establishing responsibility for authorization and approval of expenditures and a designation of the appropriation from which to be paid. This recommendation was forwarded to the committee on Grand Lodge Offices by the Grand Master and is still being worked on by said committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas W. Tye, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICES**

*John M. McHenry, PGM, 19, Chairman*

Your Committee on the Grand Lodge Offices can report to you that because of the continuity of our office personnel and their knowledge and experience that we as a committee kept out of their way and allowed them to do their jobs. Our committee was not intrusive and I am sure that the staff appreciated it.

The equipment purchased during 1990 continues to allow us to save significant dollars in the area of mailing expense and the preparation and printing of the

Nebraska Mason and the Proceedings. Because of the squeeze on revenue to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge Officers and the office staff has done an excellent job of controlling expenditures this past year.

The Grand Master submitted to our committee his recommendations regarding the proposed changes in the Bylaws with respect to the Grand Secretary and this committee. One of the changes would be to eliminate the requirement of a performance bond since the insurance industry has not written these types of bonds since 1965. In anticipation of the approval of the Grand Master's recommendations the committee adopted the following policy:

"With knowledge of the Grand Master's proposed recommendations to amend Section 1-201 and 1-321 of the Bylaws of Grand Lodge; and recognizing that if said recommendations are approved, a policy of this committee needs to be implemented relating to the requirement of a performance bond with reference to the Grand Lodge Office Manager; and recognizing that the insurance industry since 1965 has not written performance bond insurance; and recognizing that the Grand Lodge does have and carries Directors and Officers liability coverage which extends coverage to all officers (including the Grand Secretary) the Office Manager and all Trustees of the Grand Lodge in the amount of two million dollars.

Now, therefor, be it resolved that the committee on Grand Lodge Offices does hereby, in case the above resolution of Grand Master James N. DeMoss is approved, adopt as a policy, that Directors and Officers liability coverage shall be provided in a minimum amount of one million dollars covering all elected Grand Lodge Officers, the Office Manager, and the Grand Trustees with the cost of said insurance to be paid by the Grand Lodge".

Finally, as required under section 1-105 of the Bylaws, this committee sets the milage and per diem allowances for this Grand Lodge Session. Because of the budget constraints for the fiscal year of 1992 the mileage allowance is set at \$0.00.

Fraternally submitted  
John M. McHenry, PGM  
Chairman

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

*Steven F. Mattoon, 75, Chairman*

Our major activity for the year 1991 was publishing of the "Nebraska Mason". Three issues were printed and distributed during the months of March, August and December, 1991. The Committee appreciates the fine articles and direction provided by M. W. James N. DeMoss and the coordination of the publication by Office Manager, Chris Rudder. The Committee would also like to acknowledge the support of the "Nebraska Mason" by the Order of the Eastern Star, the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children and the Nebraska Masonic Home, both financially and by the furnishing of articles for the "Nebraska Mason".

Under the organization of W.: Kenneth G. Fleming, Grand Marshal, the Grand Lodge reset the Cornerstone Casket of the Gage County Courthouse on May 5, 1991, in conjunction with the Centennial observance of the courthouse. Laid the Cornerstone for the Sidney Nebraska Volunteer Fire Department's newly finished and enlarged fire station on September 14, 1991. Laid the Cornerstone at the Cheyenne County Community Center in Sidney, on September 14, 1991. Reset the Casket in the Cornerstone of the Jefferson County Courthouse on September 22, 1991. And also relayed the Cornerstone of the new library building in the city of Beatrice, where the ceremony was televised through the local access station.

All Lodges are encouraged to use the several fine video tapes and films which are available through the Grand Lodge Office, including videotapes dealing with Masonic education and information for prospective members.

The Public Relations Committee plans to initiate further programs during the 1992 year and send a representative to the Masonic Midwest Public Relations Conference in the Summer of 1992.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven F. Mattoon, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP**

*Raymond L. Hartung, 54, Chairman*

Actions of the 1991 Membership Committee were a continuation of those of 1989 and 1990. We continue to feel that the two most important factors bearing on membership are education within and education without our Fraternity. "Internal" education provides the knowledge necessary to instill pride in our members and equips them actively to establish and utilize Nebraska's still new program of "selective solicitation." Knowledgeable proud Masons, are with proper guidance, prepared for and eager to pass the word to qualified potential candidates. The second need, "external" education, should help make the public aware of our presence, showing them we are a Fraternity of good men who are the "World's Greatest Charity," and dispelling any of the derogatory images our detractors try falsely to create for us.

The committee has monitored a Lodge which has had active internal and external education programs, and observed other Lodges which were attempting to start similar programs with every expectation of success. The Lodge we primarily watched has, for several years, utilized programs which involve participation by the whole "Masonic Family" including Eastern Star, York Rite, Shrine, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, and Masons, their ladies, children and grandchildren. This Lodge, which meets every week, had a program for one major Masonic event each month and at least one Masonic Family activity each quarter. They were not at all "shy in public", holding their advertised Fifth Annual All Masonic Picnic at a very visible location where all could see them. Among their other high profile activities was a "Go-to-Church Sunday" with Masons walking several block through town to church, wearing aprons and gloves, accompanied

by their ladies (two abreast) led by their officers/ladies with the Master in his top hat. This activity, although approved by the Grand Master, generated concern on the part of some Brethren (especially Past Masters) who indicated they felt this Lodge activity might be somewhat presumptive. All fears were dispelled by their reception by the pastor and his flock and the many favorable comments at refreshments after services. What an excellent way for Masons to dispel the lies of our detractors that we are "anti-Christ", a "cult", a "religious organization" (what church goes to visit another en masse?), or a "secret society". This Lodge also allowed its large dining room to be utilized by a local service club (composed largely of Masons) as the distribution site for "Santa Claus" to present Christmas gifts to 600 needy children. More than 1,000, including the parents who accompanied the youngsters, actually saw the inside of a Masonic Lodge and another of Masonry's good works. And, the preliminary newspaper/radio/etc. announcements and front page article, with picture of Santa using the Masonic Lodge for this purpose, generated much positive publicity for the Lodge and our Fraternity.

The Lodge also was involved with the DeMolay Chapter in a "Day of Comfort" food collection for the needy. Nearly 1,000 pounds of food (including that purchased with donated cash) was collected within the Masonic Family and matched by a local grocer.

Other Lodges observed to have visible pride and reputation-building programs, included one hosting two "open-to-the-public" programs in their Lodge building (a quilt display and a health fair). Both were properly advertised, and well attended with resulting increases in Masonic stature. This Lodge, incidentally, has one Mason for every thirteen local residents and although the Lodge is located in a rather remote part of town almost any resident can direct a stranger to it.

Back to the monitored Lodge. It established a selective solicitation program for community leaders/businessmen of Masonic timber—with the emphasis on youth. A list of potential prospects was assembled, discussed, and then organized in an "order of contact" so that a "domino effect" could be implemented (get the ones who will have the most effect on positive attitudes of the others first, if possible). Contact was semi-formal, with two prospects invited together by two Lodge officers and two widely respected community leaders who were proud of being Masons (although several did not attend Lodge with great frequency). They met for dinner in the small private dining room of a good restaurant where conversation naturally turned to Masonry. All questions were answered including some posed by the Masons, such as did you know? And the "Modern Proficiency" is explained to dispel concern by those who "don't have enough time". To date this plan has met with great success. The Lodge raised 14 in 1991 (10 from 19 to their 30's), carried four more (all in their 30's) over to 1992, and showed its first membership gain in 23 years. This Lodge has become most enthusiastic, its meetings are "fun" and the future looks bright. Incidentally, three of their new MM's are coming regularly to Lodge, are visiting other Lodges, and show fine potential/interest in the possibility of future

appointment as Lodge officers. We urge other Lodges to apply the above successful tactics.

The new Nebraska Table Lodge booklet developed by our committee in 1990 has been available since early 1991. It is easy to use and lists all information to conduct this interesting, popular, and pride/morale-building activity.

50, 60, and 70 Mason certificates currently are sent with appropriate pins to ensure a short, easy, yet dignified and impressive presentation by anyone who can read moderately well. A similar, light blue 25 year certificate has been designed, and upon final approval, should accompany 25 year pins early in 1992. The committee strongly recommends that every Lodge purchase and present the beautiful 25 year pins, thereby instilling pride in all who rate them and showing that the Lodge really does care—the dividends will far outweigh the meager expense(\$2.50).

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

*W.: Ivan Vrtiska, 327, Chairman*

The Grand Lodge Youth Committee continued to offer scholarships of \$500.00 each to outstanding members of our three Masonic Youth Organizations. These scholarships were presented at the annual meetings of the Youth groups by our Grand Master, James N. DeMoss.

This year six applications were received from girls of the Order of Rainbow and thirteen from the members of Job's Daughters. We regret to report that no applications were received from members of the Order of DeMolay. Our committee assembled to review all applications and to select the most deserving recipients. The quality of the applications truly demonstrates that we have some very fine young ladies in our youth organizations.

The scholarship for the International Order of Job's Daughters was presented to Alisa Lynn Landholm of Bethel No. 35, Oakland, Nebraska. Alisa is a Past Honored Queen of her Bethel, Past Grand Bethel Chaplain and has served in numerous other offices during her 7 year membership in Job's Daughters. Alisa has also participated in many school, community and church activities. An activity you often find Alisa doing is sharing her sign language skills. She had the opportunity to sign the music for closing ceremonies during the formal opening of the Supreme Session in Milwaukee, 1990. She is an excellent scholar and athlete.

Receiving the scholarship for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls was Tiffany Lynn Hall of Athena Assembly No. 124, Bellevue, Nebraska. Tiffany is a Past Worthy Advisor of her Assembly and has filled several other offices during her 5 year membership. She is currently Grand Service for Grand Assembly, a past Grand Representative by presenting: The American Flag Tribute, Rainbow Flag Tribute and Rose Lecture. She has been very active in her school, community and church. She plans to attend UNO.

When M.: W.: James DeMoss presented the scholarships, he extended thanks for all they have done for their youth organizations, their schools, and communities, and extended best wishes for a successful future.

Dad William G. Hurst was invested as Executive Officer for the State of Nebraska, Order of DeMolay at our Annual Grand Lodge Session in Grand Island, February 1, 1991 by Jerold J. Samet, Deputy Grand Master of the District of Columbia.

During the 1991 session of the International DeMolay Congress, Past Grand Master John M. McHenry was elected and invested as Executive Officer for the State of Nebraska, Order of DeMolay.

Our youth organizations are the future of our Masonic Bodies, our committee asks that all Masons across the state continue to support and promote these organizations to the utmost extent possible. Allow them a place to meet in your lodges, then attend their meetings, support their functions, promote membership in their organizations, and grant them the privilege of assisting you in your functions. Perhaps have them present a special program at one of your meetings. We are truly a Masonic Family and must work together as a unified family.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ivan Vrtiska, Chairman

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES**

*Frank J. Mattoon, PGM, 75, Chairman*

Your Committee on Grievances had no matters of appeals or grievances for examination, report or recommendation, submitted to it for the year of 1991-92 of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska

Submitted this 6th day of January, 1992.

### **REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE**

*W.: V. Kaye Ramsey, 290 & 317, Chairman*

This committee is charged with the responsibility of determining guidelines and selecting recipients of major awards to be presented by the Grand Lodge.

In the fall of each year, the committee solicits recommendations for the Rock Maul and Gold Pan Awards. The committee then meets to select these recipients prior to their being presented the awards at the Grand Lodge session. At the 1991 Grand Lodge session, Corinthian Lodge No. 83 at Wakefield received the Rock Maul Award, and Mosaic Lodge No. 55 at Norfolk received the Gold Pan Award.

In 1990, this committee established guidelines for a new scholarship, called the Pierce-Evergreen Scholarship, which is funded by an endowment established by the former Evergreen Lodge No. 153 of Pierce. Nichole Mittelstaedt of

Pierce High School received this scholarship award for at the 1991 graduation ceremonies.

Submitted by:  
V. Kaye Ramsey, Chairman

### REPORT OF INSURANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

*R.: W.: Donald L. Pohlman, 41, Chairman*

On May 10, 1991, a special committee, the Insurance Review Committee was commissioned by M.: W.: James N. DeMoss, Grand Master. The Committee was charged with the responsibility of conducting a complete review of current insurance in effect for Grand Lodge to include adequacy of coverage and competitiveness of pricing. The Committee is further charged with the responsibility to explore alternative coverage available through commercial sources.

Pending litigation against a Lodge outside this jurisdiction brought to focus the importance of addressing the "state of insurance coverage in Nebraska."

The Committee commenced with a survey of the Subordinate Lodges to ascertain the present situation throughout the State. Data was received from 141 lodges. The Committee met on December 14, 1991, to evaluate the findings. A letter to all lodges was composed to be forwarded to all lodges summarizing the results. Suggestions for the more obvious areas of concern were also included.

Efforts are being made to formulate specifications to be used for the lodges. These will be made available to companies to see what alternatives can be examined.

The work of the Committee will continue. Concerns about Liability Coverage still exist and are being studied. As our labors continue, we will pass along any developments.

Respectfully Submitted  
Insurance Review Committee  
R.: W.: Donald L. Pohlman  
V.: W.: Michael E. Jones  
Bro. James W. Fegley

### REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

*Charles E. "Ched" House, 52, President, Board of Directors*

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Brothers All:

I bring you greetings from the Children and Staff, and the Board of Directors of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

Ben Harvey and his staff are doing a superb job of operations at the Home. One census at the last board meeting numbered 25 residents counting Barry Parsons

who is a graduate of Iowa Western Community College, and David Dickmeyer who is attending Wayne State College, and there are currently no empty beds! A first in many years.

We are confident that with completion of the renovation of Veazie Cottage, all four resident cottages will be full soon after the first of the year. That has been the wish of us all for a long, long time. This is a direct result of the concerted effort of all those involved. With the re-opening of Veazie Cottage, and the changes in the Administration Building Gymnasium area, we are about 70% complete in our long range renovation plans thanks to the much appreciated generosity of our membership. We believe that 1990, our 75th year of operation at our current location, will be recorded as the year of most gifting to date. Just remember that every monetary, material, and/or labor gift, no matter how large or small, is received, recorded and acknowledged, with the same care and appreciation.

At this years MASONIC HOME EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION of NORTH AMERICA national conference we were pleased to find again that our home, in spite of what we consider a high annual budget, continues to be second from the bottom of the list, for lowest total employees and lowest operating budget, of all of the childrens home members of the conference. If we could compare apples to apples, we may just be the lowest! We continue to operate with the lowest ratio of employees to residents, and yet maintain one of the most attractive and up-to-date campuses in the country. At the same time our residents continue to present themselves in the best manner, and seem to be proud of their current status. We want you to be proud of your home both in operation and appearance, and of the residents and graduates at all times. Take every opportunity you can to talk about the Home, and its activities.

I would again like to publicly thank Most Worshipful James N. DeMoss, for his continued interest in the Home and his service as its Financial Adviser. Our sound financial condition reflects his sound advice to our Finance Committee and their subsequent actions.

Speaking for the Board, the Staff, and the Children, we say THANK YOU from the bottom of our collective hearts. Its because of you that our Home can give these Children the best and most important opportunity to re-organize their lives, and regain their self respect, and set the new direction they so desperately need and seek. A most wonderful example of MASONRY at work!

Respectfully submitted:  
Charles E. "Ched" House  
President  
Board of Directors

## **REPORT TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME**

*Harry A. Spencer, PGM, 227, President*

I am particularly happy to welcome you to this our first annual meeting at The Nebraska Masonic Home. Previously all of our Annual Meetings were held at the Grand Lodge Office. There was a time when only one Trustee's meeting, usually the September one, was held at the home; now all of them are. With this annual meeting change, all of our Masonic Home activities are now centered at The Home where they belong.

This year has been another busy and eventful one. We have completed the remodeling of our 1952 facility. This included providing adequate administrative offices, adding 20 additional apartments on the third and fourth floors, building two exterior fire stairs for the three floors of the east and west wings as required by the Fire Marshal and the installation of a new generator. These improvements which cost us \$1,700,000 complete our major improvement program. At this time I want to especially thank Trustee Worshipful Brother Dick Brasel for the great amount of time and work he put in as Chairman of the Committee for these improvements.

We have moved all of our administrative offices to the second floor. For the first time in several years we no longer have a waiting list for apartments. We are now in the process of showing and renting the new ones. So far four of them are rented. It does take a little time for those who may be interested to make arrangements to relocate. We expect to have all of the new apartments occupied in the not too distant future.

As I am sure all of you know, we have tried to keep the rent of all of our apartments slightly below actual cost to avoid any possibility of taxable income, however, our auditors made a cost analysis which indicated we were too far below costs. So we were required to adjust our rates to avoid subsidizing residents who can afford to pay for their care. I mention this because you may hear some adverse comments on the rates we set this year. I can assure you these rates are still much more favorable than those charged by private facilities for the same service.

One of the most important developments of the year has been the activation of our Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation. As soon as we received confirmation from the IRS of its exempt status we completed the transfer of all Endowment Fund assets from the Grand Lodge Trustees to the Foundation. After a search for an investment manager we hired the firm of Lawson and Kroeker to serve in that capacity. We also appointed Worshipful Brother Thomas Tye as Executive Director of the Foundation and transferred his office as Director of Development for the Masonic Home to the Foundation. Worshipful Brother Tom has been actively on the job and will give you a report of his activities at this meeting.

Early in the year I appointed a special committee to work with a similar committee from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star to see if it was possible to work out some arrangement so female members of the Star

whose Masonic membership connection was with a Grand Lodge outside of Nebraska could be admitted to the home. An agreement has been approved by the Board of Trustees and submitted to the Grand Chapter of the Easter Star. It will probably be presented to their next Grand Chapter session.

On occasion suggestions have been made that it might be possible to cut our budget by contracting out some of the services performed at the home. During this year your Board of Trustees explored the possibility of using outside contractors to handle the home's housekeeping as well as laundry service. We determined it was much more efficient as well as much more economical to continue our present arrangement rather than to contract out those services.

As in the past, we maintained a promotional display and information booth at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter under the supervision of Mary Stapp our Assistant Director. This is a very good promotional activity. We served coffee and provided a convenient meeting place for those in attendance. We expect to continue this activity.

It will come as no surprise to you to learn that our health benefits for employees have become much more expensive. We have been hard hit by increases because of exceptional expense for two dependents. In an attempt to find some way to alleviate the problem of escalating costs, we hired a consultant to make a study of our program and to suggest any needed changes. On his recommendation we have made some adjustments to the program in an attempt to keep pace with our costs. We hope we can keep this expense within our ability to pay.

During the year we determined that it would not be financially desirable to repair the property at 1207 Avenue D to continue to operate it as a rental unit. Consequently, we had the improvements removed and taken off the tax rolls.

Residents in the home admitted the regular way as contrasted with apartment residents are on the increase. In January 1988 we had 33 such residents. As of October this year we had 52. We expect this figure to continue to increase.

Our budget for 1990-1991 is \$3,267,000. Of this amount only \$1,451,800 will be raised by current sources of income. This leaves a net amount of \$1,815,200 which must be paid from the income of our Endowment and Bequest Fund. Unfortunately, the estimated annual income from our Endowment and Bequest Fund for this year is \$1,527,969. So this year we will have to use approximately \$300,000 of our principal to meet our budget. Considering the fact that interest rates are declining and our return from investments for the next year could be less than for the current year, this is an alarming development and one that requires our earnest attention. We must either find some way to bring our budget within our income or increase that income if we are to continue to serve those who cannot care for themselves. I realize the primary job of the Executive Director of the Foundation is to increase our Endowment Funds, but his does not relieve us of responsibility. That job is equally ours as well as that of the Executive Director. I urge everyone who hears or reads this report to consider it his responsibility to do everything possible to motivate those who can help us keep sufficient funds coming in so that we may stay even with inflation and meet

all current needs.

As you will recall various amendments to our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws were adopted at our last Annual Meeting. Notebooks containing the amended Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Articles of Incorporation have been prepared and distributed to all lodges. These are now available from the Executive Director for a nominal fee of \$6.

The late fall storms did some damage to our grounds. This is in the process of being corrected. I assume our Executive Director will give you a more complete report. Our underground fuel tanks have been examined and for the time being are OK. However, they will need to be replaced and stored above ground in the not too distant future. I mention this because it could be an expensive procedure.

During the year we installed a WanderGuard security system. Our residents can feel secure with this service. Also, we are no longer concerned about our Alzheimer residents wandering off. It was a needed improvement.

Our home's staff is doing an exceptional job of keeping our home at a high level of efficiency. You should know that Harriet Johnson, our Dietary Supervisor, received the New Member Award from the Nebraska Dietary Managers Association. Monte Hackwith, our Chief Engineer, has now qualified for an Omaha First Grade Engineer's Certificate and License. Mary C. Stapp, our Assistant Director, was honored at the Nebraska Health Care Association Awards Breakfast as Nurse of the Year by the Omaha District. Our Executive Director Arthur R. Sharp will give you a more detailed report on the staff. For my part I commend Brother Art for a job well done. In my judgment he is the ideal person to have in charge of our home. I feel comfortable with his excellent performance and commend him for it.

I also commend Worshipful Brother Thomas W. Tye for the job he is doing. As I mentioned, his position has been transferred to the Foundation of which he is now the Executive Director. Considering the fact that during the last 36 months we received sufficient funds to enable us to keep pace with our improvements, he faces a monumental task to keep up that pace. Having worked with Worshipful Brother Tom during the last few years I can assure you that he is equal to that task and will have no problem in doing so if he has your utmost cooperation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of our Grand Lodge Trustees, Herman Wiebers who spent considerable time advising the Foundation Trustees on procedures to enable us to facilitate a smooth transition of our funds from the Grand Lodge Trustees to the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation. Brother Herman refused to consider a fee or an honorarium for the work he did. So a donation in the amount of \$1,000 was recorded in his name to the Foundation. We are very grateful to Brother Herman for the help he gave us.

I would be an ingrate if I did not publicly thank our Executive Director, Arthur R. Sharp; Worshipful Brother Tom Tye; Assistant Director, Mary Stapp; and all members of the Board of Trustees for the honor they paid me in promoting a Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. It was an exceptional affair. One that will long be remembered by me and my family. I

also thank Worshipful Brother Gerald Patton who put that occasion on tape and presented it to me.

In closing, as I have said before, I find myself inadequate to the task of adequately expressing my appreciation for the work our Trustees have done through the year. Each and every one of them has participated fully and faithfully in all of our activities. So to each and every one of them I restricted myself to saying thank you for a job well done. I say to them it has been a real pleasure for me to serve as your President these last few years. With your kind of dedication my task has been much easier. As I have said before you exemplify Masonic charity and brotherhood at its best. I only hope your Brethren appreciate all the efforts you are making on their behalf.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harry A. Spencer, President  
The Nebraska Masonic Home  
Board of Trustees

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

*Arthur R. Sharp, 54 & 6*

It is a pleasure for me to welcome each and every one of you to the first-ever Stockholder's Meeting held at our Masonic Home in Plattsmouth and to report to you that The Nebraska Masonic Home is right on track toward accomplishing its mission of responding to the needs of our elderly Nebraska Masons by furnishing infirmary care and independent living apartments to them and their eligible female relatives. Equally important—we are doing it within the approved budget for the home.

The caring attitude of our employees is what really sets The Nebraska Masonic Home apart from all other facilities. Of course it is nice to have a very efficient staff, which we do, but most important is to have a staff that will give of their time and energy to help our residents "do for themselves". Our focus is to help our residents be all that they can be, and this is indeed a difficult task. Our residents today are older, more frail, and much sicker than they have been in past years. It takes special people with an enormous amount of dedication to care for our aging brothers and sisters, and I am happy to report to you that we have such a staff here at The Nebraska Masonic Home.

A special thanks must go to Mrs. Mary Stapp, the Assistant Director of the home, for her ever-faithful help and assistance during her first full year in this position. She is constantly searching for ways that our operation can be more responsive to the needs of our residents, a better place in which to work for our staff, and more efficient in terms of cost savings for the home which you, the stockholders and trustees, have entrusted to our care.

I would also like to mention at this time that Mary Stapp was the honored recipient of The Nurse of the Year Award for the Omaha District which was given by the Nebraska Health Care Association at their annual breakfast meeting

during their convention in October of 1991. This was not just a fine honor for Mrs. Stapp, but it was also a fine honor for The Nebraska Masonic Home. We are all very proud of her.

Our Dietary Director, Mrs. Harriet Johnson, also received a nice honor, that being the New Member of the Year Award from the Nebraska Dietary Managers Association. Mrs. Johnson, who attended a full year's schooling prior to receiving her certificate as a certified dietary manager, is very active in this organization; and we are very proud of her for receiving this honor.

Our Chief Engineer, Mr. Monte Hackwith, has also been awarded his First Grade Stationary Engineer's License by the City of Omaha and has been doing an excellent job of operating and maintaining the home, its equipment, and the grounds.

Our Housekeeping Supervisor, Glenda Seydlitz, has been and is currently enrolled in several classes through Metropolitan Community College in order to increase her knowledge of supervisory and administrative skills.

Mrs. Sonia Meredith, our Director of Nursing, continues to be a very valuable member of our staff and has also taken several courses offered through the Nebraska Health Care Association in order to improve not only her skills but also upgrade the skills of the personnel working in the Nursing Department. Mrs. Meredith has also initiated programs of Infection Control, OSHA and OBRA Compliance, Worker's Compensation Cost Control, Inventory and Medical Supplies Cost Control, a Quality Assurance Program, and Compliance with the Federal Self Determination Act regarding Advanced Medical Directives.

We feel very fortunate that during the past year we were able to hire an Executive Secretary, Mrs. Christine Abbott, who comes to us from Omaha College of Business where she has been employed as an instructor for the past five years. Chris is a Past Matron of her Eastern Star Chapter and has a good working knowledge of all phases of Masonry.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Frankie Cotner, our Secretary and Mrs. Patricia Jensen, our Comptroller, for the many extra hours of work they have contributed in order that the home can operate more efficiently. These administrative functions of the home operate at a high level of excellence and efficiency, and all the members of our management and administrative staff are dedicated to providing the very best of service to our residents as well as controlling our costs and expenditures.

I would also like to thank all of the Masonic Bodies which have given so much to The Nebraska Masonic Home. To the Grand Master and all the Grand Officers, as well as the office staff of the Grand Lodge, your help has been invaluable during this past year. To the officers and members of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 A.:F.: & A.:M.:, to Home Chapter No. 189 Order of the Eastern Star of Plattsmouth and to the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you. Home Chapter No. 189 in Plattsmouth has also been available to provide a delicious picnic dinner for our residents as well as

providing other help when needed. You all do so much for the home and it would be impossible to adequately convey our appreciation.

I would also like to give a special thank you to the Order of Eastern Star Grand Chapter; the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Bonnie Brasel; the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. James Brown; and Grand Secretary, Shirley Frink for the most generous contributions which were presented to the home at the Grand Chapter meeting last May. The Order of Eastern Star has always been very supportive, not just in terms of financial contribution, but also in many other ways.

We are again gratified by the work and dedication of Mr. Adolph Schlaman for coordinating the Robert D. Boone Memorial Food Truck. This annual gift of food is given to our residents of the home by Nebraska Masons from the Grand Island and central Nebraska area. Good news travels fast in Masonic circles and Brother Schlaman has begun to receive donations from across Nebraska from members of other lodges who wish to contribute to this fine project. This is indeed one of the most important contributions we receive during the year.

Once again this year Mr. and Mrs. Heuermann of Phillips, Nebraska have made us the benefactors of their charitable trust. This year's contribution is being used to purchase and install new carpet in the hallways of the 1924 wing. These halls were last carpeted at the time the apartments were first added in 1978.

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

Our thanks must also go to many others for their time, effort, and prayers which they have so generously shared with us. To Plattsmouth Area Ministerial Association for providing the residents with a weekly church service and monthly communion, we are most grateful. Thanks go to the school administrators and students who have contributed much by their support and presence at various activities of the home. To Mayor Ron Buethe of Plattsmouth and the City Council, we send our thanks for the excellent spirit of cooperation we have received in the many activities involving the City and its various departments. To the Narcissus Chapter, Kensington a special thank you for providing a residents' picnic each summer. This brings a great deal of enjoyment to all of our residents. To the Tangier Mobil Nobles and Chanters for their constant support and appearances at the home—a very special thank you.

It would truly be impossible to adequately thank our Board of Trustees who, under the dynamic leadership of the Honorable Harry A. Spencer, have given literally thousands of hours of work and service to our home. Ours is truly a working Board, and they are constantly on call to give advice to myself as well as the staff. The Trustees and staff of the home are always looking for innovative ways in which we can be of further service to our senior Masonic population.

I would be totally remiss if I did not give my personal as well as professional thanks to Worshipful Brother Dick Brasel for the faithful assistance he gave to

me as well as the home in overseeing the recently completed construction project. Dick made many trips to the home, sometimes as many as three or four a week, to work with our architect, the construction company and our Chief Engineer Mr. Monte Hackwith in order to ensure that every phase of the construction progressed smoothly and according to specifications.

This past year has not been without its frustrations. During the Halloween ice storm in October of this past year, we lost our city power for a period of approximately 36 hours. We were able to provide uninterrupted power to our facility thanks to the new generator which was part of last year's remodel project. This storm, however, did cost us the loss of four of our valued trees on our grounds and damage to some 23 others. At this point in time we are unsure of how many of these damaged trees will actually survive come spring.

The recent remodeling project on the 1952 wing caused some minor inconveniences for our residents and employees. There were many times when our work schedules had to be interrupted, and it was a constant challenge to continue to provide the excellent service to our residents that we are known for. The result of the remodeling project is 20 more beautiful apartments for independent living as well as new administrative offices and this beautiful new board room.

In conclusion let me say what a pleasure it has been the last four years to be a part of such a fine organization as The Nebraska Masonic Home. I am truly proud to be a part of the progress and innovation that is taking place here at our home. As in past years my pledge to each of you is that the entire staff of the home will do their very best to ensure we give our residents the very best care possible and to operate the home in an efficient and professional manner. Our commitment is to excellence. We ask each of you for your continuing support and prayers in caring for our brothers and sisters.

Fraternally submitted,  
Arthur R. Sharp  
Executive Director

#### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME**

*Thomas W. Tye, PGM, 46*

As reported to you last year, the undersigned was employed as your Director of Development on March 1, 1990 having been given certain duties and responsibilities and reporting directly to the Executive Director and the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home. I wish to report to you that I am no longer the Director of Development for The Nebraska Masonic Home for on March 15, 1991 the Internal Revenue Service granted the tax exempt status of the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation giving it proper exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a result thereof and a meeting of the Board of Directors of The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation on the 9th day of July, 1991 the undersigned was employed as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation and answerable to said Board and its President, Most

Worshipful Brother Harry A. Spencer.

I do however wish to give to you this report of my acts and doings during the past year. More than 20 presentations were made by the undersigned with the slide show presentation and distribution of materials on The Nebraska Masonic Home and its facilities. Those presentations were made to various Masonic organizations, Star Chapters, Masonic Lodges, and community organizations. We are always happy to offer this presentation as a program at any Masonic or community meeting and I urge anyone who is interested to make contact with me to schedule such a presentation. As reported to you last year we created the annual giving program entitled "The Caring Club" and at the time of the annual report in January of 1991 we had raised a little over \$61,000 with the final tabulation for the 1991 Caring Club exceeding \$82,000 for the year. This was most gratifying to your Board of Trustees and to your Director of Development and encouraged us to continue this program of annual giving. I am pleased to inform you that as of the preparation of this report the contributions to the Caring Club for 1992 exceeds \$66,000. Recognition and acknowledgement of our Caring Club members was printed in the December issue of the Nebraska Mason along with a short report with reference to the Caring Club Dinner held at The Nebraska Masonic Home on July 13, 1991. The Caring Club Dinner in 1991 was a tremendous success with well over 100 in attendance. We appreciate very much the efforts of the staff at The Nebraska Masonic Home in hosting the Caring Club Dinner. The Caring Club Dinner for 1992 has been scheduled for May 30, 1992 at Cody Park in North Platte, Nebraska to be catered by the Lexington BBQ Company. We hope again to have a good turnout and attendance by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers as well as many members of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

As a result of our continued effort to develop planned giving we have this year had a very definite increase in inquiries with reference to life annuities as well as charitable trust. Your Executive Director with the guidance of the Board of Trustees is moving, with the aid and assistance of a special committee to be appointed by the President, to create and enact forms which can be used for private and life annuities, benefiting not only the annuitant but The Nebraska Masonic Home. We are also working toward the formalization of trust agreements which can be highly beneficial not only to the donor but eventually to The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation and ultimately of course to the residents of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

During 1991 the home received close to \$362,000 in bequests and we have in progress approximately \$275,000 in bequests currently under administration or trust provisions and yet to be received by the home. We are eternally grateful for those individuals who see fit to provide for The Nebraska Masonic Home in their Wills and Trusts and the foundations, for without this continuing support we would soon be unable to continue the operations and provide for our residents in the manner in which they have become accustomed and in accordance with our Masonic obligations. We should continue to remember that in the future, even though our needs are great our donors give not solely because of those

needs but primarily for the results which we as Masons and as The Nebraska Masonic Home are able to achieve with the funds which we receive. The charity that talks results is the one that receives our attention and our continuing support and contribution. Your Nebraska Masonic Home Is A Charity Of Action And A Charity Of Results In The Finest Masonic Tradition.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas W. Tye  
Executive Director  
The Nebraska Masonic Home  
Foundation

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

*Everett K. Dappen, 265, Chairman*

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

To the committee on Jurisprudence:

- ...the section on General Consents and approvals
- ...the section on Decisions
- ...the section on Recommendations

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

- ...the section on Consolidations

To the Committee on Grievances:

- ...the section on Reinstatements
- ...the section on Trial Commissions

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

- ...the section on Necrology

The address reflects the interest of the Grand Master on the future prosperity and vitality of Masonry in Nebraska. He and his fine staff of Officers have driven countless miles and put in many hours helping the subordinate Lodges with cornerstone layings, celebrations, degree work, etc. on behalf of the Craft.

We recommend that all matters not herein specifically referred to committee be approved.

#### **Review of the Report of the Grand Secretary**

We recommend that the report be referred as follows:

The Committee on Returns:

...the section on Returns

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

...the section on Consolidations

...the section on Chartered Lodges

To the Committee on Grievances:

...the section on Grievances

To the Committee on Finances:

...all financial reports and schedules relating to funds.

The Grand Secretary has done an outstanding job and has earned the respect and gratitude of the entire craft for the fine manner he has helped the Subordinate Lodges the past year, and has always been available to help the Subordinate Lodges with their problems.

### **Review of the Report of the Grand Custodian**

We recommend that the report be forwarded to the Committee on Nebraska Work for their guidance. We can all be proud of the Grand Custodian and his Deputies for their efforts on behalf of the Craft during the past year, sometimes under trying circumstances.

In closing we exhort the Officers of the Subordinate Lodges to put forth as much effort as the Grand Master and his Officers on behalf of the Craft and we could see a growth in our membership.



The Grand Master then requested and received a motion to reprint pages 285, 286 and 287 of the June 1962 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in these proceedings. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously. The stipulated pages are here reprinted.

### **PRESENTATION OF GAVEL, STRIKING BLOCK AND CASE**

*M.:W.: Herbert T. White, Past Grand Master:*

*M.:W.: Grand Master and Members of this Grand Lodge, I have a duty to perform this morning which is pleasant, yet overshadowed by the illness of the donor of this article. I represent here this morning in this presentation one who has been with us so much in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska that we really consider him a part of this Grand Lodge because he is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado and a former resident of Nebraska.*

*Some years ago when he was Grand Master of Colorado, his*

*term of office coincided very closely with mine as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He has been afflicted with an incurable disease. This great Mason, M.:W.: Charles H. Mantz, is know in Colorado as "Mr. Mason". He was here a year ago and had hoped to be with us this year but because of the necessity for frequent confinement in the hospital and surgery, this great soul was unable to be here and has requested that I make this presentation for him. He is very fond of our Grand Master and he has sent along a letter which I would like to read at this time.*

*To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of The Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:*

*Greetings to you my dear Brethren:*

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity",— With that true and faithful love and affection which is the foundation and cement and glory of this ancient fraternity and of you and me therein.*

*For many years you, and each of you, have extended to me that warm fraternal friendship, regard, and wonderfully fine courtesies and attentions for which you are so justly famous, and I am deeply grateful to you for the same, and filled with appreciation and reciprocating affection.*

*At this time, if you will be so kind as to permit me, I should like to present to this M.:W.: Grand Lodge this Masonic gavel, striking block, and case, for the use of M.:W.: Brother, the Honorable Herbert A. Ronin, reigning Grand Master, and his successors in office "ad infinitum", with the fond wish to them that it raps only in peace and accord and achievement and for the Glory of the Grand Lodge.*

*Desiring this gavel to be unusual and unique - a "one of its kind" I designed it myself and had it fashioned and carved by Brother Lorn Wallace, our foremost wood-carver in Denver. It is made of "cocabola" a rare, hard, vary-grained cabinet wood found in the central rain forests of the Amazon River in Brazil. The striking block is of a distinct type of rosewood, comes from Indo China, and because of its ringing qualities is used by the natives out there to make their marimba keys. The box was fashioned by Brother Stephen Jones Smith, a Welsh cabinet maker. The silver plates were made platinum plated so they won't tarnish, and engraved by Brother Charles Glasman, a manufacturing jeweler. I forgot to say that the box is of old Colorado black walnut. A tree*

*nearly extinct here.*

*Now for the gavel and its design. Its style was adapted from a wooden hammer I saw in the museum at Cairo, Egypt, and also depicted on an ancient Egyptian Fresco. Its shape is that which we use "to break off the corners of rough stones". The handle is curved and flattened at the end so that the gavel stands upright on its base, and the whole is carved with a grapevine, leaves and bunches of ripe grapes.*

*The left face of the gavel, as it stands upright on its base, depicts a scene from "that beautiful legend veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols and emblems". It is esoteric and its true interpretation is know only to you.*

*We stand on a hill west of Mount Moriah "where our weary brothers sat down to rest". In the background is Mt. moriah upon which King Solomon's Temple was being built. Immediately at our feet is a long mound of earth and small rocks — "due East and West". In the background to the north are Laurel shrubs and an Olive tree. Against the south face of the mound, and at its west end lies an uprooted small Acacia tree, and father to the east, or right, an hour-glass - "emblem of human life here, etc," with the sands run out. At the east end of the Mound stands a broken Ionic column with a plumb-jewel of the South, carved on its base. To the east of the broken column stands rampant the "lion of the Tribe of Judah", with its right forepaw resting on and supporting the top of the column and its right rear foot planted against the base of the column. On the lion's head rests the crown of King Solomon as depicted on an old stone freize.*

*The right face of the gavel is monitorial and its emblems symbols and furniture are found therein. It depicts, among other things, a Lodge room from the Grand Master's station in the East. Immediately in front of you, and at the bottom of the face, are the three steps and across the floor towards the top are the two steps, this bounding the room. In front of the three steps is delineated the Mosaic Pavement with the Blazing Star — an emblem of Divine Providence, in the center thereof. In the center of the Lodge stands the Altar with the Great Light open thereon and the Square and Compasses displayed - all as viewed by the Grand Master in the East. On the East face of the Altar is the rayed letter "G", and underneath at the base is the Master's Square, resting with anglepoint upward. About the Alta, in the proper positions, are the representatives of the three Lesser Lights. On either side of the Altar and in the West stand the two brazen pillars surmounted by the globes; the base of the pillar on the right*

bearing a letter "J" and the one on the left a letter "B"; also, the symbol of the level and of the plumb respectively. Above all, at the top of the gavel face is a rayed "All-seeing eye"; to the left thereof a Sun and to the right a Moon and Stars; an ever-ready reminder of a Grand Master's position, his meaning, and his responsibilities.

On the front face of the gavel is a representation of a classical Past Grand Master's jewel. The compasses open on the quadrant of a circle, degreed. The square 'neath the compasses point downward and are resting on the quadrant. In the center between the sides of the square and the points of the compasses - a radiant sun. Surrounding all of this is a Wreath of wheat and laurel.

Surmounting the jewel as tho it were a crest is the "Trowel" - point downward. Herein lies the significance of this whole gift and what prompted it. "The Trowel is an implement, etc. etc.-; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection; etc., etc.,-".

\*-Read the inscriptions on the base of the gavel and on the box.

I sincerely, hope that this gift pleases you and gives you some comprehension of the joy I have in making it. I most sincerely hope that you will cause your Grand Masters to make use of it at least a part of the time and not just lay it up in the archives of the Lodge as a Memorial. Then I will be with you in mind and spirit at all times. My affection and best wishes to you all.

Charles H. Mantz"



The Grand Master then declared the several officers of The Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, for the year 1992, installed in due and ample form and directed the Grand Marshal to proclaim the same to the Brethren, that they, having due notice thereof, may govern themselves accordingly.

Proclamation was duly made by the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Master then led the brethren in the Grand Honors.

## PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON AND PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

Past Grand Master Charles W. Amidon made formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.:W.: James N. DeMoss.



Newly installed M.:W.: Grand Master Eatmon announced the dates for next year's Grand Lodge as February 4th, 5th and 6th, 1992, in Kearney, at the Holiday Inn.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Michael E. Jones led the delegation in prayer.

*"Brethren, let us pray. Heavenly Father and Master of the Universe, as we prepare to depart, we give you thanks for affording us this chance to gather together to complete our fraternal labors. We thank you for the blessings being bestowed upon us as our fraternity strives to go forth in the promotion of brotherly love, relief and truth. As we prepare to depart, well up in each of us a sense of pride, dedication and commitment to our families, our communities, and our fraternity. Now we implore your blessing, to give each and every one here assembled safe journey home. For we ask it always in your name, Amen."*

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master James L. Eatmon then closed the 135th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in ample form.

Organization  
of  
**Grand Lodge**  
A.:F.: & A.:M.:  
of Nebraska



Omaha, Nebraska  
February 7th & 8th, 1992

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.: W.:	James N. DeMoss	GRAND MASTER
R.: W.:	James L. "Sonny" Eatmon	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.:	Donald L. Pohlman	Grand Senior Warden
R.: W.:	Steven F. Mattoon	Grand Junior Warden
R.: W.:	Don E. Rasmussen	Grand Secretary
V.: W.:	Michael E. Jones	Grand Chaplain
W.:	Virgil L. Tubach	Grand Orator
W.:	Arthur R. Sharp	Grand Historian
W.:	A. S. "Gus" Scolaro	Grand Custodian
W.:	Kenneth G. Fleming	Grand Marshal
W.:	Jerry L. Rittenburg	Grand Senior Deacon
W.:	V. Kaye Ramsey	Grand Junior Deacon
W.:	Marvin M. Andersen	Grand Senior Steward
W.:	Philip A. Lorenzen	Grand Junior Steward
W.:	Charles E. "Ched" House	Grand Tyler

## Past Grand Masters

### Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge

#### A.:F.: & A.: M.: of Nebraska

BENJAMIN F. EYRE, 1	(81st)	1946
Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth 68048		
THOMAS J. ARON, 37	(86th)	1951
1013 Boswell, Crete 68333		
HERBERT A. RONIN, 210	(96th)	1961
4645 Bryan Circle, Lincoln 68506		
ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 32	(97th)	1962
Box 303, Gothenburg 69138		
HARRY A. SPENCER, 227	(99th)	1964
1500 Crestview, Lincoln 68506		
LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, 281	(100th)	1965
801 South 52nd, No. 2105, Omaha 68106		
HUGH W. EISENHART, 150	(104th)	1969
Box 250, Cambridge 69022		
FRANK J. MATTOON, 75	(108th)	1973
2613 El Rancho Road, Sidney 69162		
DONALD R. SWANSON, 54	(109th)	1974
1615 South 44th, Lincoln 68506		
HAROLD HULTMAN, 39	(110th)	1975
9 Whitwick Lane, Bella Vista, AR 72714		
T. LEO STINES, 36, 323	(111th)	1976
2404 21st Avenue, Central City 68826		
JACK H. HENDRIX, 174	(113th)	1978
506 North Cherokee Drive, McCook 69001		
WARREN D. LICHTY, JR., 314	(114th)	1979
P.O. Box 2559, Lincoln 68502		
BYRON C. JENKINS, 325	(115th)	1980
3523 Comstock Avenue, Omaha 68123		
PAUL R. PIERCE, 50	(117th)	1982
518 Oswego, Hastings 68901		
BEVIN B. BUMP, 158	(118th)	1983
Box 1140, Chadron 69337		
ROBERT A. METCALF, 210	(119th)	1984-85
1440 Imperial, Lincoln 68520		
CHARLES W. AMIDON, 281, 327	(120th)	1986
1706 Hillside Drive, Omaha 68114		

WAYNE G. LUENENBORG, 32,39 . . . (121st) . . . . . 1987  
2202 West 'D', North Platte 69101

PAUL R. EVELAND, 119 . . . . . (122nd) . . . . . 1988  
RR 1, Ames 68621

THOMAS W. TYE, 46 . . . . . (123rd) . . . . . 1989  
21 Red Fox Lane, Kearney 68847

JOHN M. McHENRY, 19 . . . . . (124th) . . . . . 1990  
6940 'O' Street #326, Lincoln 68510

CARL R. GRIESEN, 32 . . . . . (HONORARY) . . . . . 1966  
Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth 68048

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## GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

(Per § 1-301 of Grand Lodge Bylaws)

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### **Jurisprudence (§1-304: 5 Past Grand Masters —5 year term)**

- Chm. Harry A. Spencer, 227 (1992), 1500 Crestview, Lincoln 68506, 402-489-4949  
Charles W. Amidon, 281 (1993), 1706 Hillside Dr., Omaha 68114, 402-391-2657  
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Robert A. Metcalf, 210 (1995), 1440 Imperial, Lincoln 68520, 402-474-6161  
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#### **Fraternal Relations (§1-305: 3 to 5 members)**

- Chm. Lawrence J. Zwart, 11, 7336 Lawndale Dr., Omaha 68134, 402-221-4806  
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#### **Fraternal Dead (§1-307: 3 to 5 members)**

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Rev. John F. Dale, 135, P.O. Box 292, Stromsburg 68666-0292, 402-729-2247  
Virgil Tubach, 54, 2235 So. 57th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-471-7471

#### **Masonic Relief (§1-308: 5 members —5 year term)**

- Chm. Arnold F. Mains, 15 (1992), 350 E. 23rd St., Fremont 68025, 402-721-6673  
Gary L. Martin, 46 (1993), 1 Wedge Way, Kearney 68847, 308-236-9490  
Jerry Sievers, 256 (1994), 3500 Prescott Ave., Lincoln 68506, 402-489-8408  
James W. Keebaugh, 183 (1995), 1023 Yellowstone, Alliance 69301, 308-762-5107  
Ron Osborne, 256, (1996) 5950 Elk Crest Drive, Lincoln 68516, 402-471-4545

#### **Temple Building Advisory (§1-309: 3 members —3 year term)**

- Chm. Richard Nelson, Jr., 281 (1992), 10915 N. 62nd St., Omaha 68152, 402-457-4800  
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Ivan Vrtiska, 327 (1993) 9411 Corby, Omaha 68134, 402-334-9333

#### **Masonic Education (§1-310: 6 members—3 year term)**

- Chm. B. Lynn Alexander, 54 (1994), 3701 'O' St., Suite B-2, Lincoln 68510, 402-435-6148  
J. Eugene Jorgensen, 210 (1993), 1920 N. 53rd St., Lincoln 68504, 402-466-9571  
William G. Hurst, 54 (1993), 450 So. 52nd St., Lincoln 68510, 402-489-3234  
Thomas F. Simpson, Jr., 54 & 326 (1992), 2556 So. 125th, Omaha 68144-7238,  
402-391-1697  
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Albert A. Wise, 79, (1994) P.O. Box 63, Geneva 68361, 402-759-3869

#### **Board of Grand Trustees (§1-401: 5 members —5 year term)**

- Chm. Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1 (1993), 8805 Indian Hills Dr. #250, Omaha 68114, 402-392-2606  
Herman A. Wiebers, 54 (1992), 822 Eastridge Dr., Lincoln 68510, 402-488-0671  
Donald J. Schonberg, 327 (1994), 12205 Leavenworth, Omaha 68154, 402-390-7529

Richard Emery, 19 (1995), 1740 Pinedale Ave., Lincoln 68506, 402-488-5746  
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**Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund (\$1-311: 3 to 5 members)**

Chm. Bernard L. Paden, 15 & 119, RR 4, Doves Cove, Fremont 68025, 402-721-0747  
Francis L. Crowe, 56, 1701 Lincoln Ave., York 68467, 402-362-3536  
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Gayle Angus, 261 & 297, 4300 Cornhusker Hwy. E-6, Lincoln 68504-1667, 402-466-4042  
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**Nebraska Work (\$1-314: 3 Past Grand Masters—3 year term)**

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John M. McHenry, 19, (1994), 6940 'O' St. #326, Lincoln 68510, 402-464-5500  
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**Finance (\$1-318: 5 members—5 year term)**

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Don R. Monnette, 105 (1992), RR 2, Box 45, Humboldt 68376, 402-862-2664  
Ben D. Fussell, 79 (1993), 1610 G St., Geneva 68361-2219, 402-759-3506  
Lawrence Chandler, 325 (1994), 411 E. 22nd Ave., Bellevue 68005, 402-291-2839  
David L. Knutson, 302, c/o Farmers Natl., 11516 Nicholas St., Omaha 68154, 402-496-3276

**Appropriations (\$1-325: 5 members—5 year term)**

Chm. John D. VerMaas, 256 (1994), PO Box 6293, Lincoln 68506, 402-423-3860  
Ivan Vrtiska, 327 (1996) 9411 Corby, Omaha 68134, 402-334-9333  
Robert A. Carhart, 120 (1992), PO Box 430, Wayne 68787, 402-375-2976  
Karl Rasmussen, IV, 15 (1993), 1877 E. 12th St., Fremont 68025, 402-727-4108  
Gary Radil, 268 (1995), 1533 S. 79th St., Omaha 68124, 402-344-0500

**Grand Lodge Office (\$1-321: 5 members—5 year term)**

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James L. Eatmon, 294 (1995), PO Box 70, Kimball 69145, 308-235-2810  
Scott Eveland, 119 (1992), RR 1, Ames 68621, 402-721-3298  
Daniel J. Roth, 54 (1993), 1125 Lamplighter, Lincoln 68510, 402-476-2731  
James N. DeMoss, 325 (1994), 612 No. 3rd St., Bellevue 68005, 402-734-2866

Ex-officio:

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**Lodge Advisory (\$1-327: 3 members—3 year term)**

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Marvin Colson, 228 (1993), 509 Simpson St., Bartley 69020, 308-692-3448

**Public Relations (\$1-322: 5 members—5 year term)**

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Benjiman Harvey, 119 (1993), PO Box R, Fremont 68025, 402-721-1185  
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Ainsworth 69210, 402-387-1394  
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**Youth (§1-326: 3 to 5 members)**

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Don Mears, 3, 13630 Montclair Dr., Omaha 68144, 402-334-9145  
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Kirk Brown, 15, 1948 N. Park Ave., Fremont 68025, 402-721-6239

**Codification of the Law (§1-315: 3 to 5 members—3 year term)**

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Gary W. Radil, 268 (1992) 1533 So. 79th St., Omaha 68124, 402-397-5586

## Regular Committees

### **Grievances (§1-316: 3 to 5 members)**

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Bevin B. Bump, 158, Box 1140, Chadron 69337, 308-432-4411  
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### **Doings of the Grand Lodge Officers (§1-317: 3 to 5 members)**

Chm. Everett Dappen, 265, 602 W. 29th St., Scottsbluff 69361, 308-632-8640  
Roy L. Kiser, 143, P.O. Box 236, Cedar Rapids 68627, 308-358-0250  
Alfred L. Andrews, 79, 1017 'J' St., Geneva 68361, 402-759-4425

### **Charters and Dispensations (§1-319: 3 to 5 members)**

Chm. Don L. McCoy, 11, 3704 Gordon, Omaha 68105, 402-392-1752  
Don Madsen, 11, 5322 No. 45th St., Omaha 68104, 402-451-1057  
Joseph R. Doyle, 11, 5625 Grand Avenue, Omaha 68104, 402-451-6911

### **Credentials (§1-301 & §1-320: 3 to 7 members)**

Chm. Norris L. Rusmisell, 46, 3412 4th Ave., Kearney 678847, 308-237-2319  
Delmar Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848, 308-237-9234  
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Herbert P. Taylor, 325, 1808 Franklin, Bellevue 68005, 402-291-0292  
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Larry V. Smith, 38, 315 Northern Heights, Seward 68434, 402-643-2931

### **Entertainment of Distinguished Guests (§1-323: 3 to 5 members)**

Chm. Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327, 13448 Burdette St., Omaha 68164-4016, 402-392-7902  
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Leslie E. Smith, 198, 803 Shopp Dr., Imperial 69033, 308-882-5175

### **Returns (§1-324: 3 to 5 members)**

(No appointments to Returns Committee)

## Special Committees

May be appointed at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master or at the direction of the Grand Lodge.

### Grand Lodge Program Committee

- Chm. James L. Eatmon, 294 (1995), PO Box 70, Kimball 69145, 308-235-2810  
(1991-1992)  
James N. DeMoss, 325, 612 North 3rd St., Bellevue 68005, 402-734-2866  
V. Kaye Ramsey, 290 & 317, 14522 Patrick Ave., Omaha 68116, 402-498-2821  
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(1991-1993)  
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(1991-1994)  
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Willotte Medow, 55, 3404 Rolling Hills Dr., Norfolk 68701, 402-371-9539  
Marvin Andersen, 5, 1710 Mulberry, Box 26, Dakota City 68731, 402-987-3389  
(1991-1995)  
Steven F. Mattoon, 75, PO Box 316, Sidney 69162, 308-254-5595  
Michael E. Jones, 173 & 51, PO Box 229, David City 68632, 402-367-3342  
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### Grand Lodge Social Committee

- Chm. Carole J. DeMoss, 612 North 3rd Street, Bellevue 68005, 800-832-9502  
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### Nebraska Masonic Task Force

NOTE: This is a special committee, called by invitation of the Grand Master, chaired by the Grand Junior Warden, and is composed of representatives named and appointed by Grand York Rite bodies of Nebraska; AASR Valleys of Omaha, Lincoln, Hastings and Alliance, AAONOMS Shrine Temples of Omaha, Lincoln and Hastings; Grand Chapter of Nebraska of the Order of Eastern Star; Grand Guardian Council of the International Order of Job's Daughters; Grand Advisory Board of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls; and Executive Officer of the Order of DeMolay for Boys.

# Grand Custodian

Augustine S. Scolaro  
801 5th Street North  
Bellevue, Nebraska 68005

## Deputy Grand Custodians and Their Districts

NAME APPOINTED

### District #1

**Roy L. Smith, 6, 12200 24th Street, Plattsmouth 68048-7802 . . . . .1989**  
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Western Star #2, Nebraska City; Plattsmouth #6, Plattsmouth;  
Springfield #112, Springfield

### District #2

**Herbert M. Chambers, 288, 3724 Ames, Omaha 68111, 402-455-4938 . . . . .1991**  
Solomon #10, Fort Calhoun; Covert #11, Omaha; Florence #281,  
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#302, Omaha

### District #3

**LeRoy Crye, 328, 13906 Hickory St., Omaha 68137, 402-334-8991 . . . . .1990**  
Capitol #3, Omaha; Bee Hive #184, Omaha; George W. Lininger #268,  
Omaha; Centennial #326, Omaha; Shiloh #327, Omaha; Miloma #328,  
Omaha

### District #4

**James E. Cornish, 31, RR 2, Box 102, Tekamah 68061, 402-374-1135 . . . . .1976**  
Washington #21, Blair; Tekamah #31, Tekamah; Oakland #91, Oakland;  
Landmark #222, Herman; George Armstrong #241, Craig

### District #5

**Ronald D. Grass, 31, 420 No. 13th, Tekamah 68061, 402-374-2689 . . . . .1990**  
Omaha #5, So. Sioux City; Jordan #27, West Point; Magnolia #220,  
Emerson; Pilot #240, Lyons; Olive Branch #274, Walthill

### 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, RR 1, Box 99, Table Rock 68447, 402-839-2955 . . . . .1988**  
Falls City #9, Falls City; Pawnee #23, Pawnee City; Humboldt #40,  
Humboldt; Stella #105, Stella; Table Rock #108, Table Rock; Upright  
#137, Burchard

**District #8**

**John C. Sierks, 4, RR 1, Box 15, Brownville 68321, 402-825-6061 . . . . .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, 402-944-7014 . . . . .1960**  
Wahoo #59, Wahoo; Waterloo #102, Elkhorn; Pomegranate #110,  
Ashland; Comet #229, Ceresco; Victory #310, Valley

**District #10**

**Steven A. Green, 54, 2635 So. 12th St., Lincoln 68502, 402-477-9055 . . . . .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 So. 67th, Lincoln 68516, 402-421-2711 . . . . .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 No. 28th, Beatrice 68310, 402-223-2465 . . . . .1989**  
Beatrice #26, Beatrice; Fairbury #35, Fairbury; Wymore #104, Wymore;  
Barneston #165, Barneston

**District #14**

**To Be Appointed**

Garfield #95, O'Neill; Atkinson #164, Atkinson; Gilead #233, Butte;  
Bassett #254, Bassett; Ornan #261, Spencer

**District #15**

**To Be Appointed**

Northern Light #41, Stanton; Mosaic #55, Norfolk; Wisner #114,  
Wisner; Fraternity #235, Winside; Newman Grove #305, Newman Grove

**District #16**

**Lynn Doty, 251, Box 178, Wausa 68786, 402-586-2341 . . . . .1977**  
Ionic #87, Niobrara; Plainview #204, Plainview; Bloomfield #218,  
Bloomfield; Wausa #251, Wausa; Diamond #291, Orchard

**District #17**

**Victor D. Hunt, 62, RR 1, Box 9, Phillips 68865, 402-886-2960 . . . . .1976**  
Keystone #62, Phillips; Aurora #68, Aurora; Cement #211, Wood River;  
Friendship #239, Chapman

**District #18**

**Arthur S. Dye, 317, 910 N. Jefferson, Hastings 68901, 402-463-2015 . . . . .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, RR 1, Box 31, Osceola 68651, 402-747-8481 . . . .1967**  
Fidelity #51, David City; Osceola #65, Osceola; Composite #81, Rising  
City; Mt. Zion #161, Shelby; Lebanon #323, Columbus

**District #20**

**Scott Krieger, 317, 810 N. Briggs, Hastings 68901, 402-463-4491 . . . . .1990**  
Lone Tree #36, Central City; Albion #78, Albion; Cedar River #89,  
Fullerton; Solar #134, Clarks; Crescent #143, Primrose

**District #21**

**Wayne E. Beatty, 126, RR 2, Box 116, Stromsburg 68666, 402-764-3950 . . .1984**  
York #56, York; Mount Nebo #125, Genoa; Stromsburg #126,  
Stromsburg; Polk #311, Polk

**District #22**

**To Be Appointed**

Ashlar #33, Grand Island; St. Paul #82, St. Paul; Porter #106, Loup City;  
Lotus #289, Ravenna; Cairo #324, Cairo

**District #23**

**D. Wayne Erickson, 146, 1010 Garfield, Holdrege 68949, 308-995-4092 . . . .1970**  
Melrose #60, Orleans; Republican #98, Republican City; Jachin #146,  
Holdrege; Monument #293, Arapahoe

**District #24**

**Ralph E. McNulty, 61, Box 83, Cozad 69130, 308-784-3129 . . . . .1975**  
Platte Valley #32, North Platte; Rob Morris #46, Kearney; Thistle #61,  
Lexington; Elwood #167, Elwood; James A. Tulleys #267, Overton

**District #25**

**Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135, 1103 West 2nd St., McCook 69001 . . . . .1990**  
**308-345-3669**  
McCook #135, McCook; Cambridge #150, Cambridge; Culbertson  
#174, Culbertson; Bartley #228, Bartley; Endeavor #262, Indianola

**District #26**

**Arthur J. Ferguson, 221, RR 2, Box 2, Wood Lake 69221, 402-967-3361 . . .1979**  
Long Pine #136, Long Pine; Minnekadusa #192, Valentine; Wood Lake  
#221, Wood Lake; Silver Cord #224, Ainsworth; Seneca #284, Thedford

**District #27**

**Keith B. Leibhart, 148, RR 1, Box 62, Merna 68856-9735 . . . . .1990**  
Ord #103, Ord; Custer #148, Broken Bow; Mason City #170, Mason  
City; Blazing Star #200, Burwell; Parian #207, Callaway

**District #28**

**V. Rosenberger, 183, PO Box 95, Hemingford 69348-0095, 308-487-3965 . . .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, 308-282-0214 . . . . .1984**  
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, 308-623-2359 . . .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 L. Carley, 75, PO Box 1, Dalton 69131, 308-377-2511 . . . . .1990**  
Frank Welch #75, Sidney; Golden Fleece #205, Chappell; Oshkosh  
#286, Oshkosh; Kimball #294, Kimball; Golden Rod #306, Lodgepole

**District #32**

**Roger L. Shillington, 180, RR 1, Box 13, Max 69037, 308-423-2547 . . . . .1976**  
Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198,  
Imperial; Palisade #216, Palisade

**District #33**

**Harry L. Saum, 308, P.O. Box 261, Grant 69140, 308-352-4889 . . . . .1979**  
Ogallala #159, Ogallala; Wallace #279, Wallace; Sutherland #299,  
Sutherland; Perkins #308, Grant

**District #34**

**Gerald D. Verbeek, 15, 1550 No. Lincoln St., Fremont 68025 . . . . .1990**  
**402-727-9296**  
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, 402-733-9081 . . . . .1987**  
Nebraska #1, Omaha; St. Johns #25, Omaha; Papillion #39, Papillion;  
Bellevue #325, Bellevue

**District #36**

**Deon D. Eberly, 314, 3765 B St., Lincoln 68510, 402-471-0490 . . . . .1988**  
Crete #37, Crete; Blue Valley #64, Wilber; 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, 402-759-3506 . . . . .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 So. Montgomery St., Nelson 68961 . . . . .1989**  
**402-225-3521**  
Hebron #43, Hebron; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily #154, Davenport; Chester #298, Chester

**Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti**

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| Louis V. Sylvester, 281     | 801 So. 52nd St. #2105, Omaha 68106  |
| Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314   | 3001 So. 51st St., #2206, Lincoln 68506  |
| Sebert A. Stover, 281       | 4228 Larimore Ave., Omaha 68111  |
| Clifford D. Webster, 75     | 5801 W. Crestridge Rd. #D302<br>Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274<br>Box 644, Bayard 69334 |
| Frank H. Smith, 301         | 2404 21st Ave., Central City 68826   |
| T. Leo Stines, 36& 323      | RR 1, Box 72, Pawnee City 68420  |
| Glenn W. Binder, 23         | 1215 No. Howard, Grand Island 68801  |
| Curtis J. Griess, 49        | 2084 No. Lincoln, Fremont 68025  |
| Arnold F. Mains, 15         | 7570 East Speedway 617, Tucson, AZ 85710   |
| Harold A. Tilton, 291       | 39 Waleny Dr., Bella Vista, AR 72712   |
| Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9    | Beaver City Manor, Beaver City 68926   |
| Paul D. Fleming, 293        | 5745 Baldwin, Lincoln 68507  |
| Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210   | 2531 Iowa St., Omaha 68112   |
| Mannie O. Hansen, 1         | 2615 Randolph, Lincoln 68510   |
| Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210   | 8521 California, Omaha 68114   |
| Herman O. Hansen, 3         | 507 Augusta, Bassett 68714   |
| Richard L. Mauch, 254 & 136 | 602 W. 29th St., Scottsbluff 69361<br>Box 3, Nelson 68961                              |
| Everett K. Dappen, 265      | 1925 No. Platte Ave., Fremont 68025  |
| Frank R. Harris, 77         | RR 2, Box 225, Broken Bow 68822  |
| W. Dale Page, 15            | 3704 Gordon Street, Omaha 68105  |
| Alfred Peltzer, 148         |  |
| Don L. McCoy, 11            |  |

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	Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1991	Membership Dec. 31, 1990	Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Deaths	Demitted		Suspended	Withdrawn	Termination of Dual	Other Causes	Total Loss
	0	0	385	0	1	0	3	0	0	4	12	2	15	0	0	1	30	359
1 - Nebraska	0	0	264	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	11	7	4	0	0	0	22	246
2 - Western Star	5	4	214	2	0	0	2	0	15	19	8	4	12	0	0	20	213	
3 - Capitol	0	1	43	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	42	
4 - Nemaha Valley	0	1	213	11	10	1	2	0	0	0	8	0	11	0	0	0	19	203
5 - Omadi	4	4	256	0	1	0	0	0	0	23	7	1	0	0	0	0	9	270
6 - Plattsmouth	11	11	106	0	1	0	0	0	0	22	2	3	6	0	1	0	12	116
9 - Falls City	1	0	92	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	1	5	89
10 - Solomon	0	2	695	8	1	0	13	0	0	22	23	4	19	0	0	46	671	
11 - Covert	9	8	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	26	0	
13 - Orient	0	0	52	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	54	
14 - Peru	0	0	442	12	2	3	8	0	0	25	10	1	9	0	0	20	447	
15 - Fremont	10	3	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	80	
17 - Tecumseh	0	0	355	2	1	0	4	0	0	7	12	2	3	0	0	18	344	
19 - Lincoln	4	9	91	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	4	0	1	0	0	5	91	
21 - Washington	2	0	68	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	5	66	
23 - Pawnee	0	2	319	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	15	304	
25 - St. Johns	0	0	256	4	0	2	1	0	0	7	8	1	6	1	0	17	246	
26 - Beatrice	8	6	36	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	38	
27 - Jordan	0	0	51	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	6	45	
30 - Blue River	0	0	169	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	9	164	
31 - Tekamah	4	2	396	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	12	2	13	1	0	28	373	
32 - Platte Valley	3	5	255	0	0	2	0	0	172	7	10	2	13	0	0	25	404	
33 - Ashlar	0	3	101	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	6	102	
34 - Acacia	4	0	122	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	4	0	0	1	119	
35 - Fairbury	1	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	2	95	
36 - Lone Tree	0	1	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	7	118	
37 - Crete	0	2	77	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	76	
38 - Oliver	2	3	486	8	0	0	0	0	5	16	12	3	9	0	0	24	478	
39 - Papillion	7	5	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	4	53	
40 - Humboldt	0	2	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	58	
41 - No. Light	4	1	63	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	5	59	
43 - Hebron	2	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	48	
44 - Harvard	0	0	260	11	3	1	0	0	0	15	8	1	4	0	0	13	262	
46 - Rob Morris	11	0																

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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Deaths	Demitted	Suspended	Withdraw	Termination of Dual			Other Causes				
48 - Fairmont	0	1	0	0	40	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
49 - Evening Star	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	44
50 - Hastings	4	1	3	1	268	7	0	0	2	0	0	9	4	2	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	262	
51 - Fidelity	1	2	1	0	64	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	62	
52 - Hiram	0	1	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	48	
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	76	
54 - Lancaster	13	5	14	1	635	16	1	3	10	0	4	34	19	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	637	
55 - Mosaic	4	4	3	0	219	3	2	1	3	0	0	9	9	1	14	1	1	3	3	0	0	29	199	
56 - York	2	0	2	1	166	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	164	
57 - Mt. Moriah	2	3	0	2	52	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	51	
59 - Wahoo	5	2	5	0	148	5	1	0	1	0	0	7	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	150	
60 - Melrose	0	0	0	0	87	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	70	
61 - Thistle	1	1	1	0	136	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	127	
62 - Keystone	2	1	1	0	61	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	57	
64 - Blue Valley	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	52	
65 - Osceola	0	0	0	0	103	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	6	99		
67 - Edgar	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	34	
68 - Aurora	0	0	1	0	60	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	60	
72 - Hooper	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	65	
73 - Friend	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	38	
75 - Frank Welch	5	2	5	2	231	6	2	1	0	0	1	10	5	0	15	0	0	7	27	0	0	27	214	
77 - Nelson	0	1	0	0	81	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	81		
78 - Albion	5	0	7	1	53	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	58		
79 - Geneva	3	0	5	0	130	6	1	1	0	0	0	8	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	133		
81 - Composite	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	52		
82 - St. Paul	2	1	1	1	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	86		
83 - Corinthian	2	3	4	0	42	4	1	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	
87 - Ionic	0	5	1	3	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	44		
89 - Cedar River					53							0	1										52	
91 - Oakland	1	1	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	5		61		
93 - Beaver City	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	5		37		
94 - Bennet	1	1	1	0	39	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	39		39		
95 - Garfield	0	2	0	1	75	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2			75		
96 - Útica	0	0	0	0	40	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2			40		

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97 - Euclid	1	0	1	0	91	1	3	0	1	0	0	5	2	1	1	0	1	0	5	91
98 - Republican	2	1	1	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	31
102 - Waterloo	3	0	5	0	123	8	1	0	0	0	0	9	2	0	3	0	0	0	5	127
103 - Ord	0	2	0	1	60	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	59
104 - Wymore	1	5	4	4	96	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	96
105 - Stella	2	0	2	1	28	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	30
106 - Porter	0	1	0	1	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
108 - Table Rock	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
110 - Pomegranate	2	1	2	0	171	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	4	169
111 - DeWitt	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	23
112 - Springfield	17	7	20	0	139	20	2	1	0	0	0	23	5	0	3	0	0	0	8	154
114 - Wisner	0	0	0	1	63	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
119 - North Bend	1	0	1	1	92	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	93
120 - Wayne	7	2	7	0	134	8	2	0	0	0	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	142
121 - Superior	0	0	0	0	114	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	5	0	4	0	0	0	9	108
124 - Auburn	1	0	1	0	54	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	54
125 - Mt. Nebo	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	30
126 - Stromsburg	0	0	3	0	117	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	3	0	0	0	5	118
127 - Minden	2	2	2	1	63	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	63
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	62	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	63
132 - Scribner	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	39
135 - McCook	0	0	0	5	217	1	0	0	4	0	0	5	12	0	1	0	0	0	13	209
136 - Long Pine	0	0	1	0	29	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	29
137 - Upright	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
138 - Rawalt	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	33	35	0
143 - Crescent	1	0	1	0	21	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	23
146 - Jachin	0	1	1	0	119	1	1	0	0	33	0	35	7	4	3	0	0	0	14	140
148 - Custer	0	1	0	1	226	0	2	0	1	0	1	4	13	5	6	1	1	1	27	203
150 - Cambridge	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	33
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	40
158 - Samaritan	1	0	1	1	147	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	1	4	21	128
159 - Ogallala	1	4	1	0	120	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	7	2	2	0	0	0	11	112
161 - Mt. Zion	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24

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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Deaths	Demitted	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination of Dual	Other Causes		
162 - Trestleboard	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	41	
164 - Atkinson					55							0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	
165 - Barneston	1	2	1	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	45	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	44	
170 - Mason City	0	0	0	0	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	24	
173 - R. Burns	0	0	0	0	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	51	
174 - Culbertson	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	5	54	
177 - Hay Springs	0	0	0	0	93	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	92	
180 - Justice	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	
183 - Alliance	7	5	5	1	216	5	0	0	2	0	0	7	5	1	3	0	0	9	214	
184 - Bee Hive	5	3	5	2	429	5	4	0	6	0	0	15	14	2	15	3	0	34	410	
188 - Meridian	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	6	0	0	8	78	
191 - Crystal	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	27	
192 - Minnekadusa	3	1	2	1	96	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	4	94	
194 - Highland	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	5	51	
195 - Arcana	1	0	1	0	87	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	3	1	3	0	0	7	83	
198 - Purity	1	0	1	1	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	5	64	
199 - Gavel	0	0	0	0	24	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	23	
200 - Blazing Star	3	0	3	1	48	3	1	0	2	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0	4	50	
201 - Scotts Bluff	4	1	5	0	115	5	1	0	0	0	5	11	4	0	0	2	0	6	120	
204 - Plainview	0	2	0	0	124	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	0	8	0	0	15	110	
205 - Golden Fleece	1	0	1	1	91	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	90	
207 - Parian	3	3	2	0	25	2	0	1	0	0	1	4	2	0	1	0	0	3	26	
209 - Canopy	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	43	
210 - East Lincoln	26	10	23	3	609	24	2	0	8	0	0	34	19	4	12	0	1	36	607	
211 - Cement	1	0	1	0	85	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	4	0	0	7	81	
216 - Palisade	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	56	
217 - Wauneta	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	27	0	
218 - Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	63	
219 - Relief	1	0	1	0	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	5	43	
220 - Magnolia	3	0	3	3	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	22	
221 - Wood Lake	7	1	7	1	57	9	0	0	4	0	0	13	0	0	1	0	0	1	69	
222 - Landmark	3	1	4	1	70	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	73	
224 - Silver Cord	1	3	0	0	86	1	0	1	2	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	5	85	

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Initiated			SEE CUSTER		Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Deaths	Demitted	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination of Dual	Other Causes	Total Loss		
225 - Cable	7				6	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
227 - North Star	0	4	0	204	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	210
228 - Bartley	5	0	0	34	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
229 - Comet	0	5	0	87	6	0	0	2	0	0	8	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	92
232 - J. Bowen	0	0	0	32	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	31
233 - Gillead	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	26
234 - Zion	0	0	0	58	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	53
235 - Fraternity	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13
236 - Golden Rule	3	1	2	39	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
239 - Friendship	0	0	0	52	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	53
240 - Pilot	0	0	1	101	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	98
241 - G. Armstrong	2	0	2	36	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
245 - Hampton	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	19
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	48
250 - G. Washington	6	2	4	139	4	0	0	1	0	0	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	128
251 - Wausa	1	2	1	57	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	56
254 - Bassett	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	44
256 - Hickman	5	0	5	167	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	160
261 - Orman	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	44
262 - Endeavor	1	2	0	40	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	39
263 - Mitchell	1	0	2	92	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	8	87
264 - Franklin	1	0	1	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
265 - R. Furnas	0	0	0	240	0	0	0	7	0	2	10	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	14	236
266 - Silver	0	0	0	***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
267 - J. Tulley	4	0	4	213	5	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	207
268 - G. Linger	0	1	3	97	2	0	0	1	0	1	5	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	98
271 - Oasis	1	3	3	92	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	87
274 - Olive Branch	0	0	0	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	45
277 - Sioux	2	1	1	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	30
279 - Wallace	5	2	5	344	6	2	0	4	0	0	12	12	1	8	0	0	0	0	21	335
281 - Florence	1	0	1	29	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
282 - Mullen	0	2	0	36	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	37
284 - Seneca	0	0	0	77	5	0	0	2	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	82
285 - Camp Clarke	0	4	0																	

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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Deaths	Demitted	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination of Dual			Other Causes
286 - Oshkosh	0	7	0	1	64	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	6	59	
287 - Union	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	66	
288 - Omaha	6	1	5	0	175	6	1	0	0	0	0	7	5	2	4	0	1	12	170	
289 - Lotus	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	3	75	
290 - J. Mercer	5	10	6	1	842	6	2	0	13	0	0	21	33	4	24	0	0	61	802	
291 - Diamond	2	3	1	3	116	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	6	111	
293 - Monument	4	2	2	2	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	4	47	
294 - Kimball	1	0	2	0	130	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	0	1	0	4	130	
295 - Minatare	2	0	2	0	47	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	3	46	
297 - Cotner	1	3	1	0	213	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	9	0	5	0	0	14	203	
298 - Chester	0	0	1	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	31	
299 - Sutherland	1	1	0	0	60	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	60	
300 - Liberty	1	4	1	0	218	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	7	1	8	4	1	21	200	
301 - Bayard	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	5	29	
302 - Mizpah	3	0	3	0	496	5	0	0	2	0	1	8	20	3	11	0	0	34	470	
305 - Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	5	36	
306 - Golden Rod	0	0	0	1	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	41	
308 - Perkins	1	0	2	0	57	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	3	56	
310 - Victory	0	2	0	0	119	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	119	
311 - Polk	0	0	1	0	43	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	43	
314 - Craftsman	9	0	9	0	347	11	0	1	0	0	0	12	6	0	5	0	0	11	348	
317 - Mid-West	15	7	15	2	426	15	1	1	3	0	0	20	14	0	13	0	0	27	419	
318 - Grand Island	0	0	0	0	170	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	172	174	0	
320 - College View	0	4	0	1	92	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	1	4	0	0	9	84	
323 - Lebanon	5	4	4	0	155	4	1	0	2	0	0	7	4	1	7	0	0	12	150	
324 - Cairo	0	7	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	40	
325 - Bellevue	5	0	6	0	338	6	2	0	5	0	0	13	7	5	5	0	1	18	333	
326 - Centennial	5	1	5	1	273	4	1	2	5	0	0	12	4	0	12	0	1	17	268	
327 - Shiloh	8	0	9	2	149	8	0	0	3	0	0	11	1	1	12	0	0	14	146	
328 - Miloma	7	8	7	1	199	7	0	2	4	0	15	28	3	0	20	0	0	23	204	
TOTALS	381	241	397	105	23374	437	86	40	177	226	61	1027	678	135	552	21	23	263	1672	22729

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## 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 . . . . .	2
8th	1873	Martin Dunham . . . . .	3
9th	1874	Frank Welch . . . . .	27
10th	1875	Alfred G. Hastings . . . . .	19
11th	1876	George H. Thummel . . . . .	33
12th	1877	George W. Lininger . . . . .	3
13th	1878	Edward K. Valentine . . . . .	27
14th	1879	Rolland H. Oakley . . . . .	19
15th	1880	James A. Tulleys . . . . .	53
16th	1881	James R. Cain, Sr. . . . .	9
17th	1882	Edwin F. Warren . . . . .	2
18th	1883	Samuel W. Hayes . . . . .	55
19th	1884	John Jay Wemple . . . . .	50
20th	1885	Manoah B. Reese . . . . .	59
21st	1886	Charles K. Coutant . . . . .	11
22nd	1887	Milton J. Hull . . . . .	67
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
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 W. 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 Wey . . . . .	32
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, 323
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 & 327
121st	1987	Wayne G. Lueningborg . . . . .	32, 39
122nd	1988	Paul R. Eveland . . . . .	119
123rd	1989	Thomas W. Tye . . . . .	46
124th	1990	John M. McHenry . . . . .	19

## 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
- Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210 . . . . . 1985-1990

☛ 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, 37	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. Fumas, 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. Rider, 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 Custodian". 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. Entriiken, 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, 75 . . . . .	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, 120 . . . . .	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, 323 . . . . .	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, 291 . . . . .	1962
	Stuart A. Johnson, 177 . . . . .	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, 33 . . . . . 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., 65 . . . . . 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, 148 . . . . . 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, 136 . . . . . 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, 174 . . . . . 1975
- ★ Jens P. Nielsen, 121 . . . . . 1975
- Ralph E. McNulty, 61 . . . . . 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, 37 . . . . .	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, 33 . . . . .	1982
	Wayne E. Beatty, 126 . . . . .	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
	LeRoy Crye, 328 . . . . .	1990
	Ronald D. Grass, 31 . . . . .	1990
	Scott Krieger, 317 . . . . .	1990
	Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135 . . . . .	1990
	Keith B. Leibhart, 148 . . . . .	1990
	Gordon L. Carley, 75 . . . . .	1990
	Gerald D. Verbeek, 15 . . . . .	1990
	Herbert M. Chambers, 288 . . . . .	1991

★ Deceased

## Deceased 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

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR SERVED
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	5 (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

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR SERVED
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov. 10, 1965	120	(98th) 1963
Lewis R. Ricketts	July 14, 1990	19	(101st) 1966
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	Jun 21, 1985	323	(116th) 1981

**Grand Lodge of Nebraska**  
**Rock Maul Award**

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

1981	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
1982	Shiloh Lodge	No. 327	Omaha
1983	Culbertson Lodge	No. 174	Culbertson
1984	Scotts Bluff Lodge	No. 201	Gering
1984	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1985	Comet Lodge	No. 229	Ceresco
1985	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Hickman
1986	Springfield Lodge	No. 112	Springfield
1987	Platte Valley Lodge	No. 32	North Platte
1989	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54	Lincoln
1990	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
1991	Corinthian Lodge	No. 83	Wakefield
1992	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont

**GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA**

**GOLD PAN AWARD**

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Lodge deemed to have made the greatest contribution or most improvement towards Masonry that year by the Grand Master.

1987	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1989	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Lincoln
1990	Crescent Lodge	No. 143	Primrose
1991	Mosaic Lodge	No. 55	Norfolk
1992	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney

**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 to 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 at 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
1990	W. Neil Colerick	Alliance No. 183	Alliance
1990	James Fegley	Omadi No. 5	South Sioux City
1991	Lloyd I. Edwards	Pomegranate No. 110	Ashland
1991	Wayne H. Hardy	Custer Lodge No. 148	Broken Bow

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
• Formed Grand Lodge of Nebraska September 23, 1857 • Chartered by <sup>1</sup> Illinois, <sup>2</sup> Missouri, <sup>3</sup> Iowa							
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
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

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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
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

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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
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
Bennet	No. 94	Bennett . . . . .	Lancaster . . . . .	May 5,1882	June 19,1883
Garfield	No. 95	O'Neill . . . . .	Holt . . . . .	June 28,1882	June 19,1883

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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
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
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

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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
Upright	No.	137	Burchard .....	Pawnee .....	November	14,1884	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
Ogallala	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
Barneston	No.	165	Barneston .....	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

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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
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
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

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Silver Cord	No.	224	Ainsworth . . . . .	Brown . . . . .	October	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
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
Oman	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

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Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff . . . . .	Scotts Bluff . . . . .	June 21,1907	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	Walthill . . . . .	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	Thedford . . . . .	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

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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
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
Mid-West	No.	317	Hastings . . . . .	Adams . . . . .	January 8,1925	June 10,1925
College View	No.	320	Lincoln . . . . .	Lancaster . . . . .	July 1,1927	June 6,1928
Lebanon	No.	323	Columbus . . . . .	Platte . . . . .	November 14,1928	June 5,1929
Cairo	No.	324	Cairo . . . . .	Hall . . . . .	January 16,1936	June 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

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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 Symore 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	Ohioa with Jewell No. 149
Tobias, 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	Tobias 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	

<b>Pioneer No. 322</b> . . . . .	Lyman with Oasis No. 271
Morrill, April 10, 1969	
<b>Compass &amp; Square No. 212</b> . . . . .	Sumner with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, April 20, 1969	
<b>Hope No. 29</b> . . . . .	Nemaha with Nemaha Valley No. 4
Brownville, September 9, 1969	
<b>Elm Creek No. 133</b> . . . . .	Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267
Overton, March 17, 1970	
<b>Naphthali No. 206</b> . . . . .	Diller with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, March 23, 1970	
<b>Alexandria No. 74</b> . . . . .	Alexandria with Hebron No. 43
Hebron, September 10, 1970	
<b>Pythagoras No. 156</b> . . . . .	Ewing with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, December 4, 1970	
<b>Grace No. 226</b> . . . . .	Wilcox with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, May 11, 1971	
<b>Wolbach No. 292</b> . . . . .	Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82
St. Paul, December 23, 1971	
<b>Tyrian No. 243</b> . . . . .	Oak with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, June 9, 1972	
<b>Mystic Tie No. 166</b> . . . . .	Tilden with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, June 12, 1972	
<b>Roman Eagle No. 203</b> . . . . .	Pender with Bancroft No. 145
Bancroft, April 20, 1973	
<b>Amethyst No. 190</b> . . . . .	Stapleton with Cable No. 225
Arnold, April 20, 1973	
<b>Prudence No. 179</b> . . . . .	Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96
Utica, April 20, 1973	
<b>Fairfield No. 84</b> . . . . .	Fairfield with Clay Center No. 139
Clay Center, January 24, 1974	
<b>Ramah No. 275</b> . . . . .	Bertrand with Elwood No. 167
Elwood, February 14, 1974	
<b>Sterling No. 70</b> . . . . .	Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 20, 1974	
<b>Mt. Hermon No. 231</b> . . . . .	Cook with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 15, 1974	
<b>Winnebago No. 309</b> . . . . .	Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 3, 1974	
<b>Temple No. 175</b> . . . . .	Filley with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 26, 1975	
<b>Beemer No. 253</b> . . . . .	Beemer with Wisner No. 114
Wisner, June 17, 1975	
<b>Signet No. 193</b> . . . . .	Leigh with Northern Star No. 41
Stanton, February 20, 1976	
<b>Plumblin No. 214</b> . . . . .	Adams with Beatrice No. 26
Beatrice, October 1, 1976	
<b>Cubit No. 237</b> . . . . .	Douglas with Union No. 287
Palmyra, December 13, 1977	
<b>Bancroft No. 145</b> . . . . .	Bancroft with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 17, 1978	
<b>Litchfield No. 278</b> . . . . .	Litchfield with Mason City No. 170
Mason City, July 1, 1979	

**Hartington No. 155** . . . . . Hartington with Relief No. 219  
 Coleridge, August 10, 1979

**Creighton No. 100** . . . . . Creighton with Plainview No. 204  
 Plainview, May 17, 1980

**Star No. 88** . . . . . Decatur with Pilot No. 240  
 Lyons, January 22, 1981

**Gladstone No. 176** . . . . . Ansley with Custer No. 148  
 Broken Bow, November 4, 1981

**Eminence No. 223** . . . . . Giltner with Keystone No. 62  
 Phillips, October 26, 1981

**Antelope No. 276** . . . . . Elgin with Trowel No. 71  
 Neligh, January 1, 1982

**Bladen No. 319** . . . . . Bladen with Charity No. 53  
 Red Cloud, May 6, 1982

**Oak Leaf No. 312** . . . . . Lynch with Orman No. 261  
 Spencer, April 22, 1983

**Crofton No. 273** . . . . . Crofton with Wausa No. 251  
 Wausa, April 17, 1984

**Harlan No. 116** . . . . . Alma with Melrose No. 60  
 Orleans, April 17, 1984

**Hardy No. 117** . . . . . Hardy with Superior No. 121  
 Superior, April 17, 1984

**Merna No. 171** . . . . . Merna with Custer No. 148  
 Broken Bow, April 17, 1984

**Lee P. Gillette No. 272** . . . . . Dunbar with Western Star No. 2  
 Nebraska City, January 18, 1985

**Occidental No. 215** . . . . . Cedar Bluffs with Fremont No. 15  
 Fremont, March 28, 1985

**Siloam No. 147** . . . . . Stuart with Atkinson No. 164  
 Atkinson, November 20, 1985

**Ponca No. 101** . . . . . Ponca with Alpha No. 316  
 South Sioux City, June 1986

**Boaz No. 185** . . . . . Danbury with McCook No. 135  
 Danbury, September 1986

**Curtiss No. 168** . . . . . Curtiss with McCook No. 135  
 McCook, February 15, 1986

**Clay Center No. 139** . . . . . Clay Center with Mid-West No. 317  
 Hastings, March 5, 1986

**Unity No. 163** . . . . . Greenwood with Pomegranate No. 110  
 Ashland, December 1986

**Gothenburg No. 249** . . . . . Gothenburg with Platte Valley No. 32  
 North Platte, January 1987

**Granite No. 189** . . . . . Gibbon with Cement No. 211  
 Wood River, April 1987

**Amity No. 169** . . . . . Rushville with Hay Springs No. 177  
 Hay Springs, May 1987

**Golden Sheaf No. 202** . . . . . Randolph 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
- Alpha No. 316** . . . . . South Sioux City with Omadi No. 5  
South Sioux City, March 1, 1990
- Shelton No. 99** . . . . . Shelton with Cement No. 211  
April 27, 1990
- Nehawka No. 246** . . . . . Nehawka with Western Star No. 2  
June 20, 1990
- Anselmo No. 258** . . . . . Anselmo with Custer No. 148  
August 28, 1990
- Globe No. 113** . . . . . Madison with Mosaic No. 55  
August 28, 1990
- Harmony No. 321** . . . . . Dalton with Frank Welch No. 75  
November 28, 1990
- Silver No. 266** . . . . . Silver Creek with Osceola No. 65  
Osceola, April 25, 1991
- Cable No. 225** . . . . . Arnold with Custer No. 148  
Broken Bow, May 17, 1991
- Grand Island No. 318** . . . . . Grand Island with Ashlar No. 33  
Grand Island, August 9, 1991
- Orient No. 13** . . . . . Rulo/Falls City with Falls City No. 9  
Falls City, August 21, 1991
- Rawalt No. 138** . . . . . Oxford with Jachin No. 146  
Holdrege, October 9, 1991
- Beaver City No. 93** . . . . . Beaver City with Monument No. 293  
Arapahoe, January 30, 1992

**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
Orient No. 13 — Rulo/Falls City	August 21, 1991
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 — Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 — Ulysses	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 — Waco	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 — Doniphan	May 12, 1966
Beaver City No. 93 — Beaver City	January 30, 1992
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. 188 — 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
Rawalt No. 138 — Oxford	October 9, 1991
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
Wauneta No. 217 — Wauneta	December 31, 1991
Square & Compass No. 213 — Miller	June 6, 1918
Cable No. 225 — Arnold	May 17, 1991
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
Silver No. 266 — Silver Creek	April 25, 1991
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
Grand Island No. 318 — Grand Island	August 9, 1991

# 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 (AO) "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 1000 = 2909.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR	From the Christian era take 1118. Thus, 1118 from 1909 = 791.
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD	To the Christian era, ad 1913, the year of the Blessing, B.C. Thus, 1909 and 1913 = 3822.

# REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska #1	Robert R. Eckwall	Jack L. Pohl *	Gailen Williams
Western Star #2	Andrew J. Lagerstrom	David A. Wetrosky	—
Capitol #3	John W. Kelley, Jr. *	Raymond L. Bally	—
Nemaha Valley #4	Patrick Andrew	Melvin Andrew *	Lester Furnas *
Omadi #5	Thomas R. Reed	Ward E. Culbertson *	—
Plattsmouth #6	Donald Jeanneret	—	Duane Heim
Falls City #9	Elsworth Abbott	—	—
Solomon #10	Morton Steyer	Roger N. Andreason	—
Covert #11	Bruce L. Ginsburg	Wm. P. Carpenter, Jr	A. L. Aasgaard
Peru #14	—	—	David Pease
Fremont #15	John M. Dick	Virgil R. Schiermeyer *	Larry Jirsak
Tecumseh #17	—	Warren D. Brown	—
Lincoln #19	Wayne J. Pauley	Richard L. White	Douglas B. Johnson
Washington #21	Gary D. Finn	Rodney M. Hansen *	Charles C. Barr *
Pawnee #23	Wilber Fink	Richard L. Hofmann	Joe Binder *
St. Johns #25	Albert W. Goble	Victor Brown	Robert C. Hull *
Beatrice #26	Donald F. Davidson	James R. Nichols	—
Jordan #27	Robert D. Moodie	Allen G. Thorman *	—
Blue River #30	Lowell Hudson	—	—
Tekamah #31	Terry M. Schroeder	—	—
Platte Valley #32	Donald E. McFarland	Kent D. Priest	Robert I. Peal *
Ashlar #33	Daniel J. Emery *	Dennis E. Garrels	—
Acacia #34	Gerald Hamata	Douglas D. Matthies	Charles Scheuneman
Fairbury #35	Leland Cook *	—	—
Lone Tree #36	—	—	—
Crete #37	Lee A. Svatos	Rick W. Wienke	James A. Clark
Oliver #38	Herbert A. Meyer	—	—
Papillion #39	Dana E. Fischbach	James E. Winemiller	Michael L. Belton
Humboldt #40	Larry L. Weyers *	Charles Hilgenfeld	Homer Fishwood
No. Light #41	Robert Chilcoat, Jr.	—	Robert Schellpeper
Hebron #43	Lyle McLaughlin	Dean Meyer *	—
Harvard #44	Kenneth G. Bieck	Marvin L. Carriker	Roy F. Laue
Rob Morris #46	Andrew Hoffmeister *	Timothy E. Lowe	—
Fairmont #48	Nelce Martinsen *	Eugene Henning *	Andrew Anderson *
Evening Star #49	—	Merrill Barnell	—
Hastings #50	Michael R. Sidlo	William D. Morrow	Stephen Pitman
Fidelity #51	—	—	Michael E. Jones
Hiram #52	Lonny L. Clausen	Lawrence W. Voss	Charles Parr
Charity #53	Marlin K. Hoffman	—	—
Lancaster #54	William E. Hokanson	Carl C. Plants	Michael D. Rauscher
Mosaic #55	Kenneth R. Krupicka	Fernando E. Siores *	Rick D. Mouchka
York #56	E. Tom Hart *	Harry W. Gordon	Brent A. Turner *
Mt. Moriah #57	David D. Pearson	D. W. Craig	Paul C. Phillippe *
Wahoo #59	John R. Miyoshi	Robert W. Yarmon *	—
Melrose #60	—	—	—
Thistle #61	—	—	—
Keystone #62	Robert C. Mabon	Thomas G. Cornwell *	Robert D. Jensen *
Blue Valley #64	Harold Schwabauer *	Brian Morse *	Noah Armpriester *
Osceola #65	Edwin L. Willhoft, Jr.	Bruce J. Bugbee *	Thomas Ramsbottom *
Edgar #67	—	—	—
Aurora #68	Kenneth A. Killion	Oscar L. Lundquist *	—
Hooper #72	Donald Hartmann	Roger Huntzman *	—
Friend #73	Warren L. Weber	Wayne W. Yokel *	—
Frank Welch #75	K. James Cook *	—	—
Nelson #77	Allan D. Sole *	Scott W. Corman *	J.P. Wehrman

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Albion #78	—	—	Jeff Noble *
Geneva #79	Bradley W. Stephens	Terry L. Domeier	James A. Steider
Composite #81	Clarence Rost	—	Jerry Althouse
St. Paul #82	James Ross *	—	—
Corinthian #83	Robert A. Jones	Thomas D. Anderson *	—
Ionic #87	—	—	—
Cedar River #89	Dennis McCoig	Bruce L. Phillips *	Larry Phillips *
Oakland #91	—	—	—
Bennet #94	—	Kirk D. Loos	Terry Ernisse
Garfield #95	Rob R. Prouty *	—	—
Utica #96	Mark L. Eberspacher *	Dale Carr *	Glen L. Eberspacher
Euclid #97	Willie C. Kunz	Michael E. Spohr	Stephen D. Spohr *
Republican #98	Thomas W. Moore	Scott Randall *	Michael J. Dunn *
Waterloo #102	Lawrence C. Pfister	Jan J. Hamer	Harold F. Redinger
Ord #103	—	—	—
Wymore #104	David L. Thoman *	—	—
Stella #105	Richard A. Vlach	Edgar A. Bredemeier *	James H. Findlay *
Porter #106	—	—	—
Table Rock #108	David A. Pope *	Gary Bedea *	Melvin B. Wenzbauer *
Pomegranate #110	Thomas Mitchell	J. Frederick Bryant	Robert Richmond
DeWitt #111	—	—	—
Springfield #112	G.L. Jerry Carter *	Harold W. Ludwig	James W. Schultz
Wisner #114	Dean T. Dinklage	—	—
North Bend #119	Steven E. Grueber	Robert R. Soukop	—
Wayne #120	Luther Sensenig *	Robert D. Jordan	John G. Mitchell *
Superior #121	—	—	—
Auburn #124	Dean Adams *	Harold Moody	Don Mathews
Mt. Nebo #125	—	—	—
Stromsburg #126	Willis Waller *	Kip Allison *	Joel Stevens *
Minden #127	Tim J. Burke *	David L. Craig *	John M. Fitzsimmons *
Guide Rock #128	—	—	—
Scribner #132	Paul R. Morris *	Charles Holtz, Sr. *	David Otteman *
Solar #134	—	—	—
McCook #135	E. Kent Augustine	Marshall D. Grant	Mike Rasmussen
Long Pine #136	—	—	—
Upright #137	—	Marvin Stake *	—
Crescent #143	James V. Cornwell	James L. Cox *	Brian L. Cornwell
Jachin #146	Bruce G. Raddatz	—	—
Custer #148	Keith Leibhart	Paul John *	—
Cambridge #150	—	—	—
Lily #154	—	—	—
Samaritan #158	John L. Thompson *	—	—
Ogalalla #159	Dana J. Lindauer	Kenneth M. Gale	Charles A. Rice *
Mt. Zion #161	Lawrence G. Whitmore	Harold Parrish *	Gordon Clark *
Trestle Board #162	Samuel E. Smith *	David Gravatt *	Ival Schmucker
Atkinson #164	—	—	—
Barneston #165	Ronald D. March	Arthur D. Taylor *	Harold E. Monfelt *
Elwood #167	—	—	—
Mason City #170	Louis J. Hagan	Dale Rynearson, Sr. *	Robert R. Holm *
Robert Burns #173	Jerry McDonald *	—	—
Culbertson #174	Terry A. Carlson *	Ronald L. Wertz *	Barney L. Whatley *
Hay Springs #177	—	—	—
Justice #180	—	—	—
Alliance #183	Sam S. Ushio	James W. Bennet	Robert E. Larson
Bee Hive #184	William A. Covey	James R. Leonard	—
Meridian #188	Billy M. Stevenson	Neil Young *	—
Crystal #191	—	—	—
Minnekadusa #192	U. Wesley Fox *	Greg L. Gass *	—
Highland #194	Conrad H. Bischoff *	Norman DeVries *	James J. Riggins
Arcana #195	James O. Smith *	Dean L. Strong *	Clyde L. Lefler, Jr. *
Purity #198	Ronald R. Milner	Scott Osler	Jeff Steggs *
Gavel #199	—	—	—

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Blazing Star #200	Donald R. Field	Paul Anderson	Stephen E. Senn *
Scottsbluff #201	Frank G. Weiss	Carl Upp	Dale E. Justice *
Plainview #204	Larry M. Wiegert, Sr.	Robert K. Baird *	Loel A. Joyce *
Golden Fleece #205	—	—	—
Parian #207	Roy Wm. Lichtenberger	Richard D. Coons	—
Canopy #209	Wayne Weyers	Valjean Stall *	Raymond K. Althouse
East Lincoln #210	LeRoy H. Rosenthal, Jr.	Ted McNeese *	Kenneth Jackson
Cement #211	—	—	—
Palisade #216	Richard L. Baxter *	Bernes J. Schutte *	Elburn C. Rice *
Bloomfield #218	Ervin Nickels	Alfred Koops *	Lowell Fleming *
Relief #219	Larry Leapley	—	H. Jon Milander
Magnolia #220	Jim Mattison	—	—
Wood Lake #221	John C. Gross	Otto W. Micheel	Kenneth Marlatt *
Landmark #222	Brent I. Thone	Randall L. Hart *	—
Silver Cord #224	—	—	—
North Star #227	Paul G. Carpenter	Stephen J. Evans	James W. Weir
Bartley #228	Gary A. Newcomb *	Michael Ross *	Melvin Meguire *
Comet #229	Kevin L. Rittenburg	Richard E. Johnson	Marty L. Riggins
John S. Bowen #232	Arnold M. Matzen *	—	—
Gilead #233	Edward G. Peppel *	W. Mack Mahannah	—
Zion #234	John L. Dubs	Dan Manning *	Bernard R. Spencer *
Fraternity #235	Robert D. Jensen *	Cecil C. Prince *	Wayne L. Kerstine *
Golden Rule #236	Howard S. Gillaspie *	—	—
Friendship #239	Emil Ceplecha *	Thomas G. Nuss *	Dale N. McMillan *
Pilot #240	Lester W. Shaw	Mark A. Siecke *	William B. Brunton *
Geo. Armstrong #241	Lloyd C. Hurrell	—	—
Hampton #245	—	—	—
Laurel #248	—	—	—
G. Washington #250	V.K. (Jim) Krenk	Vincent Murphy *	Jerry Sovey *
Wausa #251	Bruce Jorgensen *	Tim Suhr *	Jesse Dennis *
Bassett #254	—	—	—
Hickman #256	Darrel VerMaas	Gary Ryba	E. Lance Sterns *
Ornan #261	Thomas E. Blake, Sr. *	—	—
Endeavor #262	—	—	—
Mitchell #263	Walter R. Frey *	Richard H. Cooper	Scott Lane *
Franklin #264	Jerrell F. Gerdes	—	—
Robt. Furnas #265	Jugurtha W. Coulter	Steven K. Jones	Robert J. Goldman *
J. A. Tulleys #267	Harold Joe Rutter *	Thomas C. Neill	Loel Kugler *
G.W. Lininger #268	John T. Parsons	Danforth Loring, Jr. *	—
Oasis #271	James W. Duncan *	Brian B. Kaman *	Allen C. Meyer *
Olive Branch #274	Frank Hermelbracht *	—	Clarence J. Allen
Sioux #277	Dean R. Robinson	Criss F. Hamaker *	C. Robert Todd *
Wallace #279	Randall Ogier *	Joel Phillips	Keith Gartrell
Florence #281	Franklin O. Shuffty	Jack L. Richardson	Charles J. Beranek
Mullen #282	—	—	—
Seneca #284	Albert J. Fisher	Duane W. Bolton	—
Camp Clarke #285	—	—	—
Oshkosh #286	Merlin Zoucha, Sr. *	—	—
Union #287	Dennis Brydl	—	—
Omaha #288	Myron Widger	Charles Livengood *	Maynard Tatelman *
Lotus #289	Tren Miller *	—	W. Charles Harris
John J. Mercer #290	William A. Cox	—	Charles M. Bressman, Jr. *
Diamond #291	—	—	—
Monument #293	Reuben Ahrens, Jr. *	Weldon d'Allemand	Merle L. Adams *
Kimball #294	Donald L. Story *	Steven L. Miller *	David L. Cory *
Minatare #295	Harold Bishop	Mike Nuss *	Kevin Stocker *
Cotner #297	Robert C. Sides	Alan J. Bramhall	John C. McQuinn
Chester #298	Clark Easton *	Harold Crouse	—
Sutherland #299	John R. Knobel	—	—
Liberty #300	Carl L. Bornemeier	Robert Van Valkenburg	Dean A. Lif

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Bayard #301	—	—	—
Mizpah #302	John S. Taff	Tim E. Wroot	Jessie L. Greenlee
Newman Grove #305	Kenneth L. Hansen	Don Munger *	—
Goldenrod #306	Russell L. Olson *	Gale M. Beers *	Roy B. Grimes *
Perkins #308	Dennis M. Hutt	—	Cecil Hendricks
Victory #310	Jeff Christoffersen	Rob C. King	Randy Finlay *
Polk #311	—	—	—
Craftsmen #314	Patrick J. Scanlon	—	—
Mid-West #317	Maurice B. Kline *	Larry E. Ackerman *	Vernon Tweedie
College View #320	Joel Wilcox	—	—
Lebanon #323	Charles G. Brooks *	John C. Branch *	Wayne R. Jacobsen
Cairo #324	—	—	—
Bellevue #325	Glen D. Rozell	Frank R. Hartranft	Sedgefield D. Hill
Centennial #326	John F. Taylor	Jeffrey T. McCaul	—
Shiloh #327	Russell E. Lambert	Thomas J. Hawley *	Larry L. Pressley *
Miloma #328	Jeff K. Ogle	Thomas W. Fiscus	David M. Krueger
Roscoe Pound #329	William G. Hurst	Warren Lichty	Thomas F. Simpson *

## GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
Steven J. Brownfield	03/03/89	Alabama	Victor D. Hunt, 62	04/29/77
Wayne G. Coleman	03/30/82	Alaska	Byron C. Jenkins, 325	03/08/82
Jose Gonzalez Ledo	01/10/64	Argentina	Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210	06/12/87
Ralph P. Faulkner	08/22/83	Arizona	Robert E. Kyes, 36	09/03/76
Dennis H. Carmack	08/06/89	Arkansas	James L. Eatmon, 294	01/01/84
Gordon Ross Mallam	06/16/74	Australia, New S. Wales	Robert C. Thackery, 180	12/23/90
W. T. Neale	02/29/60	Australia, Queensland	Wayne J. Pauley, 19	07/18/77
G. T. Brice	....	Australia, South Aust.	Charles W. Goodwin, 25	05/04/85
Farrin Webb	03/23/46	Australia, Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 174	11/15/79
F. G. Hatcher	12/17/60	Australia, Western Aust.	Charles E. House, 52	02/07/92
Hugo Barber	03/22/51	Austria	Randolph R. Eatmon, 294	12/07/89
Alfonso Reyes	08/13/63	Belgium	L. L. Haddix, 36	12/31/81
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	09/19/36	Bolivia	G. Irwin Osterloh, 72	....
....	....	Brazil, Bahia	Frank J. Vlasak, 119	07/06/72
Adolpho Porta	01/04/88	Brazil, Brazilia	Albert G. Bates, 1	06/04/71
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## SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF UNRESTRICTED FUND INVESTMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1991

Description	Carrying Value	Face Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - RESTRICTED - U.S. GOVERNMENT			
MONEY MARKET FUNDS	<u>\$ 41,474</u>		<u>\$ 41,474</u>
BONDS:			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES:			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.625%, 5-15-92	\$ 49,862	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,500
U.S. Treasury Notes, 9.75%, 10-15-92	56,941	50,000	52,140
U.S. Treasury Notes, 8.375%, 2-15-93	99,565	100,000	104,312
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7%, 6-30-93	<u>99,890</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>103,562</u>
Total government securities	<u>306,258</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>310,514</u>
PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS:			
New England Power Company, 6.375%, 12-1-96	47,427	60,000	59,025
Northern States Power Co., First Mortgage (reg.), 6.75%, 5-1-98	25,000	25,000	24,781
Public Service of Colorado, First Mortgage, 6.75%, 7-1-98	21,813	25,000	24,250
Puget Sound Power and Light Co., First Mortgage, 10%, 9-15-94	50,500	50,000	51,438
Southern California Edison, First & Refunding Mortgage Bond, Series Z, 7.875%, 12-1-95	46,682	50,000	50,312
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Debenture (reg.), 8.75%, 8-1-2007	25,105	25,000	25,750
Texas Electric Service Co., First Mortgage, 4.375%, 4-1-93	10,115	10,000	9,900
Virginia Electric & Power Company, First & Refunding Mortgage Bond, Series CC, 7.375%, 6-1-2007	<u>20,173</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>19,750</u>
Total public utility bonds	<u>246,815</u>	<u>265,000</u>	<u>265,206</u>
TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS BONDS:			
The Dow Chemical Company, Debenture (reg.), 7.40%, 7-15-2002	15,000	15,000	14,644
Eastman Kodak Co., 9.125%, 3-1-98	48,687	50,000	54,000
Ford Capital Note, 9.875%, 5-15-02	51,462	50,000	55,938
Ford Motor Credit Co., 7.5%, 3-1-94	49,688	50,000	50,875
General Motors Corporation, 7.5%, 8-15-93	47,365	50,000	50,000
Georgia Pacific Corporation, 10.125%, 5-15-2000	49,875	50,000	54,875
Household Finance Corporation, Debenture (reg.), 7.5%, Series 1F, 8-1-95	15,000	15,000	15,000
International Paper Company, Shelf 2, 9.4%, 6-1-02	49,850	50,000	56,125
Nordstrom Credit Corporation, 8.75%, 3-20-95	48,500	50,000	53,500
Quaker State Oil Refining Corporation, (reg.), 9%, 8-1-95	29,886	30,000	30,300
Socony Mobil Oil Co., Inc., A.25%, 4-1-93	25,079	25,000	24,344
Times Mirror Co., 8.25%, 4-1-96	47,313	50,000	51,813
Union Carbide Corporation, Sinking Fund Debenture (reg.), 5.30%, 3-1-97	<u>69,667</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>88,750</u>
Total transportation, industrial, and miscellaneous bonds	<u>547,372</u>	<u>585,000</u>	<u>600,164</u>
TOTAL BONDS	<u>\$1,100,445</u>	<u>\$1,150,000</u>	<u>\$1,175,884</u>

## GRAND LODGE A. F. AND A. M. OF NEBRASKA

## SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED FUND INVESTMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1991

<u>Description</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Face Value</u>	<u>Approximate Market Value</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - U.S. GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS	<u>\$ 23,757</u>		<u>\$ 23,757</u>
COMMERCIAL PAPER	<u>\$125,000</u>		<u>\$125,000</u>
BONDS:			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES:			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 8.875%, 2-15-99	\$ 24,378	\$ 25,000	\$ 28,344
Federal National Mortgage Association, 8.8%, 11-10-95	25,003	25,000	27,601
Federal National Mortgage Association, 8.95%, 7-10-97	<u>24,972</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>27,906</u>
Total government securities	<u>74,353</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>83,851</u>
CORPORATE:			
Dayton Hudson Corporation, 7.875%, 4-1-96	23,088	25,000	25,813
Eastman Kodak Co., 9.125%, 3-1-98	24,750	25,000	27,000
Ford Capital, 9.875%, 5-15-2002	24,866	25,000	27,969
General Telephone Co., 7.625%, 5-1-2003	21,903	25,000	24,844
IBM Credit Corporation, 8.65%, 7-15-94	24,750	25,000	26,500
International Paper Company, 9.7%, 3-15-2000	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>28,469</u>
Total corporate bonds	<u>144,357</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>160,595</u>
TOTAL BONDS	<u>\$218,710</u>	<u>\$225,000</u>	<u>\$244,446</u>
COMMON STOCKS:			
American General Corporation, 300 shares	\$ 8,197		\$ 13,350
Bristol Myers Co., 200 shares	9,045		17,650
Coca Cola, 200 shares	8,295		16,050
Exxon Corporation, 200 shares	9,095		12,175
Ford Motor Co., 150 shares	8,040		4,219
General Electric Co., 150 shares	8,795		15,300
International Business Machines, 70 shares	8,215		6,230
Eli Lilly and Co., 100 shares	9,135		16,700
Pacific Telesis Group, 200 shares	6,145		8,925
Teco Energy Inc., 300 shares	7,455		12,525
U.S. West, Inc., 150 shares	8,790		11,362
Wal Mart Stores, 300 shares	8,520		17,663
Waste Management, Inc., 200 shares	8,245		8,425
Williamette Industries, 200 shares	<u>6,800</u>		<u>11,900</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	<u>\$114,772</u>		<u>\$172,474</u>

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