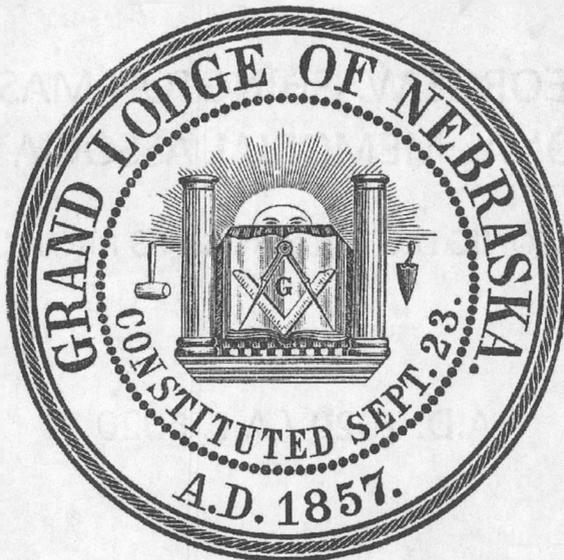


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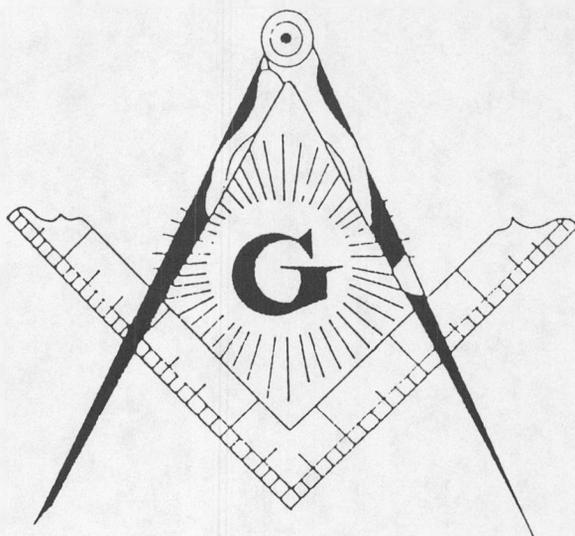
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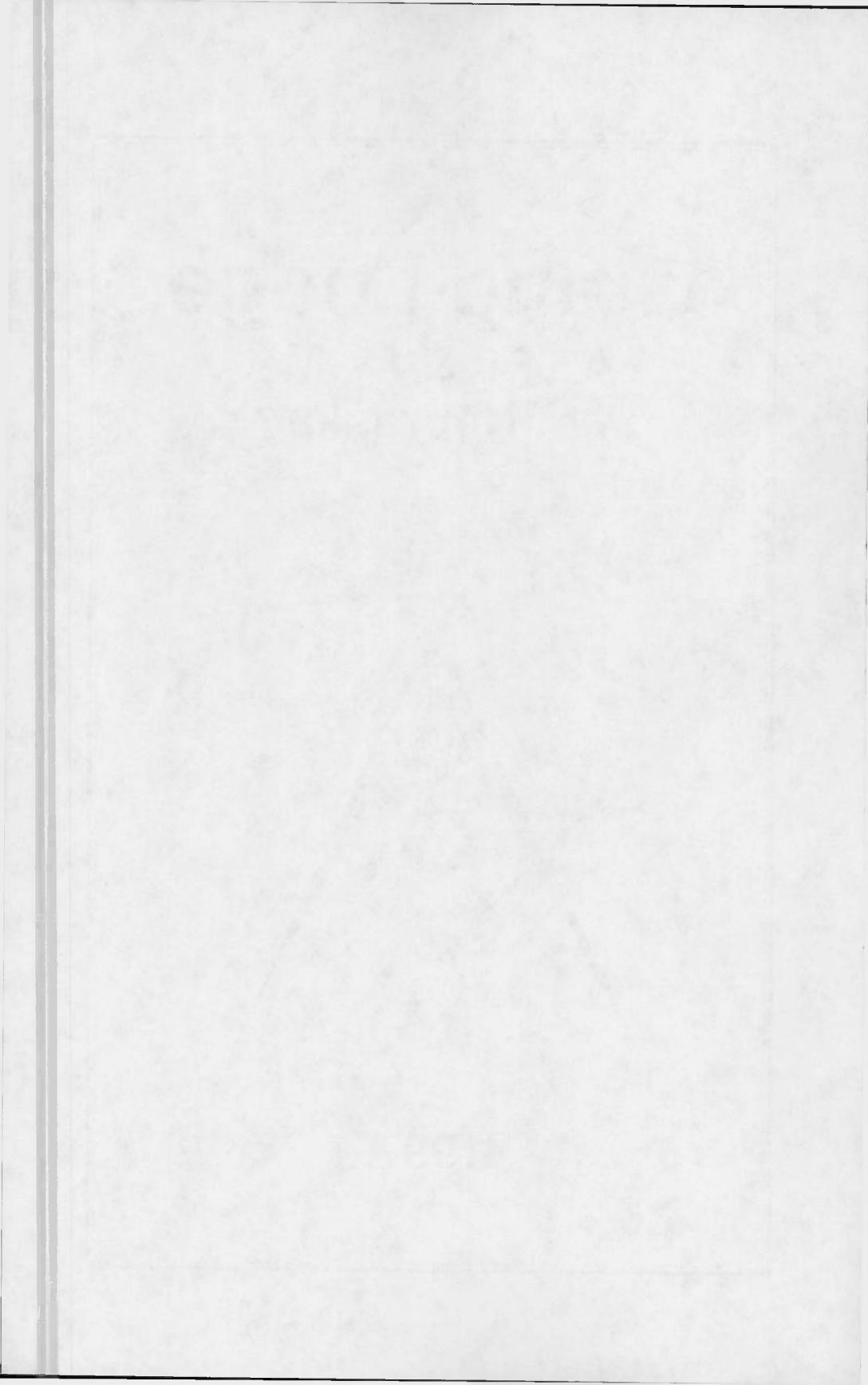
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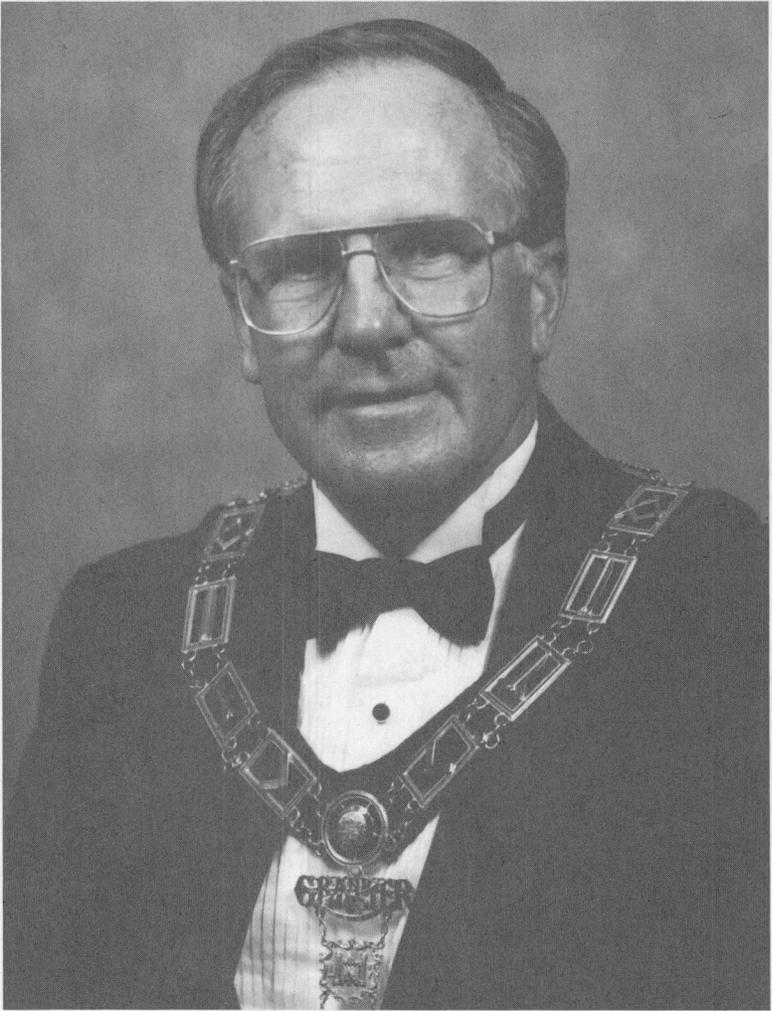
# **Grand Lodge**

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**1997**





**V. Kaye Ramsey**  
Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska  
1996-1997

# Masonic History of the 130th Grand Master

*V. Kaye Ramsey*

**Ancient Craft Masonry** — Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on December 12, 1962, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on January 22, 1963, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on February 19, 1963. Entered Apprentice Degree conferred by Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings, Nebraska. Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees conferred by John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha, Nebraska. Served as Master of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha, Nebraska in 1987.

**Grand Lodge** — Appointed Grand Junior Steward in February 1989 by M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye. Re-appointed Grand Junior Steward in February 1990 by M.:W.: John M. McHenry. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in February 1991 by M.:W.: James N. DeMoss. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in February 1992 by M.:W.: James L. Eatmon. Elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden under M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman in February 1993. Elected and installed as Grand Senior Warden under M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon in February 1994. Elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect under M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg in February 1995. Installed as the 130th Grand Master of Masons on February 2, 1997.

Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Montana. Previously served on Committee on Fraternal Relations and Committee on Finance.

**York Rite** — Made a Royal Arch Mason in Delta Chapter No. 60, at Omaha, Nebraska on May 24, 1982. Made a Royal and Select Master in Omaha Council No. 1, at Omaha, Nebraska on October 9, 1982. Dubbed a Knight Templar in Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, at Omaha, Nebraska on October 9, 1982.

**Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite** — Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Omaha, Orient of Nebraska in 1982. Elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in December 1995.

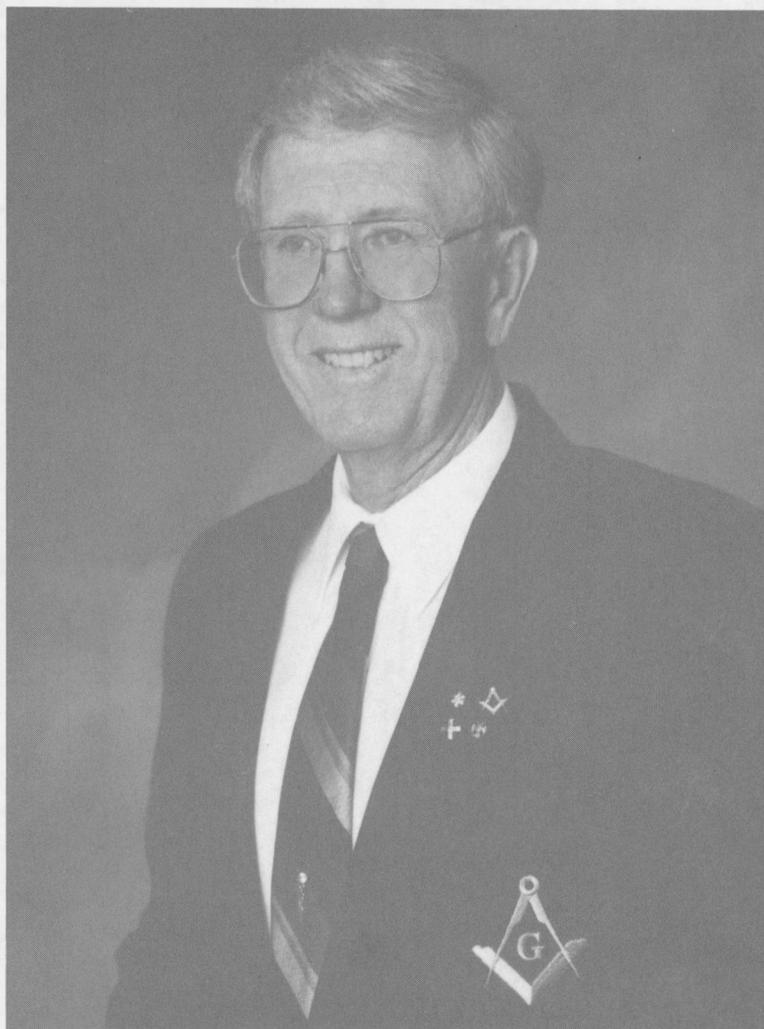
**Shrine** — Member since 1988 of Tangier Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Omaha, Nebraska. Active in the Proficient Past Masters Shrine Club.

**Order of Eastern Star** — Member of Narcissus Chapter No. 269 in Omaha, Nebraska since 1981. Served as Worthy Patron in 1984.

**DeMolay** — Senior DeMolay in Hastings Chapter Order of DeMolay. Awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

**Rainbow** — Rainbow Dad, Benson Diana Assembly No. 2, Omaha, Nebraska in 1986. Awarded the Grand Cross of Color by the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in 1987.

**Other Masonic Bodies** — Member, Board of Directors, Nebraska Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children 1986-1992, Trustee of the Nebraska Masonic Home since 1990. Member of Omaha Chapter No. 19, National Sojourners. Member of Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association since 1983.



**Kenneth G. Fleming**  
**Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska**  
**1997-1998**

# Masonic History of the 131<sup>st</sup> Grand Master

*Kenneth G. Fleming*

**Ancient Craft Masonry** — Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on January 15, 1957, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on February 26, 1957, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on April 14, 1957 in Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney. Served as Worshipful Master in 1970 and 1980.

**Grand Lodge** — Appointed Grand Tyler in June 1973 by M.:W.: Frank J. Mattoon. Appointed Grand Marshal in December 1986 by M.:W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg. Re-appointed Grand Marshal in June 1987 by M.:W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg. Re-appointed Grand Marshal in February 1988 by M.:W.: Paul R. Eveland. Re-appointed Grand Marshal in February 1989 by M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye. Re-appointed Grand Marshal in February 1990 by M.:W.: John M. McHenry. Re-appointed Grand Marshal in February 1991 by M.:W.: James N. DeMoss. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in February 1992 by M.:W.: James L. Eatmon. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in February 1993 by M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman. Elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden under M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon in February 1994. Elected and installed as Grand Senior Warden under M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg in February 1995. Elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect under M.:W.: V. Kaye Ramsey in February 1996. Installed as 131<sup>st</sup> Grand Master of Masons on February 8, 1997.

Served the Grand Lodge as a Deputy Grand Custodian for 7 years. Commissioned Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Sweden on June 12, 1987. Served on numerous Grand Lodge Committees.

**York Rite** — Made a Royal Arch Mason in Oregon Trail Chapter No. 65, at Gering, Nebraska on March 22, 1958. Made a Royal and Select Master in Temple Council No. 20, at Gering, Nebraska on February 21, 1987. Dubbed a Knight Templar in Bethlehem Commandery No. 18, at Gering, Nebraska on April 26, 1958. Inducted into Shiloh Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine on June 7, 1990. Member of Western Nebraska York Rite College No. 173 at North Platte.

**Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite** — Received the 4<sup>th</sup> through the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees in the Valley of Alliance, Orient of Nebraska in 1987.

**Shrine** — Became a member in 1958 of Tehama Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Hastings, Nebraska. In 1995 transferred membership to Sesostris Temple in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Order of Easter Star** — Member of Providence Chapter No. 108 in Sidney, Nebraska since 1990.

**Other Masonic Bodies** — Member of Omaha Chapter No. 19, National Sojourners. Member of Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association since 1978.

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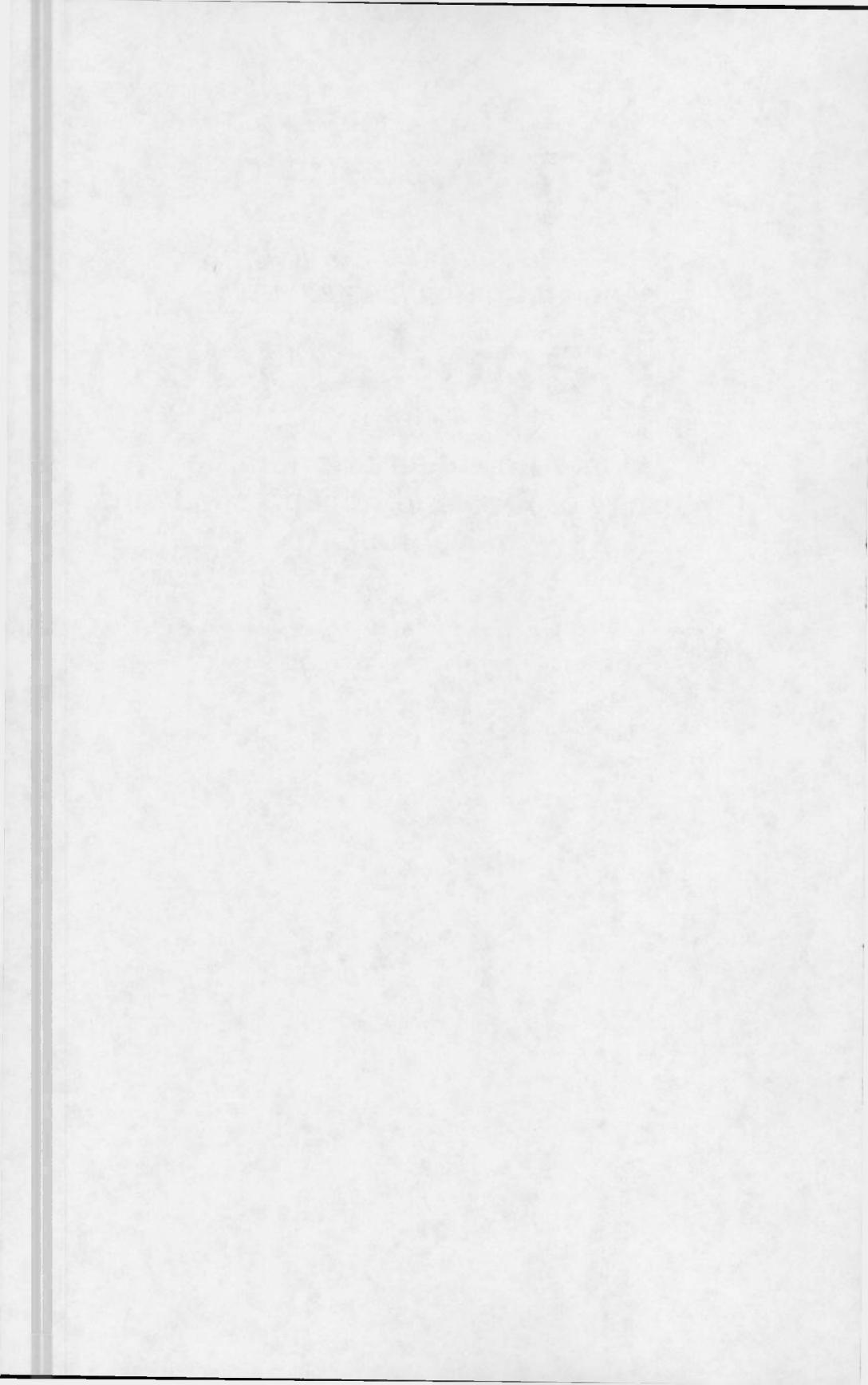
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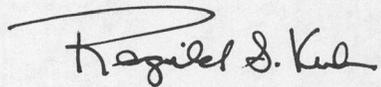
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*I* t is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Fortieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Kearney, Nebraska, February 7th and 8th, 1997, and printed under my direction.

*W* itness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:& A.:M.: of Nebraska this 30th day of September 1997.

Reginald S. Kuhn



GRAND SECRETARY



**1997 Proceedings**  
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*Held in Kearney, Nebraska*  
*February 7th & 8th, 1997*

*Most Worshipful V. Kaye Ramsey*  
*Grand Master*

*First Day — Opening Session*  
*Friday, February 7, 1997*

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 7, 1997.

R.: W.: Kenneth G. Fleming presided.

Following the Presentation of the Colors by St. James Fourth Degree Assembly No. 0609, Knights of Columbus, the M.: W.: Grand Master, V. Kaye Ramsey, and his Lady, Jill, 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 Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

W.: Rand B. Hendrickson . . . . . Senior Grand Steward of Colorado

- M.: W.: D. Dean Johnson . . . . . Grand Master of Iowa
- W.: Ralph A. Livermore . . . Chairman, Committee on Division & Reference of Iowa
- R.: W.: J. Garrie Burr . . . . . Deputy Grand Master of Illinois
- M.: W.: Conrad F. Johnson . . . . . Past Grand Master of Kansas
- M.: W.: Stephen F. Kane . . . . . Past Grand Master of Manitoba
- M.: W.: Morley McKay . . . . . Past Grand Master of Manitoba
- M.: W.: Eric J. Neetenbeck . . . . . Grand Master of Minnesota
- M.: W.: Warren Clark . . . . . Past Grand Master of Minnesota
- W.: Russell W. Hobson . . . . . Grand Lecturer, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- M.: W.: Wright P. Robinson . . . . . Past Grand Master, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- M.: W.: Bruce I. Christianson . . . . . Grand Master of North Dakota
- W.: John Wagner . . . . . Grand Representative of Oklahoma
- M.: W.: Charles Bryan . . . . . Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Richard M. Luther . Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Gerald Johnson . . . . . Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Robert L. Morrow . . . . . Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Richard E. Fletcher . . . . . Past Grand Master of Vermont  
and Executive Director of the Masonic Service Association
- W.: Michael R. Walter . . . . . Grand Treasurer of Wisconsin
- R.: W.: George C. Smith . . . . . Senior Grand Warden of Wyoming
- M.: W.: Jack E. Nixon . . . . . Past Grand Master of Wyoming  
and Sovereign Grand Inspector General

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

- Mrs. Susan Andreasen . . . . . Worthy Grand Matron  
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
- Brother Cal Armour . . . . . Worthy Grand Patron  
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
- Mrs. Shirley Frink . . . . . Grand Secretary  
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
- Miss Tina Kunz . . . . . Past Grand Worthy Advisor  
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska
- Mrs. Thelma Domingo . . . . . Supreme Deputy  
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska
- Miss Melissa Kempke . . . . . Grand Bethel Honored Queen  
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Miss Shannon Hilt . . . . . Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter  
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Mrs. Joyce Pope . . . . . Grand Guardian  
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Brother Russ Reno . . . . . Associate Grand Guardian  
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Evan Petersen . . . . . State Master Councilor  
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska
- Brother Michael W. Stuhr . . . . . State Executive Officer  
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska
- M.: E.: James N. Karnegis . . . . . Grand High Priest  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- M.: I.: Fred R. Prell . . . . . Grand Master  
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska

R.: E.: Roger Galusha . . . . .	Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska
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
Brother James W. Keebaugh . . . . .	Secretary of Scottish Rite Valley of Alliance
W. Glen Jorgenson . . . . .	Secretary of Scottish Rite Valley of Hastings
Brother Ray A. C. Johnson . . . . .	Secretary of Scottish Rite Valley of Lincoln
Brother James R. Erixon . . . . .	Secretary of Scottish Rite Valley of Omaha
IMP.: Sir John D. VerMaas . . . . .	Imperial Potentate of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America
ILL.: Sir Paul A. Malzer, Jr. . . . .	Potentate of Sesostris Temple Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
ILL.: Sir Frank W. Kroupa . . . . .	Potentate of Tangier Temple Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
ILL.: Sir Stephen D. Pitman . . . . .	Potentate of Tehama Temple Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
Claudia Ranslem . . . . .	Queen, Sat-ra Temple No. 59 Daughters of the Nile
Marsha D. Sowers . . . . .	Queen, Naphis Temple No. 66 Daughters of the Nile
W.: Gerald D. Verbeck . . . . .	Regional Representative National Sojourners for Nebraska and Iowa
W.: Charles A. Folsom . . . . .	Past National President of National Sojourners, and Past National Commander of the Hero's of '76

**PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS  
OF NEBRASKA**

M.: W.: Harry A. Spencer . . . . .	1964
Mrs. Margaret Fickes, widow of M.: W.: Russell Fickes . . . . .	1971
M.: W.: Frank J. Mattoon . . . . .	1973
M.: W.: Donald R. Swanson . . . . .	1974
M.: W.: Harold Hultman . . . . .	1975
M.: W.: Jack H. Hendrix . . . . .	1978
M.: W.: Warren D. Lichty . . . . .	1979
M.: W.: Byron C. Jenkins . . . . .	1980
M.: W.: Charles W. Amidon . . . . .	1986
M.: W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg . . . . .	1987
M.: W.: Paul R. Eveland . . . . .	1988
M.: W.: James L. Eatmon . . . . .	1992
M.: W.: Steven F. Mattoon . . . . .	1994
M.: W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg . . . . .	1995

V.: W.: Eugene C. Sibley, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Grand Master Ramsey welcomed everyone to this the 140th Annual Communication.

**PRESENTATION OF NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS**

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

Arthur S. Dye . . . . .	District 18
Frank Harris, Emeritus . . . . .	District 38
John C. Sierks . . . . .	District 8
Everett K. Dappen, Emeritus . . . . .	District 30
Roger L. Shillington . . . . .	District 32
Leslie A. Evert . . . . .	District 29
Eugene C. Sibley . . . . .	District 11
Harold W. Noble . . . . .	District 35
Steven A. Green . . . . .	District 10
Lloyd Vrtiska . . . . .	District 7
Ronald Grass . . . . .	District 5
Gerald D. Verbeek . . . . .	District 34
Halsey D. Phillips . . . . .	District 3
Scott J. Krieger . . . . .	District 20
Don L. Jelinek . . . . .	District 36
Delmar Jones . . . . .	District 24
Robert L. Carter . . . . .	District 13

Richard H. Cooper was commissioned as Deputy Grand Custodian for District No. 30.

After introductions the following Brothers were recognized: Most Worshipful James L. "Sonny" Eatmon and Scott Krieger received 10 Year Proficiency Pins. Roger L. Shillington, Lynn Doty and Roy L. Smith received 20 Year Certificates of Merit. Most Worshipful Frank J. Mattoon received his 25 Year Proficiency Card. Frank R. Harris received his 40 Year Proficiency Card.

**GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

M.: W.: Grand Master Ramsey made the following remarks as he presented the 1996 Grand Master's Humanitarian Award recipient:

*"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, or foundations; he could have been a volunteer for such charitable organizations as the Y, United Way, Scouting, or similar organizations. 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 those organizations with which they have been involved. This year it was our pleasure to present this award to Worshipful Brother Ben Fussel, Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva.*

Worshipful Brother Ben Fussell expressed his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him.



Miss Melissa Kempke, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Miss Shannon Hilt, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter brought greetings from the International Order of Job's Daughters.



### **GRAND MASTER'S RECRUITMENT AWARD**

This program recognizes the top 25 petition signers in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master read the names, and Most Worshipful Grand Master Ramsey had the honor of doing the presentations.

George W. White, Hastings Lodge No. 50  
 David R. Sharp, Shiloh Lodge No. 327  
 Richard E. Penry, Hebron Lodge No. 43  
 Jeffrey E. Jackson, Miloma Lodge No. 328  
 Doyle L. Hulme, Lotus Lodge No. 289  
 Roy G. Hart, Jr., Bartley Lodge No. 228  
 Larry J. Courtage, Capitol Lodge No. 3  
 Herbert M. Chambers, Sr., Omaha Lodge No. 288  
 Richard E. Brasel, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290  
 Barry A. Ahlborn, Covert Lodge No. 11  
 J. Stewart Karrer, Ashlar Lodge No. 33  
 John M. Hobbs, Springfield Lodge No. 112  
 John Brodersen, Hastings Lodge No. 50  
 Wayne E. Vian, Ashlar Lodge No. 33  
 Ernest R. Reese, Covert Lodge No. 11  
 Daniel J. Wellendorf, Springfield Lodge No. 112  
 Carl A. Monico, Miloma Lodge No. 328  
 Earl L. Mohatt, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290

Robert S. Heckert, Papillion Lodge No. 39  
Richard D. Myers, Waterloo Lodge No. 102  
John T. Parsons, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 & Papillion Lodge No. 39  
Donald D. Vogel, Ashlar Lodge No. 33  
Richard H. Gable, Long Pine Lodge No. 136  
Emil A. Schadwinkel, Alliance Lodge No. 183  
Harry H. Hummel, Scribner Lodge No. 132  
Robert E. Watkins, Miloma Lodge No. 328  
Daniel R. Henn, Ord Lodge No. 103  
Lowell Closner, Springfield Lodge No. 112

First place went to Worshipful Brother Neil A. Henry a member of Beatrice Lodge No. 26, who was the first line signer on 17 petitions, and second line signer for two petitions. Brother Neil was presented with a recognition badge; also his picture and name will be on a plaque which will hang in the Grand Lodge Office.



Miss Tina Kunz, Past Grand Worthy Advisor was introduced by Grand Master Ramsey at which time Tina brought greetings from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

### GOLD PAN AWARD

M.:W.: Grand Master Ramsey 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 to Beatrice Lodge No. 26.



Evan Petersen, State Master Councilor was introduced by Grand Master Ramsey at which time Evan brought greetings from Nebraska Chapter, International Order of DeMolay.

The State Master Councilor presented the DeMolay Mason of the Year Award to Everett Hilfiker of Wahoo Lodge No. 59 in Wahoo; and the DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to the Lincoln York Rite Bodies.



At this time Grand Master Ramsey presented Susan Andreasen, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star. Worthy Grand Matron Susan brought greetings then presented a check from the Fall-In-Gathering to Arthur R. Sharp, Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home.



Grand Master Ramsey called everyone's attention 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.

### ROCK MAUL AWARD

M.: W.: Grand Master Ramsey 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 of Nebraska in the year of M.: W.: Byron C. Jenkins (1980), 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 to Bellevue Lodge No. 325.

### GRAND ORATION

*Benjiman H. Harvey, 119*

Most Worshipful Grand Master Ramsey, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters and visiting Grand Masters, other visiting Masonic dignitaries, Brethren, and friends:

I have a khaki colored trench coat similar to hundreds of other trench coats. I am concerned whenever I wear this coat and have to hang it with many other coats which look just like mine. When I retrieve my coat I am never certain if I am grabbing the right one. To serve as an identifying means I carry a brass stove bolt in the right front pocket so once I slip on the coat, my hand checks that pocket to make sure I have the right coat. It is very reassuring to me when I feel that stove bolt and know that I have my coat. In a broader sense, one can see this as a constancy in my life . . . and this is good, constancies, stabilities are very important to all of us; however, for whatever reasons, constancies don't seem to matter much anymore.

Our society has become one that has let go of many of our constancies with the philosophy of "we need to let kids be kids," or "adults are just expressing themselves" or "everyone has rights." Unfortunately, without some constancies or expectations in our lives, many of those things you and I remember or took for granted are gone:

- Children don't put their shoes on the furniture
- Children don't speak rudely to adults
- One doesn't double-park when the sign says not to, or one doesn't park in a handicap zone

- Obscenities are not hurled in loud voices in shopping malls or on public sidewalks

How often have you heard the retort "what does it matter?" What does it matter if children are not taught proper grammar in school? What does it matter if children are watching too much TV or using TV actors and sport figures as role models? "Don't be a 'fuddy-duddy.'" We are entering the 21st century. Kids need to be "themselves." Let them wear what they wish to school, to church, or other public gatherings.

It isn't just children who have no constancies in their lives. Adults are often too focused on themselves and on instant gratification and have let go of many constancies they once had.

For all of us present today, we are very fortunate because we have a vital constancy in our lives which gives us reassurance, and provides us a moral, spiritual, and educational foundation. That constancy is Masonry. Masonry is our compass. It always points us in the right direction and keeps us within due bounds of all mankind. If we follow the teachings of Masonry and search within ourselves, Masonry is always there to remind us of our duty to our families, to other Masons, and to our community. The constancies that Masonry gives to the community are numerous: in Nebraska we have the Plattsmouth Home, a constancy for over 100 years; the Children's Home, showing care and concern for over 80 years; the Scottish Rite language clinics, the Shrine Temples that provide support and transportation for the orthopedic and burn hospitals; the Eastern Star scholarship and Estral programs; the youth organizations which show today's young people that love of country, respect for parents and one another is a good thing.

Nationally, the Masonic fraternity has over 50 homes that provide lifetime care for adults, and seven children's homes to assist youngsters; there are the hospitals, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; the Masonic Relief Association; the list goes on and on. Actually, Masonry contributes more than 1-1/2 million dollars a day to charities.

The Masonic constancy of providing for the widow, the orphan, and a worthy brother in distress is the origin of adult and children homes as well as the basis for all Masonic charities.

We at the Children's Home know first hand what a devastating effect the lack of structure and constancy can have on children's lives.

With no constancy in their lives, our children have interpreted this to mean no one cares about them because no one is giving them any love or attention. No one cares whether I am home, no one cares if I go to school, no one cares if I do my homework. Unfortunately, these children try to get someone to notice them by misbehaving, by running away, by doing all the wrong things.

When a child comes to live at the Home we tell them we care by giving them constancies. We begin with structure in their daily lives — dinner is always at 5:30 — bedtime is 10:00 — study time is 1 hour — you will be expected to

shower daily — you will be expected to make your bed — to do your chores — to keep your shoes off the furniture.

We also provide constancy by giving them attention and reward for positive behavior. We let them know they are a special person and there is something unique about each one of them.

To all of you here today, consider yourselves very fortunate to have this constancy of Masonry in your lives. Consider yourselves challenged to use this constancy for the betterment of yourself, your family, and your community.

We can all make a difference, by adhering to our principles and putting them into practice.

**1997 Proceedings**  
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**of Nebraska**

*One Hundred Fortieth*  
*Annual Communication*

*Held in Kearney, Nebraska*  
*February 7th & 8th, 1997*

*First Day — Opening Session*  
*Friday, February 7, 1997*

M.:W.: Grand Master V. Kaye Ramsey requested that Michael E. Jones, W.: Grand Marshal proclaim the 140th Annual Communication opened in ample form.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Eugene C. Sibley invoked the blessing of Deity.

R.:W.: Reginald S. Kuhn declared a quorum present for the transaction of business.

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

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

*Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134*

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 speak to the issue. Prior to speaking, each brother shall be recognized by the officer presiding and shall state his name and lodge before addressing the Grand Lodge.
5. No brother shall speak more than twice on any motion, resolution, committee report or other matter unless special permission is granted by the officer presiding. Members shall be recognized to speak in the order they rise unless the officer presiding shall otherwise direct. If more than one brother rises at approximately the same time, the officer presiding shall direct the order of speaking.
6. Time limits on speaking shall not be imposed unless the officer presiding shall announce time limits in order to expedite the business of the Annual Communication. Upon announcement, the officer presiding shall enforce the stated limits.
7. When the Grand Lodge is passing upon the decision and formal recommendations of the Grand Master, the Grand Master shall first announce his position. The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee will announce the position of the Committee. Discussion will then be permitted with the Grand Master permitted to speak. 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 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 motion was seconded and passed.



M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey announced the appointment of M.: W.: Steven F. Mattoon as Parliamentarian for this 140th Annual Communication.

M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey then appointed the Deputy Grand Custodians as Tellers for this session with W.: Steven A. Green as Chairman.

### **Election of Officers**

Most Worshipful Grand Master Ramsey directed that the 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**

*Terry L. Spencer, 227*

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, on behalf of the Appropriations Committee I would like to present the Appropriations Report as printed in your packets starting on page 7. The total income that we are projecting is \$415,792.00 with total expenses requested of \$414,862.00.



While awaiting the result of the Election of Officers the following Brothers brought greetings:

M.: W.: Wright P. Robinson, Past Grand Master of Prince Hall of Nebraska

M.: W.: Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master of Vermont and Executive  
Director of the Masonic Service Association

M.: W.: Eric J. Neetenbeck, Grand Master of Minnesota

M.: W.: Stephen F. Kane, Past Grand Master of Manitoba



**Report of Ballot**

The Chairman of Tellers, W.: Steven A. Green, presented the report of the balloting on Grand Lodge Officers. There were a total of 168 ballots cast with the following individuals receiving a majority of votes for offices indicated:

- Deputy Grand Master &  
    Grand Master-Elect ..... R.: W.: Don E. Rasmussen
- Grand Senior Warden ..... R.: W.: Dwight E. Smith
- Grand Junior Warden ..... W.: James F. Brown, Jr.
- Grand Secretary ..... R.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn

The Grand Master then elicited acceptance from each of the newly elected officers and congratulated them individually on their election.

The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master called the session from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 8th at 8:30 a.m.

Deputy Grand Master Kenneth G. Fleming moved for approval to hold the 141st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Nebraska at the Ramada Inn in Kearney, Nebraska on February 5, 6 & 7, 1998. Motion was seconded and carried.

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*Second Session*  
*Saturday, February 8, 1997*

The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 140th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, 1997.

V.: W.: Grand Chaplain Eugene C. Sibley invoked the blessing of Deity.

Grand Master Kaye Ramsey explained that there were two charters on display because he holds membership in both Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings and John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha. These two lodges had jointly opened a lodge of Master Masons.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

*Terry L. Spencer, 227*

The final report of the Appropriations Committee was submitted to the voting delegates of Grand Lodge and adopted by vote of the delegates assembled.

**— REVENUE —  
LODGE INCOME**

2104.000	Dues—Fremont Home	\$10,232.50
2105.000	Dues—Masonic Home	40,930.00
2106.000	Dues—Geo Washington Memorial	10,232.50
4100.000	Membership Dues	163,720.00
4175.000	Perpetual Membership Mgt. Fee	600.00
4200.000	Initiation Fees	4,100.00
4300.000	Surety Bond Premium	3,358.80
4350.000	Liability Ins. Premium	9,413.90
4600.000	Reinstatement Fees	2,500.00
	Sub-total	245,087.70 *

**SALES INCOME**

4400.000	Supplies	14,000.00
4450.725	Band Clinic Registrations	22,500.00
4460.725	Band Clinic Supplies	2,300.00
4620.400	Banquet Tickets	8,050.00
4625.400	Other Meal Tickets	6,525.00
4630.400	Ladies Luncheon	1,610.00
	Sub-total	54,985.00 *

**PARTICIPATORY INCOME**

4650.000	NE Masonic Home—Admin Services	10,000.00
4655.000	NE Masonic Home—Newspaper	12,500.00
4660.000	OES & Fremont Home—Newspaper	12,000.00
	Sub-total	34,500.00 *

**INVESTMENT INCOME**

4700.000	Int & Div—FNB Omaha	68,500.00
4750.000	Int & Div—FirsTier Lincoln	0
4800.000	Gain on Sale of Investments	0
4875.000	Miscellaneous Income	1,500.00
	Sub-total	70,000.00 *

	TOTAL REVENUE	404,572.70
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**—EXPENSES—  
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

5xxx.400	Annual Communication	38,450.00
	Sub-total	38,450.00 *

**INSTALLATION**

5xxx.425	Grand Lodge Installation	5,000.00
	Sub-total	5,000.00 *

**TRAVEL & RELATED**

52xx.000	Office Staff	1,400.00
52xx.100	Grand Master	13,100.00

52xx.150	Deputy Grand Master	4,200.00
52xx.200	Grand Secretary	1,950.00
52xx.250	Grand Custodian	2,600.00
52xx.300	Deputy Grand Custodian	7,450.00
52xx.350	Other Officers	6,700.00
	Sub-total	37,400.00 *

## SALARIES &amp; RELATED

5310.250	Grand Custodian	6,752.00
5320.000	Office Staff—Full Time	48,400.00
5320.100	Grand Master Staff	0
5330.000	Office Staff—Temporary	6,500.00
5340.000	FICA Taxes	4,717.00
5350.000	Federal Unemployment Taxes	223.00
5360.000	Nebraska Unemployment Taxes	32.00
5370.000	Employer's Share—401K	3,388.00
5380.000	Office Staff Training	250.00
	Sub-total	70,262.00 *

## OCCUPANCY &amp; RELATED

5400.000	Office Rent	11,000.00
5410.000	Utilities	2,500.00
5412.000	Trash Removal	300.00
5413.000	Grounds Maintenance	1,000.00
5414.000	Building Maintenance	1,000.00
5415.xxx	Telephone	10,825.00
5420.000	Equipment Maintenance	3,500.00
5425.000	Equipment Rental	1,200.00
5430.000	Equipment Purchase	500.00
5435.xxx	Postage	8,050.00
5440.xxx	Printing & Copying	3,000.00
5445.xxx	Office Supplies	3,200.00
5450.000	Office Maintenance	2,400.00
5455.000	Computer Supplies	1,200.00
5460.000	Computer Repairs & Maintenance	2,500.00
5465.000	Computer Software Support	1,750.00
5470.000	Dues & Subscriptions	750.00
5475.000	Publication of NE Masons	32,500.00
5480.000	Bank Service Charges	1,000.00
5485.000	Professional Fees	2,375.00
5490.000	Legal Fees	0
5500.000	Supplies for Lodges—Printed	8,000.00
5505.000	Supplies for Lodges—Other	3,500.00
5505.250	Supplies for Lodges—GC	700.00
5510.000	Supplies for Lodges—Year Pins	3,000.00
5515.000	Publication of Secretary's Desk Book	1,500.00
5525.000	Grand Lodge Jewels, Aprons & Collars	1,750.00
5555.000	Retirement—Alice Lallman	3,360.00
	Sub-total	112,360.00 *

## INSURANCE &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE

5600.000	Worker's Compensation	452.00
5605.000	Grand Lodge Staff Medical	12,600.00
5610.000	Surety Bond	3,341.00
5620.000	Directors & Officers Liability	2,925.00
5625.000	Blanket Liability	11,053.00
5635.000	Office Contents & Equipment	803.00

5650.000	Other General Administrative Expenses	1,750.00
	Sub-total	32,924.00 *

### COMMITTEES

xxxx.010	Jurisprudence Committee	50.00
xxxx.450	Masonic Education	1,000.00
xxxx.460	Midwest Education Conference	400.00
xxxx.475	Appropriations Committee	40.00
xxxx.525	Committee on Work	200.00
xxxx.550	Relief	500.00
xxxx.600	Trial Comissions	200.00
xxxx.625	Grievance Committee	0
xxxx.650	Grand Lodge Offices	200.00
xxxx.675	Finance Committee	50.00
xxxx.700	Public Relations	600.00
	Grand Marshal	1,000.00
xxxx.725	Band Clinic	24,800.00
xxxx.730	Insurance Committee	100.00
xxxx.750	Youth	3,000.00
xxxx.800	Membership	1,500.00
xxxx.825	General Session & Social	500.00
xxxx.850	Grand Trustees	100.00
xxxx.900	Awards	400.00
xxxx.910	Freemasonry & Religion	300.00
xxxx.920	All-Masonic Sunday	200.00
xxxx.925	Charters & Dispensations	30.00
xxxx.950	Lodge Advisory	500.00
xxxx.975	Credentials	0
xxxx.995	Masonic Renewal & Leadership	1,000.00
	Sub-total	36,670.00 *

### CONTRIBUTIONS

2104.000	Fremont Homes Dues	10,232.50
2105.000	NE Masonic Home Dues	40,930.00
2106.000	Geo Washington Memorial Dues	10,232.50
5800.000	Masonic Service Assoc Dues	1,300.00
5810.000	NE DeMolay Donation	3,500.00
5811.000	Job's Daughters	1,000.00
5812.000	Rainbow for Girls	1,000.00
5820.000	MSA Hospital Visitation Fund	2,500.00
5830.000	Other Masonic Promotion	0
5835.000	Masonic Relief Association	350.00
	Sub-total	71,045.00 *
	TOTAL EXPENSES	404,111.00
	Total Revenue Less Total Expenses	\$461.70

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

### NECROLOGY

*Eugene C. Sibley, 54*

In honor of W. : B. : Guy O. Seaton, Past Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, I shall use, for the most part, the text written by him for this Necrology.

During the past year 665 members of our Fraternity have passed on to their just reward and have entered that Undiscovered Country. They have given unstintingly of their time and talents to the end that the affairs of their Lodges might be handled judiciously; that the principles of Masonry might, by precept and example be taught to those who seek after them; and that the virtues inculcated in Masonic teaching might become a living, vital part of the life of its members.

We are assembled here in observance of the 140th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and, as we enjoy the fellowship which such an occasion makes possible, it seems only fitting that we pause for a few moments to honor the memory of those who served their lodges so faithfully and well, and who have been called from their labors here on earth to the Grand Beyond.

Let us turn our thoughts to them, who, but a comparatively short time ago, were among us in the pride and power of life. Let us be mindful of the record of their good deeds, their words of truth and their works of mercy and justice, that we may imitate them. Let us each rededicate himself to the high principles for which our great Fraternity stands.

Today they sleep, watched over by the sun, the stars, and by the God who fails not to mark the sparrow's fall.

Dreamless and untroubled is their slumber. Mighty forces may clash on the lands, on the seas and in the skies, but nothing of this reaches them. Utter peace they know and naught of this world's strife.

Rains give life to the turf above them, causing it to grow and shelter their resting places. All above them is Life and the turn of the seasons. When nature rests, snowflakes sift down to cover their beds; when Nature wakes and all is green and glad above them, still they are sheltered. The years will pass — one by one — and through them all, they sleep in peace.

As we remember them let us all be mindful that we too shall soon follow them. But let us then remember the evergreen; symbol of our faith in immortality, and know that they are but sleeping, and that the imperishable part within has survived the grave and shall never, never, NEVER die.

The names of our departed brethren have been projected on the screen before you. Remember them, Brethren.

As the sun sets in the west to draw to a close, so, one by one, we lay us down in the darkness of the tomb; to wait in calm repose for the time when Heaven shall pass away as a scroll; and man, standing in the Presence of the Infinite, shall realize the true end of his pilgrimage here below. Let this occasion be to us a symbol of remembrance of the virtues of these, our Brethren, who have preceded us to the silent land; a token of that Fraternal alliance which binds us together while on earth and which shall finally reunite us in Heaven.

Let us pray.

O Merciful and Loving Father, Encourage to Perseverance all who labor in the cause of truth and virtue and the rights of men, and keep them from becoming

weary, faint-hearted, assuring them that none shall labor without result, nor at the last are unrewarded.

Protect and perpetuate, we pray Thee, civil and religious liberty in this land, and prevent tyranny, subversion of constitutional government, oppression, injustice and usurpation, and defeat all mad and wicked schemes that with plausible pretexes lead to ruin. Teach all men the great truth, that peace, good government, political freedom, and religion walk hand in hand; and as Thou has united these, let no one put asunder. Make the Order of Freemasonry worthy of its high pretensions. Persuade its initiates everywhere to illustrate its holy principles of truth, brotherly love, virtue and tolerance; and when our labors in this earthly lodge and workshop in which we serve our apprenticeship are finished, admit us to the companionship of those who have worthily worked and gone away before us, in that temple of the heavens wherein Thy throne of love is established forever. Amen.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

*Eugene C. Sibley, 54*

Since we last assembled for our Annual Communication 665 of our brethren have been reported as called from their labors here on earth to the Celestial Lodge Above. We are honored to take this time to remember them, who in their labors among us were our brothers. Together we walked the pilgrimage of life and shared in the joys and sorrows that beset us all. We give thanks to God for their lives and for the honor of bearing witness to the many noble contributions that they made to our beloved fraternity.

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

Fraternally submitted,  
Rev. John F. Dale, 126  
Rev. Dr. Richard P. Don, 9  
Eugene C. Sibley, 54, Chairman

W. .B. . Eugene C. Sibley moved for the adoption of the Necrology along with the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

## REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

*Norris Rusmisell, 46, Chairman*

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Brethren:

It is again my privilege to present to you the Credentials Committee report for this 140th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

In spite of the un-cooperative weather we have experienced the past two days, we can report that all Grand Lodge Officers except one are present here as well as 14 Past Grand Masters and 23 Deputy Grand Custodians. Also in attendance are dignitaries from Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Manitoba Canada, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Prince Hall of Nebraska and the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine.

In addition to the above mentioned, also represented here are Order of Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, York Rite Masons, Scottish Rite Masons, Sesostris Temple, Tangier Temple, Tehama Temple, Daughters of the Nile and National Sojourners.

As an information item only, there were 265 people in attendance at the Grand Master's Banquet Thursday evening and 360 people at the membership dinner Friday evening.

At this time there are no Masters or Wardens registered from the following 24 Lodges: 9, 34, 35, 43, 52, 53, 60, 68, 105, 121, 134, 167, 207, 218, 219, 234, 236, 248, 261, 277, 285, 298, 308 and 328.

Those Lodges not registered for two consecutive years are: 9, 35, 60, 121, 298 and 308.

Those Lodges not registered for three consecutive years are 236 and 285.

Subordinate lodge registration consists of 84 Worshipful Masters in person and 32 Masters by proxy; 42 Senior Wardens in person and 31 by proxy; and 46 Junior Wardens in person and 35 by proxy. There are also 90 non-delegate Masons registered.

It has been my pleasure to serve Most Worshipful Grand Master Kaye Ramsey as Chairman of the Credentials Committee and I personally wish to thank the other Brethren who have given so freely of their time and talent trying to make your Grand Lodge more successful. They are Doyle Berg from Omaha, Delmar Jones from Kearney, Frank Dougherty from Lincoln and Roger Anderson from Kearney, also Bill Hurst from Lincoln and Gary Keim from Elm Creek who volunteered to help us when some regular committee members could not be present.

Last but by no means least, the girls in the office, without whose many hours of behind the scenes preparation this committee perhaps couldn't even function properly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norris L. Rusmisell, Chairman

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



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

*Charles W. Amidon, 281 & 327, Chairman*

On February 16, 1996, members of the Committee met at the Grand Lodge Office with W.:M.: Neil A. Henry, Master of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 to discuss details of presenting a one-day multiple candidate communication at the Beatrice Lodge.

On March 30, 1996, eighteen candidates received all three degrees in one day. Due to the fine preparation of Beatrice Lodge, the degrees were presented in excellent form and with utmost dignity. All members of the Committee on Work were present for this historic occasion and want to thank Beatrice Lodge for its' wholehearted cooperation.

On August 9, 1996, the Chairman of the Committee met with W.:M.: Richard E. Gilmore, Master of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, to discuss a similar one-day conferral at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Omaha.

On October 19, 1996, one hundred and twelve candidates were raised in Omaha. A similar conferral was held the same day in Hastings at which time, seventy-nine candidates were raised. As the Grand Master had decreed, both sessions were attended by members of the Committee on Nebraska Work. However, as no member of the Committee was able to attend the Hastings event, it was suggested to the Grand Master that he might wish to appoint temporary members to the Committee for the purpose of complying with his decree that all one-day conferrals must have a member of the Committee in attendance. The Grand Master accordingly appointed W.: Arthur S. Dye and W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., both of Mid-West Lodge No. 317, as temporary members of the Committee. The Committee on Work wishes to thank these brethren for their excellent contributions to the work at the Hastings session.

Detailed records of the two, one-day sessions were prepared and critiques were forwarded to the Grand Master for his review. Copies of the modified floor work required were placed in the Grand Lodge file for future reference should one-day sessions be held in the future.

No Degree Competition was held in 1996 due to lack of sufficient interest. However, if at least eight lodges are willing to guarantee participation, this event can be scheduled in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,  
John C. Sierks, 4  
Eugene C. Sibley, 54  
Charles W. Amidon, 281 & 327, Chairman

### **ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER**

"My brethren, all of the delegates were furnished 45 days before the opening of Grand Lodge, back in late December, a copy of the Grand Master's Recommendations, and as you registered you were given the final printed copy of my address. 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 WORSHIPFUL, THE GRAND LODGE, ANCIENT FREE  
AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA**

#### *My Brethren:*

In accordance with Article X, Section 2(b) of the Constitution of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, I do hereby submit my written address to this 140th Annual Communication. This address will consist of a record of my official acts, my thoughts on the general condition of Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, and recommendations for legislation that I believe to be necessary or expedient for the welfare of our fraternity. In accordance with Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge, all Grand Master's recommendations contained within this address were submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee, all Grand Lodge Officers, and to the Masters of all subordinate Lodges not less than forty-five days prior to this Annual Communication.

I first wish to express to each and every Mason within the jurisdiction of Nebraska my sincere appreciation for allowing me to serve as your Grand Master for the last year. Much has been accomplished for the good of Masonry this year, and it could only have been done because of the dedicated efforts of so many of you. I have received wonderful support from many individual Masons, local Lodges, the appendant bodies and the Grand Lodge Officers. I do want to especially thank the Grand Lodge Officers for their dedication to Masonry. Many times they have made long trips to support Grand Lodge participation at many local Lodge events.

To each of the visiting dignitaries from other jurisdictions and from within the State of Nebraska, we offer a sincere welcome. Over the past eight years, I have had the pleasure of attending many of your Annual Communications. I hope that your time here is as enjoyable as we experienced when visiting you.

To the delegates and other members attending the 140th Annual Communication, we extend a welcome as you gather to consider serious matters concerning your Grand Lodge. I also hope that you and your wives will enjoy the workshops and banquets.

I would like to thank our Grand Lodge Office Staff. Chris Rudder and Carol Schroeder provide the day-to-day expertise that makes the Grand Lodge function so well.

## **NECROLOGY**

As of the writing of this address, the Secretaries of our Subordinate Lodges have reported to the Grand Lodge Office that 643 of our brethren have entered into that House not made with Hands, Eternal in the Heavens. Their contributions to Masonry will leave fond memories.

We are thankful that the Golden Chain of Past Grand Masters of Masons in Nebraska has remained unbroken this past year.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead, under the able leadership of our V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Eugene C. Sibley, will be presenting a suitable tribute to our departed brethren as an important part of this Annual Communication.

## **CORNERSTONES**

This year the Grand Lodge Officers have been privileged to hold several Cornerstone Ceremonies throughout the State. Our Grand Marshal, W.:B.: Mike Jones, has done an outstanding job of working with the local officials and Lodges in order to make these all meaningful public events. Also York Rite Commanderies have served as honor guards for the Grand Lodge Officers at our Cornerstone Ceremonies. Our Grand Orator, W.:B.: Ben Harvey, has given a meaningful oration at each event.

On All-Masonic Sunday, July 28, 1996, we conducted a Cornerstone Ceremony at the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center in Omaha, working closely with the Nebraska State Historical Society, who operates this center near the Ford Memorial. Former President Ford, who is a Mason, was not able to be there. However, there were a number of dignitaries in attendance, and the ceremony received television coverage. Tangier Shrine provided both the Color Guard and a band.

Immediately after the Ford Cornerstone Ceremony, the Grand Lodge Officers traveled to Fort Calhoun to lay a Cornerstone at the Fort Calhoun Medical Clinic.

Solomon Lodge No. 10 then provided a grand wrap-up to a busy day by hosting a steak cookout honoring the Grand Lodge Officers.

On October 23, 1996, a Cornerstone Ceremony was held at Hastings College for the Wilson Mathematics and Computer Science Building. This building was made possible by a gift from Brother D. Lloyd Wilson, a member of Thistle Lodge No. 61 in Lexington. All Grand Lodge Officers were able to be in attendance. Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Mid-West Lodge No. 317 both helped with this event. Since I am from Hastings and am a dual member of Mid-West Lodge, it was an additional pleasure to be received by that Lodge later in the afternoon.

Our final Cornerstone Ceremony took place in Ogallala on November 2, 1996. This ceremony was at the U.S.D.A. Service Center Building. In addition to the fine support from Ogallala (not Ogallala) Lodge No. 159 and their Worshipful Master, Craig Draucker, a number of other organizations participated in the ceremony: Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, the Boy Scouts, the Middle School Band, and the York Rite Knights Templar from North Platte.

## **BYLAWS APPROVED**

On March 2, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Ornan Lodge No. 261 changing their meeting night from the first and third Tuesdays to the first and third Mondays of each month.

On April 15, 1996, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Superior Lodge No. 121, a copy of which is on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

On May 23, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of DeWitt Lodge No. 111 changing their meeting night from the third Wednesday to the third Monday of each month.

On July 22, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of George Washington Lodge No. 250 to add Grand Lodge assessment to their per member dues.

On August 19, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Blue Valley Lodge No. 64, changing their regular meeting nights from the first and third Tuesday to the first Tuesday of each month.

On August 19, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Blue Valley Lodge No. 64 to increase their annual dues.

On September 25, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 to increase their annual dues.

On October 1, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 to increase their annual dues.

On October 2, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Franklin Lodge No. 264 to decrease their annual dues.

On October 8, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Stella Lodge No. 105 allowing their regular meeting to be held on the second Thursday of the month, rather than the first Thursday, in the event of a legal holiday.

On October 21, 1996, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Papillion Lodge No. 39, a copy of which is on file in the Grand Lodge Office.

On November 13, 1996, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, a copy of which is on file in the Grand Lodge Office.

On December 3, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Bellevue Lodge No. 325 to increase their annual dues.

On December 3, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Bellevue Lodge No. 325 which allows that in the event inclement weather precludes sufficient attendance to hold a regular meeting on the stated day, the meeting will be held on the first date weather permits, but in no case more than seven days later.

On December 6, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Geneva Lodge No. 79 allowing their regular meeting to be held on the first Thursday following the first Tuesday of the month, in the event a legal holiday falls on the day of their regularly stated meeting.

On December 6, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 revising the duties of their Board of Trustees.

On December 16, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Culbertson Lodge No. 174 changing their regular meeting time to 8:00 pm.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to delete Section 3 of Article V regarding candidates.

On January 16, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Guide Rock Lodge No. 128, Guide Rock to change their regular meeting from the 2nd Thursday to the 1st Thursday.

On January 28, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo to change the time of their regular meeting, and allow for changes in the meeting night in case of a legal holiday or inclement weather.

## REINSTATEMENTS

February 12, 1996	Lee Burkink, Jr.	Scribner No. 132
February 16, 1996	Arvid Kjos	Mitchell No. 263
March 18, 1996	William R. Yancey	Bee Hive No. 184
April 6, 1996	James V. Dewey	Lincoln No. 19
April 14, 1996	Rick A. Martin	Rob Morris No. 46
April 14, 1996	Harry E. Fitzgibbon	Geneva No. 79
April 23, 1996	Clifford J. Bennet	Platte Valley No. 32
June 13, 1996	Dale C. Clouse	Ogalalla No. 159

July 22, 1996	Wilbur C. Temme	Mizpah No. 302
July 22, 1996	Milford L. Bolas	Mizpah No. 302
August 1, 1996	Paul J. Schroeder	Cement No. 211
August 17, 1996	Robert L. Gillett	Wahoo No. 59
September 25, 1996	Ted Newman	Miloma No. 328
October 8, 1996	James H. Amerson	Bellevue No. 325
October 10, 1996	Edward Goins	Bee Hive No. 184
October 10, 1996	Ronald E. Hand	Samaritan No. 158
October 10, 1996	Jerome Erickson	George Washington No. 250
October 18, 1996	Robert L. Burns	Papillion No. 39
October 31, 1996	Donald Jelinek	Ashlar No. 33
December 3, 1996	Albert Chandler	Mizpah No. 302
December 16, 1996	Larry Swinnerton	Florence No. 281
December 16, 1996	Harry T. Mitchell	Arcana No. 195

**WAIVER OF JURISDICTION**

I granted, on the date shown, absolute waiver of Nebraska jurisdiction over the individual listed in favor of the named lodge operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.: F.: & A.: M.: :

April 15, 1996 — Mark S. Smith, Sr. to Cobia Lodge No. 631

**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:

Monte K. Olmstead	Nevada
Cullen Pilker	North Carolina
Gerald G. McKay	Maine

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:

Marty D. Byers	Arkansas
Ray H. Earley, Jr.	North Carolina
John David Wagner	Oklahoma

## DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

On the recommendation of our Grand Custodian, Gus Scolaro, I commissioned W.:B.: Thomas R. Reed, a Past Master of Omadi Lodge No. 5, South Sioux City, as Deputy Grand Custodian for District No. 6 on August 6, 1996. I know that Tom will be a credit to a fine corps of Deputy Grand Custodians.

On September 20, 1996, I addressed the Deputy Grand Custodians annual meeting and school of instruction that our Grand Custodian held in Grand Island. This group of hard working Masons is indeed dedicated to preserving our beautiful ritual as they work with all the local lodges in Nebraska. Please thank them for their efforts as you come in contact with them throughout the year.

## GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

### *January 1996*

- 4 Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES-Omaha
- 5 Installation of Tangier Shrine-Omaha
- 6 Installation of Mizpah Lodge No. 302-Omaha
- 7 Practice for Installation of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290-Omaha
- 9 Nebraska Masonic Home Annual Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 9 Masonic Unity Committee-Tangier Temple-Omaha
- 12 Trip to Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln
- 13 Installed Officers of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290-Omaha
- 14 Installation Practice Dinner, Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES-Omaha
- 16 Installation Dinner and Pin Presentation, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268-Omaha
- 17 Installed Officers of Covert Lodge No. 11-Omaha
- 18 Installation of Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES-Omaha
- 19 Installation of Alpha Chapter No. 325 OES-Bellevue
- 20 Installing Marshal, Nebraska Lodge No. 1-Omaha
- 21 Potentate's Breakfast, Sesostri Shrine-Lincoln
- 24 Met with members of Oakland Lodge No. 91-Oakland
- 25 Grand Lodge Planning Meeting, Holiday Inn-Kearney
- 31 To Kearney for Grand Lodge Annual Communication

### *February 1996*

- 1 Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Communication-Kearney
- 2 Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Communication-Kearney

- 2 Installation of 1996/1997 Grand Lodge Officers at Annual Communication-Kearney
- 3 Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Communication-Kearney
- 6 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 6 Received as Grand Master, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290-Omaha
- 10 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting-Omaha
- 11 Reception for Grand Lodge Officers, Scottish Rite Cathedral-Omaha
- 14 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting-Fremont
- 15 Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES-Omaha
- 17 Conference of Grand Masters-Washington, D.C.
- 18 Conference of Grand Masters-Washington, D.C.
- 19 Conference of Grand Masters-Washington, D.C.
- 20 Conference of Grand Masters-Washington, D.C.
- 21 Conference of Grand Masters-Washington, D.C.
- 24 Installation of Eiche Chapter, Order of DeMolay-Lincoln

**March 1996**

- 2 Grand Lodge Line Officers Meeting-Lincoln
- 2 Shrine Central States Meeting Banquet-Lincoln
- 5 Kansas Awards Night-Hiawatha, Kansas
- 7 Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES-Omaha
- 12 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 13 Central School of Instruction, Centennial Lodge No. 326-Omaha
- 14 Kansas Grand Lodge-Salina, Kansas
- 15 Kansas Grand Lodge-Salina, Kansas
- 16 Kansas Grand Lodge-Salina, Kansas
- 16 Tangier Shrine Potentate's Ball-Omaha
- 17 Tangier Shrine Potentate's Breakfast-Omaha
- 17 DeMolay District No. 1 Initiation-Omaha
- 17 Reception for Sharlene Coulter, Grand Organist OES-Blair
- 18 Central School of Instruction, Nebraska Lodge No. 1-Omaha
- 19 Nebraska Masonic Home Committee Meetings-Plattsmouth
- 23 Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln
- 23 Nebraska-Kansas Eastern Star Grand Chapter Officer Exchange-Hastings
- 24 Installation of Sat-ra Temple No. 59, Daughters of the Nile-Omaha
- 25 Received at the Central School of Instruction, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln

- 26 Received as Grand Master at the Central School of Instruction, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290-Omaha

*April 1996*

- 2 John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290-Omaha
- 4 Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES-Omaha
- 6 Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln
- 9 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 10 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting-Fremont
- 11 Tangier Shrine Business Meeting-Omaha
- 12 Grand York Rite-Columbus
- 13 Grand York Rite-Columbus
- 13 Centennial Celebration, Friendship Lodge No. 239-Chapman
- 13 Tehama Shrine Potentate's Ball-Hastings
- 14 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting-Kearney
- 15 Presentation of 50-year pin, Friend Lodge No. 73-Friend
- 16 Memorial Service for Barry Warwick
- 18 Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES-Omaha
- 23 Presented five year pins, Charity Lodge No. 53-Red Cloud
- 24 Spoke at All-Community Guest Night-Scottish Rite Temple-Lincoln
- 25 Initiation at Alpha Chapter No. 325 OES-Bellevue  
Grand Custodian, wife and daughter were initiated.
- 27 Oklahoma Indian Degree Team-Beatrice
- 27 Midwest Conference on Masonic Education-Sioux City
- 28 York Rite Reception for Dr. Jim Karnegis, R.A.M.-Omaha
- 29 Year pin presentations at Florence Lodge No. 281-Omaha

*May 1996*

- 1 Hiram Club Speaker-Lincoln
- 1 Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln
- 7 Presented five year pins, Fremont Lodge No. 15-Fremont
- 9 Meeting with York Rite representatives-Omaha
- 14 Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star-Lincoln (Presented as Grand Master)
- 15 Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star-Lincoln
- 18 Installation of Westside Assembly No. 22, Rainbow for Girls-Omaha
- 25 75th Anniversary Celebration, Bethel No. 5, Job's Daughters-Lincoln

*June 1996*

- 1 Picnic for all Masonic Bodies from Benson Temple, Cooper Farm-Omaha
- 1 Installation of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 53-Papillion
- 2 Reception for Susan Andreason, Worthy Grand Matron OES, Genoa
- 3 Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner, Fremont Lodge No. 15-Fremont
- 5 Travel to Manitoba Grand Lodge-Winnipeg
- 6 Manitoba Grand Lodge-Winnipeg
- 7 Manitoba Grand Lodge-Winnipeg
- 8 Travel to Wisconsin
- 9 Wisconsin Grand Lodge-Stevens Point
- 10 Wisconsin Grand Lodge-Stevens Point
- 11 Wisconsin Grand Lodge-Stevens Point
- 14 Rainbow Grand Assembly-Crete
- 15 Rainbow Grand Assembly-Crete
- 17 Spoke at Omaha Valley Scottish Rite Monthly Business Meeting-Omaha
- 20 South Dakota Grand Lodge-Brookings
- 21 South Dakota Grand Lodge-Brookings
- 22 St. John the Baptist Lodge of Research No. 330-Geneva
- 23 Spoke at Centennial Celebration, Crete Chapter No. 104 OES-Crete
- 25 Rode my Harley-Davidson to Lincoln for loading for Imperial Shrine
- 27 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel, Holiday Inn-Omaha
- 29 Imperial Shrine-New Orleans
- 30 Imperial Shrine-New Orleans

*July 1996*

- 1 Imperial Shrine-New Orleans
- 2 Imperial Shrine-New Orleans
- 3 Imperial Shrine-New Orleans
- 4 Imperial Shrine-New Orleans
- 6 Unload Harley-Davidsons-Lincoln
- 6 Spoke at Caring Club Dinner, Nebraska Masonic Home-Plattsmouth
- 14 Grand Lodge Line Officers Meeting-Kearney
- 16 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children-Annual Meeting-Fremont
- 17 Shrine Bowl Flight to Shrine Hospital-Minneapolis
- 20 DeMolay Conclave-Grand Island

- 21 Sat-ra Temple No. 59, Daughters of the Nile, Banquet for Supreme Queen-Omaha
- 28 All-Masonic Sunday observed throughout the state
- 28 Cornerstone Ceremony, Gerald Ford Conservation Center-Omaha
- 28 Cornerstone Ceremony, Fort Calhoun Medical Center-Fort Calhoun

**August 1996**

- 8 Grand Lodge Officers Retreat-Winter Park, CO
- 9 Grand Lodge Officers Retreat-Winter Park, CO
- 10 Grand Lodge Officers Retreat-Winter Park, CO
- 13 Year pin Presentations, Waterloo Lodge No. 102-Elkhorn
- 16 Midwest Conference of Grand Masters-Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- 17 Midwest Conference of Grand Masters-Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- 18 Midwest Conference of Grand Masters-Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- 22 Met with Florida High Twelve representative-Omaha
- 23 Tangier Shrine, Dinner for prospective Masons-Omaha
- 25 4-H Achievement Day, Childrens Home-Fremont

**September 1996**

- 3 John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290-Omaha
- 4 Year pin Presentations, Bellevue Lodge No. 325-Bellevue
- 5 Funeral of Duane Albers, Associate Grand Patron OES-Davenport
- 6 Naphis Temple Daughters of the Nile, Banquet for Supreme Queen-Lincoln
- 10 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 10 Year pin Presentation at Masonic Home-Plattsmouth
- 12 Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES, Past Matron/Patron Dinner-Omaha
- 14 Year pin Presentations, Thistle Lodge No. 61-Lexington
- 19 Omaha Area Visitation, Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES-Omaha
- 20 Custodians School-Grand Island
- 27 Grand Lodge Office Committee-Lincoln

**October 1996**

- 1 John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290-Omaha
- 3 Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES-Omaha
- 5 DeMolay Grand Master's Class-Hastings
- 7 Year pin Presentations, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6-Plattsmouth
- 9 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting-Fremont

- 17 Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES-Omaha
- 19 One-Day Blue Lodge Degree Conferrals-Omaha (also held in Hastings)
- 20 Open House, Canopy Lodge No. 209-Elmwood
- 23 Cornerstone Ceremony, Hastings College-Hastings
- 23 Received as Grand Master, Mid-West Lodge No. 317-Hastings

**November 1996**

- 1 Year pin Presentations, Lebanon Lodge No. 323-Columbus
- 2 Cornerstone Ceremony, Farm Services Administration Building-Ogallala
- 2 Received as Grand Master, Ogallala Lodge No. 159-Ogallala
- 8 Grand Lodge Office Committee-Lincoln
- 12 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 13 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting-Fremont
- 16 Masonic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- 17 Masonic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- 18 Masonic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- 19 Masonic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- 20 Masonic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- 21 Masonic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- 22 Masonic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- 23 Masonic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- 24 Masonic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- 25 Masonic Unity Committee-Omaha

**December 1996**

- 6 Grand Lodge Line Officers Meeting-Lincoln
- 7 Tangier Shrine Ceremonial-Omaha
- 7 Humanitarian Award to Ben Fussell-Geneva
- 10 National Sojourners-Waterloo
- 11 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting-Fremont
- 12 Tangier Shrine Business Meeting-Omaha (Elected Oriental Guide)
- 13 Installation of Commandery No. 1, York Rite-Omaha
- 16 Omaha Valley Scottish Rite Business Meeting-Omaha
- 21 Tangier Shrine Past Masters Club-Omaha

**January 1997**

- 4 Tangier Shrine Installation-Omaha. Installed as Oriental Guide.
- 6 Masonic Unity Committee-Omaha
- 11 Installed Officers of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290-Omaha
- 12 Installed Officers of Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Mid-West Lodge No. 317-Hastings
- 14 Nebraska Masonic Home Annual Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 16 Installation of Narcissus Chapter No. 269 OES-Omaha
- 17 Installation of Alpha Chapter No. 325 OES-Omaha
- 18 Presented 50 year Pin to Don Mears, Grand Historian at Installation of Capitol Lodge No. 3-Omaha
- 18 Installation of Sesostris Shrine-Lincoln
- 20 Meeting with Holiday Inn on Grand Lodge Session-Kearney
- 24 Installation of Omaha Valley, Scottish Rite-Omaha
- 25 Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln
- 30 Meeting with Jurisprudence Committee-Lincoln

**PERMISSIONS & DECISIONS**

On February 12, 1996, I gave permission to Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice to temporarily move their charter to the Beatrice Civic Auditorium on April 27, 1996 for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree, with the degree to be put on by the Indian Degree Team of Oklahoma.

On February 15, 1996, I gave permission to Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln to temporarily move their charter to the dining room at the Masonic Temple at 1635 L Street for the purpose of holding a Table Lodge in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

On March 4, 1996, I gave permission to Friendship Lodge No. 239, Chapman to temporarily move their charter to the Chapman School Gym on April 13, 1996, for the purpose of holding a Centennial Celebration.

On March 4, 1996, I gave permission to Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering to participate in the Oregon Trail Days Parade to be held in Gering, Nebraska on July 13, 1996.

On May 22, 1996, I gave permission to Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield to temporarily move their charter on June 22 or June 29 to an isolated area near Ashland for the purpose of performing an outdoor degree.

On June 3, 1996, I gave permission to Henry S. Greenwalt to constitute a Council of Knight Masons in Nebraska. Said Council is a York Rite Body and will be based in Fremont at the Grand York Rite office.

On July 9, 1996, I gave permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte to display their Masonic Family float in the Nebraskaland Parade on July 28, 1996.

On August 14, 1996, I gave permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island to solicit any or all Nebraska Lodges for the purpose of providing provisions for the Robert W. Boon Memorial Food Truck.

On August 26, 1996, I gave permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Greater Omaha to do a mailing, with labels furnished by the Grand Lodge Office, to all lodges in Nebraska for the purpose of raising funds to provide gifts for the residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

On August 28, 1996, I gave permission to Blue Valley Lodge No. 64, Wilber to obtain a list of names and addresses of all the members of DeWitt Lodge No. 111, for the purpose of inviting them to a Master Masons degree to be conferred on September 24, 1996.

On September 3, 1996, I gave permission to McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook to participate in the Heritage Day Parade in McCook on September 28, 1996.

On September 20, 1996, I gave permission to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney to temporarily move their charter to a location 7 miles southeast of Kearney for the purpose of conducting an outdoor Master Masons Degree on September 21, 1996.

On October 11, 1996, I appointed Worshipful Brothers Arthur S. Dye and Scott J. Krieger, Sr., as temporary members of the Committee on Nebraska Work for the period of October 11, 1996 to October 20, 1996. Appointment was made so that these two brothers could represent the Committee on Nebraska Work during the planning and execution of the One-Day Blue Lodge Degree Conferral in Hastings on October 19, 1996.

On November 29, 1996, I gave permission to Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha to temporarily move their charter to the West Omaha Temple on January 18, 1997 for the purpose of installing their 1997 officers.

On January 16, 1997, I gave permission to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth to temporarily move their charter to the Nebraska Masonic Home because of a fire in the building next to them that made it impossible to use their lodge hall.

On January 16, 1997, I gave permission to John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha to temporarily move their charter to the Holiday Inn, Kearney on February 7, 1997 for the purpose of opening a lodge of Master Masons.

On January 16, 1997, I gave permission to Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings to temporarily move their charter to the Holiday Inn, Kearney on February 7, 1997 for the purpose of opening a lodge of Master Masons.

On January 29, 1997, I gave permission to Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont to solicit local service clubs, financial institutions, and businesses challenging them to equal or exceed their contribution to local law enforcement agencies for the purchase of bullet-proof vests.

On January 31, 1997, I disbanded the Grievances Committee and appointed a new committee. This was necessary because only one member was going to be in attendance at Annual Communication.

## DISPENSATIONS

On February 12, 1996, I granted dispensation to Bennett Lodge No. 94, Lincoln to elect and install their Master out of time.

On February 12, 1996, I granted dispensation to Blue River Lodge No. 30, Milford to install their Senior Warden out of time.

On February 12, 1996, I granted dispensation to Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion to install their Chaplain out of time.

On March 4, 1996, I granted dispensation to Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City to install their officers out of time.

On March 4, 1996, I granted dispensation to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha to install their Senior and Junior Stewards out of time.

On March 8, 1996, I granted dispensation to Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice to conduct multiple candidate degrees on March 30, 1996, subject to the following limitations and prohibitions:

(a) Dispensation is granted for one multiple candidate degree in the Entered Apprentice Degree, one multiple candidate degree in the Fellow Craft Degree and one multiple candidate degree in the Master Mason Degree.

(b) With regard to the Entered Apprentice Degree, each candidate must be received individually and asked the required questions when conducted to the center of the Lodge and caused to kneel.

(c) All candidates must be received in the prescribed manner, all candidates must receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar, all candidates must receive all lectures and charges, and all candidates will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

(d) In addition to the above restrictions, the degrees will be conferred substantially in accordance with the attached memo from the Committee on Work. Minor modifications to the procedure may be made if a representative of the Committee on Work approves prior to the conferral of a degree.

(e) Each Degree must be witnessed and observed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

On March 13, 1996, I granted dispensation to Osceola Lodge No. 65, Osceola to install their Chaplain out of time.

On March 13, 1996, I granted dispensation to St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha to install their officers out of time.

On March 13, 1996, I granted dispensation to Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, Bloomfield to install their officers out of time.

On March 13, 1996, I granted dispensation to Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln to install their Senior Warden out of time.

On March 18, 1996, I granted dispensation to Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood to install their Junior Warden out of time.

On March 18, 1996, I granted dispensation to Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco to install their Senior Warden out of time.

On March 18, 1996, I granted dispensation to Mitchell Lodge No. 263, Mitchell to install their Senior Steward out of time.

On March 29, 1996, I granted dispensation to Albion Lodge No. 78, Albion to install their Tyler out of time.

On March 29, 1996, I granted dispensation to Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege to install their Deacons and Tyler out of time.

On April 3, 1996, I granted dispensation to Auburn Lodge No. 124, Auburn to install their Chaplain out of time.

On April 15, 1996, I granted dispensation to Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha to install their Junior Steward out of time.

On May 4, 1996 I granted dispensation to Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings to conduct multiple candidate degrees on June 22, 1996 subject to the following limitations and prohibitions.

(a) Dispensation is granted for one multiple candidate degree in the Entered Apprentice Degree, one multiple candidate degree in the Fellow Craft Degree and one multiple candidate degree in the Master Mason Degree.

(b) With regard to the Entered Apprentice Degree, each candidate must be received individually and asked the required questions when conducted to the center of the Lodge and caused to kneel.

(c) All candidates must be received in the prescribed manner, all candidates must receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar, all candidates must receive all lectures and charges, and all candidates will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

(d) In addition to the above restrictions, the degrees will be conferred substantially in accordance with the attached guidelines from the Committee on Work. Minor modifications to the procedure may be made if a representative of the Committee on Work approves prior to the conferral of a degree.

(e) Each Degree must be witnessed and observed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

On May 4, 1996 I granted dispensation to Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings to conduct multiple candidate degrees on June 22, 1996 subject to the following limitations and prohibitions.

(a) Dispensation is granted for one multiple candidate degree in the Entered Apprentice Degree, one multiple candidate degree in the Fellow Craft Degree and one multiple candidate degree in the Master Mason Degree.

(b) With regard to the Entered Apprentice Degree, each candidate must be received individually and asked the required questions when conducted to the center of the Lodge and caused to kneel.

(c) All candidates must be received in the prescribed manner, all candidates must receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar, all candidates must receive all lectures and charges, and all candidates will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

(d) In addition to the above restrictions, the degrees will be conferred substantially in accordance with the attached guidelines from the Committee on Work. Minor modifications to the procedure may be made if a representative of the Committee on Work approves prior to the conferral of a degree.

(e) Each Degree must be witnessed and observed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

On May 4, 1996 I granted dispensation to Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City to conduct multiple candidate degrees, on two candidates, on May 16, 1996 subject to the following limitations and prohibitions.

(a) Dispensation is granted for one multiple candidate degree in the Entered Apprentice Degree, one multiple candidate degree in the Fellow Craft Degree and one multiple candidate degree in the Master Mason Degree.

(b) With regard to the Entered Apprentice Degree, each candidate must be received individually and asked the required questions when conducted to the center of the Lodge and caused to kneel.

(c) Both candidates must be received in the prescribed manner, candidates must receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar, candidates must receive all lectures and charges, and candidates will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

(d) Each Degree must be witnessed and observed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

On May 4, 1996, I granted dispensation to Laurel Lodge No. 248, Laurel to conduct a multiple candidate degree on one occasion during the month of May 1996, subject to the following limitations and prohibitions.

(a) Dispensation is granted for one multiple candidate degree in the Master Mason Degree.

(b) Up to six candidates can have the work conferred.

(c) Each candidate must be received individually.

(d) All candidates must be received in the prescribed manner, all candidates must receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar, and all candidates must receive all lectures and charges.

(e) This Degree should be witnessed and observed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer if this can be arranged. It is not a mandatory requirement.

(f) Each candidate must receive all signs and passes in the prescribed manner.

On May 22, 1996, I granted dispensation to Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield to conduct multiple candidate degrees on June 22 or June 29, subject to the following limitations and prohibitions.

(a) Dispensation is granted for one multiple candidate degree in the Master Mason Degree.

(b) Up to five candidates can have the work conferred.

(c) For the Second Section of the Masters Degree each candidate must be done individually.

(d) Each candidate must be received individually.

(e) All candidates must be received in the prescribed manner, all candidates must receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar, and all candidates must receive all lectures and charges.

(f) This Degree should be witnessed and observed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer if this can be arranged. It is not a mandatory requirement.

(g) Each candidate must receive all signs and passes in the prescribed manner.

(h) By June 15 the Grand Lodge Office must be supplied with a list of candidates being done by courtesy, additionally Section 2-1205 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws must be complied with regarding courtesy work.

On July 9, 1996, I granted dispensation to Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance to confer the Fellow Craft Degree of Masonry on up to five candidates on July 12, 1996, subject to the following limitations and prohibitions:

(a) A separate Senior Deacon will attend each candidate.

(b) All candidates must be received in the prescribed manner, candidates must receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar, candidates must receive all lectures and charges, and candidates will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

(c) Each Degree should be witnessed and observed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

(d) After the work is done, the Grand Lodge office is to be notified within a week of the names of the candidates.

On August 26, 1996, I granted dispensation to Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City to conduct multiple candidate degrees in October 1996, subject to the following limitations and prohibitions.

(a) Dispensation is granted for one multiple candidate degree in the Entered Apprentice Degree, one multiple candidate degree in the Fellow Craft Degree and one multiple candidate degree in the Master Mason Degree.

(b) With regard to the Entered Apprentice Degree, each candidate must be received individually and asked the required questions when conducted to the center of the Lodge and caused to kneel.

(c) All candidates must be received in the prescribed manner, all candidates must receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar, all candidates must receive all lectures and charges, and all candidates will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

(d) Each Degree must be witnessed and observed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

On August 28, 1996, I granted dispensation to Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice to conduct multiple candidate degrees on September 21, 1996, subject to the following limitations and prohibitions:

(a) Dispensation is granted for one multiple candidate degree in the Entered Apprentice Degree, one multiple candidate degree in the Fellow Craft Degree and one multiple candidate degree in the Master Mason Degree.

(b) With regard to the Entered Apprentice Degree, each candidate must be received individually and asked the required questions when conducted to the center of the Lodge and caused to kneel.

(c) All candidates must be received in the prescribed manner, all candidates must receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar, all candidates must receive all lectures and charges, and all candidates will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

(d) In addition to the above restrictions, the degrees will be conferred substantially in accordance with the attached memo from the Committee on Work. Minor modifications to the procedures may be made if a representative of the Committee on Work approves prior to the conferral of a degree.

On September 23, 1996, I granted dispensation to Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance to conduct multiple candidate degrees on October 12, 1996, subject to the following limitations and prohibitions:

(a) Dispensation is granted for one multiple candidate degree in the Entered Apprentice Degree, one multiple candidate degree in the Fellow Craft Degree and one multiple candidate degree in the Master Mason Degree.

(b) With regard to the Entered Apprentice Degree, each candidate must be received individually and asked the required questions when conducted to the center of the Lodge and caused to kneel.

(c) All candidates must be received in the prescribed manner, all candidates must receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar, all candidates must receive all lectures and charges, and all candidates will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

(d) In addition to the above restrictions, the degrees will be conferred substantially in accordance with the attached guidelines from the Committee on Work. Minor modifications to the procedure may be made if a representative of the Committee on Work approves prior to the conferral of a degree.

(e) Each Degree must be witnessed and observed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

On November 29, 1996, I granted dispensation to Sutherland Lodge No. 299, Sutherland to elect a secretary out of time.

On November 29, 1996, I granted dispensation to Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield to elect their 1997 officers out of time.

On November 29, 1996, I granted dispensation to Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, Allen to install their 1997 officers out of time.

On November 29, 1996, I granted dispensation to George Washington Lodge No. 250, Lincoln to install their 1997 officers out of time.

On December 4, 1996, I granted dispensation to College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln to elect their 1997 officers out of time.

On December 10, 1996, I granted dispensation to Omadi Lodge No. 5, South Sioux City to install their Senior Deacon out of time.

On December 10, 1996, I granted dispensation to Zion Lodge No. 234, Hyannis to install their 1997 officers out of time.

On December 11, 1996, I granted dispensation to Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton to elect their 1997 officers out of time.

On January 16, 1997, I granted dispensation to Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City to install their Senior Warden out of time.

On January 16, 1997, I granted dispensation to Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco to install their Junior Warden out of time.

On January 29, 1997, I granted dispensation to Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine to install their Junior Warden and Tyler out of time.

On January 30, 1997, I granted dispensation to Blue Valley Lodge No. 64, Wilber to elect their Junior Warden out of time.

On February 4, 1997, I granted dispensation to Clubertson Lodge No. 174, Culbertson to install their Junior Warden, Chaplain, Senior Steward and Marshal out of time.

**TRIAL COMMISSIONS**

On April 17, 1995, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws, M.: W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Blue Valley Lodge No. 64 and a member of that lodge. On August 26, 1996, I dismissed that Commission, and reap-

pointed a new Trial Commission. Trial was held on November 8, 1996 in this matter. Findings of the Commission were that the individual was guilty as charged. It was the judgment of the Commission that the individual be expelled from Masonry.

On December 27, 1995, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws, M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and a member of that lodge. Trial was held on August 6, 1996 in this matter. Findings of the Commission were that the individual was guilty as charged. It was the judgment of the Commission that the individual be expelled from Masonry.

On June 3, 1996, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws, I appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and a member of that lodge. Trial was held on June 29, 1996 in this matter. Findings of the Commission were that the individual was guilty as charged. It was the judgment of the Commission that the individual be expelled from Masonry.

On December 17, 1996, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws, I appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Liberty Lodge No. 300 and a member of that lodge. Trial was held on January 25, 1997 on this matter. Findings of the Commission were that the individual was guilty as charged. It was the judgment of the Commission that the individual be expelled from Masonry.

On January 10, 1997, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws, I appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Centennial Lodge No. 326 and a member of that lodge. Awaiting judgment of the Commission.

## **GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE**

The Conference of Grand Masters of North America was held in Washington, D.C. on February 17-21, 1996. This conference offers the one forum for all Grand Masters to meet together as a body for discussion and sharing of ideas. Since each Grand Jurisdiction is sovereign, no binding legislative action can take place. However, the conference is attended by virtually every Grand Jurisdiction in North America and by many guest Jurisdictions from all over the world.

At the conclusion of the 1995 conference, I was asked to prepare a paper on Public Awareness of Masonry for presentation at the 1996 conference. My presentation, along with those from twelve other Grand Masters, was well received. All papers presented led to further discussion by the delegates.

When the conference meets in Washington, D.C., a visit to the George Washington National Memorial is made part of the activities. Any Mason traveling to our Nation's Capitol should arrange to visit this very impressive edifice in

Alexandria. I also had the pleasure of visiting the headquarters of National Sojourners, Inc. just south of Alexandria.

## **MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS**

This year the Midwest Conference of Grand Masters was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on August 16-18. Attending this conference with me were Deputy Grand Master, Ken Fleming, and the Grand Senior Warden, Don Rasmussen. There is a secretaries conference held in conjunction with this meeting and our Grand Secretary, Reg Kuhn attended this meeting. Also, since so many of the midwest jurisdictions are going to the office manager concept for the Grand Lodge office, our administrator, Chris Rudder attended the secretaries conference along with several of her counterparts.

This meeting offers a good forum for discussion with Grand Lodge Officers from other jurisdictions in the midwest. In 1998, Nebraska will be responsible for the program for this meeting, and then will host the meeting in 1999.

## **CENTENNIALS**

Four Lodges observed centennials in 1996: Gilead No. 233, Butte; Zion No. 234, Hyannis, Golden Rule No. 236, Allen; and Friendship No. 239, Chapman. It is indeed a milestone when a lodge serves Masonry in its community for one hundred years.

On April 13, 1996, most of the Grand Lodge Officers and wives were present for the Centennial Celebration of Friendship Lodge No. 239 in Chapman. I presented the lodge its Centennial Certificate, and our Grand Orator, Ben Harvey, gave a very interesting talk.

On June 9, 1996, Zion Lodge No. 234 in Hyannis celebrated its centennial. Since I was attending Wisconsin Grand Lodge on that date, our Deputy Grand Master, Ken Fleming, and Grand Junior Warden, Dwight Smith, represented the Grand Lodge.

Both of the above lodges did a fine job in preparing a public program, and attendance was very good at each location. In addition, both lodges had written a history of the lodge and distributed it to those attending the event.

## **APPENDANT AND AFFILIATED BODIES**

As Grand Master, I am aware that while many Blue Lodge Masons do belong to the appendant and/or affiliated bodies, others do not. However, because of the great support that the Grand Lodge has received from these bodies this year, I would be remiss not to mention them in this report. When someone asks you

to consider joining one of these bodies, please give it serious consideration. We are all part of the same Masonic family; and as one of us prospers, we all benefit. Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine and Eastern Star all have major philanthropic causes in addition to their ritual work. They also provided many of the Masonic All-Star Band Scholarships. We all worked together on All-Masonic Sunday, and the appendant bodies gave financial and other support for our One-Day Blue Lodge Degree conferrals. The youth organizations, DeMolay (I joined in my own youth), Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters are all doing well in Nebraska, but could use your help and support.

Through my work with these bodies over the years, I feel that the heads of these bodies are close personal friends. I would like to thank you all by name for your support, but that would take a lot of space, and I would miss someone.

Nebraska was honored this year to be the home of the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, John D. VerMaas. John is a Past Master of Hickman Lodge No. 256, and even with his busy schedule, he is a long-time member of our Appropriations Committee. I was honored to attend John's installation in New Orleans in July 1996, where I wore the Grand Master's fez presented to me by Tangier Temple. I plan to be in St. Louis this July, where John and I will again ride our Shrine 125th Anniversary Harleys together in the parades. Incidentally, in a failed attempt to recycle my Grand Master's fez, Tangier elected me as Oriental Guide on December 12, 1996. However, I kept my G. M. fez. I look forward to serving under a long-time friend this year, Frank Kroupa, Tangier's 1997 Potentate.

## THE CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

### 1. Membership

As I write this address, it appears that our total membership in Nebraska decreased about 446 Brethren in 1996 for a year-end figure of 19,539. This equates to losses of 1,131 by deaths, suspensions and withdrawals and gain in new members of 572. Because of the average age of Masons in Nebraska (and throughout the United States), loss of members by death continues to be significant. This is doubly distressing, because many of the most dedicated Masons in the state are our older members. As I presented year pins to older members throughout Nebraska this year, I was humbled by the stories of sacrifice and hard work by those who have been so important to their Lodge, to their communities and most importantly to their families as good Masons. However, I have also seen many young men who appear to have the dedication and ability to help Masonry survive.

Because almost two-thirds of our Lodges are not bringing in new members, the Grand Lodge Officers deliberated at length regarding what could be done to increase membership without sacrificing the basic tenets of our Masonic teachings as they are presented in our ritual. After much discussion, it was agreed to offer One-Day Blue Lodge Multiple Candidate Conferrals with candidates

allowed to come in from all Lodges. It was further agreed that these "Blue-Lodge only" conferrals would be limited to two locations each year. On October 19, 1996, with One-Day Conferrals in Omaha and Hastings, 191 men became new Masons. This amounts to an increase of almost one percent of our total current membership. We hope that as Lodges increase their membership, they will become more active in doing their own degree conferrals. Without the agreed upon Directorate Leadership approach to decision making by the Grand Lodge Officers, this One-Day Conferral plan of action would not have been possible. We also wish to thank the appendant bodies for their support of the Grand Lodge in this endeavor.

## 2. Masonic All-Star Band Camp

This was the second year for this camp, which was held in conjunction with the Shrine Bowl Football Game. It was a huge success, and it gives the local lodges a great opportunity for positive exposure in their communities. One hundred ninety-two young men and women were part of this experience. We received numerous cards from the youth and parents commending us for providing such a wonderful opportunity. Thanks to all the Lodges and other bodies who provided band camp scholarships. We are looking forward to a great 1997 band camp.

Imperial Shrine is so impressed with our program and with the one started earlier by Kansas Grand Lodge that they are promoting this concept for Shrine Bowls across North America.

## 3. All-Masonic Sunday

On July 28, 1996 we kicked-off a new program in Nebraska: All-Masonic Sunday. The concept behind this program was to afford the opportunity for all Masonic Buildings in the state to open their doors to the public and provide a better awareness of who we are. Over 229 Masonic Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, youth organizations and appendant bodies participated in this event. Although membership recruitment was not a primary goal of this event, many people did express an interest in joining one of the participating bodies. Lodges were contacted to see if they have an interest in a similar event in 1997. I wish to express my gratitude to Brother Steve Hanneman for heading this hard working committee.

## 4. Area Meetings

Again this year, Grand Lodge Officers held Fall Area Meetings throughout the State. This affords every Lodge the opportunity to meet with a Grand Lodge officer and share ideas and concerns. It also provides us the opportunity to discuss legislation coming before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Thank you to those Lodges who acted as host lodges for these events.

Although primarily designed for local lodge officers, every lodge member is welcome to attend these meetings. I encourage you to attend one of these future meetings.

### 5. Grand Master's Humanitarian Award

On December 7, 1996, I had the pleasure of traveling to Geneva to present the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to W.:B.: Ben Fussell. Several other Grand Lodge Officers were present. This award is presented to outstanding Masons who have made significant contributions to Masonry and to their community. Since 1989, only 12 Nebraska Masons have received this prestigious award. W.:B.: Ben will be presented during the Public Opening of Grand Lodge.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

In accordance with the provision 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 No. 1 — Qualifications of Candidates*

I recommend Section 2-902, Line 1 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended by striking the reference to freemason. The said section and line would then read:

Each candidate for the degrees of Masonry must:

1. Be a man.

#### *Recommendation No. 2 — Qualifications of Candidates*

I recommend Section 2-902, Line 2 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended by changing nineteen to eighteen. The said line would then read:

2. Be eighteen or more years of age at the time of signing his petition.

#### *Recommendation No. 3 — Installation*

I recommend Section 1-101.01 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended by changing fourteen days to fifteen days. The said section would then read:

Installation of Grand Lodge Officers shall take place on or before fifteen (15) days following the close of the Annual Communication at such location, time and date as the Grand Master-Elect shall select which shall be announced prior to the close of such Annual Communication.

#### *Recommendation No. 4 — Proficiency*

I recommend Section 2-402, Paragraph 1 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be revised to more clearly define proficiency. The said section and paragraph would then read:

All those hereinafter initiated, passed, and raised, shall become proficient in each degree, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge. Such examination shall consist of:

1. Completion of a study of the Standard Proficiency Manual following each degree received.

2. Verification by the Worshipful Master that the candidate has expressed knowledge of the material in the manual by answering, in his own words, the questions listed for the degree in which he is being examined.

3. Successful completion by the candidate of an examination in open lodge, consisting of answering questions from the First Section Lectures of the degrees as follows:

E.A. Degree — Starting with the words, "Give me a sign" and ending with giving of the "word."

F.C. Degree — Starting with the words, "Have you any signs..." and continuing to the end of the lecture.

M.M. Degree — Starting with the words, "Have you any signs..." and continuing to the end of the lecture.

No other Proficiency Examination shall be recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction. After such examination, the Master may declare the brother proficient. Such declaration and the recording of the proficiency of the brother shall be made in the degree in which the examination is made, providing no objection is raised; if objection is made and it becomes necessary to put the question to a vote the ballot shall be determined in a lodge of Master Masons. Whereupon the Master shall put the question: "Is the brother proficient?" and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

## CONCLUSION

This has been a busy year for me and for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in general. Through the efforts of the Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, committee members and Masons throughout the State, our great fraternity has continued to be a very positive influence in the lives of many people. The Masonic All-Star Band, Masonic Sunday and the One-Day Blue Lodge Classes are just three important activities. I know that the 1997-1998 Grand Lodge Officers, under the able leadership of Grand Master-Elect Ken Fleming will continue with these worthwhile programs and that Masonry in Nebraska will be in very capable hands.

We certainly did not initiate the controversy surrounding the March 1996 proclamation of the Roman Catholic Bishop in Lincoln, in which he banned membership in Blue Lodge Masonry, several affiliated bodies and various other organizations. However, by responding to this issue in a positive manner, we received much media coverage, most of which portrayed us in a very favorable manner.

I earlier thanked the Grand Lodge Officers and the Grand Lodge Office staff for their efforts on behalf of Masonry. However, I would be remiss without expressing the following appreciation:

First, to my wife, Jill, who has always been extremely supportive during my eight years as a Grand Lodge Officer. She has accompanied me to countless visits and functions, and now seeks revenge.

To the members of my two Lodges: John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, who has been my day-to-day local support and for my top hat, and to Mid-West Lodge No. 317, my home-town Lodge and for their gift of a Masonic Bible. These two Lodges will bring their Charters and open my Grand Lodge Session.

To all the Grand Masters under whom I have been privileged to serve. M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye appointed me as Grand Junior Steward in 1989, and M.:W.: John M. McHenry reappointed me to the same office in 1990. My most heartfelt thanks go to M.:W.: James N. DeMoss who appointed me to the advancing line as Grand Junior Deacon in 1991. I then had the privilege of serving under M.:W.: James L. "Sonny" Eatmon, M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman, M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon, and M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg. Although they each had their own style of leadership, they all served the Craft well and made valuable contributions to Masonry in Nebraska.

Finally, I wish to thank all the members of this jurisdiction with whom I have labored in the last eight years. You cannot begin to realize how much you have helped me and Masonry in general with your kind words and thoughtful suggestions. The most rewarding part of being Grand Master is the Masonic friendships that develop over the years. Thank you.

Fraternally,  
V. Kaye Ramsey  
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.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

*Harry A. Spencer, 227 & 184, Chairman*

The meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 1997, by Chairman Harry A. Spencer, with the following members present: Jack H. Hendrix, Steven Mattoon, and John McHenry. Also in attendance were the following Past Grand Masters, Charles Amidon and Jerry L. Rittenburg. The following Grand Lodge Officers were also in attendance, V. Kaye Ramsey, Kenneth G. Fleming, Don Rasmussen, Dwight E. Smith, James F. Brown, Jr., Philip A. Lorenzen, Reginald Kuhn, Gus Scolaro, Eugene C. Sibley, Don A. Mears, Benjiman Harvey, Ken Beebe, Dale Anderson and Monte K. Olmstead.

The meeting was opened with prayer. Everyone present was welcomed by Chairman Spencer and invited to participate in the proceedings of the Jurisprudence Committee with the right to ask questions and participate in every way in the discussions, actions, and proceedings of the Committee on Jurisprudence. Chairman Spencer appointed Steven F. Mattoon as Secretary for the Committee for the purposes of this meeting.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting of the committee on Jurisprudence were approved as printed.

2. A report of the Committee on Business and Rules was received and reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee. The business of the 140th Annual Communication will be governed by the rules therein set forth. The Committee found the report and rules to be in proper form, and approved the report without change.

3. The Committee then began a review of the Grand Master's Address and in so doing reviewed all of the Permissions, Decisions, Waivers, Dispensations and Bylaw changes as set forth in the printed Address of the Grand Master. John McHenry moved that the Permissions, Decisions, Waivers, Dispensations and Bylaw changes be approved. All decisions were according to the bylaws of Grand Lodge and should be accepted. Jack Hendrix seconded. Motion carried.

The Committee then reviewed the recommendations of your Grand Master, being Recommendations 1 through 4.

With reference to Recommendation No. 1 — Qualifications of Candidates - the Committee finds that the recommendation is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

With reference to Recommendation No. 2 — Qualifications of Candidates - the Committee finds that the recommendation is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

With reference to Recommendation No. 3 — Installation - the Committee finds that the recommendation is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

With reference to Recommendation No. 4 — Proficiency - the Committee finds that the recommendation is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

At the 139th Annual Communication concluding on February 3, 1996 there were properly submitted two resolutions to amend the Constitution and one to change the bylaws.

The first resolution deals with Article III of the Constitution; this would allow the newly elected Grand Senior Warden to designate the location of the Annual Communication during his year as Grand Master. Said resolution is in proper form containing the required number of signatures and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

The second resolution deals with Section 1-101 of the Bylaws and also deals with allowing the newly elected Grand Senior Warden to designate the location of the Annual Communication during his year as Grand Master. Said resolution is in proper form containing the required number of signatures and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

The third resolution deals with Section 2 Article XII of the Constitution allowing a dispensation for a new lodge to be effective through December 31 instead of April 30. Said resolution is in proper form containing the required number of signatures and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

It was moved and seconded that if Resolution No. 1 is passed, no ballot on Resolution No. 2 will be necessary; with any potential conflict of the Bylaws to be referred to the Codification of the Law Committee. Motion carried.

The remaining resolutions submitted did not have the requisite number of signers and cannot be balloted upon.

The Committee wishes to commend Most Worshipful Brother Kaye Ramsey for a very productive and successful year as Grand Master.

Election of officers was held and Most Worshipful Brother Harry A. Spencer was elected Chairman and Most Worshipful Brother Steve Mattoon was elected as Secretary.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Jack H. Hendrix moved for adoption of the Jurisprudence Committee report. The report was adopted by the delegates assembled.



## GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Kenneth G. Fleming presided over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations.

### *Recommendation No. 1 — Qualifications of Candidates*

I propose that line 1, Section 2-902, be changed to read as follows:

Each candidate for the degrees of Masonry must:

1. Be a man.

Following discussion a ballot was taken. Results of the ballot were 154 in favor and 62 against. Recommendation No. 1 was adopted.

### *Recommendation No. 2 — Qualifications of Candidates*

I propose that line 2, Section 2-902, be changed to read as follows:

2. Be eighteen or more years of age at the time of signing his petition.

There being no discussion a vote was taken. Recommendation No. 2 was adopted.

**Recommendation No. 3 — Installation**

I recommend Section 1-101.01 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be changed to read as follows:

Installation of Grand Lodge Officers shall take place on or before fifteen (15) days following the close of the Annual Communication at such location, time and date as the Grand Master elect shall select which shall be announced prior to the close of such Annual Communication.

There being no discussion a vote was taken. Recommendation No. 3 was adopted.

**Recommendation No. 4 -- Proficiency**

I recommend Section 2-402, Paragraph 1 of the Bylaws be revised to more clearly define proficiency. The said section would then read:

All those hereinafter initiated, passed, and raised, shall become proficient in each degree, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge. Such examination shall consist of:

1. Completion of a study of the Standard Proficiency Manual following each degree received.
2. Verification by the Worshipful Master that the Candidate has expressed knowledge of the material in the manual by answering, in his own words, the questions listed for the degree in which he is being examined.
3. Successful completion by the candidate of an examination in open lodge, consisting of answering questions from the First Section Lectures of the degrees as follows:

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No other Proficiency examination shall be recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction. After such examination, the Master may declare the brother proficient. Such declaration and the recording of the proficiency of the brother shall be made in the degree in which the examination is made, providing no objection is raised; if objection is made and it becomes necessary to put the question to a vote the ballot shall be determined in a lodge of Master Masons. Whereupon the Master

shall put the question; "Is the brother proficient?" and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

Following discussion a vote was taken. Recommendation No. 4 was adopted.

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

*Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134*

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

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for the honor and confidence placed in me in my election to Grand Secretary. The office of Grand Secretary is one of tremendous honor, and it is with great humility that I have served the Craft during the past year. When I review the names of my predecessors, I am filled with a deep respect for the years of service which they provided to our Fraternity. I hope in some small way, I will be able to emulate their work and service.

I would also like to express my thanks to the membership for your many kind words of support. It is a privilege to be able to speak and correspond with so many of you. A special thank you to our dedicated Secretaries throughout the state for your tireless efforts on behalf of our Fraternity. I am constantly reminded of your great commitment to Masonry in Nebraska.

One of the most important components of my service as Grand Secretary is the help of Chris Rudder and Carol Schroeder in the Grand Lodge office. Without the support and hard work of these two fine individuals, the workings of this Grand Lodge would not take place. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska is fortunate to have such dedicated individuals associated with us, and I hope that you will convey your personal words of appreciation and thanks to each of them.

During the past year, I attended the cornerstone ceremonies for the Gerald R. Ford Preservation Center in Omaha; the Ft. Calhoun Medical Center; the Wilson Science and Math Building at Hastings College and the Keith County Farm Credit Service Building in Ogallala. I had the opportunity to present several membership pins and visited numerous lodges during the year concentrating my visitation efforts in southeast Nebraska. I also had the privilege of attending the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America in Washington, D.C. in February and the Midwest conference of Grand Secretaries in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in August. I also attended the meetings of the Nebraska Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Lincoln and the Nebraska Grand Bethel, Job's Daughters in Omaha.

I continued to serve on the Grand Lodge Awards and Appropriations Committees in my individual capacity and served on several other Grand Lodge committees as Grand Secretary.

I am pleased to report the following statistical information.

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
Number of Lodges	181	178
Initiated	414	463
Passed	416	478
Raised	433	511
Affiliated	77	72
Dual Membership	36	37
Reinstatements	291	172
Consolidations	85	0
Other	3	2
 Total Gain	 925	 794
 Deaths	 649	 665
Demits	74	72
Suspensions	576	470
Withdrawals	1	16
Consolidations	85	0
Termination of Dual	18	15
Other	0	5
 Total Losses	 1403	 1243
 Net membership changes	 (578)	 (449)
 Membership 12/31/94	 20,463	
Membership 12/31/95	19,985	
 Preliminary Membership as of 12/31/96		 19,536

Pins presented in honor of years of service to the Fraternity during this fiscal year were:

578	50 year pins presented
113	60 year pins presented
34	70 year pins presented

Again, may I express to the Grand Master, to my fellow Grand Lodge officers and to the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction my deep appreciation for allowing me to serve as your Grand Secretary. I hope that I have fulfilled my duties to your satisfaction and to the advancement of our great Fraternity.

Fraternally yours,  
Reginald S. Kahn,  
Grand Secretary

### REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

*Augustine S. Scolaro, 3*

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

The annual report of the Grand Custodian is hereby respectfully and fraternally submitted. To date this year seventy-six lodges have received their certification of proficiency. As the final reports from the Deputy Grand Custodians come in this number will undoubtedly increase. The lodge that certified this year after a lapse of one or more years was:

Centennial Lodge No. 326

This lodge and its officers along with its respective Deputy Grand Custodian should be congratulated for making the extra effort required to certify its' lodge.

To date the following lodges have been certified for sixty or more years in succession:

Nebraska Lodge No. 1 (73)  
Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (73)  
Fremont Lodge No. 15 (66)  
Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (62)  
Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (68)  
Crete Lodge No. 37 (64)  
Hastings Lodge No. 50 (73)  
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (75)  
Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (72)  
Hooper Lodge No. 72 (72)  
Utica Lodge No. 96 (68)

Euclid Lodge No. 97 (66)  
Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 (71)  
Arcana Lodge No. 195 (61)  
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (63)  
North Star Lodge No. 227 (64)  
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (65)  
Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (73)

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

As of the writing of this report there are 302 certified brethren, however this will change as final certifications are mailed in.

The following brethren received their original certificates of proficiency during the 1996 Masonic year. They each deserve special congratulations for their outstanding accomplishment.

Kelly J. Wertz, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46  
Walter L. Baumann, Lancaster Lodge No. 54  
E. Lee Howell, Albion Lodge No. 78  
Brian K. Sandall, Silver Cord Lodge No. 224  
Scott Rogge, Hickman Lodge No. 256  
Dennis J. Meyer, Oasis Lodge No. 271

The following brethren received ten year pins of proficiency:

Delbert E. Adams, Lancaster Lodge No. 54  
Roland E. Emmett, Monument Lodge No. 293  
James L. Eatmon, Kimball Lodge No. 294  
Theodore Johnson, Beatrice Lodge No. 26 & Craftsmen Lodge No. 314  
Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Mid-West Lodge No. 317

Twenty year certificates of merit were presented to the following brethren:

Augustine S. Scolaro, Capitol Lodge No. 3  
Roy L. Smith, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6  
Larry M. Smith, Waterloo Lodge No. 102  
Roger L. Shillington, Justice Lodge No. 180  
Jack M. Johnson, Comet Lodge No. 229  
Robert J. Schmucker, Comet Lodge No. 229  
Lynn Doty, Wausa Lodge No. 251  
Joe L. Wilson, Jr., John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290

The following brethren completed their 25<sup>th</sup> year of proficiency:

William G. Hurst, Lancaster Lodge No. 54  
Frank J. Mattoon, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75  
Kenneth C. Kling, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 & Craftsmen Lodge No. 314

The following brethren completed their 30<sup>th</sup> year of proficiency:

Donald J. Launer, Fremont Lodge No. 15  
Neil S. Trabert, Jr., Lincoln Lodge No. 19

Harold C. Mueksch, Hooper Lodge No. 72 & Scribner Lodge No. 132

Maurice W. Hall, Florence Lodge No. 281

Richard H. Scheef, Omaha Lodge No. 288

The following brethren completed their 35<sup>th</sup> year of proficiency:

Albert G. Bates, Nebraska Lodge No. 1

Augustus W. Clark, Ashlar Lodge No. 33

Lorain F. Steiner, Wahoo Lodge No. 59

Alvia A. Simmons, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210

The following brethren completed their 40<sup>th</sup> year of proficiency:

Raymond A. Holm, Tekamah Lodge No. 31

A. Larry Rogers, Papillion Lodge No. 39

Harold K. Bond, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75

Frank R. Harris, Nelson Lodge No. 77

W. Ross Nalls, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210

Ivan N. Nord, Comet Lodge No. 229

Melvin C. Hickerson, Victory Lodge No. 310

Deane H. Pettett, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314

H. Lewis Miller, Bellevue Lodge No. 325

F.G. Schlosser, Bellevue Lodge No. 325

The following brother completed his 45<sup>th</sup> year of proficiency:

Collins L. Wilcox, Lancaster Lodge No. 54

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more:

Harry A. Spencer, Sr., North Star Lodge No. 227, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 (66)

Frank H. Newton Jr., Blue River Lodge No. 30 (65)

T. Ross Magowan, Arcana Lodge No. 195 (62)

Warner W. Miller, Victory Lodge No. 310 (60)

Louis V. Sylvester, Florence Lodge No. 281 (59)

Herbert A. Ronin, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (57)

Francis L. Lehr, George Washington Lodge No. 250 (57)

G. Irwin Osterloh, Hooper Lodge No. 72 (53)

Ray W. Andersen, Victory Lodge No. 310 (52)

Joseph F. Brown, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (51)

Clifford D. Webster, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 (50)

During the year I examined Worshipful Brother Thomas R. Reed of Omadi Lodge No. 5 and recommended that he be commissioned Deputy Grand Custodian of District No. 6. He was commissioned by Most Worshipful V. Kaye Ramsey on August 6, 1996, and his commission was presented by Grand Custodian Gus Scolaro.

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

Halsey D. Phillips

District No. 4

James E. Cornish

District No. 5	Ronald D. Grass
District No. 6	Thomas R. Reed
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	Robert L. Carter
District No. 16	Lynn Doty
District No. 17	Victor D. Hunt
District No. 18	Arthur S. Dye
District No. 20	Scott J. Krieger, Sr.
District No. 21	Wayne E. Beatty
District No. 24	Delmar A. Jones
District No. 25	Richard W. Linnemeyer
District No. 26	Arthur J. Ferguson
District No. 27	Keith B. Leibhart
District No. 28	V. Rosenberger
District No. 29	Leslie A. Evert
District No. 30	Richard H. Cooper
District No. 31	John M. Weidner, Sr.
District No. 32	Roger L. Shillington
District No. 34	Gerald D. Verbeck
District No. 35	Harold W. Noble
District No. 36	Don L. Jelinek
District No. 37	Albert A. Wise
District No. 38	Frank R. Harris

These fine men are one of the hardest working group 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  
Clifford D. Webster  
Glenn W. Binder  
Curtis J. Griess  
Harold A. Tilton  
Willard I. Lewis, Jr.  
Herman O. Hansen  
Richard L. Mauch  
Everett K. Dappen  
Frank R. Harris  
Alfred V. Peltzer  
Ben D. Fussell  
A.W. Clark  
Ralph McNulty

D. Wayne Erickson  
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr.

Again this year, I along with the Deputy Grand Custodians of various districts held twenty-four 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 twenty-four schools of instruction throughout the state, the annual custodial school was held in Grand Island September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. It was attended by Deputy Grand Custodians, Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti, Apprentice Custodians, and Grand Lodge Officers. During this school the floor work and all lectures were covered in their entirety.

Your Grand Custodian also participated in four cornerstone ceremonies, a humanitarian award, one dedication, and various other functions around the state.

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 V. Kaye Ramsey for the opportunity of serving the Grand Lodge as your Grand Custodian this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gus Scolaro, Grand Custodian

The report of the Grand Custodian as printed was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

*Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, Chairman*

During the several meetings of the Membership Committee this year the subject of retention was at the forefront of discussion. Looking at the past year's experience dealing with the large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues, we dealt with this issue first, because "The easiest member to get is the one that you already have." It is very plain that many of the local lodges haven't had an active Membership Sustaining Committee. I addressed the Secretary's meeting at Grand Lodge in February and we sent each Master a letter laying out the duties of a Membership Sustaining Committee, and stressed the importance of its' activity. Let's not suspend anyone before we know what that brother's situation is.

We need not forget the tenants of Masonry, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

The Membership Committee had a member at almost all of the Fall Area meetings. We discussed the problems of retention and also talked about ideas for attracting new members. The interest is there, we just need to act upon it.

The One-Day classes were held again this year in two locations and were a great success. The three degrees of Masonry were conferred on 191 men. I have heard good comments about the way the work was presented, and I feel that the present format should be continued.

The Membership Committee continues to provide a Masonic pin to each newly raised Master Mason to increase the visibility of members within the communities.

The Membership Committee also encourages each lodge to use the many resources available through the Grand Lodge office, such as videos, booklets, and flyers. These are all very well done and are effective if they are used. So use them! Have a membership night, friendship dinner or whatever you choose to invite prospective members.

In summary, we as a committee feel that the subject of membership involves many aspects and areas of the total fraternity. It involves public relations, we must continue to improve and add to our image in the community with worthwhile undertakings and volunteer projects. It involves the internal operations such as degree work, a member whether an old one or a newly raised Mason, is more likely to involve his friends or relatives if he is impressed and proud of the degree work done by his lodge. And above all communication, it may be the most vital aspect of all in both retention and recruiting of members. No one can be excited about what is going on if they are not aware of it.

Respectively submitted,  
Steve B. Wetzel, 227  
Del D. Hamilton, 256  
Dennis H. Brydl 287 & 314  
Cullen F. Pilker, 39  
Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, Chairman

Worshipful Brother Delmar Jones moved for adoption of the report of the Membership Committee. The Report was adopted by a vote of the delegates assembled.

### **LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Wayne G. Lueningborg, 32 & 39*

The Lodge Advisory Committee was informed by Credentials that at the end of the 1996 Grand Lodge Session there were twelve lodges who were not represented at Grand Lodge for two or more consecutive years.

Letters were sent to the Master of each of these lodges reminding them of Section 2-514 of the Bylaws and requesting each of them to send a representative to the 1997 session if possible.

The Lodge Advisory Committee also informed the twelve lodges that we would be available on Friday, February 7, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss this situation and if possible to offer our assistance.

At 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 7 the Committee met with 10 of the 12 lodges which had been absent for more than two years. Reasons varied; older Brethren concerned about the weather, care of livestock, illness, and wintering in Arizona.

It is the opinion of the Committee that if we are to be productive, we need to increase the number of people on the Committee to five members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317  
Robert O. Rhodes, 96  
Wayne G. Lueningborg, 32 & 39, Chairman

Most Woshpful Brother Wayne Lueningborg moved for adoption of the report of the Lodge Advisory Committee. The Report was adopted by a vote of the delegates assembled.

## **REPORT OF CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS COMMITTEE**

*Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman*

No action was brought before the Charters and Dispensations Committe during this Masonic year.

Don Madsen presented the report in the absence of the chairman and moved for adoption. The report was adopted by the delegates assembled.



## **VOTE ON TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

### ***Resolution No. 1***

May it be resolved that Article III of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended as follows:

The Grand Lodge shall hold a regular communication annually. Location of said communication will:

- 1) be designated by the newly elected Grand Senior Warden for his term as Grand Master, and
- 2) must be approved by a majority vote of the Grand Lodge.

Following discussion Resolution No. 1 was adopted by a vote of the delegates present.

**Resolution No. 2**

May it be resolved that Section 1-101 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

**ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS** - The stated annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at such place as shall be designated by the newly elected Grand Senior Warden for his term as Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, beginning on the first Friday of February at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Mason's Lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven subordinate lodges be found present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments and fill vacancies in the standing committees.

Following discussion Resolution No. 2 was adopted by a vote of the delegates present.

**Resolution No. 3**

Be it Resolved that Section 2 of Article XII of the Grand Lodge Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Upon the petition of fifteen or more Master Masons being presented to the Grand Master, he may grant them a dispensation to open and hold a subordinate lodge at the place therein to be named, with power to make Masons, and he shall therein appoint the Master and Wardens of the new subordinate lodge. But in no case shall such dispensation be issued unless the Grand Master is satisfied that the petitioners are all Master Masons in good standing, that the establishment of the new subordinate lodge is of manifest propriety and will conduce to the good of the Fraternity, and that a safe and suitable lodge room has been provided therefor, nor unless the Grand Custodian shall certify that the three principal officers are competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry in a suitable and impressive manner. Such dispensation shall terminate on the thirty-first day of December preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge and shall then be returned to the Grand Secretary, together with the bylaws, book or records, and returns of the new subordinate lodge to that date.

Following discussion Resolution No. 3 was adopted by a vote of the delegates present.

## MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

*Dennis Brydl, 287 & 314, Chairman*

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee began the year by attending the Midwest Education Conference in Sioux City, Iowa. States represented at this conference were Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, and Manitoba, Canada. Many ideas for Education and Membership were introduced at this conference. Many states have taken on the job of leadership training and Masonic education via correspondence courses. These ideas as well as others are to be addressed in the future planning sessions.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee met several times this year in order to define the scope of the committee and begin a strategic plan for several years to come. The members of the committee found early in the year that they were not sure what the Education Committee is supposed to do. Since the chairman of the committee is not always the same, the committee tends to have a very misdirected course of action. It is not clear in the Constitution as to the duties of the committee. Also, a distinct plan was needed, not only to prepare for the coming year, but also set a plan in motion that could be followed for several years to come. The solution was to set a strategic "planning session meeting" to define a mission statement and begin a plan that would be followed for five years. However, the members also realized that this committee's mission statement, along with that of the Membership Committee, the Public Relations Committee, the Committee on Work, and the Youth Committee, all have vague boundaries. For this reason, the Education Committee sponsored a Strategic Planning session in January to get the above mentioned to "brainstorm" their respective committee's duties. The hopeful result will be a defined mission statement and a five year plan for all committees of the Grand Lodge. This result will also help in setting a budget for the years to come.

The Education Committee took on the job of rewriting some of the pamphlets offered for sale by the Grand Lodge. The Committee found that some of these are obsolete as to the current Constitution of the Nebraska Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Abbot George Burke, 317 & 330  
 Wayne G. Luenenborg, 32 & 39  
 Br. Arsenios Coolik, 317 & 330  
 John M. Weidner, Sr., 33 & 75  
 Wm. Larry Jacobsen, 327  
 Dennis H. Brydl, 287 & 314, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

*James L. Eatmon, 294, Chairman*

The Committee on Grievances herewith submits the following report on its acts and doings at the 140th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, on Friday February 7, 1997.

The Committee met at 2:00 p.m. with all members present for the purpose of considering an appeal. The defendant not being present in person, no action was taken. There having been no other matter referred to it the Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee  
James L. Eatmon, Chairman



The Deputy 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:

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association  
Insurance Review  
Fraternal Relations  
Report of the Board of Grand Trustees  
Committee on Masonic Relief  
Committee on Finance  
Committee on Grand Lodge Offices  
Committee on Public Relations  
Grand Lodge Youth Committee  
Freemasonry and Religion Committee  
Awards Committee  
Masonic-Eastern Star Home For Children  
Nebraska Masonic Home  
St. John the Baptist Lodge of Research No. 330

Motion was seconded and passed.

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

*Warren D. Lichty, 314, Chairman*

The number of Grand Lodges having substantially increased their annual contributions to the Memorial, by enacting a per-capita contribution is now ten. In addition, one has doubled the amount it previously contributed and others have made generous donations for specific projects. New Jersey, which makes a per-capita contribution has generously contributed to the repair, renewal and continuing maintenance of the great organ in the auditorium. In addition, we have heard just recently that Pennsylvania, which also does a per-capita, has agreed to contribute \$110,000.00 to air condition the auditorium, thus making it available for use during the warmer months.

Because of these generous donors, and because so many Masons have purchased clocks, Christmas ornaments and address labels, the Association has been able to start playing catch-up by tackling many long-delayed projects which have previously had to be deferred for lack of funds. In addition, individual donors have completely filled the bronze plaque entitled "The Bicentennial Plaque"

which was started in 1976 and identifies donors of \$1,000.00 and more. This year, we have mounted a new plaque on the other side of the front entrance, called "the 21st Century Contributors Plaque" so we can continue to identify our individuals and lodges which make larger contributions.

Improvements we have worked on during the year include repaving the entrance roads and providing new lighting of the roads and sidewalks. The tower chimes have been refurbished and can now chime the hour during the day and play music on special occasions. A parquet floor was laid in the auditorium, replacing an ancient, badly worn cork floor which could not be duplicated. A new addition which continues to draw considerable interest is the display on the South hallway of the first floor, consisting of photographs depicting the Memorial building at the several stages of its construction.

The largest improvement we were able to accomplish this year came at the Thanksgiving holiday. That involved replacing the main electrical service into the building. This has been worrisome because it was the original service installed in the 1920's and consisted of open copper bus bars and a wall full of open copper knife switches and was very dangerous. The building was closed over the Holiday and for a couple of extra days, during which time the old service was dismantled and moved out and a new, modern system of heavy-duty breakers including new transformers was installed.

The library is being recognized as one of the major Masonic libraries in the country, in part because of the residency of the Masonic Leadership Center as well as because of the many acquisitions accomplished through generous donations of important Masonic material. The archaeological dig on the site of the colonial mansion will be resumed this summer.

The leadership of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the generosity of all the Grand Lodges and all the Masons who have contributed have made the Memorial better.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maj. Charles A. Folsom, 15  
Gale L. Angus, 261 & 297  
Orval W. Cooley, 323  
Warren D. Lichty, 314, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE INSURANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

*Michael E. Jones, 51, 173, Chairman*

No business came before the committee in 1996 thus no meeting was convened.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce A. Watkins, 300  
William Keller, 250  
Dwight E. Smith, 205  
Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173 Chairman

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS**

*Cullen F. Pilker, 39, Chairman*

The committee, receiving no requests for recognition by any Grand Lodge Jurisdiction, did not meet as a body in 1996.

Several requests for the commissioning of Grand Representatives were received and acted on by the Grand Secretary, W. B. Reginald Kuhn with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Office Manager Chris Rudder.

The appointments and commissions were made and granted as follows:

Marty D. Byers	Arkansas
Ray H. Earley, Jr.	North Carolina
John David Wagner	Oklahoma

My apologies to the members of the committee for not being in closer contact during the year. I am sure that the committee will be in capable hands in the ensuing year and its' activities will be in a business like manner.

My thanks to W. B. Kuhn and Office Manager Chris Rudder for accomplishing the work of the committee this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Virgil L. Tubach, 54  
 Don E. Rasmussen, 135 & 82  
 Cullen F. Pilker, 39, Chairman  
 Ex-Officio: Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES**

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

This years report is "normal" in the sense that no new Statements of Financial Accounting Standards were adopted. In 1995 two Standards were adopted. For further description of the effect of these Standards upon the reporting of the Grand Lodge's financial position, please see the Grand Trustee's 1995 report and the 1995 and 1996 audit reports by Dana F. Cole & Company, both of which are on file at the Grand Lodge office.

Below are selected figures from the audit report for each of the categories which the auditors use.

Unrestricted (Essentially the Grand Lodge General Fund.)

Year Ended	<u>12-31-96</u>	<u>12-31-95</u>	<u>12-31-94</u>
Revenue	\$414,940	\$372,186	\$404,288
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	26,910	60,181	39,702
Total	\$441,850	\$432,367	\$443,990

Total Expenses	\$431,252	\$401,494	\$394,020
Increase in Net Assets	\$10,598	\$30,873	\$49,970
Net Assets			
(Using Market Values)	\$1,657,959	\$1,530,463	\$1,266,341
<u>Temporarily Restricted</u> (at present only the "Disaster Relief Fund" is included here.)			

Year Ended	<u>12-31-96</u>	<u>12-31-95</u>	<u>12-31-94</u>
Investment Income	\$609	\$2,762	\$3,104
Net Assets released from restrictions*	\$10	\$35,030	\$15,446
Net Assets (Market Value)	\$10,264	\$9,665	\$41,933

\*These amounts went into the general fund and are reported there as distributions.

Permanently Restricted (these are the Perpetual Membership Funds, the Stephen C. Houghton Fund, and the Emick Scholarship Fund)

Year Ended	<u>12-31-96</u>	<u>12-31-95</u>	<u>12-31-94</u>
<u>Perpetual Membership</u>			
Dues	\$26,100	\$25,340	\$28,250
Investment Income	\$40,291	\$40,868	\$32,223
Net Assets released from restrictions*	\$26,900	\$25,151	\$24,256
Net Assets (Market Value)	\$967,847	\$861,738	\$690,755

\*These funds are shown as transferred to the general fund and are reported there as distributions.

Your Grand Trustees feel that this method of reporting, while complying with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 117, "Financial Statements for Not-For-Profit Organizations," is unnecessarily cumbersome and confusing, especially the procedure which "releases" restricted funds to the General Fund from which those funds are paid out and, in effect, appear as "expenses" of the General Fund.

A simpler statement of the above for 1996 would be:

Grand Lodge General Fund had "ordinary" Revenues of \$414,940 and Costs & Expenses of \$404,342 leaving \$10,598 which could be called net income. That plus \$116,898 of Unrealized Gains on Investments explains how net assets rose from \$1,530,463 in 1995 to \$1,657,959 at year end 1996.

The Restricted Funds (Emick, Houghton, and Perpetual Membership) had revenues of \$66,391, of which \$26,100 was perpetual membership dues, and spent \$26,900 leaving \$39,491.

The Temporary Restricted Funds (Disaster Relief) took in \$609 and spent \$10.00.

1996 was another good year for investments. Unrealized Gains on Investments — all funds — increased \$183,516. Remember, however, that there likely will be other years when gains turn to losses.

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Grand Trustees  
Herman A. Wiebers, 54  
Donald J. Schonberg, 327  
Richard Emery, 19  
Glen A. Ried, 11  
Frank V. Lawson, Jr. 1, Chairman

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

*Gerald D. Verbeek, 15, Chairman*

Your Committee on Masonic Relief received one (1) request for assistance during this Masonic Year. The request was not considered because it did not fall within the scope of the responsibilities of the Masonic Relief Committee. Therefore no funds were dispersed during the Masonic Year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gary L. Martin, 46 & 293  
Jerry L. Sievers, 256  
David G. Otte, 119  
Ron W. Osborne, 156  
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15, Chairman

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

*Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327, Chairman*

The Committee on Finance met during the past year to perform the duties of the Committee as outlined in Section 1-318 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Those duties include a periodic review of the books and records of Grand Lodge following procedures which included:

1. A comparison of canceled checks to the check register including an examination of endorsements to assure application of payments.
2. Examination of support documents including invoices, expense records and other evidences of obligations to ensure proper payment was made.
3. Review of accounts to which items were charged selecting all items in excess of \$500 and randomly reviewing other disbursements of lesser dollar amounts.

4. Review of the monthly bank statement reconciliations to verify the accuracy of the work of the Grand Lodge office staff in preparing bank statement reconciliations.
5. Review of income items including lodge assessments.
6. Review of Perpetual Membership and Scholarship accounts.
7. Discussion and review of monthly financial statements.

Following the close of each calendar year, the books and records of the Grand Lodge are reviewed through customary audit procedures by independent certified accountants who prepare and deliver their audit report to the Grand Lodge.

Revenues for calendar year 1996 totaled \$414,165.71. The budget estimated revenues at \$404,572.70 resulting in actual revenues being \$9,593.01 more than projected. Only a few line items were slightly in excess of budgeted expenses and overall, no category of expenditure was in excess of budgeted amounts. During 1996, the Grand Lodge operated carefully and kept expenditures well within budgeted appropriations. Total budgeted expenditures in 1996 were \$404,111.00 while total actual expenditures equalled \$398,586.38; \$5,524.62 under budgeted amounts.

The Finance Committee found satisfactory verification for all expenditures within the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office and was able to complete its' auditing and review process in a timely manner thanks to the well maintained files and help and assistance provided by Chris Rudder as the Office Manager and the staff of the Grand Lodge Office. All expenditures for travel and other related expenses incurred by Grand Lodge Officers in performing their duties on behalf of the Grand Lodge are properly documented and accounted for with receipts and other appropriate verification of such expenses being on file in the Grand Lodge Office.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, your committee chairman extends to each of the members of the Finance Committee a thank you for your service and attention to detail in reviewing the financial activity of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,  
David L. Knutson, 302  
Jack Lorenzen, 314 & 10  
Terry L. Spencer, 227  
John M. Dick, 15  
Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327, Chairman

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

*Eugene C. Sibley, 54, Chairman*

Your Grand Lodge Office has had a very busy 1996. The volume of routine tasks including all reports, communications and procedural updates continues

to become more streamlined as we update our computer programs and equipment.

In May the Office Committee and office staff worked together in putting together a new group health and accident insurance program along with a new 401(k) plan for the office staff. This effort resulted in providing better coverage for the Grand Lodge office employees at a significant reduction in cost.

We have been busy reprogramming our computer programs to bring us into compliance with the new U.S. Postal regulations. These changes will help us provide more efficient and accurate mailing information for our own operations as well as for our subordinate bodies.

The Band Camp was again a major success. The office staff is to be commended for their many extra hours of time spent to insure the successful completion of this annual project.

I want to thank Chris and Carol for their dedication to Nebraska Masonry. All of the subordinate lodges are well aware of the contributions that the office staff make to insure the success of our Fraternity. The next time you meet Chris or Carol or visit with them on the phone, please take the time to thank them for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel J. Roth, 54  
James L. Eatmon, 294  
James F. Brown, Jr., 54  
Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210  
Eugene C. Sibley, 54, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

*Benjiman H. Harvey, 119, Chairman*

The Nebraska Mason continues to be printed for distribution four times each year. The committee appreciates the coordination of this publication by Chris Rudder, Grand Lodge Office Manager and her staff. This publication would not be possible without the financial support of the Order of the Eastern Star, Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. All three organizations are also responsible for major contributions in the form of articles and pictures.

Reprogramming and updating the Grand Lodge mailing list was a major project of the past year. The list will now conform to new regulations of the U.S. Postal Service. Upgrading the address list software makes the operating system more efficient which should decrease hand sorting, allow bar coding of mail and be more cost effective for bulk mailing. The aforementioned was an important and necessary step, because it affects not only Grand Lodge but also both Homes. The committee wishes to thank the Grand Lodge Office Committee for their assistance in putting this important measure into practice.

The Grand Lodge was called upon to lay a number of cornerstones in 1996. W. Michael E. Jones, Grand Marshal, directed the following ceremonies:

July 27	Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center, Omaha
July 27	Ft. Calhoun Medical Center, Ft. Calhoun
Oct. 23	Wilson Math & Science Center, Hastings College
Nov. 2	F.S.A. Office, Ogallala

The Scottish Rite Foundation, Omaha Valley, produced a twelve minute video "Cornerstones for Life - Freemasonry in Nebraska" which centers on charities and activities of Nebraska Masonry. This video was given to each of the 112 newly raised candidates at the one-day conferral, which took place in Omaha on October 19, 1996. The video is available through the Scottish Rite office in Omaha and the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln. The production and content are very well done and would be suitable for viewing by any group. Its use as an orientation guide for new members and their families would be most appropriate. The video is an excellent source for Masonic education within a lodge meeting or for an informative program at any Masonic function. Other video tapes and Masonic education materials are also available through the Grand Lodge office.

The Public Relations Committee will meet and formulate future plans in 1997. The committee is always open to suggestions and ideas and any input from our brethren would be taken under consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Donald W. Bryant, 210  
 Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173  
 Russell G. Reno, 297  
 Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327  
 Benjiman H. Harvey, 119, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH**

*Ivan Vrtiska, 327, Chairman*

The future of our Masonic Family looks very promising, if we are able to influence our youth sufficiently to encourage them to remain members of our masonic family. The quality of the youth within our three Masonic Youth Organizations - Job's Daughters, Rainbow and Demolay - is one of which we should be very proud. Our youth are willing to share their time and talents within their communities, schools, adult masonic organizations, and their peers, just to name a few; while earning an education and learning leadership skills through their involvements. We adults can learn by their examples. Supporting and attending their activities, functions and meetings are essential to their continued growth and existence.

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Our Grand Lodge continues to sponsor scholarships of \$750 to outstanding members of each of our three Masonic Youth Organizations. This year we provided an additional scholarship to the Youth Organization submitting the most applications on a per capita basis. These scholarships were presented by our Grand Lodge Officers at the annual meetings of each youth group. Each applicant is required to prepare a brief essay, "How my Youth Organization has prepared me for continuing my education." Their essays express their appreciation for the many benefits gained from their involvement in our Masonic Family. They really appreciate the opportunities they experience and with a little encouragement will undoubtedly continue their Masonic commitment.

This year nine applications were received from Job's Daughters, one from the Order of Rainbow and one from the Order of Demolay. The quality of the applications received makes it extremely difficult to select only four winners. Each submittal is deserving of a scholarship. What great young people we have in our family.

The scholarship for the Order of Demolay was presented to Jack Edward Sheard, Dr. Frederick Eiche Chapter, Lincoln, Nebraska. Jack has served his chapter in numerous offices, including Master Councilor. He has been extremely active on many committees and activities within his chapter in addition to participating in numerous state activities. He has also been very active in his church, community and school. His activities in addition to Demolay include Highway Cleanup, Sales at Cornhusker State Games, Youth Fellowship, Sunday School (attendee and teacher), Lay Leader, Youth Representative on Church Board, serve meals at People's City Mission, food drives, clean bike trail, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Drama Club, Art Club and Football. While being involved he maintained a 92.5% grade average. Jack plans to major in Mathematics Education at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

The scholarship recipient for the International Order of Rainbow was Jennifer Lynn Moiser, Athena Assembly #24, Bellevue, Nebraska. Jennifer has held all but two offices (choir director and musician) in her assembly, including Worthy Advisor. Being chairman and serving on many committees and participating in most all activities of her Assembly has kept her very active during her membership. She has been Grand Assistant Outer Observer, Grand Representative to Texas and New Mexico, Grand Cross of Color Messenger and Grand Treasurer. She also received the Grand Cross of Color (outstanding service award). Jennifer has been involved in basketball, soccer, softball, key club, Spanish club, Student Council, cheerleading, Newspaper Staff, National Honor Society, Yearbook Staff, Bellevedettes - Marching Band Flag Corps, Colorguard, musicals, plus working - detasseling, Umpire for City of Bellevue, and Baker's Supermarket. She has also received many special recognitions and awards. Jennifer has a 3.6 grade average and plans to major in Engineering Physics at South Dakota State, Brookings, SD.

Two scholarships were presented to the Nebraska Job's Daughters this year. The recipients were Alysa Kathryn Eveland of Bethel No. 15, Fremont and Misti Renae Smith of Bethel No. 5, Lincoln.

Alysa has been a Job's Daughter since 1989. During her membership she has held numerous offices, participated in many committees, attended and competed at several Grand Sessions, and supported many activities. Activities include volunteering at Merrick Manor Nursing Home, Adopt-A-Highway, Honey Sunday, fundraisers and assisted with many Masonic Family events. She was active in band, chorus, musicals, drama club, choir, media club, science club, senior girls ensemble, spanish club, speech team, and the school newspaper. Honors include: Honor Madrigal Chorus, Honor Roll (6 years), Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador and Girl Scout Wider Opportunities Delegate for Our Cabana in Cuerna Vaca, Mexico. Church and community activities helped to keep her busy (4-H, Girl Scouts, Church Choir, Education Committees, etc.). In addition, she maintained two jobs. Alysa achieved a 3.75 average and plans to attend either Cottey College or UNL, majoring in International Relations.

Misti Smith has also been a Job's Daughter since 1989, holding thirteen different offices, including Honored Queen. She has been a member of and chaired numerous committees. Her list of activities would not leave much time for her to get into trouble. In addition to the many regular type activities are: Sing Alongs at Care Homes, Honey Sunday, Adopt-a-Resident for the Masonic Home, HIKE Fund, Illiteracy Hot-Line Center, Needy Family Project, Canned Food Drives, serving dinners for Masons and Eastern Star, Grand Lodge Banquet, Masonic Family Installations, Shrine Bowl, Shrine Circus - and the list goes on. Participation in many Grand Sessions and State functions are also among her activities. Church Activities also contribute to her activities - Children's Choir, Vacation Bible School Teacher, vocal music, UMYF, Representative to the Youth Annual Conference - United Methodist Church, fundraisers,... School Activities include cheerleader, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Concert Band, Choir, Pep band, swing/show choir, speech/drama team, musicals, One Act Plays, Student Council, Jazz Band,... plus numerous community activities. Misti achieved a 4.0 grade point average and plans to attend the University of South Dakota-Vermillion, studying to become a Physician's Assistant.

As you can see, our youth are active and will remain major contributors to our society. All the applications were similar to these selected. Our masonic family is GREAT. You should have an opportunity to read their essays to learn how they feel about our family and the opportunities they received.

This year, we again invited the youth groups to have promotional tables at Grand Lodge, which they accepted. We also continue our efforts to photograph the three state youth leaders and display the photograph in the Grand Lodge office.

Our report is concluded by again encouraging all Masons and their Lodges to do all you can for the good of our youth organizations. **THEY ARE OUR FUTURE.** Support them in all their functions, activities and membership campaigns. Attend their meetings. Ask them to participate in your activities and to perform their ritual work for you. They do an excellent job and we can

learn much from them. As before - we are truly a Masonic Family and must work together as a unified family.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bruce D. Curtiss, 204 & 248  
James P. Franson, 54  
Gregory L. Gass, 192  
Michael W. Stuhr, 327  
Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE FREEMASONRY & RELIGION COMMITTEE

*Steven F. Mattoon, 75, Chairman*

The following report is respectfully submitted by M.: W.: Steven F. Mattoon, Past Grand Master, V.: W.: Donald Davidson, Past Grand Chaplain and V.: W.: Rev. John F. Dale, Past Grand Chaplain, comprising the Committee appointed by M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey for the year 1996. The committee worked with the Grand Lodge Office in continuing to provide materials which may be available to individual lodges or members thereof concerning issues involving Freemasonry and Religion.

As all Brethren are no doubt aware, a great deal of controversy was created by virtue of the actions of Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz of the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln. The committee was consulted by M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey. However, the credit for action taken and decisions made lies with M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey, together with his officers. The committee would like to commend M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey and the Grand Lodge Officers for their patience, wisdom and overall handling of the situation and issues which arose.

The committee remains available to assist lodges or members being confronted with issues regarding Freemasonry and Religion. Following are the addresses and telephone numbers of members of the committee, together with the telephone number for the Grand Lodge Office.

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Grand Lodge Office  
1-800-558-8029

The following publications relating to Freemasonry and Religion are available through the Grand Lodge Office.

Is It True What They Say About Freemasonry?  
Facts About Freemasonry  
A Response To the Critics Of Freemasonry  
There is No Sin in Symbols  
What's A Mason?  
Conscience And the Craft

Furthermore, the Grand Lodge Office also has access to and copies of various articles as a result of the subscription to the Texas Messenger, edited and authored by Dr. Charles Sanders. Masonic tapes are available which deal with Freemasonry and Religion and in particular the tapes of Jackson Polk-Capstone Productions, which include an interview with the late Brother John Robinson.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fr. Donald F. Davidson, 26  
Rev. John F. Dale, 126  
Steven F. Mattoon, 75, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE**

*Jerry Sievers, 256, Chairman*

This committee is charged with consideration of Grand Lodge awards, recommendations for changes, initiation of additional awards and their implementation, and nominations to the Grand Master for those awards for which he is responsible.

Five awards are the main target for the Awards Committee. They are the Rock Maul, the Gold Pan, the Mason, the Non-Mason and the Membership Recruitment Awards. The Rock Maul and Gold Pan Awards allow a lodge the ability to be able to nominate itself if certain criteria are met.

The Mason Award allows a lodge to recognize a Brother in their lodge or community who has unselfishly given of his time and talent toward a goal in his lodge or community.

The Non-Mason award allows a lodge to recognize an individual who has promoted the Masonic ideas without benefit of membership.

Either of these awards allow a lodge to say to the person receiving such, "Well Done Good and Faithful Servant - We are Proud of You."

As of December 31, 1996, lodges have awarded 15 Mason Awards, and 4 Non-Mason Awards. We are pleased with this and would hope that many more lodges would put to use these valuable working tools to promote Masonry.

Both of these awards are sponsored by Grand Lodge but are given by the individual lodges and are self-funded. The Awards Committee is in great hopes that these awards will serve as public relation tools which will enhance our ideas among ourselves and our communities.

To the Grand Master, we express our appreciation for appointment to this committee and our humble acceptance of the mandates we were given. To the Grand Master-Elect we pledge our time and talents to see our committee's task completed. To the craft, we seek to work both with you and for you.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee; it is our hope that our efforts were deserving of your confidence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur S. Dye, 317  
Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134  
Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173  
John C. McQuinn, 297  
Tim E. Wroot, 302  
Michael D. Rauscher, 54  
Jerry L. Sievers, 256, Chairman

### **MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN**

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

Again it is my privilege and pleasure to bring you greetings from the children and staff and the Board of Directors of the Masonic- Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. As always, our Executive Director Ben Harvey and his excellent staff are doing a superb job of making our Home operate efficiently. We are always very proud of the Homes' appearance, and the acceptance of our children and employees in the community. It's the results of their hard work.

Work on Highway 77 is now complete and cleanup along the shoulders will be done this spring, and at that time we will commence our plans for landscaping. The new kitchen and houseparent rooms' remodeling at Morris Cottage is nearly complete, and new windows are being installed in the original portion of the Administration building. Needed roof and metal trim replacement work is in progress on the Grand Executive Building, and will be completed soon. It is our intention to start our 82nd year young in heart and in appearance. Your board members, past and present, seeking to improve with change, are proud to have

been involved in these worthwhile endeavors. We very much appreciate your continuing support.

Our main computer needed to be replaced, but a benefactor, unaware of our needs, offered a used machine which after checking was found to be more than capable. We are most thankful to have it on line. We also received several other computers, all in working condition, that we will put to good use. Thank you all for your gifts.

Our Board Finance Committee members and our Financial Advisor James N. DeMoss, PGP and PGM meet bi-monthly in conference with two brokers to review our invested funds. We share the same philosophy - frequent review, with careful and safe investment of funds, to secure the present and the future of the Home. Through our budgeting process we endeavor to return for investment a portion of earned income annually to insure the continued growth of those funds. Masonic and Eastern Star members have been very generous with their gifts, and I proudly speak for the devoted members of the Board, the staff, and the children, when I say THANK YOU from the bottom of our collective hearts. It's because of their hard work and your un-ending support that our Home Family continues to thrive and grow. Truly, a most wonderful example of Masonry at work.

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

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

### **The Nebraska Masonic Home Board of Trustees Plattsmouth, Nebraska**

TO: Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home and All Nebraska Masons

In this ninety-fourth year of the operation of your Nebraska Masonic Home it is my privilege and responsibility as the President of The Home's Board of Trustees to present a brief accounting of some of the activities and problems of The Home for the past year.

This year I directed that a notice of this annual meeting be sent to every Nebraska Masonic lodge as well as to the Trustees of our Home, Grand Lodge Officers, and the officers of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. This was done in sufficient time for every secretary or Worshipful Master to advise those interested in attending the meeting.

I hope we have some representation of interested Masons. This report will also be given to the Grand Lodge and will be distributed at the Grand Lodge annual meeting.

As I mentioned at the last annual meeting, Most Worshipful Brother Tom Tye submitted his resignation as Executive Director of our Foundation to be effective April 30, 1995; however, I prevailed on him to give us another year. He agreed

to do so and resigned as of April 30, 1996. Most Worshipful Brother Tom did an exceptional job in getting our Foundation program underway, but we had imposed enough on his devotion to Masonry. I appointed a committee to recommend a successor. This committee has recommended Most Worshipful Brother Jerry Rittenburg who has been a member of our Board of Trustees and is thoroughly familiar with our problems. The appointment of Most Worshipful Brother Jerry has been approved by the Board of Directors and he assumed the position as Executive Director January 1, 1997.

In the interim the Board of Directors appointed the Executive Director of our Home, Arthur Sharp, as Executive Director of the Foundation Pro Tem. Brother Art has done an excellent job filling the void created by the absence of Most Worshipful Brother Tom. He assumed responsibility for the Caring Club dinner and continued The Foundation program including the Caring Club solicitation for the current year. We are deeply indebted to Brother Art for his help in this regard.

In 1995 The Home Board decided to terminate its employee defined benefit pension plan and to enhance our 401(k) plan. This was fully accomplished this year and has been approved by all of the necessary agencies. The contribution under the 401(k) plan provides a monthly contribution up to 6 percent of eligible participant's salary deferrals under the plan. We also increased the discretionary contribution of The Home to all eligible employees from 2 percent to 3 percent and provided as well for the employee direction of the investment of these funds.

Our budget for 1996-1997 is \$3,900,200 exclusive of depreciation. This compares to \$3,583,200 for 1995-1996, an increase of \$317,000. Of that amount \$200,000 was necessary to bring our salary range within the competitive market and \$100,000 of it is a necessary increase in our capital improvements budget. Our estimated revenue other than from our Foundation is \$1,672,000 leaving a net to be raised from other sources of approximately \$2,100,000. The estimated investment income from our Foundation is approximately \$1,700,000. So far this budget year, the Foundation has received approximately \$575,000 which will be more than adequate to cover the difference between our dividend income and the budget deficit. The \$575,000 is composed of donations at admission, life insurance proceeds on residents whose policies we have continued, general donations, testamentary trusts, and bequests. I remind you, however, with rising costs and decreasing dividend returns the need for increased support for our Foundation becomes clearly apparent.

Some of our donors this year gave us stock on which they had capital gains accumulations. They are given full credit for the contribution by the taxing authorities for the present value of the stock and pay no capital gains tax. This benefits them and us. I recommend this procedure for those wanting to make a contribution to The Home. It gives them the benefit of the gain, and they pay no tax on it.

Once again, I remind our brethren that The Nebraska Masonic Home is the main charity of Nebraska Masons. Every Nebraska Mason contributes \$2 of his dues to the support of The Home. As of January 1, 1996, there were slightly less than

20,000 Nebraska Masons, so the amount received by The Home from this source was just under \$40,000 which is less than 1 percent of our budget. From this we pay \$10,000 annually for the support of the Grand Lodge office and contribute \$12,500 for the support of the *Nebraska Mason*. We receive no other Grand Lodge funds for the operation of The Home. I mention this to show that more than 99 percent of our budget must be raised by your Home's Trustees from other sources. This means that we need the support of every interested Nebraska Mason.

Our new Foundation Executive Director Most Worshipful Brother Jerry Rittenburg solicits your help in ways and means of increasing our Foundation endowment. It is only because of the past generosity of those Masons and their female relatives who have generously supported our Foundation that The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation is now able to keep our Home operating at its present level. It is for this reason that I again urge each and every one of you to remember The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation in your last will and testament and to urge all of your Masonic associates to do likewise.

We do have some urgent problems with several of our physical facilities at The Home. I spoke in my last report about the need for remodeling or rebuilding several physical areas of The Home — these are primarily the need for an Alzheimer's Unit and kitchen modernization as well as physical plant modification. To this end, I appointed a Facilities Planning Committee. This committee under the chairmanship of Marlo Burg includes Dick Brasel, Jerry Rittenburg, and James Erixon. This committee has been extremely active. They have interviewed consultants; visited facilities in other areas; and with the support of the Board's Long Range Planning Committee, submitted a comprehensive report to the Board recommending a project to meet the needs of The Masonic Home for Alzheimer's care, modernization of our kitchen facilities, providing dining space for the infirmary and providing for other physical plant and equipment facilities. The estimated project costs including contingencies will be approximately \$4 million. The Alzheimer's Unit Financing Committee chaired by Marlo Burg includes James Erixon, David Knutson, and Jerry Rittenburg. They will report on methods of financing this need to the new Board of Trustees immediately after this annual meeting. The problem as I see it is of utmost urgency. If many of these facility needs are not corrected now, they will certainly require crisis attention with increased costs in the immediate future.

We are particularly grateful to Edith L. Ward and Paul M. Ward for their \$10,000 contribution, and to Arthur and Naomi Triebel for their \$1,000 contribution, and to Washington Lodge No. 21 for their \$1,500 contribution to the Caring Club as well as several hundred other contributors to the Caring Club during the year. The Caring Club contributions for 1995-1996 amounted to \$57,986. The 1996-1997 solicitation year ends on April 30, 1997. As of January 1, 1997, Caring Club contributions total \$35,659.47 for the current solicitation year. The Caring Club, which was an innovation of Most Worshipful Brother Tom Tye, has been very helpful in the past; I urge its continued support.

We are grateful to several of our appendant bodies which have made contributions during the year. We have received \$6,204.51 in special donations, Caring Club donations and general donations from the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star. We have received \$1,000 from the Omaha Scottish Rite Foundation and \$500 from the Mt. Calvary Commandery during the year. We appreciate this help and urge other Scottish Rite bodies as well as Shrine Temples to include The Nebraska Masonic Home in their charitable donations.

In April we replaced our health insurance contract. The new contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska PPO should result in a yearly savings to The Masonic Home of approximately \$40,000.

Our legal firm Baird Holm who handled the litigation involving the Barkdoll Estate contributed their fee of \$5,728.76 to The Foundation as a contribution. I thank them for this gift and for the services they render for The Home.

Bramen Mortuary has been the funeral director for regular-way residents of The Home for the past 17 years. Because of a pending retirement Bramen requested that the contract be renegotiated. This was done by soliciting bids from five mortuary organizations including Bramen. We received bids from three of the five. Keith Roby of Plattsmouth was the successful bidder and will serve as funeral director for regular-way residents during the current year.

For several years we have been accumulating surplus furniture and miscellaneous equipment at The Home. In June an auction was held at The Home. It netted The Home \$1,581.82.

1996 was a costly year to The Home in terms of tree loss. We lost some large trees including a 100-plus year old walnut tree which was blown over. It took up a 12 x 12 section of dirt and sod. Our Executive Director will attempt to realize whatever value there may be in the walnut wood.

We had an actuarial study made during the year. The actuary reviewed the completed study for the Board. He particularly stressed that The Home will require increased funding from The Foundation to meet operating expenses. I have already pointed up this problem.

During the year The Home had a new video made and though we intend to give full support to our Grand Lodge publication, we have also started our own publication the *Hour Glass*. This has resulted in increased calls on The Home for programs. It has also resulted in numerous requests for information on admission to The Home as well as information on wills and estates.

Arthur Sharp, our Executive Director, who has been a member of the Masonic Homes Executives Association of North America has been elected their vice-president. In June 1997 he will become president-elect and in June 1998 he will be installed as the president. This is certainly a good indication of the regard in which our Executive Director is held by his associates in the national organization.

Speaking of Art, I am especially grateful to him as well as to Assistant Director, Mary Stapp; our Controller, Robert Kenney; and our Administrative Assistant,

Christine Abbott as well as the other supervisory employees of The Home for the help they have given me personally during the year. I commend them and the rest of the staff for a job well done. I can truly say that our Home is in very good shape.

I remind you that our Grand Master is one of our Trustees. He has spent an enormous amount of time on Masonic activities. His year has been very successful. I am certain we will see many benefits from his labors as time goes on. I am very happy that Most Worshipful Brother Kaye will be continuing as a Masonic Home Trustee.

I take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Trustees to all the lodges, appendant bodies, and groups which have helped to make this year a joyous and pleasant one for The Home's residents. I suggest that you urge your friends to visit The Home if they have not done so. When they see the wonderful job being done by our Executive Director and his staff, I am sure they will be interested in helping with this outstanding program.

Once again, I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the work done by our Trustees on their regular and special committees. They have been particularly active this year. For every one of them it is a labor of love which requires them to contribute of their substance as well as their time. As I have said before, if our entire membership could really know how much work they do and the dedication they have, I am sure the membership would be much more responsive to our financial needs.

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

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### **The Nebraska Masonic Home Plattsmouth, Nebraska**

TO: Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home

During this past year a great deal of planning and burning of midnight oil has gone into the possible future project of the addition of a special care unit for our residents who suffer from Alzheimer's Disease or any one of the many other forms of dementia. The Long Range Facilities Planning Committee, under the direction of Trustee Marlo Burg, has had many meetings and has done a great deal of individual work in wrestling with the many problems associated with a project of this dimension. In addition to this, Brother Robert Muehling of the Baird, Kurtz and Dobson Accounting Firm donated his time to the creation of a computer financial model to look at the various scenarios involved in the building of an Alzheimer's special care unit and the related supporting facilities.

The mission of the special care unit will be to provide a therapeutic program of care which is appropriate to each individual whose dementing illness follows a

course of cognitive and physical decline. As with all chronic illness, the goals of therapy will be to maximize function while maintaining the highest possible quality of life for each resident. This will, of course, take the highest level of cooperation between the Board of Trustees, administration, staff and families of these special care residents. Many times the families of these special care residents have very unrealistic expectations regarding their loved one's prognosis, care, well being, and potential. Therefore, it will be essential that the staff of the special care unit be thoroughly trained, not only in the care of these residents, but also in public and individual human relations.

During this past year, our Board of Trustees has once again demonstrated their sense of fiscal responsibility by ordering a very comprehensive actuarial study by the Milliman and Robertson firm in order to determine the future financial needs of the regular-way residents of The Nebraska Masonic Home. This study shows a great need to increase the occupancy level of both the infirmary and the apartments in order to cut the operating expense per bed. For the next several years this will be a constant challenge facing the Long Range Planning Committee as well as the staff.

This year has also seen several new challenges with the inauguration of the *Hour Glass* publication and the production of our new video "A Tradition of Dignity". In addition to the many hours put into these projects by our administrative staff at The Home, we also must give a great deal of thanks to Mr. John Carter for his invaluable help in creating a first class publication, and to Mr. Monte Lund, of Digital Visions, for his creativity in producing a video that The Nebraska Masonic Home can be very proud to show to any group or prospective resident.

I am very pleased to tell you that during 1996 I made 19 presentations for The Home and Assistant Director Mary Stapp made 5 presentations. This is a record number of presentations for one year. Ten of these presentations were requested after the *Hour Glass* was distributed. We are excited to tell you about the "best kept secret" in Nebraska. We would love to take news of The Nebraska Masonic Home to any lodge or chapter in the state.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the staff of The Nebraska Masonic Home welcomes Mr. Jerry Rittenburg as the Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation.

I would like to commend our Assistant Director, Mrs. Mary C. Stapp, for the many hours she gives to The Home as well as the excellent and caring manner in which she performs her job. Mary is a stabilizing force in a health care world which changes so drastically and rapidly. Her devotion and loyalty to The Nebraska Masonic Home is unequalled and unquestioned by all with whom she comes in contact.

The rest of our staff which includes Mrs. Frankie Cotner, Mrs. Chris Abbott, Miss Amanda Stapp, Mr. Bob Kenney, Mrs. Sonia Meredith, Mrs. Rissa Varney, Mr. Monte Hackwith, Mrs. Sandi Rippe, Ms. Sandy Hamilton, and Ms. Glenda Seydlitz are also deserving of our gratitude for the exemplary fashion in which

they manage the daily affairs of operating a Home such as ours to insure that our residents are well cared for, protected, and fed every day of the year.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to all members of the Board of Trustees; they are truly outstanding. It would be impossible to count the many hours of service and the many ways that each of them give to The Nebraska Masonic Home. Their dedication is unequalled in terms of the expertise and good counsel they give to assist the administrative staff in overseeing the operation of The Home. Under the direction of our President, Harry A. Spencer, our Board of Trustees is a very progressive and forward-looking body who constantly strive for new and innovative ways to improve the operation of our Home.

I would also like to give a very special thank you to our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother V. Kaye Ramsey, for his support and guidance during this past year as well as to his staff at the Grand Lodge office.

On the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving, the Robert W. Boon Memorial Food Truck made its annual appearance at The Nebraska Masonic Home. This marvelous contribution of food products from the Masons of central Nebraska amounted to nearly \$8,900 and will directly reduce our food costs by that same amount. We are very grateful to Brother Adolph Schlaman of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 in Grand Island for spearheading this event as well as to the Lodges, appendant bodies, and individuals who contributed to its success.

A very special thanks must also go to the various Masonic bodies who have collectively given so much of their time, service, and support:

- to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 for always being there when we need them.
- to Home Chapter No. 189 of Plattsmouth for the delicious fried chicken picnic for our residents each summer.
- to Narcissus Chapter Kensington for the very tasty covered dish picnic which our residents so enjoy.
- to the Masters and Wardens Club who sponsor our residents' annual Christmas Party and furnish gifts and poinsettias for the residents.
- to the Nebraska Grand York Rite Officers who visit each year and have lunch with our residents to renew old friendships and make new ones.
- to the Plattsmouth Area Ministerial Association for their dedication to providing our weekly church services but also for being available to our residents for spiritual counseling when needed. Their services are truly appreciated.
- to Mrs. Susan Andreasen, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Cal Armour, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Shirley Frink, Grand Secretary; and the Grand Family of the Order of Eastern Star for all the wonderful support and cooperation they provide to us each year.
- to Worshipful Brother Ben Harvey, Administrator of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, a very special thank you for the

wonderful day when he and his farm manager brought several children and their 4-H animals to our Home for our residents to enjoy. Our residents look forward to this day each year with great anticipation. This event has now become an annual affair and is one of the highlights of our year.

- and finally, to all the Masonic bodies and their membership for the hundreds of contributions in terms of time, talent, and hard work in order that our residents' lives may be made more comfortable and thereby enriched.

Our Medical Director, Dr. Richard Hurd, M.D., also deserves our deepest gratitude. He not only directs the medical programs of our facility but also counsels with our sick and infirmed residents in a most loving manner. He makes himself constantly available for our residents' emergency medical needs. He also provides a great deal of help to The Home's administrative staff in matters of medical policy formulation and implementation.

It has truly been a pleasure for me to serve The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masons of Nebraska over the past nine years, and I look forward to future service to our beloved fraternity. Thank you for this opportunity.

Fraternally,  
Arthur R. Sharp, Executive Director  
The Nebraska Masonic Home

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRO TEM**

### **The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation**

The Nebraska Masonic Home welcomes Mr. Jerry Rittenburg as the new Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation. Mr. Rittenburg comes to us with over 22 years of management experience with the Pfizer Animal Health Company. Jerry has been a Master Mason for 39 years and was Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska in 1995, having served as a Grand Officer since 1987. Jerry has also been a member of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home for the past six years, and a member of the Board of Directors of The Masonic Home Foundation since its inception in 1990.

As happy as we are to welcome Past Grand Master Rittenburg to his new position, it is not without some sense of sadness that our former Executive Director, Past Grand Master Tom Tye has now totally retired to his home in Arizona. Most Worshipful Brother Tye was the first to occupy the position of Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation and was here to successfully shepherd The Foundation through the very early days of separation from The Nebraska Masonic Home. He also conceived and initiated the annual Caring Club appeal and was responsible for obtaining many large gifts to The Foundation in terms of wills, estates, trusts, gifts of common stock, and life annuity gifts. It will never be known how many future donors will remember The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation because of a contact by Past Grand Master Tye.

During this past year we have had 46 contributors who have given \$1,000 or more to The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation. The largest contribution was approximately \$174,000 and the total of all contributions was well over \$550,000. We gratefully acknowledge and sincerely thank all of these individuals for their generous support.

This past year has been a wonderful learning experience for me in terms of being the Executive Director Pro Tem of The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation, and I would be remiss if I did not publicly thank every one of The Foundation Board of Directors for their patience and help during this period of transition. Our Financial Advisor, Mr. Frank Lawson, has provided very timely and excellent advice on all of the financial matters concerning The Foundation, and our legal counsel, Mr. Gary Radil has many times sacrificed his own law practice to come to the aid of a legally-challenged Executive Director Pro Tem. To both of these brothers as well as the rest of the Board of Directors, please accept my very sincere gratitude and enduring thanks. It has truly been a pleasure to serve you.

Fraternally,  
Arthur R. Sharp  
Executive Director Pro Tem

### **St. John The Baptist Lodge of Research**

*Father Arsenios Coolik, 317 & 330*

A variety of special presentations were given in our Lodge this year. These presentations have covered a wide range of aspects of Freemasonry, and can be divided into four categories:

- 1) History of Freemasonry. The most memorable historical presentation this year was given at our Lodge's Fourth Annual Masonic Convocation in June, 1996 by Brother Russell Hobson, Grand Lecturer of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Brother Hobson explained the origin and history of Prince Hall Masonry, both for the United States in general and for the State of Nebraska. Other special historical presentations included a talk by Brother Philaret Taylor on the importance of Masonry in the founding of the United States, and a biographical profile of General Nelson A. Miles, a Royal Arch Mason famous for his exploits during the Civil War and the Indian Wars.
- 2) Masonic Music. The history of the use of music in Masonic ritual is one of the central interests of our Research Lodge. Brother Macarius Washburn gave several talks on Masonic music this year, with accompanying musical performances. In April he and other Research Lodge members gave a presentation on "The History and Forms of Masonic Music" at the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education held in Sioux Falls, Iowa, which earned a standing ovation from the enthusiastic audience.
- 3) Contemporary Masonry. Our Lodge is pleased to announce the availability of a new booklet entitled "The Crosier and the Gavel: A Catholic Mason Writes

to His Bishop." This is a letter from Brother Vernon Tweedie, a charter member of our Lodge, written to Bishop Fabian Bruskevitz of the Diocese of Lincoln in response to the bishop's proscriptions against Freemasonry among Catholics in his diocese. This letter is a respectful reply in which Brother Tweedie dispels many common misunderstandings about Masonry and argues convincingly in favor of the toleration of Masonry by the Catholic Church. Brother Tweedie gave a discourse on the points of this letter at our September meeting.

Another perspective on contemporary Masonry was offered by guest speaker Brother Scott Krieger, who told about his experiences with Masonry during a recent visit to Ireland.

4) Masonic Lore and Belief. Presentations in this area included Brother Philaret Taylor's commentary on the famous Regis poem, and an exposition by Brother Simeon Davis on the place of vows in Masonry.

In June our Lodge hosted its fourth Annual Masonic Convocation and dinner for the heads of all the Masonic bodies in Nebraska. In addition to representatives from the Grand Lodge and the York Rite Bodies of Nebraska, we were honored by the presence of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and other officers of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

In November our Lodge Master and other lodge members gave a presentation at East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. These presentations included a talk and slide show on the Masonic background and connections in the design and construction of Chartres Cathedral, and a talk and demonstration of Masonic music and its historical significance for contemporary Masonry.

We are pleased to report that the musical research of our Lodge continues to have a far-reaching benefit for Freemasonry in the United States, chiefly through Macoy Publishing Company, the largest outlet for Masonic supplies in the United States, who features our "Music for the Masonic Degrees" tape set in their catalog.

We encourage all brothers interested in learning more about the rich tradition of our Craft and in sharing their Masonic experience and knowledge with their brother Masons to consider membership in our Research Lodge. We are considering ways to extend the benefits of our research to Masons at large, and hope to have a plan for this later this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Seraphim Weber, Secretary

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

*Dwight E. Smith, 205, Chairman*

The Committee on Codification of the Law respectfully submits its report of the amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution and Bylaws as a result of the approval of the Resolutions and Grand Master's Recommendations at the 140th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

As a result of approval of the Grand Master's Recommendations No. 1 and 2, Section 2-902 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-902 — QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES — Each candidate for the degrees of Masonry must:

1. Be a man.
2. Be eighteen or more years of age at the time of signing his petition.
3. Believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, and no other religious test shall be required or allowed.
4. Be able to read and write English.

As a result of the approval of the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 3, Section 1-101.01 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-101.01 — INSTALLATION — Installation of Grand Lodge Officers shall take place on or before fifteen (15) days following the close of the Annual Communication at such location, time and date as the Grand Master-Elect shall select which shall be announced prior to the close of such Annual Communication.

As a result of the approval of the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 4, Section 2-402 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-402 — PROFICIENCY — All those hereinafter initiated, passed, and raised, shall become proficient in each degree, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge. Such examination shall consist of:

1. Completion of a study of the Standard Proficiency Manual following each degree received.
2. Verification by the Worshipful Master that the candidate has expressed knowledge of the material in the manual by answering, in his own words, the questions listed for the degree in which he is being examined.
3. Successful completion by the candidate of an examination in open lodge, consisting of answering questions from the First Section Lectures of the degrees as follows:

E.A. Degree: Starting with the words, "Give me a sign" and ending with giving of the "word".

F.C. Degree: Starting with the words, "Have you any signs . . ." and continuing to the end of the lecture.

M.M. Degree: Starting with the words, "Have you any signs . . ." and continuing to the end of the lecture.

No other proficiency examination shall be recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction. After such examination, the Master may declare the brother proficient. Such declaration and the recording of the proficiency of the brother shall be made in the degree in which examination, is made, providing no objection is raised; if objection is made and it becomes necessary to put the question to a vote the ballot shall be determined in a lodge of Master Masons. Whereupon the Master shall put the question: "Is the brother proficient?" and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

When a candidate for advancement fails to pass satisfactory examination, the Master may direct him to become proficient and again present himself for examination.

Examination of those hereinafter raised to the degree of Master Mason shall be had not later than ninety days following the conferring of said degree, but the lodge may for good cause shown extend the time, but not for more than six months after the degree is conferred; provided, that the Grand Master may extend the time for good cause shown. When a Master Mason has complied with the provisions of this section, a diploma shall be issued by the subordinate lodge of which he is a member, on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

An unaffiliated Master Mason in good standing in the Fraternity is entitled to be instructed and examined in any lodge as to his proficiency in the degree of a Master Mason, and upon being found proficient, this fact should be certified to the lodge electing him to membership.

Provided, that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this section.

As a result of approval of Resolution No. 1, Article III of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge is amended to read as follows:

The Grand Lodge shall hold a regular communication annually. Location of said communication will:

- (a) be designated by the newly elected Grand Senior Warden for his probable term as Grand Master, and
- (b) must be approved by a majority vote of the Grand Lodge.

AND

Sec. 1-101 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-101 — ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS — The stated annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at such place as shall be designated by the newly elected Grand Senior Warden for his probable term as Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, beginning on the first Friday of February at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Mason's Lodge shall first be

opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven subordinate lodges be found present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments and fill vacancies in the standing committees.

As a result of the approval of Resolution No. 3, Section 2 of Article XII of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Upon the petition of fifteen or more Master Masons being presented to the Grand Master, he may grant them a dispensation to open and hold subordinate lodge at the place therein to be named, with power to make Masons, and he shall therein appoint the Master and Wardens of the new subordinate lodge. But in no case shall such dispensation be issued unless the Grand Master is satisfied that the petitioners are all Master Masons in good standing, that the establishment of the new subordinate lodge is of manifest propriety and will conduce to the good of the Fraternity, and that a safe and suitable lodge room has been provided therefor, nor unless the Grand Custodian shall certify that the three principal officers are competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry in a suitable and impressive manner. Such dispensation shall terminate on the thirty-first day of December preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge and shall then be returned to the Grand Secretary, together with the bylaws, book of records, and returns of the new subordinate lodge to that date.

W.: Dwight E. Smith moved for adoption of the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law. Motion was seconded and passed.



R.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn announced that he had received the following resolutions, which according to the bylaws will be read and laid over until the session next year.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska does not allow Past Masters to be members of the Grand Lodge.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Constitution be changed as follows:

### ARTICLE II

Now reads: The Grand Lodge shall consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshall, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Senior Steward, Grand

Junior Steward, and Grand Tyler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens or the proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of subordinate lodges.

TO READ: The Grand Lodge shall consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshall, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Senior Steward, Grand Junior Steward and Grand Tyler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with Masters and Wardens or the proxies, duly constituted, of chartered subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Past Masters as are members of subordinate lodges.

## RESOLUTION

The undersigned delegates to the 1997 session of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska recommend that the Bylaws Sec. 2-1002 - SPREAD OF BALLOT (page 50) be changed as follows:

## CURRENT

Sec. 2-1002 - SPREAD OF BALLOT - A ballot should be spread only for one candidate and not for several collectively. The ballot cannot be divided and but one ballot box can be used in voting on a petition.

## PROPOSED

Sec. 2-1002 - SPREAD OF BALLOT - A ballot may be spread for multiple candidates collectively. Should one or more black cubes appear in the collective ballot, the Master shall proceed immediately to ballot on each petition individually. Neither the collective nor the individual ballot can be divided and but one ballot box can be used in voting on petitions.

## RESOLUTION

Be it hereby resolved that Section 2-514 - Forfeiture of Charter -, have stricken from the text of the Bylaw, the following; as underlined:

The failure of any subordinate lodge to meet for four successive months, or to be represented at two successive annual communications of the Grand Lodge, or to make its annual returns or pay its Grand Lodge dues for two successive years, shall be sufficient ground for the forfeiture of its charter. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to give immediate notice thereof to a subordinate lodge appearing by the records of his office to be delinquent in returns and dues.

## RESOLUTION

Be it hereby resolved that the following paragraph be added to Section 1-304-Jurisprudence:

The Committee for Jurisprudence shall review all resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary which shall include request for Bylaw revisions and determine within 45 days of the delivery whether the resolution or request for Bylaw revision is in proper form. The Committee shall inform the Masons submitting said bylaw revision or resolution by 45 days by U.S. mail, first class, if said submission is not in proper form, indicate why said submission is not in proper form, and allow an additional 30 days to place said submission into proper form for presentation at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

## RESOLUTION

Be it hereby resolved that the annual report of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska together with the financial reports on the General Funds, Special Funds and Perpetual Membership Funds be made available to each subordinate Lodge Secretary 30 days prior to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication for examination and allowance to make inquiry into income and expenditures at the Annual Communication each year. The only copy of said reports are to be handled by the subordinate Lodge Secretary and any member may prevail to review those files and submit questions to his representative at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Communication each year.

## RESOLUTION

RESOLVED THAT 3-102(G), Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska be amended by adding to the list of allowed Masonic organizations the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatus (*an organization dedicated to Masonic Education*)

**PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON  
AND PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL**

M.: W.: Past Grand Master Charles W. Amidon made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey.



V.: W.: Grand Chaplain Eugene C. Sibley led the delegation in prayer.

Following the prayer, M.: W.: Grand Master V. Kaye Ramsey then closed the 140th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in ample form.

Organization  
of  
**Grand Lodge**

**A.:F.: & A.:M.:  
of Nebraska**



**Kearney, Nebraska  
February 6, 7 & 8, 1997**

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.: W.:	V. Kaye Ramsey.....	GRAND MASTER
R.: W.:	Kenneth G. Fleming.....	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.:	Don E. Rasmussen.....	Grand Senior Warden
R.: W.:	Dwight E. Smith.....	Grand Junior Warden
R.: W.:	Reginald S. Kuhn.....	Grand Secretary
V.: W.:	Eugene C. Sibley.....	Grand Chaplain
W.:	Benjiman H. Harvey.....	Grand Orator
W.:	Don A. Mears.....	Grand Historian
W.:	Augustine S. "Gus" Scolaro.....	Grand Custodian
W.:	Michael E. Jones.....	Grand Marshal
W.:	James F. Brown, Jr.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W.:	Philip A. Lorenzen.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W.:	Ken D. Beebe.....	Grand Senior Steward
W.:	Dale W. Anderson.....	Grand Junior Steward
W.:	Monte K. Olmstead.....	Grand Tyler

## Past Grand Masters

### Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge

#### A.:F.: & A.: M.: of Nebraska

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, 184	..... (99th).....	1964
1500 Crestview Drive, Lincoln 68506		
LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, 281	..... (100th).....	1965
801 South 52nd, No. 2105, Omaha 68106		
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		
JACK H. HENDRIX, 174	..... (113th).....	1978
1528 Centennial Drive, McCook 69001		
WARREN D. LICHTY, JR., 314	..... (114th).....	1979
P.O. Box 22559, Lincoln 68542-2559		
BYRON C. JENKINS, 325	..... (115th).....	1980
3402 Mirror Lane, 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 Drive, Lincoln 68506		
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 4 Box 151, Ames 68621		
THOMAS W. TYE, 46	..... (123rd).....	1989
4225 S. Wescotta Drive, Green Valley, AZ 85614		
JOHN M. McHENRY, 19	..... (124th).....	1990
PO Box 82426, Lincoln 68501-2426		
JAMES N. DeMOSS, 325	..... (125th).....	1991
92-1025 Makakilo Dr, #75, Kapolei, HI 96707-1385		

- JAMES L. "SONNY" EATMON, 294 . . . . . (126TH) . . . . . 1992  
PO Box 70, Kimball, NE 69145
- DONALD L. POHLMAN, 41 . . . . . (127th) . . . . . 1993  
1206 North 27th Street, Norfolk 68701
- STEVEN F. MATTOON, 75 . . . . . (128th) . . . . . 1994  
PO Box 316, Sidney, NE 69162
- JERRY L. RITTENBURG, 210 . . . . . (129TH) . . . . . 1995  
3540 Daniel Road, Lincoln 68506

# 1996

## 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 & 184 (1997), 1500 Crestview Dr., Lincoln 68506, 402-489-4949  
Thomas W. Tye, 46 (1998), 4225 S. Wescotta Dr., Green Valley, Az 85614, 800-468-1511  
Jack H. Hendrix, 174 (2001), 1528 Centennial Dr., McCook 69001, 308-345-2158  
Steven F. Mattoon, 75 (2000), PO Box 316, Sidney 69162, 308-254-5595  
John M. McHenry, 19 (1999), PO Box 82426, Lincoln 68501-2426, 402-476-2200

#### **Fraternal Relations (§1-305: 3 to 5 members)**

Chm. Cullen F. Pilker, 39, 8916 Park View Blvd., LaVista 68128, 402-331-1791  
Don E. Rasmussen, 135 & 82, 1327 W. 16th, Hastings 68901, 402-463-3864  
Virgil L. Tubach, 54, 2235 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506-2704, 402-488-9041

Ex-Officio:

Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134, 233 S. 13th St., Suite 1401, Lincoln 68508, 402-475-0651

#### **Fraternal Dead (§1-307: 3 to 5 members)**

Chm. Eugene C. Sibley, 54, 5221 S. 67th St., Lincoln 68516, 402-474-5757  
Rev. Dr. Richard P. Don, 9, 1318 Stone St., Falls City 68355, 402-245-2398  
Rev. John F. Dale, 126, PO Box 292, Stromsburg 68666-0292, 402-764-8270

#### **Masonic Relief (§1-308: 5 members —5 year term)**

Chm. Gerald D. Verbeek, 15 (1997), 1550 N. Lincoln, Fremont 68025, 402-727-9296  
Gary L. Martin, 46 & 293 (1998), 1 Wedge Way, Kearney 68847, 308-236-9490  
Jerry Sievers, 256 (1999), 3500 Prescott Ave., Lincoln 68506, 402-489-8408  
David G. Otte, 119 (2000), RR 1 Box 157A, Linwood 68036, 402-666-5863  
Ron Osborne, 256 (2001), 5950 Elk Crest Drive, Lincoln 68516, 402-471-4545

#### **Temple Building Advisory (§1-309: 3 members —3 year term)**

Chm. Richard Nelson, Jr., 281 (1998), 10915 N. 62nd St., Omaha 68152, 402-457-4800  
Robert J. Piper, 6 (1997), 515 15th Avenue, Plattsmouth 68048, 402-296-3170  
Ivan Vrtiska, 327 (1999), 9411 Corby, Omaha 68134, 402-337-7669

#### **Masonic Education (§1-310: 6 members—3 year term)**

Chm. Dennis Brydl, 287 & 314 (1997), 2510 Kessler Blvd., Lincoln 68502, 402-423-6982  
Abbot George Burke, 317 (1999), RR 1 Box 75, Geneva 68361, 402-759-4952  
Br. Arsenios Coolik, 317 (1998), RR 1 Box 75, Geneva 68361, 402-759-4952  
John Weidner, Sr., 33 & 75 (1998), 2134 11th Ave., Sidney 69162, 308-254-4221  
Wayne G. Lueningborg, 32 & 39 (1997), 2202 West D, North Platte 69101, 308-532-0364  
Wm. Larry Jacobsen, 327 (1999), 5149 S. 77th Ave., Ralston 68127, 402-397-1309

#### **Board of Grand Trustees (§1-401: 5 members —5 year term)**

Chm. Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1 (1998), 7953 Hickory St., Omaha 68124, 402-392-2608  
Herman A. Wiebers, 54 (1997), 822 Eastridge Dr., Lincoln 68510, 402-488-0671  
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Glenn A. Ried, 11 (2001), 11810 Farnam, Omaha 68154, 402-536-2472

**George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association  
(\$1-313: 3 to 5 members)**

Chm. Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314, PO Box 22559, Lincoln 68542-2559, 402-479-4611  
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Gayle L. Angus, 261 & 297, 2130 W. Sumner St., Lincoln 68522, 402-435-6560

**Nebraska Work (\$1-314: 3 Past Grand Masters —3 year term)**

Chm. Charles W. Amidon, 281 & 327 (1999), 1706 Hillside Dr., Omaha 68114, 402-391-2657  
John C. Sierks, 4 (1998), RR 1 Box 15, Brownville 68321, 402-825-6061  
Eugene C. Sibley, 54 (1997), 5221 S. 67th Street, Lincoln 68516, 402-474-5757

**Finance (\$1-318: 5 members —5 year term)**

Chm. Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327 (1997), 13448 Burdette, Omaha 68164, 402-493-3701  
Jack Lorenzen, 314 & 10 (1998), 2250 S. 48th St., Lincoln 68506-5509, 402-488-2603  
John M. Dick, 15 (2000), 555 W. 21st, Fremont 68025, 402-721-2300  
Terry L. Spencer, 227 (1999), 6721 Sumner St., Lincoln 68506, 402-489-6864  
David L. Knutson, 302 (2001), 2043 N. 55th Street, Omaha 68104, 402-558-1986

**Appropriations (\$1-325: 5 members —5 year term)**

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Robert A. Metcalf, 210 (1997), 1440 Imperial Dr., Lincoln 68506, 402-474-6161  
J. L. Spray, 19 (1998), 233 S. 13th, Ste. 1401, Lincoln 68508, 402-475-8433  
Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 (2000), 233 S. 13th, Ste. 1401, Lincoln 68508, 402-475-0651

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James F. Brown, Jr., 54 (2001), 710 Hazelwood Dr., Lincoln 68510, 402-472-2320

Ex-Officio:

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**Lodge Advisory (\$1-327: 3 members —3 year term)**

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Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317 (1998), 711 E. 4th St., Hastings 68901, 402-463-4602  
Robert O. Rhodes, 96 (1999), RR 1 Box 96, Exeter 68351, 402-576-3461

Ex-Officio:

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**Public Relations (\$1-322: 5 members —5 year term)**

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Donald W. Bryant, 210 (1997), 2118 Kessler Circle, Lincoln 68502, 402-423-6563  
Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173 (1998), PO Box 229, David City 68632, 402-367-3674  
Russell G. Reno, 297 (2000), 4710 Larkwood Road, Lincoln 68516, 402-473-3284  
Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327 (2001), 13448 Burdette St., Omaha 68164-4016,  
402-493-3701

Ex-Officio:

Worthy Grand Matron, Order of Eastern Star

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- Del Hamilton, 256, 3530 J Street, Lincoln 68510, 402-475-1268
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- Cullen F. Pilker, 39, 8916 Park View Blvd., LaVista 68128, 402-331-1791

**Youth (§1-326: 3 to 5 members)**

- Chm. Ivan Vrtiska, 327, 9411 Corby, Omaha 68134, 402-397-7669
- Bruce D. Curtiss, 248 & 204, PO Box 697, Plainvieww 68769, 402-583-3838
- James P. Franson, 54, 616 S. 51st St., Lincoln 68510, 402-488-6578
- Gregory L. Gass, 192, 200 Green St., Valentine 69201, 402-376-1521
- Michael W. Stuhr, 314, 13814 Arbor, Omaha 68144-2462, 402-691-9415

**Codification of the Law (§1-315: 3 to 5 members—3 year term)**

- Chm. Dwight E. Smith, 205 (1997), 16950 Rd. 16, Chappell 69129, 308-874-2215
- Bruce D. Curtiss, 248 & 204 (1999), PO Box 697, Plainvieww 68769, 402-583-3838
- Thomas W. Tye II, 46 (1998), PO Box 636, Kearney 68848, 308-234-9763

## Regular Committees

### **Grievances (§1-316: 3 to 5 members)**

- Chm. James L. Eatmon, 294, PO Box 70, Kimball 69145, 308-235-4771
- Frank J. Mattoon, 75, 2613 El Rancho Rd., Sidney 69162, 308-254-5595
- Charles W. Amidon, 281 & 327, 1706 Hillside Dr., Omaha 68114, 402-391-2657
- Jay H. Speck, 6, 606 Chicago, Plattsmouth 68048, 402-721-2026
- Richard H. Cooper, 263, 706 E. Webster, Lot 16, Morrill 69358, 308-247-2238

### **Charters and Dispensations (§1-319: 3 to 5 members)**

- Chm. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, 3402 Mirror Lane, Omaha 68123, 402-291-5429
- Don Madsen, 11, 5322 N. 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 68847, 308-237-2319
- Delmar Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848, 308-237-9234
- Doyle E. Berg, 281, 3605 Old Maple Rd., Omaha 68134, 402-493-1107
- Wesley O. Suggs, 39, 506 Fleetwood Dr., Omaha 68133-2357, 402-331-4567
- Roger D. Anderson, 46 & 61, 7 Skyline Dr., Kearney 68847, 308-234-3963
- Frank S. Dougherty, 297, 3510 N. 73rd, Lincoln 68507, 402-464-5045
- James Lee Hoover, 325, 1121 Fairfax Rd., Bellevue 68005, 402-291-6572

### **Entertainment of Distinguished Guests (§1-323: 3 to 5 members)**

- Chm. Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173, PO Box 229, David City 68632, 402-367-3674
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317, 711 E. 4th St., Hastings 68901, 402-463-4602
- Ken D. Beebe, 119, 1291 Old Lincoln Highway, North Bend 68649, 402-652-3380

## 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. Kenneth G. Fleming, 75, 2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 68162, 308-254-2387

(1996-1997)

Monte Olmstead, 290, 10764 Grover Street, Omaha 68124, 402-391-7081

Harold Olmstead, 290, 10764 Grover Street, Omaha 68124, 402-391-7081

Tim E. Wroot, 302, 14518 L Street, Omaha 68137, 402-896-2290

Richard E. Brasel, 290, 915 Killarney Dr., Papillion 68046, 402-339-7466

(1996-1998)

James R. Eberly, 75, RR 2 Box 97, Red Cloud 68970, 402-746-2431

Dale W. Anderson, 158, 7184 Hwy 20, Chadron 69337, 308-432-5285

(1996-1999)

Lamoine G. "Hoagy" Carmichael, 135, 1503 Norris Ave., McCook 69001, 308-345-4753

Michael R. Sidlo, 239 & 50, 211 N. Briggs, Hastings 68901, 402-463-2580

### Grand Lodge Social Committee

Chm. Bonnie Brasel, 915 Killarney, Papillion 68127, 402-339-7466

(1996-1997)

Marge Olmstead, 10764 Grover Street, Omaha 68124, 402-391-7081

Kim Wroot, 14518 L Street, Omaha 68137, 402-896-2290

Joyce Sorrels, 408 S. 49th St., Omaha 68132, 402-556-8442

(1996-1998)

Terri Eberly, RR 2 Box 97, Red Cloud 68970, 402-746-2431

Pam Anderson, 7184 Hwy 20, Chadron 69337, 308-432-5285

Ann Marie Scolaro, 3901 V St., Omaha 68107, 402-738-1187

Lori Scolaro, 13540 Redwood St., Omaha 68138, 402-896-2128

(1996-1999)

Donna Carmichael, 1503 Norris Ave., McCook 69001, 308-345-4753

Cyndie Sidlo, 211 N. Briggs, Hastings 68901, 402-463-2580

### **Awards Committee**

- Chm. Jerry Sievers, 256, 3500 Prescott Avenue, Lincoln 68506, 402-489-8408  
Arthur S. Dye, 317, 910 N. Jefferson, Hastings 68901, 402-463-2015  
Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134, 233 S. 13th, Ste. 1401, Lincoln 68508, 402-475-0651  
Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173, PO Box 229 David City 68632, 402-367-3674  
John C. McQuinn, 297, 1100 N. 37th St., Lincoln 68503, 402-441-7200  
Tim E. Wroot, 302, 14518 L St., Omaha 68137-1365, 402-342-1300  
Michael D. Rauscher, 54, 3443 Grimsby Ln., Lincoln 68502, 402-421-2071

### **Insurance Review Committee**

- Chm Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173, PO Box 229, David City 68632, 402-367-3342  
Bruce A. Watkins, 300, 3711 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-477-0900  
William Keller, 250, 2525 S. 36th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-488-5966  
Dwight E. Smith, 205, 16950 Rd. 16, Chappell 69129, 308-874-2215

### **Freemasonry and Religion Committee**

- Chm. Steven F. Mattoon, 75, PO Box 316, Sidney 69162, 308-254-5595  
Fr. Donald F. Davidson, 26, 520 N. 5th Street, Beatrice 68310, 402-223-4531  
Rev. John F. Dale, 126, PO Box 292, Stromsburg 68666-0292, 402-764-8270

### **All-Masonic Sunday Committee**

- Chm. Steven A. Hanneman, 256, 4529 Birch Hollow Dr., Lincoln 68516, 402-475-2411  
Del D. Hamilton, 256, 3530 J St., Lincoln 68510, 402-475-1268  
Dale W. Anderson, 158, 7184 Hwy 20, Chadron 69337, 308-432-5285  
Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 711 E. 4th St., Hastings 68901, 402-463-4602  
Neil A. Henry, 26, 1703 Sara Rd., Beatrice 68310, 402-223-4337  
Cullen F. Pilker, 39, 8916 Park View Blvd., LaVista 68128, 402-331-1791  
Everett K. Dappen, 265, 602 W. 29th St., Scottsbluff 69361, 308-632-8640

# Grand Custodian

Augustine S. Scolaro  
801 5th Street North  
Bellevue, Nebraska 68005-4303

## Deputy Grand Custodians and Their Districts

NAME APPOINTED

### District #1

**Roy L. Smith, 6, 12200 24th Street, Plattsmouth 68048-7802 . . . . . 1989**  
402-298-8570  
Western Star #2, Nebraska City; Plattsmouth #6, Plattsmouth;  
Springfield #112, Springfield

### District #2

**Herbert M. Chambers, 288, 3724 Ames, Omaha 68111, 402-455-9938 . . . 1991**  
Solomon #10, Fort Calhoun; Covert #11, Omaha; Florence #281,  
Omaha; Omaha #288, Omaha; John J. Mercer #290, Omaha; Mizpah  
#302, Omaha

### District #3

**Halsey D. Phillips, 325, 2801 Mars Cir., Bellevue 68005, 402-291-6496 . . . 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 N. 13th, Tekamah 68061, 402-374-2689 . . . . . 1990**  
Omadi #5, So. Sioux City; Jordan #27, West Point; Magnolia #220,  
Emerson; Olive Branch #274, Walthill

### District #6

**Thomas R. Reed, 5, 969 170th St., Dakota City 68731-3085, 402-987-3230 . 1996**  
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 S. 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

**District #11**

**Eugene C. Sibley, 54, 5221 S. 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**

**Robert L. Carter, 314 & 210, 2126 Ryons St., Lincoln 68502, 402-435-4025 1995**  
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; Newman Grove #305, Newman Grove

**District #16**

**Lynn Doty, 251, Box 173, 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, 403 W. Phillips Rd., 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;  
St. Paul #82, St. Paul; Minden #127, Minden; Guide Rock #128, Guide  
Rock; Franklin #264, Franklin; Lotus #289, Ravenna; Mid-West #317,  
Hastings

**District #19**

**To Be Appointed**

Fidelity #51, David City; Osceola #65, Osceola; Composite #81, Rising  
City; Lebanon #323, Columbus

**District #20**

**Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317, 711 E. 4th St., Hastings 68901, 402-463-4602 . . . 1990**  
Ashlar #33, Grand Island; Lone Tree #36, Central City; Albion #78,  
Albion; Cedar River #89, Fullerton; Solar #134, Clarks; Crescent #143,  
Primrose; Cairo #324, Cairo

**District #21**

**Wayne E. Beatty, 126, RR 2 Box 116, Stromsburg 68666, 402-764-3950 . . 1984**  
York #56, York; Mt. Nebo #125, Genoa; Stromsburg #126, Stromsburg;  
Polk #311, Polk

**District #24**

**Delmar Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848, 308-237-9234 . . . . 1992**  
Platte Valley #32, North Platte; Rob Morris #46, Kearney; Thistle #61,  
Lexington; Republican #98, Republican City; Jachin #146, Holdrege;  
Elwood #167, Elwood; James A. Tulleys #267, Overton

**District #25**

**Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135, 1103 W. 2nd St., McCook 69001, . . . . . 1990**  
**308-345-3669**  
Melrose #60, Orleans; McCook #135, McCook; Culbertson #174,  
Culbertson; Bartley #228, Bartley; Monument #293, Arapahoe

**District #26**

**Arthur J. Ferguson, 221, PO Box 776, 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, 308-645-2486 . . 1990**  
Ord #103, Ord; Porter #106, Loup City; 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**

**Richard H. Cooper, 263, 706 E. Webster, Lot 16, Morrill 69358 . . . . . 1996**  
**308-247-2238**  
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell; Robert W. Furnas  
#265, Scottsbluff; Oasis #271, Morrill

**District #31**

**John M. Weidner, Sr., 33 & 75, 2134 11th Ave., Sidney 69162 . . . . . 1993**  
**308-254-4221**  
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**

**To Be Appointed**  
Ogallala #159, Ogallala; Wallace #279, Wallace; Sutherland #299,  
Sutherland; Perkins #308, Grant

**District #34**

**Gerald D. Verbeek, 15, 1550 N. 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

**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**

**Don L. Jelinek, 54, 311 Dale Drive, Lincoln 68510, 402-488-3976 . . . . . 1992**  
Crete #37, Crete; Blue Valley #64, Wilber; Bennett #94, Bennet; DeWitt  
#111, DeWitt; Canopy #209, Elmwood; North Star #227, Lincoln;  
College View #320, Lincoln

**District #37**

**Albert A. Wise, 79, PO Box 63, Geneva 68361, 402-759-3869 . . . . . 1992**  
Oliver #38, Seward; Fairmont #48, Fairmont; Evening Star #49, Sutton;  
Friend #73, Friend; Geneva #79, Geneva; Utica #96, Utica

**District #38**

**Frank R. Harris, 77, PO Box 3, Nelson 68961, 402-225-4581 . . . . . Emeritus**  
Hebron #43, Hebron; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily  
#154, Davenport; Chester #298, Chester

**Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti**

- Louis V. Sylvester, 281 . . . . . 801 So. 52nd St. #2105, Omaha 68106
- Clifford D. Webster, 75 . . . . . 5801 W. Crestridge Rd. #D302  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274
- Glenn W. Binder, 23 . . . . . RR 1 Box 72, Pawnee City 68420
- Curtis J. Griess, 49 . . . . . 118 S. Ingalls, Grand Island 68801
- Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9 . . . . . 39 Walney Dr., Bella Vista, AR 72714
- Herman O. Hansen, 3 . . . . . 8521 California, Omaha 68114
- Richard L. Mauch, 254 & 136 . . . . . 507 Augusta, Bassett 68714
- Everett K. Dappen, 265 . . . . . 602 W. 29th St., Scottsbluff 69361
- Frank R. Harris, 77 . . . . . Box 3, Nelson 68961
- Alfred Peltzer, 148 . . . . . RR 2, Box 225, Broken Bow 68822
- Ben D. Fussell, 79 . . . . . 1610 G Street, Geneva 68361
- Ralph McNulty, 61 . . . . . Box 83, Cozad 69130
- A. W. Clark, 33 . . . . . 219 W. 15th, Grand Island 68802
- D. Wayne Erickson, 146 . . . . . 1010 Garfield, Holdrege 68949
- Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65 . . . . . RR 1 Box 31, Osceola 68651

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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdraw	Termination Of Dual			Other Causes
1-Nebraska	3	0	3	2	270	2	2	0	5	0	0	9	4	10	10	0	0	0	24	255
2-Western Star	5	6	3	0	224	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	7	4	0	0	0	13	215
3-Capitol	6	2	4	0	177	4	0	2	2	0	0	8	1	13	3	0	0	0	17	168
4-Nemaha Valley	1	0	2	0	36	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	36
5-Omadi	6	1	5	1	175	5	0	2	1	0	0	8	0	6	1	0	0	0	7	176
6-Plattsmouth	7	0	7	0	279	7	2	1	0	0	0	10	1	7	1	0	0	0	9	280
9-Falls City	3	1	3	0	92	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	91
10-Solomon	4	1	4	0	78	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	79
11-Covert	29	1	30	2	617	30	4	2	9	0	0	45	3	15	22	0	1	0	41	621
14-Peru	2	0	2	0	43	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	43
15-Fremont	2	0	3	0	382	3	0	1	1	0	0	5	2	13	8	0	0	0	23	364
17-Tecumseh	0	0	1	0	61	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	58
19-Lincoln	7	3	6	2	310	4	0	0	4	0	0	8	1	8	2	0	0	0	11	307
21-Washington	1	1	1	1	137	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	9	129
23-Pawnee	3	1	3	0	73	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	74
25-St. Johns	0	0	0	0	207	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	11	3	0	0	0	15	193
26-Beatrice	25	0	25	1	215	24	0	0	1	0	0	25	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	234
27-Jordan	1	0	1	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	5	32
30-Blue River	0	0	0	0	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	44
31-Tekamah	2	0	4	0	217	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	1	5	5	0	0	0	11	211
32-Platte Valley	2	2	3	0	335	4	3	1	3	0	0	11	3	14	6	0	0	0	23	323
33-Ashlar	22	6	21	3	347	23	0	1	5	0	0	29	0	17	8	1	1	0	27	349
34-Acacia	0	0	0	0	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	97
35-Fairbury	0	0	0	0	96	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	93
36-Lone Tree	0	1	0	0	80	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	75
37-Crete	1	2	1	2	97	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	4	0	0	0	10	88
38-Oliver	1	0	2	1	70	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	70
39-Papillion	14	2	15	0	433	15	3	2	4	0	1	25	3	18	11	0	1	0	33	425
40-Humboldt	1	0	0	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	4	0	0	0	8	51
41-No. Light	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	48
43-Hebron	3	0	4	0	59	4	1	0	2	0	0	7	0	1	4	0	0	0	5	61
44-Harvard	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	36
46-Rob Morris	13	1	13	0	245	13	1	0	2	0	0	16	0	1	10	0	1	0	12	249

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48-Fairmont	0	0	0	0	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	6	26
49-Evening Star	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	39
50-Hastings	19	1	26	1	225	26	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	2	0	0	14	240
51-Fidelity	4	4	1	1	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	44
52-Hiram	0	0	0	1	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	44
53-Charity	0	0	0	0	74	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	9	66
54-Lancaster	8	1	8	3	611	9	2	0	7	0	0	0	5	23	36	0	0	2	66	563	
55-Mosaic	1	1	1	0	173	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	4	0	0	0	9	167	
56-York	1	2	1	0	153	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	150	
57-Mt. Moriah	0	1	0	2	46	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	46	
59-Wahoo	0	0	1	0	125	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	123	
60-Melrose	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	7	51	
61-Thistle	0	0	3	0	163	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	5	0	0	0	11	157	
62-Keystone	2	1	1	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	53	
64-Blue Valley	4	0	4	0	47	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	48	
65-Osceola	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	86	
68-Aurora	1	0	2	0	57	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	57	
72-Hooper	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	62	
73-Friend	0	0	1	0	39	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	39	
75-Frank Welch	2	1	2	0	190	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	3	16	0	0	0	20	178	
77-Nelson	4	0	4	0	93	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	89	
78-Albion	1	0	1	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	52	
79-Geneva	1	0	1	0	118	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	5	116	
81-Composite	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	4	58	
82-St. Paul	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73
83-Corinthian	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	38	
87-Ionic	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
89-Cedar River	4	0	3	1	46	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	47	
91-Oakland	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	45	
94-Bennett	1	0	1	0	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	33	
95-Garfield	0	0	1	0	70	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	68	
96-Utica	1	0	1	1	33	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	35	
97-Euclid	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	83	

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98-Republican	0	0	1	0	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	26	
102-Waterloo	9	0	9	0	138	10	0	2	0	0	0	12	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	146	
103-Ord	1	0	2	1	69	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	5	0	0	0	6	66	
104-Wymore	1	3	0	0	90	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	90	
105-Stella	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	26	
106-Porter	2	0	2	0	32	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	33	
108-Table Rock	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	
110-Pomegranate	0	1	0	1	150	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	6	2	0	0	0	8	144	
111-DeWitt	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	26	
112-Springfield	29	1	31	0	158	31	1	1	0	0	0	33	0	2	13	0	0	0	15	176	
114-Wisner	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	56	
119-North Bend	3	0	3	0	94	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	95	
120-Wayne	5	2	4	1	150	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	1	1	0	0	7	147	
121-Superior	0	0	0	0	85	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	86	
124-Auburn	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	45	
125-Mt. Nebo	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	27	
126-Stromsburg	0	0	0	0	102	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	97	
127-Minden	0	0	0	0	52	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	
128-Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	49	
132-Scribner	5	4	5	1	21	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	25	
134-Solar	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	38	
135-McCook	2	1	2	1	182	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	12	6	1	1	0	21	163	
136-Long Pine	6	0	6	0	22	6	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	25	
143-Crescent	1	0	1	0	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	23	
146-Jachin	1	0	1	0	114	1	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	6	4	0	0	1	11	108	
148-Custer	1	0	1	0	169	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	9	8	0	1	0	18	156	
154-Lily	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	4	46	
158-Samaritan	1	0	5	0	109	5	0	0	2	0	0	7	1	3	3	1	1	0	9	107	
159-Ogalalla	3	2	3	1	93	2	3	0	1	0	0	6	1	3	1	0	1	0	6	93	
162-Trestle Board	0	1	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	
164-Atkinson	0	0	0	0	46	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	44	
165-Barneston	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	24	
167-Elwood	0	1	0	0	36	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	

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170-Mason City	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	
173-Robert Burns	1	1	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	42
174-Culbertson	1	1	0	0	47	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	1	0	0	6	6	6	43	
177-Hay Springs	1	2	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	6	74		
180-Justice	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	64		
183-Alliance	10	1	13	0	210	19	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	11	2	0	0	0	13	216	216		
184-Bee Hive	1	0	1	0	339	2	0	0	7	0	0	9	3	14	13	0	0	0	30	318	318		
192-Minnekadusa	0	1	0	0	85	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	6	2	0	0	0	9	78	78		
194-Highland	1	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	43	43		
195-Arcana	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	70	70		
198-Purity	1	0	1	0	64	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	64	64		
200-Blazing Star	2	0	2	1	35	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	32	32		
201-Scotts Bluff	1	0	5	0	148	5	1	1	1	0	0	8	2	5	3	0	0	0	10	146	146		
204-Plainview	0	1	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	7	74	74		
205-Golden Fleece	0	0	0	0	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	99	99		
207-Parian	0	1	2	0	29	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	31		
209-Canopy	1	0	1	1	42	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	38	38		
210-East Lincoln	9	6	7	1	553	7	1	0	8	0	0	16	1	17	21	1	0	0	40	529	529		
211-Cement	0	0	0	0	62	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	58	58		
216-Palisade	1	0	1	1	54	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	51	51		
218-Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	54	54		
219-Relief	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	33	33		
220-Magnolia	1	2	1	0	22	2	0	3	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	25	25		
221-Wood Lake	3	0	3	0	73	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	77		
222-Landmark	1	0	2	0	72	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	71	71		
224-Silver Cord	2	1	4	2	115	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	113	113		
227-North Star	2	1	2	0	216	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	6	3	0	0	0	9	212	212		
228-Bartley	3	1	2	0	86	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	87	87		
229-Comet	2	0	3	1	81	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	79	79		
233-Gilead	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	15	15		
234-Zion	2	0	2	0	46	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	46	46		
236-Golden Rule	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	35	35		
239-Friendship	1	0	1	0	54	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	56	56		

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241-G. Armstrong	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	30
248-Laurel	4	0	4	0	46	6	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	52
250-G. Washington	2	2	1	0	117	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	0	5	3	0	0	0	8	113
251-Wausa	2	1	1	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	52
256-Hickman	6	0	6	0	193	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	1	1	6	1	0	0	9	191
261-Orman	0	0	0	0	32	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	29
263-Mitchell	0	0	0	0	82	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	83
264-Franklin	1	0	1	0	51	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	48
265-R. W. Furnas	2	0	2	0	203	2	1	0	1	0	1	5	0	9	2	0	0	0	11	197
267-J. A. Tulleys	1	0	1	0	42	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	6	37
268-G. W. Lininger	7	0	7	1	199	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	6	9	0	0	0	15	191
271-Oasis	0	0	0	0	83	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	3	4	0	0	0	7	79
274-Olive Branch	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	7	0	0	0	12	59
277-Sioux	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	33
279-Wallace	1	1	1	0	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	31
281-Florence	4	3	4	0	262	6	1	0	4	0	0	11	0	15	5	1	0	0	21	252
282-Mullen	1	0	1	0	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	20
284-Seneca	0	1	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	31
285-Camp Clarke	1	0	1	1	86	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	85
286-Oshkosh	3	2	3	0	54	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	58
287-Union	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	56
288-Omaha	10	1	10	2	135	9	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	139
289-Lotus	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	58
290-John J. Mercer	12	2	12	3	647	13	2	0	14	0	0	29	3	30	24	1	2	0	60	616
291-Diamond	1	0	1	0	90	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	86
293-Monument	0	0	0	2	69	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	66
294-Kimball	1	1	0	0	116	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	115
297-Cotner	5	2	6	0	178	6	1	1	8	0	0	16	0	7	7	0	1	0	15	179
298-Chester	1	0	1	0	27	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
299-Sutherland	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	3	0	1	0	8	50
300-Liberty	1	0	1	0	183	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	1	6	8	0	0	0	15	172
302-Mizpah	5	2	4	1	382	3	0	0	9	0	0	12	1	16	10	0	0	0	27	367
305-Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	36

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308-Perkins	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	5	42	
310-Victory	1	0	2	0	111	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	111		
311-Polk	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	32		
314-Craftsmen	3	0	3	1	305	3	0	0	3	0	6	0	9	9	0	0	0	18	293		
317-Mid-West	13	2	14	0	365	14	2	0	1	0	17	2	10	6	0	0	0	18	364		
320-College View	1	0	1	1	74	1	0	3	0	0	4	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	72		
323-Lebanon	6	3	5	1	129	4	6	0	1	0	11	0	5	4	1	0	0	10	130		
324-Cairo	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	33		
325-Bellevue	11	2	13	1	302	13	2	1	3	0	19	3	10	4	0	3	0	20	301		
326-Centennial	3	2	3	0	216	4	0	0	4	0	8	1	7	2	0	1	0	11	213		
327-Shiloh	9	0	10	1	146	9	0	1	2	0	12	0	1	7	0	0	0	8	150		
328-Miloma	19	0	21	0	198	22	0	1	5	0	28	2	5	9	0	1	0	17	209		
TOTALS	473		498		19985	519	72	41	178	0	2	812	77	689	488	16	18	4	1292	19505	

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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, 184
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 . . . . .	228
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
125th	1991	James N. DeMoss . . . . .	325
126th	1992	James L. Eatmon . . . . .	294
127th	1993	Donald L. Pohlman . . . . .	41
128th	1994	Steven F. Mattoon . . . . .	75
129th	1995	Jerry L. Rittenburg . . . . .	210

## 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
- Don E. Rasmussen . . . . . September, 1989 To November, 1992
- Virgil L. Tubach . . . . . Novemer, 1992 To August 1995
- ◆ 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. Furnas, 4 . . . . .	1871
D. F. Powell, 3 . . . . .	1871
A. Atkinson, 3 . . . . .	1871
H. O. Hanna, 9 . . . . .	1872
Milton E. Pinney, 2 . . . . .	1873
William B. Wharton, 12 . . . . .	1875
Edward K. Valentine, 27 . . . . .	1875
Newton R. Persinger, 36 . . . . .	1876
David K. Hume, 3 . . . . .	1876
Hiram C. 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. Birkoffler, 249 . . . . . 1923
- ◆ D. Horace Schall, 307 . . . . . 1923
- ◆ Stanley P. Bostwick, 3 . . . . . 1924
- ◆ William D. Edson, 53 . . . . . 1926
- ◆ Francis B. Rodwell, 224 . . . . . 1926
- ◆ Edwin H. Gerhart, 305 . . . . . 1926
- ◆ William McCormack, 268 . . . . . 1926
- ◆ Harry L. Mantor, 306 . . . . . 1927
- ◆ John R. Easley, 49 . . . . . 1927
- ◆ L. Donald Huston, 65 . . . . . 1928
- ◆ Elmer Surber, 95 . . . . . 1928
- ◆ John M. Bennett, 19 . . . . . 1928
- ◆ Earl Barnett, 146 . . . . . 1929
- ◆ Jonathan Frye, 1 . . . . . 1929
- ◆ Ernest R. Reynolds, 124 . . . . . 1930
- ◆ Osborne P. Simon, 174 . . . . . 1930
- ◆ Doc L. Redfern, 300 . . . . . 1930
- ◆ Austin F. Whitmire, 306 . . . . . 1931
- ◆ Henning C. Johnson, 171 . . . . . 1930
- ◆ Carroll C. Raymer, 164 . . . . . 1932
- ◆ Ward B. Schrack, 46 . . . . . 1933
- ◆ Byron S. Peterson, 25 . . . . . 1933
- ◆ Raymond C. Cook, 6 . . . . . 1933
- ◆ Ray B. Bottorf, 33 . . . . . 1933
- ◆ Wallace E. Linn, 1 . . . . . 1934
- ◆ Jesse P. Entriken, 295 . . . . . 1934
- ◆ Harrold D. Weddel, 208 . . . . . 1937
- ◆ Cecil C. Gates, 227 . . . . . 1938
- ◆ Fred G. Christensen, 33 . . . . . 1938
- ◆ Ross Van Sickle, 184 . . . . . 1938
- ◆ S. William Beck, 43 . . . . . 1940
- ◆ Stanley B. Fryar, 139 . . . . . 1940
- ◆ Roy S. Planck, 15 . . . . . 1940
- ◆ Buren P. Wells, 315 . . . . . 1940
- ◆ Clarence G. McNamee, 55 . . . . . 1941
- ◆ F. Ray Dilts, 83 . . . . . 1942

◆ Ernest C. Purdy, 195 . . . . .	1942
◆ Lewis E. Baker, 135 . . . . .	1943
◆ Howard E. Bradstreet, 261 . . . . .	1943
◆ George S. Schwab, 49 . . . . .	1946
Louis V. Sylvester, 281 . . . . .	1946
◆ Irving S. Johnson, 148 . . . . .	1946
◆ LaVerne A. Walker, 55 . . . . .	1946
◆ Ernest E. James, 1 . . . . .	1946
◆ Frank A. Anderson, 17 . . . . .	1949
◆ Robert W. Cook, 33 . . . . .	1949
◆ Paul D. Fleming, 293 . . . . .	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, 302 . . . . .	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, 81 . . . . .	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 L. 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, 204 . . . . .	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
- V. Kaye Ramsey, 210 . . . . . 1984
- Eugene C. Sibley, 54 . . . . . 1984
- Leslie Evert, 195 . . . . . 1985
- William Fogle, 135 . . . . . 1985
- Roscoe Malick, 300 . . . . . 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
- Delmar Jones, 46, 65 . . . . . 1992
- Don L. Jelinek, 54 . . . . . 1992
- Albert Wise, 79 . . . . . 1992
- Halsey D. Phillips, 325 . . . . . 1993
- John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 33 . . . . . 1993
- Rodney L. Samp, 308 . . . . . 1994
- Robert L. Carter, 314 . . . . . 1995
- Richard H. Cooper, 263 . . . . . 1996
- Thomas R. Reed, 5 . . . . . 1996
- ◆ 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
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

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR SERVED
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. Raecce	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
Benjamin F. Eyre	Aug. 12, 1993	1	(81st) 1946
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
Thomas J. Aron	Dec. 22, 1993	37	(86th) 1951
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
John F. Futcher	July 11, 1984	302	(95th) 1960
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov. 10, 1965	120	(98th) 1963
Lewis R. Ricketts	July 14, 1990	19	(101st) 1966
Carl R. Greisen	June 28, 1995	32	(Honorary) 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
T. Leo Stines	Feb. 26, 1994	36, 323	(111th) 1976
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
1993	Bartley Lodge	No. 228	Bartley
1994	North Star Lodge	No. 227	Lincoln
1995	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
1997	Plattsmouth Lodge	No. 6	Plattsmouth

## 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
1993	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
1994	Hooper Lodge	No. 72	Hooper
1995	Wood Lake Lodge	No. 221	Wood Lake
1997	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 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 No. 59	Wahoo
1989	Thomas Lutey	Kimball 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 No. 148	Broken Bow
1992	Ralph E. Jones	Robert Burns No. 173	Stratton
1993	Christian F. Dahmke	Charity No. 51	David City
1994	Walter E. Truex	Mosaic No. 55	Norfolk
1994	Elsworth L. Abbott	Falls City No. 9	Falls City
1995	Harry A. Spencer	North Star No. 227	Lincoln
1996	Ben D. Fussell	Geneva No. 79	Geneva

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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	So. Sioux 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	

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Blue River	No. 30	Milford	Seward	April 25, 1870	June 23, 1870
Tekamah	No. 31	Tekamah	Burt	August 19, 1869	June 23, 1870
Platte Valley	No. 32	North Platte	Lincoln	January 15, 1870	June 23, 1870
Ashlar	No. 33	Grand Island	Hall	August 11, 1870	June 22, 1871
Acacia	No. 34	Schuyler	Colfax	July 18, 1870	June 19, 1872
Fairbury	No. 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	June 30, 1871	June 19, 1872
Lone Tree	No. 36	Central City	Merrick	August 9, 1871	June 19, 1872
Crete	No. 37	Crete	Saline	January 8, 1872	June 19, 1872
Oliver	No. 38	Seward	Seward	July 25, 1871	June 18, 1873
Papillion	No. 39	Papillion	Sarpy	November 18, 1872	June 18, 1873
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt	Richardson	December 16, 1872	June 18, 1873
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 18, 1874	June 26, 1874

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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
Mt. Moriah	No. 57	Syracuse	Otoe	November	7,1874	June 23,1875
Wahoo	No. 59	Wahoo	Saunders	January	20,1875	June 23,1875
Melrose	No. 60	Orleans	Harlan	March	10,1875	June 24,1875
Thistle	No. 61	Lexington	Dawson	May	8,1875	June 21,1876
Keystone	No. 62	Phillips	Hamilton	January	1,1876	June 21,1876
Blue Valley	No. 64	Wilber	Saline	October	6,1876	June 20,1877
Osceola	No. 65	Osceola	Polk	November	23,1876	June 20,1877
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

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Composite	No. 81	Rising City	Butler	March	20,1880	June	22,1881	
St. Paul	No. 82	St. 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	
Bennett	No. 94	Lincoln	Lancaster	May	5,1882	June	19,1883	
Garfield	No. 95	O'Neill	Holt	June	28,1882	June	19,1883	
Utica	No. 96	Utica	Seward	July	14,1882	June	19,1883	
Euclid	No. 97	Weeping Water	Cass	July	21,1882	June	19,1883	
Republican	No. 98	Republican City	Harlan	July	27,1882	June	19,1883	
Waterloo	No. 102	Elkhorn	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	

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
Mt. Nebo	No. 125	Genoa . . . . .	Nance . . . . .	January 1,1884	June 24,1884
Stromsburg	No. 126	Stromsburg . . . . .	Polk . . . . .	January 16,1884	June 24,1884
Minden	No. 127	Minden . . . . .	Kearney . . . . .	January 22,1884	June 24,1884
Guide Rock	No. 128	Guide Rock . . . . .	Webster . . . . .	January 28,1884	June 24,1884
Scribner	No. 132	Scribner . . . . .	Dodge . . . . .	July 9,1884	June 24,1885
Solar	No. 134	Clarks . . . . .	Merrick . . . . .	August 8,1884	June 24,1885
McCook	No. 135	McCook . . . . .	Red Willow . . . . .	October 6,1884	June 24,1885
Long Pine	No. 136	Long Pine . . . . .	Brown . . . . .	October 6,1884	June 24,1885
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
Lily	No. 154	Davenport . . . . .	Thayer . . . . .	November 28,1885	June 17,1886
Samaritan	No. 158	Chadron . . . . .	Dawes . . . . .	March 17,1886	June 16,1887

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Ogallala	No. 159	Ogallala	Keith	August 14, 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
Bee Hive	No. 184	Omaha	Douglas	January 22, 1889	June 20, 1889
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
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

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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
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
Gilead	No. 233	Butte	Boyd	November 22, 1894	June 10, 1896
Zion	No. 234	Hyannis	Grant	July 19, 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

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George Armstrong	No. 241	Craig	Burt	August	1,1895	June	17,1897	
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	
Hickman	No. 256	Lincoln	Lancaster	December	7,1903	June	9,1904	
Mitchell	No. 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	July	5,1906	June	5,1907	
Franklin	No. 264	Franklin	Franklin	June	11,1907	June	10,1908	
Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	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	

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
Cotner	No. 297	Lincoln . . . . .	Lancaster . . . . .	June 15,1917	June 5,1918
Sutherland	No. 299	Sutherland . . . . .	Lincoln . . . . .	June 23,1917	June 5,1918
Liberty	No. 300	Lincoln . . . . .	Lancaster . . . . .	January 10,1918	June 5,1918
Mizpah	No. 302	Omaha . . . . .	Douglas . . . . .	November 12,1918	June 4,1919
Newman Grove	No. 305	Newman Grove . . . . .	Madison . . . . .	January 14,1920	June 9,1920
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

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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
St. John The Baptist The Baptist	No. 330	Geneva . . . . .	Fillmore . . . . .	October 20, 1993	Feb 5, 1994

**CONSOLIDATED LODGES**

<b>Joppa No. 76</b> . . . . .	Bloomington with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, October 18, 1934
<b>Parallel No. 152</b> . . . . .	Liberty with Barneston No. 165 Barneston, January 2, 1940
<b>Tyre No. 85</b> . . . . .	Blue Springs with Wymore No. 104 Wymore, July 7, 1941
<b>Bradshaw No. 255</b> . . . . .	Bradshaw with Hampton No. 245 Hampton, May 21, 1942
<b>Level No. 196</b> . . . . .	Stockville with Cambridge No. 150 Cambridge, June 4, 1942
<b>Riverside No. 269</b> . . . . .	Belgrade with Cedar River No. 89 Fullerton, June 5, 1942
<b>Juniata No. 42</b> . . . . .	Juniata with Kenesaw No. 144 Kenesaw, July 15, 1942
<b>Palmer No. 315</b> . . . . .	Palmer with St. Paul No. 82 St. Paul, October 6, 1942
<b>Elk Creek No. 90</b> . . . . .	Elk Creek with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, November 11, 1944
<b>Riverton No. 63</b> . . . . .	Riverton with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, May 16, 1945
<b>Hildreth No. 252</b> . . . . .	Hildreth with Grace No. 226 Wilcox, October 11, 1945
<b>Hubbell No. 92</b> . . . . .	Hubbell with Hebron No. 43 Hebron, February 8, 1946
<b>Incense No. 182</b> . . . . .	Ohiowa with Jewell No. 149 Tobias, April 22, 1947
<b>Bee No. 259</b> . . . . .	Bee with Oliver No. 38 Seward, June 13, 1947
<b>Tuscan No. 130</b> . . . . .	Surprise with Composite No. 81 Rising City, February 9, 1963
<b>Delta No. 230</b> . . . . .	St. Edward with Albion No. 78 Albion, January 1, 1965
<b>Jewel No. 149</b> . . . . .	Tobias with Geneva No. 79 Geneva, September 9, 1966
<b>Valley No. 157</b> . . . . .	Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93 Beaver City, March 8, 1966
<b>Ruskin No. 304</b> . . . . .	Ruskin with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, September 23, 1966
<b>Morning Star No. 197</b> . . . . .	Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126 Stromsburg, December 9, 1967
<b>Cornerstone No. 247</b> . . . . .	Osmond with Plainview No. 204 Plainview, December 12, 1967
<b>Kenesaw No. 144</b> . . . . .	Kenesaw with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, January 13, 1968

- Blue Hill No. 129** . . . . . Blue Hill with Mid-West No. 317  
Hastings, February 9, 1968
- Pioneer No. 322** . . . . . Lyman with Oasis No. 271  
Morrill, April 10, 1969
- Compass & Square No. 212** . . . . . Sumner with Thistle No. 61  
Lexington, April 20, 1969
- Hope No. 29** . . . . . Nemaha with Nemaha Valley No. 4  
Brownville, September 9, 1969
- Elm Creek No. 133** . . . . . Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267  
Overton, March 17, 1970
- Naphthali No. 206** . . . . . Diller with Fairbury No. 35  
Fairbury, March 23, 1970
- Alexandria No. 74** . . . . . Alexandria with Hebron No. 43  
Hebron, September 10, 1970
- Pythagoras No. 156** . . . . . Ewing with Diamond No. 291  
Orchard, December 4, 1970
- Grace No. 226** . . . . . Wilcox with Jachin No. 146  
Holdrege, May 11, 1971
- Wolbach No. 292** . . . . . Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82  
St. Paul, December 23, 1971
- Tyrian No. 243** . . . . . Oak with Nelson No. 77  
Nelson, June 9, 1972
- Mystic Tie No. 166** . . . . . Tilden with Trowel No. 71  
Neligh, June 12, 1972
- Roman Eagle No. 203** . . . . . Pender with Bancroft No. 145  
Bancroft, April 20, 1973
- Amethyst No. 190** . . . . . Stapleton with Cable No. 225  
Arnold, April 20, 1973
- Prudence No. 179** . . . . . Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96  
Utica, April 20, 1973
- Fairfield No. 84** . . . . . Fairfield with Clay Center No. 139  
Clay Center, January 24, 1974
- Ramah No. 275** . . . . . Bertrand with Elwood No. 167  
Elwood, February 14, 1974
- Sterling No. 70** . . . . . Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17  
Tecumseh, March 20, 1974
- Mt. Hermon No. 231** . . . . . Cook with Tecumseh No. 17  
Tecumseh, March 15, 1974
- Winnebago No. 309** . . . . . Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274  
Walthill, December 3, 1974
- Temple No. 175** . . . . . Filley with Tecumseh No. 17  
Tecumseh, March 26, 1975
- Beemer No. 253** . . . . . Beemer with Wisner No. 114  
Wisner, June 17, 1975
- Signet No. 193** . . . . . Leigh with Northern Light No. 41  
Stanton, February 20, 1976

- Plumblin No. 214** . . . . . Adams with Beatrice No. 26  
Beatrice, October 1, 1976
- Cubit No. 237** . . . . . Douglas with Union No. 287  
Palmyra, December 13, 1977
- Bancroft No. 145** . . . . . Bancroft with Olive Branch No. 274  
Walthill, December 17, 1978
- Litchfield No. 278** . . . . . Litchfield with Mason City No. 170  
Mason City, July 1, 1979
- Hartington No. 155** . . . . . Hartington with Relief No. 219  
Coleridge, 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 Ornan No. 261  
Spencer, April 22, 1983
- Crofton No. 273** . . . . . Crofton with Wausa No. 251  
Wausa, April 17, 1984
- Harlan No. 116** . . . . . Alma with Melrose No. 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 30, 1986
- Gothenburg No. 249** . . . . . Gothenburg with Platte Valley No. 32  
North Platte, January 14, 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 31, 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  
Wood River, April 27, 1990
- Nehawka No. 246** . . . . . Nehawka with Western Star No. 2  
Nebraska City, June 20, 1990
- Anselmo No. 258** . . . . . Anselmo with Custer No. 148  
Broken Bow, August 28, 1990
- Globe No. 113** . . . . . Madison with Mosaic No. 55  
Norfolk, August 28, 1990
- Harmony No. 321** . . . . . Dalton with Frank Welch No. 75  
Sidney, 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

- Meridan No. 188** . . . . . Cozad with Thistle No. 61  
Lexington, February 20, 1992
- Hampton No. 245** . . . . . Hampton with Aurora No. 68  
Aurora, Febraury 21, 1992
- Crystal No. 191** . . . . . Scotia with Ord No. 103  
Ord, March 10, 1992
- Edgar No. 67** . . . . . Edgar with Nelson No. 77  
Nelson, March 10, 1992
- Gavel No. 199** . . . . . Carleton with Lily No. 154  
Davenport, March 23, 1992
- Cambridge No. 150** . . . . . Cambridge with Barely No. 228  
Bartley, April 20, 1992
- Mt. Zion No. 161** . . . . . Shelby with Composite No. 81  
Rising City, November 11, 1992
- Endeavor No. 262** . . . . . Indianola with Bartley No. 228  
Bartley, December 3, 1992
- Fraternity No. 235** . . . . . Winside with Wayne No. 120  
Wayne, April 28, 1993
- John S. Bowen No. 232** . . . . . Kennard with Washington No. 21  
Blair, May 4, 1993
- Minatare No. 295** . . . . . Minatare with Scotts Bluff No. 201  
Gering, January 24, 1994
- Pilot No. 240** . . . . . Lyons with Tekamah No. 31  
Tekamah, June 6, 1994
- Bayard No. 301** . . . . . Bayard with Camp Clarke No. 285  
Bridgeport, September 12, 1994
- Upright No. 137** . . . . . Burchard with Pawnee No. 23  
Pawnee City, September 6, 1995
- Golden Rod No. 306** . . . . . Lodgepole with Golden Fleece No. 205  
Chappell, December 6, 1995
- Bassett No. 254** . . . . . Bassett with Silver Cord No. 224  
Ainsworth, December 29, 1995

**LOGDES 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 EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 — Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 — Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 — Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 — Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 — Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 — Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macy No. 22 — Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 — Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 — Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 — Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 — Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 — 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
Steele City No. 107 — Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 — Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 — Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 — Dorchester	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 — Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 — Indianola	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131 — Ainsworth	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141 — Johnson	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 — North Loup	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 — Valparaiso	October 9, 1962
Evergreen No. 153 — Pierce	September, 1989
Grafton No. 172 — Grafton	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178 — Shickley	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186 — Grant	November 15, 1897
Israel No. 187 — Ulysses	December 18, 1956
Gauge No. 208 — Arcadia	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213 — Miller	June 6, 1918
Wauneta No. 217 — Wauneta	December 31, 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
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
Roscoe Pound Lodge of Research No. 329	September 10, 1993

# 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 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, add 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	Howard C. Speck	Clifford W. Speck	Jack F. Duffield *
Western Star #2	Edward L. Reed	Randall C. Miller	Michael J. Hobson
Capitol #3	Bruce Ginsburg *	Ricci Thompson	Terry M. Theis *
Nemaha Valley #4	Philip E. Walker *	Patrick S. Andrew *	—
Omadi #5	Larry L. Schalles *	—	Daniel T. Boellstorff *
Plattsmouth #6	James D. Gansemer	—	Darrel W. Draper *
Falls City #9	—	—	—
Solomon #10	David L. Sheets	Russell G. Christensen	—
Covert #11	James B. Parks Jr. *	Ernest R. Reese *	Leonard L. Falk *
Peru #14	—	Carl O. Stevenson *	Ken L. Goering
Fremont #15	Arthur E. Twyford	Mark A. Young *	Jim L. Holland *
Tecumseh #17	Kenneth A. Stinson *	—	—
Lincoln #19	—	—	Andrew M. Loudon
Washington #21	Jeffrey L. Sholtz	—	—
Pawnee #23	Michael H. Sheldon *	LaWayne S. Mach	Richard L. Hofmann *
St. Johns #25	James P. Hansen	Wayne D. Downing *	Ralph E. Ertz
Beatrice #26	William B. Coker	Gale R. Carel	—
Jordan #27	Jay D. Hansen	—	—
Blue River #30	—	Gary L. Brhel	Jaimie L. Strong *
Tekamah #31	Randy L. Olson	Scott L. Olson	David M. Marion
Platte Valley #32	O. Rick Odean	James E. Conner *	—
Ashlar #33	Wayne E. Vian	—	Max A. Cates
Acacia #34	—	—	—
Fairbury #35	—	—	—
Lone Tree #36	James F. Heins *	—	—
Crete #37	David A. Johnson Jr.	Clinton A. White	—
Oliver #38	—	Carl K. Hart Jr. *	Kevin C. Rolofson
Papillion #39	—	Kirby S. Johnson	Clarence L. Krapp
Humboldt #40	—	Everett L. King *	—
No. Light #41	Charles M. Meyer	—	—
Hebron #43	—	—	—
Harvard #44	Bruce W. Schwenk	—	—
Rob Morris #46	Thomas A. Bright	Donald R. Snyder	Brent A. Engel
Fairmont #48	—	—	Andrew J. Anderson *
Evening Star #49	Merrill D. Barnell	—	—
Hastings #50	Michael L. Small	Dean Papenhagen	—
Fidelity #51	—	—	Dennis D. Gustafson *
Hiram #52	—	—	—
Charity #53	—	—	—
Lancaster #54	Keith E. Attebery *	William E. Fuller	—
Mosaic #55	Rick D. Mouchka	—	Lon C. Clark
York #56	Mark J. Powers *	—	Jerry E. Apetz *
Mt. Moriah #57	—	—	Jack Gilbert *
Wahoo #59	Clarence E. Sauer	—	Edsel W. Grove
McIrose #60	—	—	—
Thistle #61	—	—	Robert A. Kennicutt
Keystone #62	Thomas S. Olson	—	Dale T. Obermeier
Blue Valley #64	—	Henry E. Kumpost *	—
Osceola #65	Edward D. Watts	—	Bentley E. Brown
Aurora #68	—	—	—
Hooper #72	Kevin R. Larsen	—	David M. Bloch
Friend #73	Leo F. Stokes	—	Warren L. Weber
Frank Welch #75	Mal M. Minshall	Keith E. Yocum	Joseph H. Belden
Nelson #77	Richard D. Wroughton	Earl W. Adamson *	—
Albion #78	Jeffrey J. Noble *	—	Thomas F. Ehlers *

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Geneva #79	Charles E. Barbur Jr.	John M. Jacobs	Nathan R. Jacobson
Composite #81	Gregory A. Whitmore	Daniel L. Potter	Clarence L. Rost
St. Paul #82	Richard S. Olinger	Gary A. Rasmussen	—
Corinthian #83	Alvin G. Sundell	William P. Kinney *	Eugene Brown *
Ionic #87	—	—	Robert E. Ganz
Cedar River #89	James Hoffman	Dennis E. McCoig *	Vernon S. Olson
Oakland #91	Gerald F. Sieck	—	Don A. Johnson
Bennett #94	Eric Knoll *	—	—
Garfield #95	William E. Jennings	—	—
Utica #96	—	—	Steven R. Rhodes *
Euclid #97	Phillip W. Rhodes *	Charles L. Spohr	Joel D. Christensen
Republican #98	—	—	Thomas W. Moore
Waterloo #102	Dennis A. Ueckert	—	—
Ord #103	Charles P. Zangger *	Floyd W. Thompson *	—
Wymore #104	David L. Thoman	—	Richard E. Monfelt *
Stella #105	—	—	—
Porter #106	Kenneth A. Bills	—	—
Table Rock #108	—	—	Melvin B. Wenzbauer *
Pomegranate #110	Larry Smith *	—	—
DeWitt #111	Dale L. Colgrove *	Dewey F. Geistlinger *	—
Springfield #112	Arnold R. Kracht	Todd R. Ring	Paul R. Mason *
Wisner #114	Kenneth J. Rogers	—	—
North Bend #119	Rolland M. Otte	Donald I. Peterson	Kragh D. Johnson
Wayne #120	John V. Addison *	Frank G. Teach Jr. *	—
Superior #121	—	—	—
Auburn #124	Harold E. Moody *	—	—
Mt. Nebo #125	—	Jerome Greisen *	—
Stromsburg #126	Steve Teegerstrom	—	Wayne E. Beatty
Minden #127	Robert G. Sorensen	Tim J. Burke *	David L. Craig *
Guide Rock #128	Frank G. Horne III	—	—
Scribner #132	—	—	Harry H. Hummel *
Solar #134	—	—	—
McCook #135	Steve G. Lyne	Allen R. Millar	Bruce M. Swanson
Long Pine #136	Richard H. Gable	—	—
Crescent #143	Brian L. Cornwell	—	—
Jachin #146	Curtis G. Lindstrom	Bruce G. Raddatz *	—
Custer #148	Patrick D. Gerdes	—	—
Lily #154	—	—	William J. Erickson
Samaritan #158	Michael J. Samp	—	Robert L. Stofor
Ogalalla #159	Warren L. Huctig	—	—
Trestle Board #162	David E. Gravatt *	—	David P. Sheldon *
Atkinson #164	—	—	Ival Schmucker
Barneston #165	—	—	Charles Shane *
Elwood #167	Allyn S. Weyer	Harold E. Monfelt *	Ronald D. March *
Mason City #170	—	—	—
Robert Burns #173	—	Harold A. Holland	Paul D. Holland *
Culbertson #174	Donald E. Rife *	—	—
Hay Springs #177	Terry A. Carlson *	—	—
Justice #180	Bryan B. Burrows	—	—
Alliance #183	Paul M. Erdman *	—	—
Bee Hive #184	Emil A. Schadwinkel	Joseph H. Belden	Bradley M. Dutton
Minnekadusa #192	Larry R. Hulsebus	Vitas Vasiliauskas	William J. Plith
Highland #194	Stephen L. Isom *	—	—
Arcana #195	Daryl A. Doolittle *	Norman E. DeVries *	Lamar Lueders *
Purity #198	—	William C. Conway	Edward L. Prentice *
Blazing Star #200	Loral Johnson	E. Thomas Spunaugle *	Dan Lenners *
Scottsbluff #201	—	—	Stephen E. Senn *
Plainview #204	Rick T. Weaver	Richard W. Taedter Sr.	Lee P. Johnston *
Golden Fleece #205	Dale M. Holmes	Jack G. Frahm	—
Parian #207	—	Larry G. Flohr *	—
Canopy #209	—	—	—
East Lincoln #210	Carl L. Dahl	—	—
	Monte D. Dietrick	—	William W. Walker

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Cement #211	Roland R. Engel *	Timothy E. Thienel	—
Palisade #216	Charles Schluckebier *	Fred C. Krotter *	Duane C. Bixler *
Bloomfield #218	—	—	—
Relief #219	—	—	—
Magnolia #220	David P. Gradet *	—	—
Wood Lake #221	John C. Wheeler *	James Drinkwalter *	Michael B. Ferguson *
Landmark #222	Kenneth R. Jackson	Kenneth J. Rogers	—
Silver Cord #224	Raymond K. Kicken	—	—
North Star #227	Jerry L. Dunlap	Evan A. Haydon	Sean M. Bohac
Bartley #228	Marvin K. Colson	—	Walter M. Phillips
Comet #229	Gene F. Peterson	—	Clifford K. Thelan *
Gilead #233	Edward G. Peppel	—	—
Zion #234	—	—	—
Golden Rule #236	—	—	—
Friendship #239	—	—	Emil Cepelcha *
Geo. Armstrong #241	Paul L. Chamberlain	—	—
Laurel #248	—	—	—
G. Washington #250	Daniel E. Brunsen	—	Robert Cassidy *
Wausa #251	—	—	Lowell E. Erickson *
Hickman #256	Dale R. Hardy	Michael D. Gray	Steven A. Hanneman
Ornan #261	—	—	—
Mitchell #263	Jay R. Rogers *	—	Rodney L. Ramig *
Franklin #264	Jerrell F. Gerdes	—	—
Robt. Furnas #265	Randall A. Olson	Jack D. Nichols	Al F. Woolson
J. A. Tulleys #267	—	—	Marvin D. Braddy
G. W. Lininger #268	Okley H. Gibbs Jr.	—	—
Oasis #271	Bruce C. Kaman *	—	Richard L. Harriger
Olive Branch #274	Donald L. Berg *	—	—
Sioux #277	—	—	—
Wallace #279	Randall E. Ogier	—	Michael Shearer *
Florence #281	Randall A. McFarland	Jeffrey A. Merriman *	Paul L. Welsch *
Mullen #282	Thomas L. Starr	Ernest L. Leach *	John M. Jones *
Seneca #284	Duane W. Bolton	—	—
Camp Clarke #285	—	—	—
Oshkosh #286	Lawrence E. Noland Jr.	Donald Thies	Harvey A. Farley
Union #287	Dennis H. Brydl	Byford H. Cameron *	Paul J. Hegert *
Omaha #288	David L. Peterson	Martin C. Stolinski *	Bruce C. Galda
Lotus #289	—	Dale R. Link	—
John J. Mercer #290	Clark R. Wilson	—	Joel D. Christensen *
Diamond #291	Duard O. Dempster *	—	—
Monument #293	—	Matthew C. Faw *	—
Kimball #294	David L. Wilson *	—	John B. Ferguson *
Cotner #297	John C. Cramer	Nathan W. Buttke	Fred E. Liebers
Chester #298	—	—	—
Sutherland #299	Larry D. Throm	—	—
Liberty #300	Robert R. Foreman	David L. Williams *	—
Mizpah #302	LeRoy J. Lenhardt	Ralph E. Baldauf *	—
Newman Grove #305	James H. Wyant	Harlan G. Johnson	—
Perkins #308	—	—	—
Victory #310	Gregory C. Kava	K. Roger Dill	Edward Dill *
Polk #311	Kim A. Hoffman	—	—
Craftsmen #314	Kenneth S. Friend	James F. McCullough	Christopher J. McCullough
Mid-West #317	Lester R. Seifer	Wendell D. Verhage	Scott J. Krieger Jr.
College View #320	Thomas O. Anderson	—	—
Lebanon #323	Roosevelt Howard Jr.	—	Robert C. Jones Jr.
Cairo #324	James R. Ford *	—	—
Bellevue #325	Paul A. Zamiska	Robert D. Muse	David C. Norton *
Centennial #326	Michael G. Horton	Fred J. Ripley	John D. Heck
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Gordon Ross Mallam	06/16/74	Australia, New S. Wales	Robert C. Thacker, 180	12/23/80
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Oscar de Paula Assis	08/01/69	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	----
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Luthgard Nohr	06/26/74	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Robert E. Richards, 205	11/17/78
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Joao Bento	10/23/57	Brazil, Paraiiba	Scott Osler, 198	04/18/84
Tutunao Sato	03/17/68	Brazil, Parana	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	03/07/68
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Jose W. K. Neto	09/10/92	Brazil, Rio Grande Do Sul	Marvin Colson, 228	01/15/93
Paulo Roberto Curi	10/17/89	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Virgil L. Tubach, 54	02/10/89
Sidney Luiz Saut	12/01/91	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	03/26/91
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Allan C. Jenkins	04/08/71	Canada, Pr. Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	01/17/85
Lee S. Donahue	07/26/95	Canada, Quebec	Vinn E. Baxter, 216	----
Edward L. Lee	03/11/87	Canada, Saskatchewan	Bruce L. Bump, 158	01/01/84
Rigoberto Jamett Mauiera	08/27/94	Chile	Ben D. Fussel, 79	06/04/71
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Wolfgang Durst	09/24/75	Germany	Kevin L. Rittenburg, 229	10/24/95
Andreas Rizopoulos	01/02/90	Greece	Benjamin H. Harvey, 119	02/10/89
Angel G. Guzman	08/13/63	Guatemala	Roger L. Shillington, 180	06/08/77
		Hawaii	James N. DeMoss, 325	12/07/91
Bjarme Bjarnason	01/07/53	Honduras	William G. Woepffel, 75	12/23/60

Dr. Robert Shifler	06/22/92	Hungary	Don A. Mears, 3	08/20/92
John R. Sheridan	12/17/86	Iceland	Dan W. Holmstedt, 314	05/20/88
Wiley F. Smith	08/06/89	Ideaho	Bevin B. Bump, 158	01/01/84
Kenneth W. Smith	01/10/91	Illinois	William C. Conway, 195	12/23/80
Dijip Basu	12/10/94	India	William Hurst, 54	09/17/77
Herbert Newman	12/04/74	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	06/12/87
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Yehuda Ashkenazi	09/22/81	Israel	Leo Hill, 210	02/10/89
Giancarlo Bovero	05/01/86	Italy	Augustine S. Scalam, 3	12/23/80
Yasuhiko Ide	....	Japan	Robert Driewer, 75	06/03/94
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C. J. Hyde	07/31/72	Kentucky	Wayne G. Lucasburg, 32, 39	06/12/87
Clifford A. Bradley	08/06/89	Louisiana	Thomas W. Tye, 46	01/01/84
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Charles A. Laikas, Jr.	08/06/89	Massachusetts	Arthur R. Sharp, 54, 6	12/07/89
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German Barera	08/27/70	Mexico, Tamaulipas	Norman L. Coe, 46, 98	12/07/89
Carlos Marban	10/26/95	Mexico, York Grand Lodge	Gary Martin, 46, 293	12/31/89
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Frederick B. Vihovde	08/06/89	Minnesota	Donald L. Pohlman, 41	02/10/89
John T. Brown	01/16/53	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	09/08/73
William R. Robbins	07/23/63	Missouri	V. Kaye Ramsey, 210	06/30/84
Ludvik H. Jun	08/18/88	Montana	V. Kaye Ramsey, 290, 317	12/07/89
A. Thien Houten	07/27/94	Netherlands	William R. Zalman, 201, 314	12/23/80
Franklin L. Coonley	06/18/89	Nevada	Monte K. Olmstead, 290	12/10/86
Ellis W. Howard	06/14/62	New Hampshire	William Keller, 250	04/14/80
Thomas P. Zinkevich, Jr.	07/26/95	New Jersey	John M. McHenry, 19	11/06/85
Warren E. Hultberg	09/30/93	New York	Wamen D. Licht, Jr., 31	07/01/74
Raymond E. Dovey	02/14/79	New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	06/14/73
....	....	Nicaragua	James F. Brown, Jr, 54	
Ray H. Early, Jr.	03/18/96	North Carolina	Cullen Pilker, 39	03/24/97
Calvin E. Rustad	09/07/55	North Dakota	Ted McNeese, 210	12/15/95
Erik Johnson	04/06/92	Norway	Michael E. Jones, 51, 173	02/10/89
E. L. Galbraith	04/23/69	Ohio	Robert A. Metcalf, 210	12/23/80
John David Wagner	08/11/96	Oklahoma	Frederick E. Forsee, 288	....
Arthur E. Baird	09/16/80	Oregon	Frank J. Maltoon, 75	12/04/68
Elias S. Mizrochi	01/13/53	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	07/20/65
Carlos Pena	09/01/72	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 254, 136	06/04/71
Antonia Espinosa	....	Philippines	Charles Godwin, 210	01/25/96
Billy Watkins	12/23/93	Puerto Rico	Herman O. Hansen, 3	06/04/71
Edward T. Hudson	08/11/78	Rhode Island	Paul C. Bulling, Jr., 229	03/18/86
George M. Preston	11/10/92	Scotland	John M. Weidner, 33, 75	01/15/92
A. Rhodie	08/18/89	South Africa	Delmar Jones, 46, 65	12/07/89
Rhodes D. Batsen	07/06/71	South Carolina	Stanford H. Nelson, 210	02/22/86
Walter Covey	06/20/91	South Dakota	U. Wesley Fox, 192	07/06/72
....	....	Spain	Albert T. Reddish, 183	01/05/88
Karl Gustav Thurfjell	05/15/91	Sweden	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	06/12/87
Frederick J. Pruefer	06/21/78	Switzerland	Dean Taylor, 59	12/23/80
Leighton Gordon Scott	07/05/85	Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	09/08/60
M. D. Manning	09/14/81	Tennessee	George A. Iverson, 15	04/28/77
Fred Allen	10/25/91	Texas	Philip Lorenzen, 10, 327	05/20/92
Aitila Aili	12/29/71	Turkey	Dale W. Anderson, 158	01/15/93
		Uruguay	Roy L. Kiser, 143	06/24/82
Tom Eastwood	01/10/90	Utah	Dwight E. Smith, 205	04/18/84
Wendell H. Chaffee	05/16/62	Venezuela	Paul A. Canaday, 51	06/10/87
Wendall H. Chaffel		Vermont	Steven W. Olson, 229	05/02/85
Edward C. Bond	02/09/90	Virginia	Lawrence Zwart, 11	12/04/81
Kenneth Kerschner	12/03/93	Washington	H. Gene Gustafson, 33	06/10/83
J. K. Ferguson	09/28/61	West Virginia	Gary W. Radil, 268	12/31/89
Lawrence L. Myers	01/05/92	Wisconsin	Harold Hultman, 39	06/12/74

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 December 31, 1996

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Unrestricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		<u>91,186</u>	<u>91,186</u>
<b>Bonds:</b>			
Central Power & Light, 6%, 10-1-97	50,000	48,613	50,110
Public Service Electric & Gas Co., 6.55%, 5-1-2004	50,000	46,231	48,805
Public Service of Colorado, 6.75%, 7-1-98	25,000	21,812	25,140
Duke Power Co., 7.0%, 7-1-2000	50,000	49,101	51,065
Texas Utilities Electric, 8.0%, 6-1-2002	50,000	49,658	53,015
Ford Capital Note, 9.875%, 5-15-2002	50,000	51,463	57,380
General Motors Corp., 7.75%, 1-15-99	50,000	50,542	51,450
Phillip Morris, Inc., 6.0%, 7-15-2001	50,000	44,294	48,425
International Paper Co., Shelf 2, 9.4%, 6-1-2002	50,000	49,850	56,295
American Brands Inc., 7.5%, 5-15-99	50,000	50,141	51,300
AT & T Corp., 6.75%, 4-1-2004	50,000	49,632	50,220
Allstate Corp. Note, 6.75%, 6-15-2003	50,000	48,459	49,230
General Foods Corp., 6%, 6-15-2001	<u>50,000</u>	<u>46,381</u>	<u>48,745</u>
Total Bonds	<u>625,000</u>	<u>606,178</u>	<u>641,180</u>
<b>Common Stocks:</b>			
Shares	Description		
1000	Sigma-Aldrich Corp.	47,850	62,438
1200	M. A. Hanna Co.	23,752	39,375
600	AT & T Corp.	25,076	26,025
800	Stryker Corp.	23,225	47,800
700	Merck & Co.	26,570	55,737
700	Burlington Res., Inc.	27,376	35,263
1000	Sonat, Inc.	24,446	51,500
900	General Public Utility	25,365	30,262
700	Timken Company	18,495	32,025
600	Southwestern Bell Corp.	22,980	31,125
700	Union Pacific Corp.	26,422	42,088
400	Proctor and Gamble Co.	20,240	43,050
1300	Glatfelter, P.H.	22,880	23,400
500	Exxon Corp.	32,088	49,000
300	Royal Dutch Pete Co.	26,592	51,225
800	Pfizer, Inc.	26,602	66,400
1000	Cooper Tire & Rubber	27,775	19,750
1400	Coca-Cola Co.	29,283	73,675
300	Motorola	19,980	18,375
500	Walgreen Co.	14,863	20,125
194	Lucent Technologies, Inc.	9,723	8,972
592	Union Pacific Resources Group	<u>12,853</u>	<u>17,168</u>
	Total Common Stocks	<u>534,436</u>	<u>844,778</u>

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Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		<u>103,687</u>	<u>103,687</u>
<b>Bonds:</b>			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 8.875%, 2-15-99	25,000	24,378	26,445
Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn., 8.95%, 7-10-97	<u>25,000</u>	<u>24,972</u>	<u>25,430</u>
Total Government Securities	<u>50,000</u>	<u>49,350</u>	<u>51,875</u>
<b>Corporate:</b>			
New England Telephone, 6.125%, 10-1-92	25,000	24,125	23,622
Southern California Edison, 5.875%, 5-5-2006	30,000	25,344	28,515
Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone, 5.25%, 5-1-2005	25,000	21,336	22,595
Ford Capital, 9.875%, 5-15-2002	25,000	24,866	28,690
General Telephone Co, 7.625%, 5-1-2003	25,000	21,903	25,418
Phillip Morris, 6.0%, 7-15-2001	25,000	22,147	24,212
International Paper Co., 9.7%, 3-15-2000	25,000	25,000	27,327
Texas Utilities Electric, 8.0%, 6-1-2002	25,000	24,829	26,508
Citizens Utilities, 7.6%, 6-1-2006	25,000	25,000	26,283
Florida Power Corp., 6.875%, 2-1-2008	25,000	26,434	24,970
Allstate Corp. Notes, 5.875%, 6-15-98	<u>25,000</u>	<u>23,925</u>	<u>24,933</u>
Total Corporate Bonds	<u>280,000</u>	<u>264,908</u>	<u>283,073</u>
<b>TOTAL BONDS</b>	<u>330,000</u>	<u>314,258</u>	<u>334,948</u>
<b>Common Stocks:</b>			
<b>Shares</b>			
300 Pfizer, Inc.		18,392	49,800
800 Cooper Tire & Rubber		19,180	15,800
600 American General Corporation		8,197	24,525
300 Bristol Myers Co.		15,305	32,700
1000 Coca Cola		12,517	52,625
300 Exxon Corporation		14,968	29,400
400 General Electric Co.		8,795	39,550
800 Teco Energy, Inc.		12,050	19,300
400 Willamette Industries		6,800	27,850
500 Timken Company		13,012	22,875
400 Sigma-Aldrich Company		20,135	24,975
300 Colgate Palmolive Company		14,423	27,675
200 Royal Dutch		16,740	34,150
700 NipSCO Industries		17,795	27,738
400 Southwestern Bell Company		12,240	20,750
600 AT & T Corp.		14,827	17,350
200 Motorola, Inc.		10,520	12,250
300 Walgreen Co.		8,918	12,075
500 M. A. Hanna Co.		12,988	16,406
129 Lucent Technologies, Inc.		5,735	5,966
Total Common Stocks		<u>263,537</u>	<u>513,760</u>

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