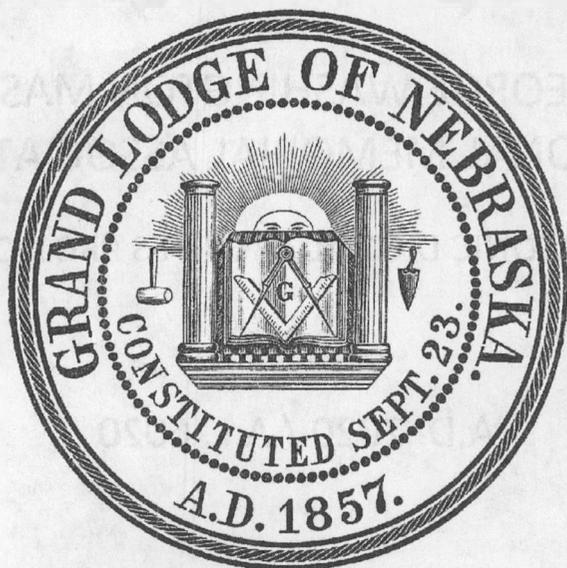


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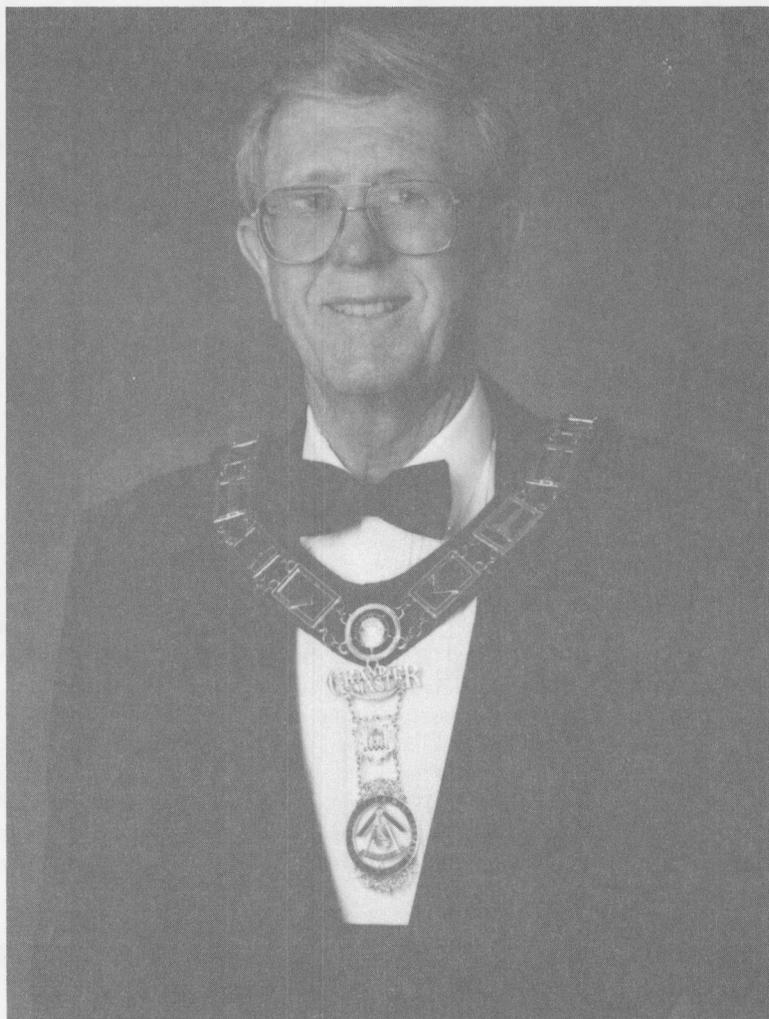


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Kenneth G. Fleming
Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
1997-1998

Masonic History of the 131st 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 131st 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.

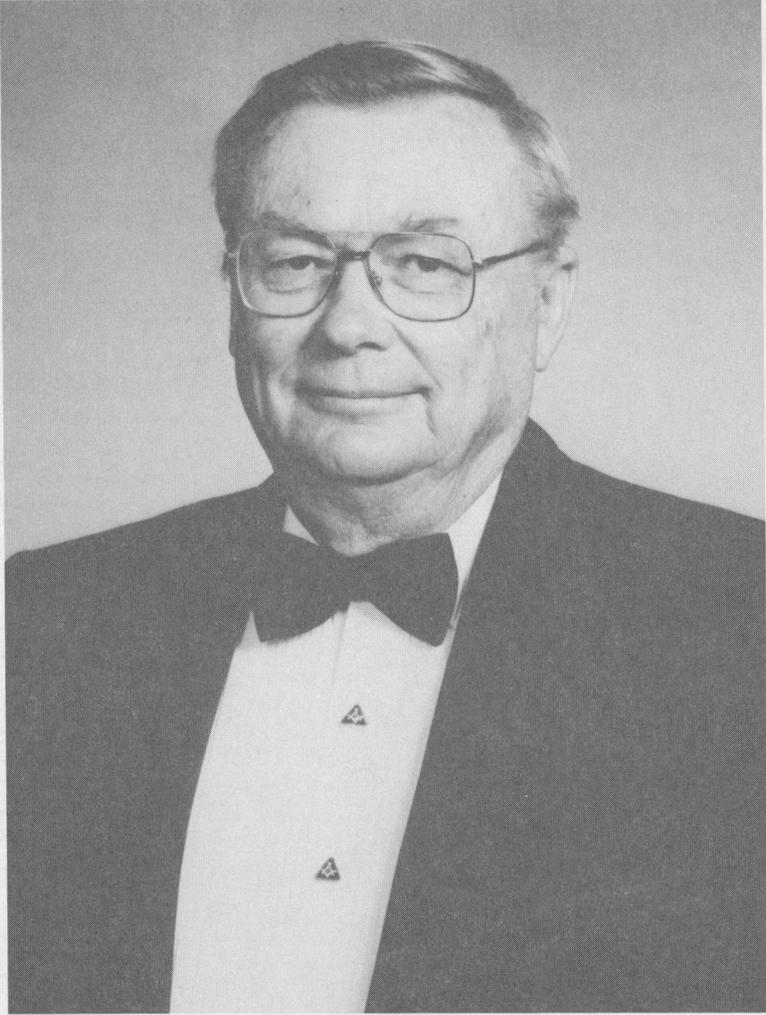
York Rite — Made a Royal Arch Mason in Oregon Trail Chapter No. 65, at Gering, Nebraska on March 22, 1958. Made a Royal and Select Master in Temple Council No. 20, at Gering, Nebraska on February 21, 1987. Dubbed a Knight Templar in Bethlehem Commandery No. 18, at Gering, Nebraska on April 26, 1958. 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 4th through the 32nd 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.



Don E. Rasmussen
Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
1998-1999

Masonic History of the 132nd Grand Master

Don E. Rasmussen

Ancient Craft Masonry — Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on April 2, 1959, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on May 7, 1959, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on June 4, 1959, all in St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul, Nebraska. Dual member with McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook, Nebraska. Served as Master of McCook Lodge No. 135 in 1984.

Grand Lodge — Appointed Grand Senior Steward in February 1988 by M.:W.: Paul R. Eveland. Re-appointed Grand Senior Steward in February 1989 by M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye. Appointed Grand Secretary Pro-Tem in September 1989 by M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye. Elected and installed as Grand Secretary in February 1990, and served through November 1992. Appointed Grand Orator in November 1992 by M.:W.: James L. Eatmon. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in February 1993 by M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in February 1994 by M.:W.: Steven F. Matton. Elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden under M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg in February 1995. Elected and installed Grand Senior Warden under M.:W.: V. Kaye Ramsey in February 1996. Elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect under M.:W.: Kenneth G. Fleming in February 1997. Installed as the 132nd Grand Master of Masons on February 15, 1998.

Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Gabon. Previously served on Fraternal Relations Committee and as an ex-officio member of the Grand Lodge Office Committee.

York Rite — Made a Royal Arch Mason in King Cyrus Chapter No. 35, at McCook, Nebraska on November 15, 1985, and served as High Priest in 1989. Made a Royal and Select Master in Occonoxee Council No. 16, at McCook, Nebraska on December 7, 1985, and served as Illustrious Master in 1991. Dubbed a Knight Templar in St. John Commandery No. 16, at McCook, Nebraska on December 7, 1985, and served as Eminent Commander in 1990. Received the Knights of the York Cross of Honor (KYCH) on August 29, 1992. Inducted into Red Cross of Constantine on August 27, 1994.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite — Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Hastings, Orient of Nebraska on October 26, 1978. Elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH) in December 1997.

Shrine — Member since 1979 of Tehama Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Hastings, Nebraska. Served as Treasurer in 1996 and Trustee in 1997-98. Charter member of the Legion of Honor, joining on June 6, 1997.

Order of Eastern Star — Initiated in Sylvia Chapter No. 80 at Genoa, Nebraska on May 4, 1962. Member of Acacia Chapter No. 39 in Hastings, Nebraska, served as Worthy Patron in 1974 and 1997.

Rainbow for Girls — Awarded the Grand Cross of Color by the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in 1984.

Other Masonic Bodies — Member of Omaha Chapter No. 19, National Sojourners, Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 152, York Rite College No. 173, Tehama Greeters, Hillbillies, and Camel Herders.

Military Service — Retired from the United States Army as Sergeant; serving from 1952 to 1954.

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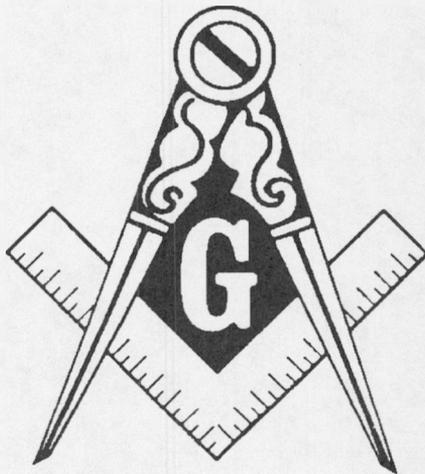
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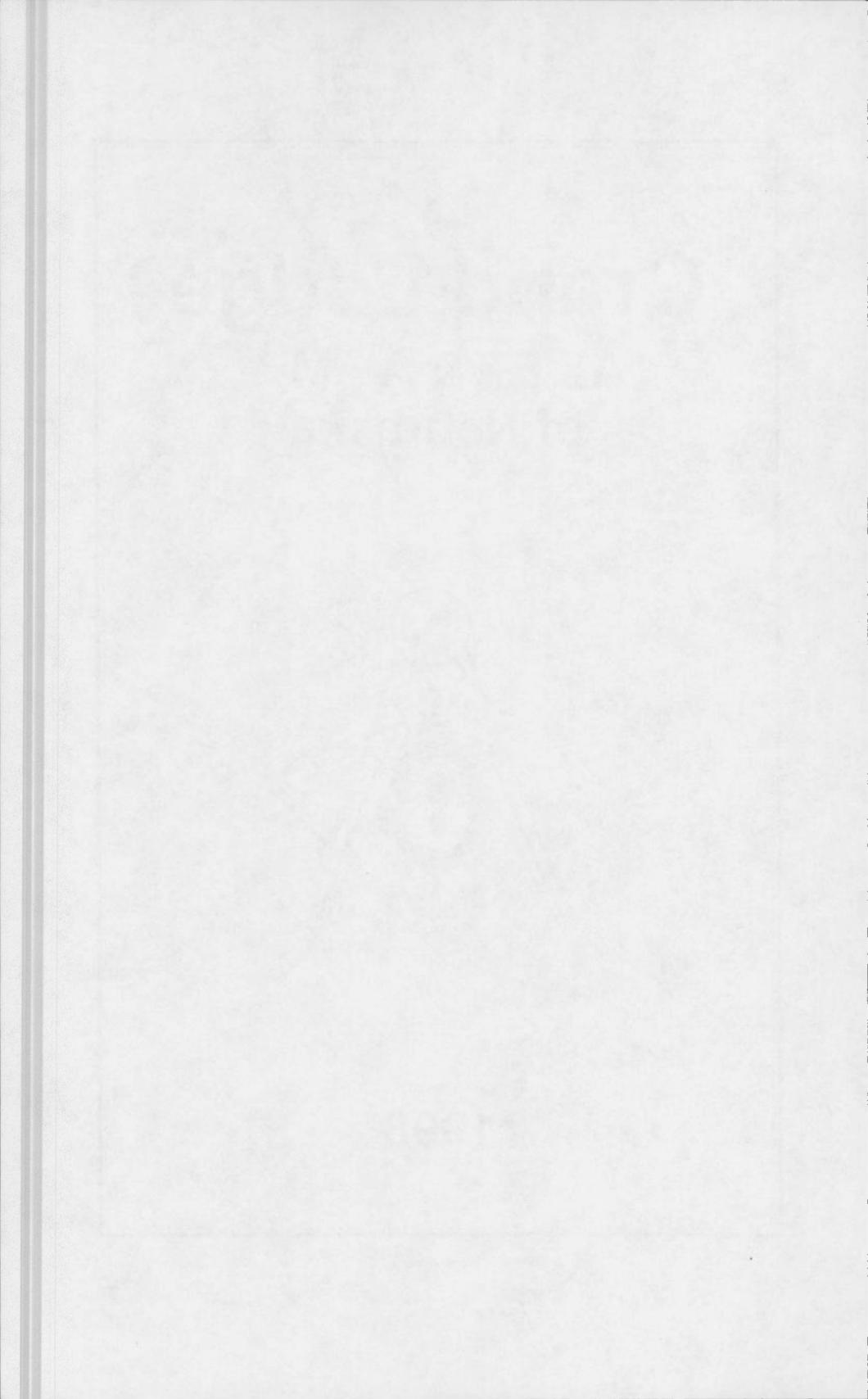
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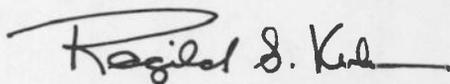
Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

I is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Forty-First 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 6th and 7th, 1998, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska
this 30th day of December 1998.

Reginald S. Kuhn



GRAND SECRETARY

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One Hundred Forty-First
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Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 6th & 7th, 1998

Most Worshipful Kenneth G. Fleming
Grand Master

First Day — Opening Session
Friday, February 6, 1998

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Ramada Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 6, 1998.

R.: W.: Don E. Rasmussen presided.

Following the Presentation of the Colors by the 55th Wing Security Forces Elite Guard of Offut Air Force Base, the M.: W.: Grand Master, Kenneth G. Fleming, and his Lady, Corky, 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.: Donald E. White Grand Representative, Arizona

- R.: W.: Kent R. Gould Deputy Grand Master of Colorado
- M.: W.: Ralph A. Livermore Grand Master of Iowa
- R.: W.: Raymond E. Clause Deputy Grand Master of Iowa
- R.: W.: J. Garrie Burr Deputy Grand Master of Illinois
- R.: W.: James Durbin Senior Grand Warden of Illinois
- M.: W.: Conrad F. Johnson Past Grand Master of Kansas
- M.: W.: Morley McKay Past Grand Master of Manitoba
- R.: W.: Jeffrey N. Lewis Senior Grand Warden of Minnesota
- M.: W.: Doysa L. Whitaker Grand Master, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- W.: Russell W. Hobson Grand Lecturer, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- M.: W.: Wright P. Robinson Past Grand Master, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- M.: W.: John W. Reed, Sr. Past Grand Master, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- M.: W.: Max L. Schumacher Grand Master of Oregon
- R.: W.: Delbert Ripley Senior Grand Warden of South Dakota
- R.: W.: Donald R. Salmon Junior Grand Warden of South Dakota
- R.: 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.: Charles Bryan Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Bruce Sim Grand Master of Wisconsin
- W.: Michael R. Walter Grand Treasurer of Wisconsin
- M.: W.: Joseph Boster II Grand Master of Wyoming
- R.: W.: George C. Smith Senior Grand Warden of Wyoming
- R.: W.: Bryce Lundell, Jr. Junior 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. Ann Wells Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
- Brother Robert Rhodes Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
- Miss Christina James Past Grand Worthy Advisor
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska
- Mrs. Beverly Donham Chairman, Grand Executive Board
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska
- Miss Jana Humphrey Grand Bethel Honored Queen
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Miss Stacey Adam Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Mrs. Denise Hamilton Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Brother Leroy Lenhardt Associate Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Kevin Belton State Master Councilor
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska
- Brother Michael W. Stuhr State Executive Officer
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska
- M.: E.: Robert E. Wunder Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska

- M.:I.: John T. Parsons Grand Master
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska
- R.:E.: Darrel M. Fillinger 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 Sovereign Grand Inspector General
for the Orient of Nebraska, Ancient and
Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction
- James W. Keebaugh Secretary of Scottish Rite
Valley of Alliance
- W. Glen Jorgenson Secretary of Scottish Rite
Valley of Hastings
- Ray A. C. Johnson Secretary of Scottish Rite
Valley of Lincoln
- 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 Robert W. Sim Potentate of Sesostris Temple
Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- ILL.: Sir Robert J. Wilczewski Potentate of Tangier Temple
Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- ILL.: Sir Darrel L. McCartney Potentate of Tehama Temple
Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- Dona Y. Hurst Queen, Naphis Temple No. 66
Daughters of the Nile
- W.: Gerald D. Verbeek 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.: Harold Hultman 1975
- M.:W.: Jack H. Hendrix 1978
- M.:W.: Warren D. Lichty 1979
- M.:W.: Byron C. Jenkins 1980
- Mrs. Irene Wurdeman, widow of M.:W.: Harold C. Wurdeman 1981
- M.:W.: Robert A. Metcalf 1984-85
- M.:W.: Charles W. Amidon 1986
- M.:W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg 1987
- M.:W.: Paul R. Eveland 1988
- M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye 1989
- M.:W.: James L. Eatmon 1992
- M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon 1994
- M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg 1995
- M.:W.: V. Kaye Ramsey 1996

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

Grand Master Fleming welcomed everyone to this the 141st Annual Communication.

PRESENTATION OF NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

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

- Lloyd Edward District 9
- Arthur S. Dye District 18
- John C. Sierks District 8
- Victor Hunt District 17
- Roger L. Shillington District 32
- Arthur Ferguson District 26
- Leslie A. Evert District 29
- Harold W. Noble District 35
- Steven A. Green District 10
- Lloyd Vrtiska District 7
- Roy L. Smith District 1
- Ronald Grass District 5
- Gerald D. Verbeek District 34
- Delmar A. Jones District 24
- Halsey D. Phillips District 3
- Robert L. Carter District 13
- Thomas R. Reed District 6
- Richard H. Cooper District 30
- Monte K. Olmstead District 2
- Michael G. Birnstihl District 11
- Everette K. Dappen, District 30 - Emeritus
- Eugene C. Sibley, District 11 - Emeritus

After introductions the following Brothers were recognized: V.: W.: Eugene C. Sibley received his 30 year certificate, and W.: B.: Steven Green received his 25 year certificate.

GRAND MASTER’S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

M.: W.: Grand Master Fleming made the following remarks as he presented the 1997 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 Ralph E. Townsend of Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285 and Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201; and Willard M. Rouze of Purity Lodge No. 198.

Worshipful Brothers Ralph Townsend and Willard Rouze expressed their appreciation for the honor bestowed upon them.



Miss Jana Humphrey, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Miss Stacey Adam, 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 Fleming had the honor of doing the presentations.

Lyle C. Emery, Sr., Comet Lodge No. 229
 Richard L. White, Lincoln Lodge No. 19
 Keith L. Will, Hickman Lodge No. 256
 Cullen F. Pitker, Papillion Lodge No. 39
 Donald W. Madsen, Covert Lodge No. 11
 Jerry F. Bepalec, Crete Lodge No. 37
 John V. Addison, Wayne Lodge No. 120
 Orval K. Brandstetter, Wayne Lodge No. 120
 Duane R. Heim, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
 Kenneth S. Friend, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
 James D. Gansemer, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
 Douglas N. Krogman, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
 A. Gene Closson, Omadi Lodge No. 5
 Lynn Doty, Wausa Lodge No. 251
 Ezio "Rocky" Ognissanti, Waterloo Lodge No. 102
 Richard D. Myers, Waterloo Lodge No. 102

Lyle C. Emery, Jr, Comet Lodge No. 229
Robert R. Foreman, Liberty Lodge No. 300
Vitas Vasiliauskas, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184
Andrew M. Loudon, Lincoln Lodge No. 19
Donald D. Martin, Western Star Lodge No. 2
Wayne E. Vian, Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Emil A. Schadwinkel, Alliance Lodge No. 183
Richard F. Wiese, Jr., Springfield Lodge No. 112

First place went to Brother Roger W. Stutheit a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300, who was the first line signer on 10 petitions, and second line signer for two petitions. Brother Stutheit 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 Christina James, Grand Worthy Advisor was introduced by Grand Master Fleming at which time Christina brought greetings from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

GOLD PAN AWARD

M.:W.: Grand Master Fleming 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 Mid-West Lodge No. 317.



Kevin Belton, State Master Councilor was introduced by Grand Master Fleming at which time Kevin brought greetings from Nebraska Chapter, International Order of DeMolay.

The State Master Councilor presented the DeMolay Mason of the Year Award to Russ Reno, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln; and the DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to the Tehama Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.



At this time Grand Master Fleming presented Ann Wells, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star. Worthy Grand Matron Ann brought greetings then presented a check from the Fall-In-Gathering to Mary Stapp, Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home.



Grand Master Fleming 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 Fleming 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 Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.

GRAND ORATION

Keith Barrett, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314

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

I think one of the first things any speaker likes to do is establish a little credibility. Give the audience a reason why they ought to listen to this person. As I consider credibility, I am reminded of a true story which happened many years ago on an airplane, involving Miss Roselyn Russell, whom most of you will remember, a great actress of stage and screen of yesterday. Miss Russell was seated next to a man with a terrible cold. He was hacking, coughing, sneezing, eyes watering, nose running; Miss Russell turned to him and said, "Pardon me sir. I think if you will just take two aspirin, drink plenty of liquid, and get a good nights sleep, tomorrow you will feel better." He failed to acknowledge her expert advice. She was perturbed with him. He continued to cough and sneeze, so by and by she turned to him again and she said, "Sir, if you will take my advice, drink plenty of liquid, get plenty of rest, take two aspirin right away, tomorrow you are bound to feel better." Again he failed to acknowledge her advice, so more than a little perturbed she turned to him and said, "Well, perhaps I should introduce myself, I am Roselyn Russell, I make movies." He said, "Oh really, I am Charles Mayo, I have a clinic."

A few years ago I spoke at a Chamber of Commerce banquet down in Pahokee, Florida. Now you know folks, Pahokee is a really nice place on the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee, about 60 miles west of West Palm Beach. Not the easiest place in the world to get to. In fact it took me the better part of a day to get from Lincoln, Nebraska to Pahokee, Florida. When I finally got there I got a room in the local motel, took a shower, shaved, and stretched out on the bed for a little nap so I would be fresh for the banquet that night. There on the night stand was

a little pamphlet entitled "Things to do in Pahokee." I opened it up and read, "You are doing it baby!"

We have a great happening here in beautiful Kearney, Nebraska today with the 141st Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. I am tickled pink to be here for two reasons. Number one it has been a great pleasure to serve as Grand Orator under a Most Worthy and Most Special Grand Master during this year just passed. It is doubly delightful to be asked by the Deputy Grand Master to serve one more term. I think Don is going to give me another year to get it right. The second reason I am so glad to be here is that this past December 7, I celebrated my 70th birthday. An interesting thing happens when you go past 70. Everything begins to click, neck, back, elbows, knees, everything clicks. This is the time of life where everything I have seems to wear out, spread out, or fall out. Everything I like to do hurts.

My friends, two of the biggest thrills I have had in over 40 years of platform speaking, was when on two different occasions, I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Paul Harvey. Most recently was down at the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks, at the Missouri Hospital Association. My task was to do a breakfast for the American College of Hospital Administrators, about 700 for breakfast. Paul Harvey did the Grand Convention wrap-up, speaking to more than 1500. My host, the association executive had been so very gracious. He had given me a complimentary ticket to the luncheon, and seated me next to Paul Harvey. For the better part of an hour I got to visit with Mr. Harvey — up close and personal. I don't know how you feel about him, but I have always admired him. I want to tell you friends, he is electric, he is dynamic! There is an aura about him that just consumes you. At that time, his professional fee was \$32,000 a talk, which is something more than I get for my gigs. Anyway, the person who was in charge of the program, perhaps making it up to me for some of the disparity, had most erroneously listed me on the printed program as Dr. Keith Barrett, PHD, JD, CPA, CLU and CPC. Now here is old Keith Barrett, the only guy in the history of Wichita North to be president of his senior class two years in a row. With all of these professional designations I want to tell you I was proud of that printed program. I took a copy of it for my wife to look over, because more and more frequently she is forgetting to applaud when I come down to breakfast. She is one of these gals who thinks that love, honor and obey is a multiple choice question. I was watching a basketball game on television the other day, when she walked into the den and asked, "Has the excitement gone out of our marriage?" I told her, "We would talk about it during a commercial."

My wife, Evelyn does not typically come along with me when I speak around the country. She doesn't care what I do when I am gone, just as long as I don't enjoy it. She dropped me off at the Lincoln Airport the other day and just as I got out of her car I asked, "How many top after-dinner speakers you think there are in the world today?" She said, "One less than you think." I am kidding you of course. She is one super grand fine human being, my bride of 47 years. I remember when I proposed to her down in Wichita, Kansas a long time ago. I said, "I love you Evelyn and I know I am not much to look at." She said, "That's alright, you will be at work most of the time."

Well my friends, we have laughed here for a few minutes, but balance is important. I want to talk with you seriously for just a few minutes about success. What is this mysterious, marvelous elusive called success? I love what Albert Herbert said many years ago, "What is the secret of success? The secret of success is this, there is no secret of success." Other definitions might be the achievement of something desired, planned or attempted. Another definition — an affordable or satisfactory outcome or result, the gaining of wealth, fame, rank, prestige, etc. Synonyms for success might be achievement, luck, consummation, prosperity, victory.

If we had a high powered seminar leader in here with us this morning, he or she might tell us that success is the progression of realization of predetermined goals or objectives. You can't argue with that. I like to believe something that Christopher Morley said three hundred years ago, "There is only one success, to be able to spend your life in your own way." I don't have a crystal ball. I am not good at predicting the future and I am always very suspect of these people who have the surefire formulas for success. What may work for you may not work for me, and vice versa. Each of us have our own individual uniqueness, and this is important. You are individually and uniquely made; you are one of a kind; there is nobody else exactly like you. This little speciality that you are makes you very special. For that reason I think there is no surefire formula for success. There is only one way to the good life, and that is your way. Trying to find success, whatever that means to you; trying to find fulfillment by whatever way that may mean, by the way that is truly your way. A way that makes you feel good in your bones, as they can be just as frustrating and just as disastrous as not really trying at all. When I talk about having it your way, this is not a cop-out. I believe as surely as I am standing here that everyone in this room, all of us all have within us everything we need to be at least twice as good as we are. No matter how great a job you are doing in the Masonic Family, you can do it at least twice as well. You can be two times as good a parent, twice as good a spouse, you can enjoy your lives at least twice as much. You have within you everything you need. Experts in human behavior tell us that we are all operating on a very fractional part of our potential. I find it more credible to believe that I can be at least twice as good as I am. I'll tell you the truth. I am twice as good a speaker as I was 20 years ago. I know a lot of you are thinking, you must have been bad. I am improving, if I live for another 20 years I will be at least twice as good. I haven't given this speech in at least 20 years.

We are all brought up in the belief that the secret of success is hard work. Yet all around you, you see people who work hard who aren't successful. At the same time we see some people who don't seem to do much at all who are enormously successful by just about any standard. This is a pretty convincing argument that the real secret of success is not just hard work, although in most cases it definitely is a requirement. Over 50 years ago a gentleman who was a legend in the life insurance industry, named Dr. Albert Gray, prepared a paper for the national meeting of the million dollar round table members. His topic was the common denominator of success. He did a voluminous amount of research, wading through all sorts of biographies and autobiographies of suc-

cessful people. He came to the realization that it wasn't so much what these people did, but what made them do it. What was the common thread that wove through all of the lives of these people who had known success. After doing all this research, he came to this simple conclusion, "The common denominator of success was just simply this, that successful people had formed the habit of doing the things that failures don't like to do." You say that is too elementary, too simple, but you can hold it up to the light, put it to an acid test, kick it around, and it is still a common denominator of success. People form habits and habits form futures. If we don't deliberately set out to form good habits, habits that are going to work for us, we unconsciously form bad habits; habits that are going to work against us. Have you ever wondered why it is that people who seem to be the very best at what they are doing seem to enjoy these little tasks that you and I don't like to do. The fact is they don't. They don't like to do them any better than you or I. If they don't like to do them then why do they do them? Because by doing the things that they don't like to do, they can attain the results that they want to attain. You might say therefore, it follows that successful people are motivated by a desire for results. Failures on the other hand are motivated by a desire for pleasing methods. They are content to live with second best all their lives just because they are doing things within their comfort zone.

We are all motivated by very different stimulus. One of my favorite stories about motivation happened many years ago on a Saturday night. This is out of deference to Dale Anderson, our resident rancher. This young man who lived on a ranch had a big problem. He was late getting in from the field on a Saturday evening, and he knew that if he went around this pasture which was between his house and his girlfriends house that he would be even later and run the risk of her going on to the dance without him. He knew at the same time if he went through this pasture he might be confronted with 1500 pounds of big, bad bull. He pondered his options and decided that the prize was worth the risk. He started through the pasture at a nice easy lope so that he would not arouse the attention of this bull. He was getting along famously for about 75% through the field when all of a sudden without previous warning, he felt bull breath on his heels. Dale Anderson could probably tell you that there are few things in this life more terrifying than having bull breath on your heels. He quickened his pace. Needless to say, he was running the 100 yard dash at the rate of about 10 flat. Unfortunately, the bull was running at 9.8. He envisioned himself being gored and trampled to death by this big, bad and now very angry bull, but alas a ray of hope. In front of him about 20 yards was a sturdy oak tree with a substantial limb about 10 or 12 feet above ground. Marshalling all his strength and with one mighty surge of adrenalin he made a mighty leap for that limb. Unfortunately he missed it but fortunately, he caught it coming down, and so it is with life. If I want to be a Master Mason; if I want to carry the mail; whatever I want to do in life or in this great Masonic family, I want to be sufficiently motivated, sufficiently enthusiastic about it to where if I happen to miss a few things on the way up, I'm still going to be in a position to catch them on the way down.

I didn't come here to the podium this morning to tell any of you how to do your jobs, how to live your lives, how to serve. That is the farthest thing from my

mind. In fact everyone in this room is my superior in some way. That doesn't mean I have a poor opinion of myself, it is just a fact of life. You do some things better than I, I do some things better than you. You are as good as I, I am as good as you. We can respect each other, and this mutual respect we have for each other is to our mutual benefit. I love the way Jay Beacroft who was the legendary trainer for 3M for so many years, said this way back before we had inclusive language ladies so I am going to paraphrase it. "I never met a person who couldn't do some things better than I. At the same time I never met a person I couldn't do some things better than he or she." What is Mr. Beacroft saying? He is saying "Hey baby, you are somebody, I am somebody and you're capable of being a super somebody and so am I." Even more importantly he is saying, you can't place someone else's head above yours without losing some of your own precious self respect. You do some things better than I, I do some things better than you. You are as good as I, I am as good as you, but together we can get the job done. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the entire Masonic family is a viable entity. What does it take to make this fraternity the very best the world has ever known? All it really takes is just a few people like yourselves who are enthusiastic, willing to make a commitment to a concept of excellence that only a fraction of the people are willing to commit themselves to. You are enthusiastic, bubbling all over, wide of range if you please, and I love the way Helen Homer said it in a little musical drama entitled, *For Heavens Sake*. From within the score there is song with these lyrics: "One man awake can awaken another, the second can waken his next door brother, the three awake can arouse a whole town, turning the place upside down. The many awake can make such a fuss, that it finally awakens the rest of us. One man up with dawn in his eyes, multiplies. This would be the crux of my message. Brothers and Sisters let's go out and multiply. You have been a great audience, God Bless you.

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First Day — Opening Session
Friday, February 6, 1998

M.:W.: Grand Master Kenneth G. Fleming requested that Ken D. Beebe, W.: Grand Marshal proclaim the 141st 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.: Kenneth G. Fleming announced the appointment of M.: W.: Thomas W. Tye as Parliamentarian for this 141st Annual Communication.

M.: W.: Kenneth G. Fleming 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 Fleming 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

John D. VerMaas, 256

Most Worshipful Grand Master Ken, and members of the body, this is a preliminary report of the Appropriations Committee. We did meet on December 15 at the Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln, Nebraska. I would like to give you what we are projecting for the budget for the coming year. Total Revenue \$427,913.10, expenses are \$427,235.14 leaving a balance of \$677.96. The committee has also recommended to present a resolution for a \$1.00 increase. I would just like to say that when we talk about a \$1.00 increase, it is four years down the road before we can get it. It would be read at this Grand Lodge, voted on at next year's session, if it passes it takes another year to collect it, and the following year before it can be used, so that is only 25 cents a year. We have to present a balanced budget; we are trying to stay ahead of it. Some of you may remember a few years ago we presented budgets that were not balanced for a couple of years. So, hopefully we will have enough to sign the resolution and it will be adopted next year.



While awaiting the result of the election of officers the M.: W.: Doysa L. Whitaker, Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska brought greetings.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dennis Brydl, 287 & 314

In January of 1997, the Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee made a commitment to develop a vehicle to promote Masonic Education in Nebraska, to develop a single Masonic Education contact in each subordinate lodge and to develop a home page on the World Wide Web for the Nebraska Grand Lodge. The committee has met several times this year. Sub-committees have been created and they have been meeting frequently. In a follow-up meeting of the strategic planning session held in January of 1997, the committee found that they are on track to accomplish their objectives.

At Grand Lodge, the Education Committee will be giving out samples of a pamphlet called "To Light." The cost of sending this publication to each Mason in Nebraska would be cost prohibitive, so for the present, the Grand Lodge Education Committee will be selling subscriptions to members to recover part of the cost of the document. The cost of printing and sending this publication to each member is beyond the committee's budget. The committee hopes that after seeing the value of "To Light" in increasing the Masonic knowledge of the craft, an allocation will be asked for on the annual dues to pay for the postage and printing. This year, individual Masons, or lodges will be asked to pay a meager \$5 per year for a subscription. The committee has gotten several volunteers to generate articles and will publish two releases a year.

Early this fall, all subordinate lodges were asked to submit a name of a member that would serve as a Masonic Education contact. This person will be responsible to see that all information sent to the subordinate lodge is given to the members. This Mason could set up Masonic Education programs based on information given to them by the Education Committee or other sources (Short Talk Bulletins, To Light, etc.).

Also at Grand Lodge, the Education Committee will be giving a demonstration of a web page that will be made active in the first quarter of 1998. This web page will begin rather simple, but will grow as the expertise increases and more time becomes available. The internet is a powerful tool that the Grand Lodge cannot ignore. Lodges with computers, or members who have computers will eventually be able to communicate with the Grand Lodge rather than use the mail or having to stop in the office. The Grand Lodge Office Committee has given approval to purchase a PC that will serve as the internet connection between the Grand Lodge Office and the internet. The committee has enlisted the help of many Masons who have experience in building a web site.

The Education Committee re-wrote "The Duties of the Investigating Committee" pamphlet and it has been sent to all subordinate lodges. The "A Word to the Candidate" is being worked on at this time. The Grand Lodge Education Committee has enlisted the help of many people to accomplish these endeavors

If any Mason would like to be a part of the committee's accomplishments and future challenges, please contact any one of the committee's members.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman, 287 & 314
Abbot George Burke, 317 & 330
Scott Eveland, 119
Br. Arsenios Coolik, 317 & 330
John M. Weidner Sr., 33 & 75
Wm. Larry Jacobsen, 327

Dennis Brydl moved for the adoption of the report of the Masonic Education Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.



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.: Dwight E. Smith
- Grand Senior Warden R.: W.: James F. Brown, Jr.
- Grand Junior Warden R.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen
- 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.

Deputy Grand Master Don E. Rasmussen moved for approval to hold the 142nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Nebraska at the Regency Inn in Kearney, Nebraska on February 4, 5 & 6, 1999. Motion was seconded and carried.

Grand Senior Warden Dwight E. Smith moved for approval to hold the 143rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Nebraska at the Regency Inn in Kearney, Nebraska on February 3, 4 & 5, 2000.

The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master called the session from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 7th at 8:30 a.m.

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Second Session
Saturday, February 7, 1998

The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 141st 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 7, 1998.

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

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

John D. VerMaas, 256

The Appropriations Committee met at 1:00 p.m. on December 15, 1997 at the Grand Lodge Office, 1530 South Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. All members were present with Deputy Grand Master Don E. Rasmussen and Grand Senior Warden Dwight E. Smith also attending.

The budget was reviewed for 1997 and the recommended budget for 1998 was adopted.

We have to recommend and present a balanced budget. From the time a resolution is read at Grand Lodge and voted on the following year, then collected the year after, four years can pass before any raise in per capita tax can be used. A motion was made, seconded and approved to recommend to the Grand Lodge delegates that a resolution be presented at the February 1998 Grand Lodge Session for a \$1.00 per member increase. The motion was unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
 John D. VerMaas, Chairman, 256
 Robert A. Metcalf, 210
 J.L. Spray, 19
 Terry L. Spencer, 227
 Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134

1998 PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUE

Lodge Income

2104.000	Dues-Fremont Home	\$9,752.50
2105.000	Dues-Masonic Home	39,010.00
2106.000	Dues-Geo. Washington Memorial	9,752.50
4100.000	Membership Dues	175,055.00
4175.000	Perpetual Membership Mgt. Fee	900.00
4200.000	Initiation Fees	4,800.00
4300.000	Surety Bond Premium	3,345.27
4350.000	Liability Ins. Premium	11,116.83
4550.000	Dispensation Fees	0.00
4600.000	Reinstatement Fees	1,500.00
	Subtotal	\$255,232.10

Sales Income

4400.000	Supplies	\$14,000.00
4450.725	Band Clinic Registrations	33,750.00
4460.725	Band Clinic Supplies	5,500.00
4620.400	Sale of Banquet Tickets	5,355.00
4625.400	Sale of Other Meal Tickets	6,500.00
4630.400	Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	1,045.00
	Subtotal	\$66,150.00

Participatory Income

4650.000	NE Masonic Home-Admin Svcs	\$10,000.00
4655.000	NE Masonic Home-Newspaper	12,500.00
4660.000	OES & Fremont Home-Newspaper	12,000.00
	Subtotal	\$34,500.00

Investment Income

4700.000	Investment Fund Proceeds	\$70,531.00
4750.000	Int & Div-FirstTier Lincoln	0.00
4800.000	Gain on Sale of Investments	0.00
4875.000	Miscellaneous Income	1,500.00
	Subtotal	\$72,031.00

TOTAL REVENUE \$427,913.10

EXPENSES

Annual Communication

5XXX.400	Annual Communication	\$33,700.00*
	Subtotal	\$33,700.00

Installation

5XXX.425	Grand Lodge Installation	\$4,425.00*
	Subtotal	\$4,425.00

Travel & Related

5XXX.000	Office Staff	\$1,650.00
52XX.100	Grand Master	11,800.00
52XX.150	Deputy Grand Master	4,300.00
52XX.200	Grand Secretary	2,300.00
52XX.250	Grand Custodian	2,300.00
52XX.300	Deputy Grand Custodians	3,600.00
52XX.350	Other Officers	8,100.00
5260.300	Schools of Instruction	4,000.00
	Subtotal	\$38,050.00

Salaries & Related

5310.250	Grand Custodian	\$6,935.00
5320.000	Office Staff-Full Time	64,250.00
5330.000	Office Staff-Temporary	2,000.00
5340.000	FICA Taxes	5,598.64
5350.000	Federal Unemployment Taxes	239.00
5360.000	Nebraska Unemployment Taxes	30.00
5370.000	Employer's Share-(401)k	1,927.50
5380.000	Office Staff Training	200.00
	Subtotal	\$81,180.14

Occupancy & Related

5400.000	Office Rent	11,600.00
5410.000	Utilities	3,000.00
5412.000	Trash Removal	275.00
5413.000	Grounds Maintenance	1,000.00
5414.000	Building Maintenance	750.00
5415.XXX	Telephone	10,925.00
5420.000	Equipment Maintenance	2,500.00
5425.000	Equipment Rental	1,000.00
5430.000	Equipment Purchase	500.00
5435.XXX	Postage	8,400.00
5440.XXX	Printing & Copying	2,850.00
5445.XXX	Office Supplies	3,600.00
5450.000	Office Maintenance	2,100.00
5455.000	Computer Supplies	1,400.00
5460.000	Computer Repairs & Maintenance	2,500.00
5465.000	Computer Software & Support	3,000.00
5470.000	Dues & Subscriptions	750.00
5475.000	Publication of NE Mason	38,000.00
5480.000	Bank Service Charges	200.00
5485.000	Professional Fees	2,500.00
5490.000	Legal Fees	100.00
5500.000	Supplies for Lodges-Printed	8,000.00
5505.000	Supplies for Lodges-Other	4,000.00
5505.250	Supplies for Lodges-GC	500.00

5510.000	Supplies for Lodges-Pins	2,500.00
5515.000	Publication of Secretary's Desk Book	1,600.00
5525.000	Grand Lodge Jewels, Aprons & Collars	2,000.00
5555.000	Retirement-Alice Lallman	3,360.00
	Subtotal	\$118,910.00

Insurance & Administrative

5600.000	Worker's Compensation	\$380.00
5605.000	Grand Lodge Staff Medical Ins.	13,000.00
5610.000	Surety Bond	3,400.00
5620.000	Directors & Officers Insurance	3,000.00
5625.000	Liability Insurance	11,500.00
5635.000	Office contents & Equip. Ins.	815.00
5650.000	Other Administrative Exp-General	1,750.00
	Subtotal	\$33,845.00

Committees

XXXX.010	Jurisprudence	\$100.00
XXXX.450	Masonic Education	2,500.00
XXXX.465	Fraternal Relations	0.00
XXXX.475	Appropriations	40.00
XXXX.525	Committee on Work	200.00
XXXX.550	Relief	500.00
XXXX.600	Trial Commissions	200.00
XXXX.625	Grievances	0.00
XXXX.650	Grand Lodge Office	200.00
XXXX.675	Finance	50.00
XXXX.700	Public Relations	1,000.00
	Grand Marshal	2,320.00
	Band Clinic	33,750.00
XXXX.725	Insurance Review	0.00
XXXX.730	Youth	4,000.00
XXXX.800	Membership	1,500.00
XXXX.825	General Session/Social Committee	500.00
XXXX.850	Grand Trustees	0.00
XXXX.900	Awards	600.00

XXXX.910	Freemasonry & Religion	100.00
XXXX.920	All Masonic Sunday	0.00
XXXX.925	Charters & Dispensations	0.00
XXXX.950	Lodge Advisory	500.00
XXXX.975	Credentials	0.00
XXXX.995	Masonic Renewal & Leadership	1,000.00
	Subtotal	\$49,060.00

Contributions

2140.000	Fremont Home Dues	\$9,752.50
2105.000	NE Masonic Home Dues	39,010.00
2106.000	Geo. Washington Memorial Dues	9,752.50
5800.000	Masonic Service Assoc. Dues	1,200.00
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 Program	2,500.00
5835.000	Masonic Relief Association	350.00
	Subtotal	\$68,065.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$427,235.14

TOTAL REVENUE LESS TOTAL EXPENSES \$677.96

*Denotes Appropriation Item. Other items shown for informational purposes only.

John D. VerMaas moved for the adoption of the report of the Appropriations Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

NECROLOGY

Eugene C. Sibley, 54

During the past year Brethren, 634 members of our fraternity have passed to their just reward and entered that undiscovered country. We are assembled here in observance of the 141st 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 great beyond. Among those Brethren whom we today remember are three Past Grand Masters who gave of their time unselfishly to promote the purposes and objectives of Masonry in Nebraska. They are Most Worshipful Brother Frank J. Mattoon who served as Grand Master in 1973, Most Worshipful Brother Herbert A. Ronin who served as Grand Master in 1961 and Most Worshipful Brother Louis V. Sylvester who served as Grand Master in 1965. As a fitting tribute to all of our departed Brethren, I would like to read a poem written by Brother Vern Lyons, a Nebraska Mason.

A Tribute To A Brother Mason

Here lies a Brother Mason
His long days work is through
He spent his life laying cornerstones
for a better place for me and you.

He traveled from the West to the East
In search of a little more light
To help make his work more easy
That he might do the job just right.

Always willing to help a Brother
Who is sick or down and out
And ready to lend a helping hand
Someone to lean on, Good and Stout.

He never gripped or grumbled
Just went on with his daily chore
There wasn't enough that he could do
Always looking for a little more.

He was a Master at his trade
All brothers will agree
He was more than a Master Mason
He was a Brother to me.

Now that his work is completed
The job finished as it stands
He has been called by the Master of all Masons
To the house that was built without hands.

May God rest their souls.

Let us pray. Oh merciful and loving Father, encourage through perseverance all who labor in this cause of truth and virtue and the rights of man. Keep them from becoming wary, faint-hearted, assuring 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 and constitutional government, oppression, injustice and usurpation and defeat all mad and wicked schemes that would with plausible pretext 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. May 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 where in 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 634 of our brethren have been reported as called from their labors here on earth to the Celestial Lodge above. Among these brethren were three Past Grand Masters; M.:W.:B.: Frank J. Mattoon who served as Grand Master in 1973, M.:W.:B.: Herbert A. Ronin who served as Grand Master in 1961, and M.:W.:B.: Louis V. Sylvester who served as Grand Master in 1965.

As we pause to pay our respects to the memory of these beloved brethren, we do so with mixed feelings; the warm feeling of Brotherly Love, and the despair of finding words to express our sense of loss.

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

With gratitude for their lives and service, we honor their memory and commend them to the loving care of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Respectfully submitted,
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

Your Credentials Committee is again pleased to report to you on this 141st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We wish to report that all Grand Lodge Officers are present as well as 17 Past Grand Masters and 22 Deputy Grand Custodians.

Also in attendance are dignitaries from Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Manitoba, Minnesota, Prince Hall of Nebraska, Oregon, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies, Tehama, Tangier and Sesostris Shrine Temples, Daughters of the Nile and National Sojourners Inc.

Another item which might be of interest to you is the attendance at the banquets. There were 235 people at the Thursday night dinner and 379 at the Friday night banquet.

At the time of this report there are no Masters or Wardens registered from the following lodges: 4-36-61-91-94-104-111-125-167-195-200-207-211-233-234-241-248-277-282-284-291-311-320 and 330.

There are five lodges with no Masters or Wardens registered for two consecutive years. They are: 167-207-234-248 and 277.

Subordinate lodge registration consists of 71 Worshipful Masters in person and 30 by proxy; 60 Senior Wardens in person and 41 by proxy; 48 Junior Wardens in person and 33 by proxy. We also have registered 90 non-delegate Master Masons at this session.

It has been our pleasure to serve Most Worshipful Grand Master Fleming as his Credentials Committee and I personally wish to thank the other members who have given so freely of their time and talents. They are: Doyle Berg, Omaha; Delmar Jones, Kearney; Frank Dougherty, Lincoln; Roger Anderson, Kearney; William Hurst, Lincoln and a special thank you to Gary Keim from Elm Creek who agreed to fill in when a regular member could not be present. Also a big thanks to Chris, Carol and Jean for all of their help before and during this communication.

Respectfully submitted,
Norris L. Rusmisell, 46, Chairman

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

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Michael G. Birnstihl, 314

The Committee on Fraternal Relations, having reviewed requests for recognition, respectfully recommends that the Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska extend recognition and enter upon the exchange of Grand Representatives with the following Grand Lodges:

1. The Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador - Consecrated and Constituted on November 1, 1997,
2. The Grand Lodge of Russia - Constituted on June 24, 1995,
3. La Grande Loge Du Burkina Faso - Consecrated and Constituted by the Grand Lodge of Senegal on September 13, 1997, and
4. The Grande Loja Maconica Do Estado de Roraima (Brazil) - Constituted August 20, 1981.

The Committee further urges recognition be afforded to Prince Hall Grand Lodges which enjoy the mutual recognition of, and are within the following Grand Lodge jurisdictions, located in the United States and Canada:

Alaska	Minnesota	Washington
Arizona	New Hampshire	Wisconsin
California	New Mexico	<u>Canada</u>
Colorado	North Dakota	Alberta
Hawaii	Ohio	British Columbia
Idaho	Oregon	Manitoba
Illinois	Pennsylvania	New Brunswick
Kansas	South Dakota	Nova Scotia
Maine	Utah	Prince Edward Island
Michigan	Vermont	Quebec

Respectfully Submitted,
 Virgil L. Tubach, 54
 Don E. Rasmussen, 135 & 82
 Cullen F. Pilker, 39
 Michael G. Birnstihl, 314, Chairman
 Ex-Officio: Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134

Michael Birnstihl moved for the adoption of the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Charles W. Amidon, 281 & 327, Chairman

On July 1, 1997, the Chairman of the committee together with the Grand Custodian, met with the Master of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 A.:F.: & A.:M.: to review the arrangements which had been made for the One-Day Class to be held on Saturday, July 12 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

On July 12, 1997 a One-Day Class was held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Lincoln which proved to be very successful when 53 new Masons were raised.

On September 26, 1997, the committee was represented at the Annual Deputy Custodian School held at Grand Island and participated in some of the ritual presentation.

On October 11, 1997, a One-Day Class was also held at Alliance, Nebraska where 21 candidates were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

At the request of the Grand Master, a guideline has been prepared to assist subordinate lodges in conducting future One-Day Classes. As each lodge building throughout the state possesses a unique floor plan, it was impossible to diagram a fixed floor work layout. Therefore, the guideline is confined to such items as:

- Advanced plans for processing new petitions
- Collection of all fees in advance
- Pre-planning of Degree presentations
- Selection of Degree teams well in advance
- Appointment of extra workers other than Degree presentation
- Necessity of rehearsal sessions
- Time scheduling for degrees and proficiency instruction

The Committee wishes to thank the Grand Custodian and the Grand Lodge office staff for their total cooperation in organizing and conducting the One-Day Classes held this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles W. Amidon, Chairman, 281, 327
John C. Sierks, 4
Ronald D. Grass, 31

M.: W.: Charles Amidon moved for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work as printed beginning on Page 6 in the Annual Reports packet. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

M.: W.: Amidon then spoke on the following issue:

I would like to present an item for consideration this morning to help heal a problem we have had for the last 3 or 4 years. All of the delegates are aware that we have been conducting one-day degrees throughout the state of Nebraska — some in small groups of 3, 4 or 5 and some as many as 100. Brethren, unfortunately Section 1-1202 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws actually prohibits such action on behalf of any lodge or group of lodges. The Grand Masters unwittingly, and I was probably at fault when I was Grand Master, assumed that when the Grand Lodge is not in session, then the Grand Master is the Grand Lodge and can make any decision he so chooses. It has been determined by the Jurisprudence Committee that is not necessarily so, that his omnipotent decisions can be made only in regard to executive decisions, administrative decisions, they cannot overrule legislative or judicial rules that are in the book. In

order to help solve this situation and make it much clearer for all of the delegates and Grand Masters to come, I would like to propose the following bylaw amendment.

The existing bylaw reads, "Section 2-1202 — NUMBER OF CANDIDATES — No subordinate lodge shall enter, pass, or raise more than one candidate at the same time, but the lecture and charge may be given jointly to any number; provided, however, nothing in this section shall limit the number of candidates for the second section of the Fellow Craft Degree."

I propose that the words "without the prior written approval of the Grand Master" be added, so that the bylaw would then read, "Section 2-1202 — NUMBER OF CANDIDATES — No subordinate lodge shall enter, pass, or raise more than one candidate at the same time, without the prior written approval of the Grand Master, but the lecture and charge may be given jointly to any number; provided, however, nothing in this section shall limit the number of candidates for the second section of the Fellow Craft Degree."

This is an issue that is going to have to be solved some day, and it has been thoroughly explained to the delegates in the workshop on the problem we now have and therefore I would now ask for unanimous consent to consider this issue immediately.

Grand Master Fleming asked for unanimous consent to vote on this proposal at this time.

Unanimous consent failed.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

"My brethren, all of the delegates were furnished forty-five 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 ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA

My Brethren:

In accordance with Article X, Section 2(b) of the Constitution of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, I do hereby submit my written address to this 141st 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 recommenda-

tions 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 every Mason within the jurisdiction of Nebraska, my sincere appreciation for allowing me to serve as your Grand Master for the last year. Having served Masonry in many capacities since being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in 1957, I was well prepared to assume the honor of serving as your Grand Master. However, without the assistance and advice of all of the Grand Lodge Officers serving with me, as well as the wise counsel of my many friends and brothers who have served as Grand Masters before me, my year would have been much more difficult.

To each of the visiting dignitaries from other jurisdictions and from within the State of Nebraska, we offer a sincere welcome. We hope that your time here is as enjoyable as we experienced when visiting you.

To the delegates and other members attending the 141st Annual Communication, we extend a welcome as you gather to consider serious matters concerning your Grand Lodge. I hope that you and your wives will enjoy the workshops and banquets. We have planned the several sessions of Grand Lodge to promote the dignity and solemnity of the ancient and honorable craft and at the same time, have planned some of the events to promote an atmosphere of relaxation and good fellowship.

I owe special thanks to our Grand Lodge office staff, Chris Rudder, Carol Schroeder and Jean Holt who 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 551 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 were saddened over the loss of three of our esteemed Past Grand Masters. Frank J. Mattoon who served as Grand Master in 1973 left us on July 4, 1997. November 4, 1997 we lost Herbert A. Ronin who served as Grand Master in 1961. Then, on December 4, 1997 we lost Louis V. Sylvester who served as Grand Master in 1965. This is a tremendous loss not only to those of us who knew them well, but the entire Masonic Fraternity.

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

May 3, 1997 — Modified ceremony to set stone at Tangier Temple in conjunction with their ceremonial - no oration, no casket

May 31, 1997 — Benkelman swimming pool; Keith Barrett, Orator; Tehama Shrine Band

June 7, 1997 — Sidney Airport Maintenance Building; Keith Barrett, Orator

June 14, 1997 — North Star Lodge No. 227 - modified ceremony to place casket behind bronze plaque; John Parsons, Orator

September 13, 1997 — North Platte Senior Center; Phil Lorenzen, Orator

September 20, 1997 — Gering Courthouse; replace damaged stone (modified ceremony); Keith Barrett, Orator

September 20, 1997 — Scottsbluff Farm Services Agency Building - no casket; Keith Barrett, Orator

October 10, 1997 — Alliance Library Building; Sonny Eatmon, Orator

CONSOLIDATIONS

On February 24, 1997, I approved the consolidation of Chester Lodge No. 298 of Chester into Hebron Lodge No. 43 of Hebron.

On February 27, 1997, I approved the consolidation of Ornan Lodge No. 261 of Spencer into Garfield Lodge No. 95 of O'Neill.

On April 7, 1997, I approved the consolidation of Stella Lodge No. 105 of Stella into Humboldt Lodge No. 40 of Humboldt.

On July 21, 1997, I approved the consolidation of Melrose Lodge No. 60 of Orleans into Jachin Lodge No. 146 of Holdrege.

BYLAWS APPROVED

On February 19, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Jordan Lodge No. 27 changing their meeting night from the second Monday of each month to the third Monday of each month.

On February 25, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mullen Lodge No. 282 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On April 6, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Table Rock Lodge No. 108 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On April 6, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Charity Lodge No. 53 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On April 6, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Ord Lodge No. 103 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On April 17, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Oakland Lodge No. 91 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On April 21, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Union Lodge No. 287 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On April 21, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On May 7, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Porter Lodge No. 106 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On May 12, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 stating that, starting with the Masonic year 2000, 20% of the dues be transferred to the Building Fund.

On May 12, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On May 12, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On May 18, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On May 22, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Falls City Lodge No. 9 to change the hour of their regular communication to 8:00 p.m., eliminate the salary for the Secretary, revise the duties of the Junior Deacon, to eliminate the stipend to the Tyler, to lower their degree fees, and to increase the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On June 4, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mitchell Lodge No. 263 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On June 15, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wahoo Lodge No. 59 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On June 15, 1997, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Omaha Lodge No. 288, a copy of which is on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

On June 15, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Fairbury Lodge No. 35 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On June 24, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Osceola Lodge No. 65 to allow the Worshipful Master, if conditions warrant, at his discretion to postpone a regular communication. If postponed the regular communication must be scheduled within eight days of the postponed meeting.

On July 7, 1997, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Centennial Lodge No. 326, a copy of which is on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

On July 21, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hickman Lodge No. 256 to bring their section on suspension for non-payment of dues into compliance with Grand Lodge Bylaws.

On July 21, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mizpah Lodge No. 302 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On August 21, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Parian Lodge No. 207 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On September 14, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Florence Lodge No. 281 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On September 22, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Alliance Lodge No. 183 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On October 4, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On October 24, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of St. Johns Lodge No. 25 to allow for a change of meeting night due to legal holidays, Annual Communication or inclement weather.

On October 29, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Fairbury Lodge No. 35 changing their regular communication from the first and third Mondays to the first Monday only.

On November 15, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Florence Lodge No. 281 to eliminate the \$5 for each newly raised Master Mason.

On November 15, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Florence Lodge No. 281 to increase the amount, from each member's annual dues, which go directly into the Florence Masonic Relief Fund.

On November 29, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Long Pine Lodge No. 136 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On December 15, 1997, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Sutherland Lodge No. 299 increasing the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On January 2, 1998, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Liberty Lodge No. 300 to increase the amount of their annual lodge dues.

On January 2, 1998, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Hastings Lodge No. 50, a copy of which is on file at the Grand Lodge office.

REINSTATEMENTS

February 14, 1997	Robert E. Goguey	Covert No. 11
February 14, 1997	Lawrence W. Palmer	Mid-West No. 317
February 25, 1997	Eugene P. Reeder	Lincoln No. 19
February 25, 1997	Daniel R. Tuttle	Mizpah No. 302
March 8, 1997	Kenneth L. Richards	Covert No. 11
March 8, 1997	Lynn W. Naber	York No. 56
March 17, 1997	William J. Platt	Samaritan No. 158
April 6, 1997	Billy W. Surface	Mid-West No. 317

April 17, 1997	Kelsey C. Hawkins	Bee Hive No. 184
April 17, 1997	Robert K. Kennedy	Florence No. 281
April 21, 1997	Almon Tibbetts, Jr.	Bellevue No. 325
May 12, 1997	Harold L. Wilson	Covert No. 11
June 24, 1997	Roy W. Moninger, Jr.	Blazing Star No. 200
July 7, 1997	Joel D. Nichols	Bee Hive No. 184
September 4, 1997	Rodney A. Johnsen	Mosaic No. 55
September 14, 1997	Samuel R. Rathod	Pomegranate No. 110
October 7, 1997	Donald R. Preston	Tekamah No. 31
October 16, 1997	Richard H. Baasch	Ashlar No. 33
October 23, 1997	B. Augustus Rethemeyer	Humboldt No. 40
October 23, 1997	Paul F. Wiseman	Springfield No. 112
October 23, 1997	O. Springer Jones	Mitchell No. 263
November 1, 1997	Jack V. Scholz	Thistle No. 61
November 15, 1997	Roger L. Hadley	St. Johns No. 25
November 15, 1997	Patrick J. Shaw	York No. 56
November 25, 1997	Lyle L. Davis	Hebron No. 43
November 29, 1997	Richard N. Takechi	St. Johns No. 25
November 29, 1997	Arthur R. Vomberg	John J. Mercer No. 290
December 27, 1997	Charles Nickens	Oakland No. 91

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

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

March 19, 1997– Nicholas Edward Couse to Smithton Lodge No. 1

October 31, 1997– Bradley Kyle Olberding to Hiawatha Lodge No. 35

Grand Lodge of South Dakota, A.:F.: & A.:M.::

August 28, 1997– Shane Lacey to Elk Point Lodge No. 3

Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.:F.: & A.:M.::

September 26, 1997– Jason Bradley Lauritsen to Morningside Lodge No. 615

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

During the year it was my pleasure to recommend, to the Grand Master of the jurisdiction listed, the following individual for appointment as Grand Representative of this jurisdiction near Nebraska:

Keith E. Yocum	Dominican Republic
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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 Jurisdictions:

Donald E. White	Arizona
Heikki Aitola	Finland
William W. Sorrell, Jr.	Maryland
William I. Zaleski	New York
Maurice A. Kelso	Quebec
Ronny Lester Lewis	Virginia

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

At the request, and upon the recommendation of our W. : Grand Custodian Gus Scolaro, I commissioned the following individuals as Deputy Grand Custodians of the Grand Lodge:

Monte Olmstead — District 2
Mike Birnstihl — District 11

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIAN EMERITUS

I had the honor and privilege this year to appoint W. : Eugene C. Sibley of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln as a Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus. The dedication of this brother in the faithful performance of his time-consuming duties as a ritual leader of the craft merits this reward given for his actions and deserves the wholehearted thanks of the members of this Grand Lodge.

GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

February 1997

- 5 Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Communication-Kearney
- 6 Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Communication-Kearney
- 7 Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Communication-Kearney
- 8 Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Communication-Kearney
- 12 Attended funeral for Mike Jones' mother-Stratton

- 15 Conference of Grand Masters-Tulsa, OK
- 16 Conference of Grand Masters-Tulsa, OK
- 17 Conference of Grand Masters-Tulsa, OK
- 18 Conference of Grand Masters-Tulsa, OK
- 23 Installation of 1997-98 Grand Lodge Officers-Sidney

March 1997

- 4 Received at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75-Sidney
- 6 Attended Providence Chapter No. 108, O.E.S.-Sidney
- 8 Attended Strategic Planning Meeting-Lincoln
- 12 Attended Job's Bethel No. 25 Meeting-Sidney
- 15 Attended York Rite Rededication-Omaha
- 15 Attended Tangier Potentate's Ball-Omaha
- 20 Attended Grand Lodge of Kansas-Salina, KS
- 21 Attended Grand Lodge of Kansas-Salina, KS
- 28 Visited Georgetown Lodge No. 12-Georgetown, CO

April 1997

- 2 Attended Blue Valley Lodge No. 64-Wilber
- 3 Attended Grand York Rite-Columbus
- 4 Attended Grand York Rite-Columbus
- 5 Attended Grand York Rite-Columbus
- 5 Attended North Bend Lodge No. 119-North Bend
- 6 Attended Planning Meeting-Kearney
- 8 Attended Luceba Chapter No. 220, O.E.S.-Chappell
- 15 Presented Year Pins at McCook Lodge No. 135-McCook
- 16 Attended School of Instruction at Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205-Chappell
- 17 Attended a Master Mason Degree at Alliance Lodge No. 183-Alliance
- 19 Grand Lodge Line Officers Meeting-Hastings
- 20 Presented Gold Jordan Medal to Harry Berger at Rest Home-Fairmont
- 22 Master of Ceremonies at Teacher Appreciation Night at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75-Sidney
- 26 Attended Tehama Potentate's Ball-Hastings
- 27 Attended Tehama Potentate's Breakfast-Hastings

- 29 Conferral of Entered Apprentice on two candidates at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75-Sidney

May 1997

- 3 Cornerstone Ceremony at Tangier Shrine Mosque-Omaha
- 12 Received at Mitchell Lodge No. 263 and presented Year Pins-Mitchell
- 13 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting-Lincoln
- 13 Attended Grand Chapter O.E.S.-Lincoln
- 16 Attended Prince Hall Conference of Grand Masters-Omaha
- 17 Attended DeMolay Roundup and judged Ritual Competition-Kearney
- 18 Attended DeMolay Roundup Awards Luncheon-Kearney
- 20 Participated in Fellow Craft Degree at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75-Sidney
- 27 Hosted Colorado Grand Master at presentation at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75-Sidney
- 31 Cornerstone Ceremony at Benkelman

June 1997

- 1 Addressed Lodgepole Valley Shrine Club-Sidney
- 3 Presented 50 Year Pins at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75-Sidney
- 7 Cornerstone Ceremony at Airport-Sidney
- 9 Attended Master Mason Degree at Kimball Lodge No. 294-Kimball
- 14 Attended Rainbow Grand Assembly-Crete
- 14 Cornerstone Rededication Ceremony at North Star Lodge No. 227-Lincoln
- 21 Attended Installation of Job's Bethel No. 25-Sidney
- 23 Attended Master Mason Degree at Euclid Lodge No. 97-Weeping Water
- 26 Attended Job's Daughters Grand Bethel-Hastings
- 29 Attended Imperial Shrine-St. Louis, MO
- 30 Attended Imperial Shrine-St. Louis, MO

July 1997

- 1 Attended Imperial Shrine-St. Louis, MO
- 2 Attended Imperial Shrine-St. Louis, MO
- 3 Attended Imperial Shrine-St. Louis, MO

- 9 Masonic Funeral Service for M.: W.: Frank J. Mattoon-Sidney
- 11 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting-Lincoln
- 11 Practice for One-Day Degree Conferral at Scottish Rite-Lincoln
- 12 One-Day Degree Conferral at Scottish Rite-Lincoln
- 18 Attended Prince Hall Grand Lodge-Omaha
- 19 Attended Prince Hall Grand Lodge-Omaha
- 22 Attended Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic as a chaperon-Lincoln
- 23 Attended Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic as a chaperon-Lincoln
- 24 Attended Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic as a chaperon-Lincoln
- 25 Attended Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic as a chaperon-Lincoln
- 26 Attended Shrine Bowl Parade and Game-Lincoln
- 31 Attended Retreat-Ft. Robinson

August 1997

- 1 Attended Retreat-Ft. Robinson
- 2 Attended Retreat-Ft. Robinson
- 5 Attended pot luck supper at Humboldt Lodge No. 40 to welcome Stella Lodge No. 105-Humboldt
- 9 Attended Caring Club Dinner-Plattsmouth
- 10 Attended Wyoming Grand Lodge-Saratoga, WY
- 11 Attended Wyoming Grand Lodge-Saratoga, WY
- 15 Attended Midwest Conference of Grand Masters & Grand Secretaries-Winnipeg
- 16 Attended Midwest Conference of Grand Masters & Grand Secretaries-Winnipeg
- 17 Attended Midwest Conference of Grand Masters & Grand Secretaries-Winnipeg
- 24 Attended 4-H Achievement Day at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children-Fremont

September 1997

- 2 Attended regular communication at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75-Sidney
- 4 Attended regular communication at Liberty Lodge No. 300-Lincoln

- 9 Attended The Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 9 Attended North Omaha Shrine Club Meeting-Omaha
- 10 Attended Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting-Fremont
- 10 Presented Year Pins at Bellevue Lodge No. 325-Bellevue
- 11 Meeting with members of Liberty Lodge No. 300-Lincoln
- 13 Cornerstone Ceremony at North Platte Senior Center-North Platte
- 15 Attended regular communication at Perkins Lodge No. 308-Grant
- 20 Cornerstone Re-setting Ceremony at the Court House-Gering
- 20 Cornerstone Ceremony at FSA Building-Scottsbluff
- 20 Humanitarian Award presentation to Ralph Townsend-Gering
- 26 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting-Grand Island
- 26 Commissioned two Deputy Grand Custodians and one Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus-Grand Island
- 27 Attended York Rite College, received Degree of York-North Platte
- 30 Met with Ramada staff for 1998 Annual Communication-Kearney

October 1997

- 1 Attended Past Master's Night at Purity Lodge No. 198-Imperial
- 3 Attended breakfast at Omaha Home for Boys-Omaha
- 6 Presented Year Pins at Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6-Plattsmouth
- 7 Attended regular communication at Geneva Lodge No. 79-Geneva
- 10 Cornerstone Ceremony at Alliance
- 11 One-Day Degree Conferral-Alliance
- 14 Presented Masonic Service Medal to James J. Exon, Jr. at Lincoln Lodge No. 19-Lincoln
- 17 Conducted area meeting at Oshkosh Lodge No. 286-Oshkosh
- 22 Conducted area meeting at McCook Lodge No. 135-McCook
- 29 Attended Rusty Nail Degree at Platte Valley Lodge No. 32-North Platte

November 1997

- 7 Attended funeral for M.: W.: Herbert A. Ronin-Lincoln
- 7 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting-Lincoln
- 8 Attended DeMolay Grand Master's Class-Hastings
- 9 Presented year pins at Cedar River Lodge No. 89-Fullerton
- 13 Visited Utica Lodge No. 96-Utica
- 16 Attended Naphis Temple visit of the Supreme Queen-Lincoln

December 1997

- 4 Attended regular communication at Samaritan Lodge No. 158-Chadron
- 6 Presented Humanitarian Award to Willard Rouze, Purity Lodge No. 198-Imperial
- 10 Attended Job's Bethel No. 25-Sidney
- 21 Attended installation Job's Bethel No. 25-Sidney
- 30 Attended retirement party for Art Sharp-Plattsmouth

January 1998

- 5 Installation of Officers at Arcana Lodge No. 195-Gordon
- 10 Installation of Officers at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75-Sidney
- 11 Attended Job's Bethel No. 11 Installation-Chadron
- 13 Attended Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 14 Attended Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting-Fremont
- 17 Attended Sesostris Temple Installation-Lincoln
- 18 Presented Masonic Service Award at Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57-Syracuse
- 22 Attended Grand Lodge of Colorado-Denver, CO
- 23 Attended Grand Lodge of Colorado-Denver, CO
- 24 Attended Grand Lodge of Colorado-Denver, CO
- 28 Attended Job's Bethel No. 25-Sidney

PERMISSIONS & DECISIONS

On March 19, 1997, according to Section 2-502, I gave permission to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha to temporarily move their charter to the Omaha Club for the purpose of conducting a Table Lodge on April 1, 1997.

On March 26, 1997, according to Section 2-904, I denied permission for Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha to accept a petition for a man who was rejected by

another lodge until three years have elapsed or until they receive a formal notice that the rejected person has been released from the jurisdiction of the lodge that rejected him.

On March 26, 1997, according to Section 2-1101, I responded to a man who had taken his Entered Apprentice Degree in 1981 and then had an objection filed to prevent his advancement. He petitioned another lodge in 1996 for the Degrees of Masonry. However, a new objection has been filed against him every three years in his original lodge. I informed him that as long as there is an objection, he cannot advance in the lodge where he took his first degree, or join any other lodge.

On May 13, 1997, according to Section 2-502, I gave permission to Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln to temporarily move their charter to the Scottish Rite Temple in Lincoln for the purpose of conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree on May 15, 1997.

On May 29, 1997, I appointed a committee to investigate alleged irregularities in the balloting of petitions at a lodge. Upon completion a written reprimand was issued to said lodge.

On June 6, 1997, according to Section 2-502, I gave permission to Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 to temporarily move their charter to the Scottish Rite Temple in Lincoln for the purpose of hosting a One-Day Degree Conferral being sponsored by Grand Lodge on July 12, 1997.

On August 11, 1997, according to Section 2-508, I gave permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 to participate in the Old Settlers Day Parade to be held in Indianola and the Heritage Day Parade to be held in McCook.

On August 15, 1997, I gave permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to solicit all of the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction for donations for the Robert W. Boon Memorial Food Truck.

On August 20, 1997, I gave permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Greater Omaha to solicit all of the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction for donations for Christmas gifts for The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

On September 4, 1997, according to Section 2-502, I gave permission to Culbertson Lodge No. 174 to permanently move their charter to their new building at Highway 6 and 34 in Culbertson.

On September 4, 1997 I answered an inquiry from Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City in which they wanted a determination on a man who wanted to petition their lodge. The man had been a member of a military lodge chartered by the Prince Hall F.: & A.: M.: of Washington, but has since been suspended for non-payment of dues. Since the Grand Lodge of Nebraska does not recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.: M.: of Washington, that the potential candidate currently has the same status as any other profane and is eligible to petition any Masonic lodge in Nebraska and, if found worthy, to receive the degrees of Masonry.

On September 10, 1997, according to Section 2-502, I gave permission to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney to temporarily move their charter to a location approximately 7 miles southeast of Kearney for the purpose of conducting an outdoor Master Mason Degree on September 27, 1997.

On October 6, 1997, I reviewed a lodges' decision not to accept formal Masonic charges against several Brethren. Upon review of this matter I determined no further action was deemed necessary.

On October 30, 1997, according to Section 3-906, I wrote to Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 of Hay Springs regarding a member who had been suspended in 1981 and who had passed away in 1988. I felt that this man had been given erroneous information from his lodge in 1979 when he moved out of state, and because of this it was my decision to reflect in his Masonic record that he had died in good standing thus permitting his daughter to join Eastern Star and his granddaughter to join Job's Daughters. I also ordered that per capita for the years between suspension and death be remitted to the Grand Lodge.

On December 17, 1997, I gave permission to Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue to join the Chamber of Commerce as an associate member.

On December 20, 1997, I gave permission for the Grand Lodge Office staff to provide a list of sojourning Masons living in California to the Grand Lodge of California.

On December 31, 1997, I gave permission to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney to temporarily move their charter to the Ramada Inn of Kearney for the purpose of opening a lodge of Master Masons on February 6 & 7, 1998.

On January 17, 1998, I gave permission to Hastings Lodge No. 50 to send a letter to all Nebraska Lodges inviting their members to the 75th Anniversary of Hastings Lodge's George Washington Ceremonial to be held February 28, 1998.

On January 23, 1998, I gave permission to Miloma Lodge No. 328 to temporarily move their charter to the Papillion Lodge Hall on January 24, 1998 for the purpose of installing their 1998 officers.

DISPENSATIONS

On February 8, 1997, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha to install their Senior and Junior Stewards out of time.

On February 8, 1997, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City to install their officers out of time.

On February 12, 1997, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield to install their Senior Steward out of time.

On February 24, 1997, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha to install their secretary out of time.

On February 24, 1997, according to Section 2-1202, I granted dispensation to Perkins Lodge No. 308 to confer the degrees of Masonry on multiple candidates.

On March 4, 1997, according to Section 2-905, I granted dispensation to Capitol Lodge No. 3 to read a petition for membership, accept action and report of the Investigating Committee, and vote on said petition at their regular communication on March 7, 1997.

On March 5, 1997, according to Section 2-1209, I granted dispensation to Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha to deviate from the accepted ritualistic work in the conferral of two candidates, specifically pertaining to the use of the hoodwink.

On March 17, 1997, according to Section 2-1202, I granted dispensation to North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend to confer the degrees of Masonry on multiple candidates.

On March 26, 1997, according to Section 2-1202, I granted dispensation to Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance to confer the degrees of Masonry on multiple candidates.

On April 15, 1997, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha to install their Treasurer and Junior Deacon out of time.

On April 15, 1997, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Oshkosh Lodge No. 286, Oshkosh to install their Stewards out of time.

On June 6, 1997, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering to install their Stewards out of time.

On June 16, 1997, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha to install their Junior Steward out of time.

On June 16, 1997, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln to install their Senior Warden and Treasurer out of time.

On June 16, 1997, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Miloma Lodge No. 328, Omaha to install their officers out of time.

On July 10, 1997, according to Section 2-1202, I granted dispensation to Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings to confer the degrees of Masonry on multiple candidates.

On August 10, 1997, according to Section 2-1202, I granted dispensation to Franklin Lodge No. 264, Franklin to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on multiple candidates.

On August 11, 1997, according to Section 2-1202, I granted dispensation to Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings to confer the degrees of Masonry on multiple candidates.

On October 15, 1997, according to Section 2-1202, I granted dispensation to Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City to confer the degrees of Masonry on multiple candidates.

On November 21, 1997, according to Section 2-301, I granted dispensation to Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City to elect their Junior Warden out of time.

On November 21, 1997, according to Section 2-301, I granted dispensation to Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo to elect their Junior Warden out of time.

On November 21, 1997, according to Section 2-301, I granted dispensation to Palisade Lodge No. 216, Palisade to elect their 1998 officers out of time.

On November 29, 1997, according to Section 2-1202, I granted dispensation to Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City to confer the degrees of Masonry on multiple candidates.

On November 29, 1997, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, Allen to install their 1998 officers out of time.

On November 29, 1997, according to Section 2-301, I granted dispensation to Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285 to elect their 1998 officers out of time.

On December 17, 1997, according to Section 2-301, I granted dispensation to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha to elect their 1998 officers out of time.

On December 17, 1997, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Diamond Lodge No. 291, Orchard to install their 1998 officers out of time.

On January 23, 1998, I granted dispensation to Pomegranate Lodge No. 100, Ashland to install their Junior Steward and Marshal out of time.

On January 23, 1998, I granted dispensation to Blue Valley Lodge No. 64, Wilber to elect and install their Wardens out of time.

On February 5, 1998, I granted dispensation to St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha to install their officers out of time.

On February 5, 1998, I granted dispensation to Cotner Lodge No. 297 to install their Junior Warden out of time.

On February 5, 1998, I granted dispensation to Blue River Lodge No. 30, Milford to install their Senior Warden and Tyler out of time.

On February 5, 1998, I granted dispensation to Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha to install their Junior Deacon out of time.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

On December 17, 1996, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws, M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey 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. Pursuant to Section 3-802 of the Bylaws, an appeal to the findings of the Trial Commission

was filed with the Grand Secretary. After review of the proceedings of the Trial Commission, I submitted a copy of the appeal to the Committee on Grievances for review. After review of the findings of the Trial Commission and after receipt of the findings and recommendations of the Committee on Grievances, I denied the appeal and upheld the judgment and sentence of the Trial Commission.

On January 10, 1997, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws, M. W. V. Kaye Ramsey appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Centennial Lodge No. 326 and a member of that lodge. Trial was held on May 20, 1997 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.

GRAND MASTER'S CONFERENCE

The Conference of Grand Masters of North America was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on February 16-18, 1997. 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.

I was asked to present a paper on Grand Lodge publications at the conference, with emphasis on a periodic publication. While many jurisdictions publish a monthly or quarterly paper similar to our "*Nebraska Mason*," all present were impressed with the efficiency of our office staff to do so without the support of paid advertisements, and at an economically feasible cost. Many jurisdictions asked me to send them a copy of our Lodge Officers Directory. Again many had such a publication, but lacked the range and detail of information in ours.

This year's Conference was attended by an unusually large number of guest jurisdictions from Europe and the Middle East. The Grand Master of Russia, whose Grand Lodge has recently emerged from exile was there, as were the Grand Masters of Iran and Iraq. Seldom is there an occasion for leaders of organizations from around the world to meet in such harmony and goodwill, a true example of the universality of Masonry.

MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES

This year, the Midwest Conference of Grand Masters was held in Winnipeg, Canada, August 15-17, 1997. Attending with me was Deputy Grand Master Don Rasmussen and Grand Senior Warden Dwight Smith. Since many of the Midwest jurisdictions are going to the Office Manager concept for the Grand

Lodge office, Office Managers are invited to participate in the Conference with the Grand Secretaries; therefore Chris Rudder also attended. This meeting offers a good forum for discussion of problems and goals common to our Midwest area.

Next year, Nebraska will be responsible for the program. Much interest was shown in our Masonic All-Star Marching Band and it was suggested that R.:W.: Don Rasmussen include that in the 1998 program.

APPENDANT AND AFFILIATED BODIES

In the last few years, as a Grand Lodge Officer and especially during my term as Grand Master, I have sensed a growing unity and cooperation among all of our appendant bodies and Blue Lodge Masonry. As an officer and member of Grand Lodge, which consists of the Masters and Wardens of all of our lodges, as well as all Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers, it is our responsibility to preserve our great Masonic heritage, passed down to us from ages past, to keep our foundation strong and our roots healthy; while at the same time keeping Masonry a viable force in the future of mankind. Some of the greatest traditions of Masonry are charity to our fellow man, based on our belief of the brotherhood of man, and our kindred sonship with our Heavenly Father. We like to point out that Masonry donates over a million dollars a day to charitable causes, and we do, mostly through programs sponsored by York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star and their many auxiliary organizations. On my many visitations to the meetings of our appendant groups, the thing I found most noticeable and which was repeated over and over was their respect and love of basic Blue Lodge Masonry. In many ways our appendant bodies are the means by which our Masonic goals are carried out in the world. Nowhere was this more evident than during my visit to the Imperial Shrine session held in St. Louis, Missouri last July. This visit was made possible for my wife and me through the hospitality of our three Nebraska Shrine Temples, a visit made even more memorable because a Past Master of Hickman Lodge No. 256, Illustrious Sir John D. VerMaas, was presiding as Imperial Potentate.

All of our appendant and affiliated bodies provide support for our many Grand Lodge programs. I strongly encourage all of my brother Masons to participate in carrying the Masonic message of Brotherhood, Dignity, Human Rights, Freedom and Charity, to the rest of the world by becoming associated with our brothers in the appendant bodies, if you have the opportunity.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

1. Membership

By the most current report it appears that our membership has suffered a net loss of 606 members leaving a total membership of 18,899. The final number for 1996 was 19,505. Our loss from death in 1997 was 551. While our loss from

death is beyond our control, there was still a disturbing loss of 513 because of suspension for non-payment of dues. As I write this, the month of December is still unreported. Requests for reinstatements are still coming in and there will undoubtedly be a few more Master Masons raised, so I'm confident the final number will be a little better.

As I said, we have no control over our losses due to death. The average age of our membership makes it inevitable that those losses will be high. We are making gains in the numbers of new members and as this gain continues to lower our average age, our loss due to death will be a smaller percentage of our total membership. Loss due to non-payment of dues continues to be a focus of your Grand Lodge. The Committees on Education, Membership, and Public Relations will be charged to focus their efforts on this problem. One of the end results of the cooperation among these committees should be an improvement in membership retention.

2. Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic

This was the third year for this clinic. While I have been involved with the planning of this project since its beginning, this was the first time I have attended the clinic. I spent the entire five days from registration on Tuesday until the Shrine Bowl game on Saturday. I was there, not as one of the leaders, but as one of the many chaperons. I must say that the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic is one of the most impressive projects the Grand Lodge has ever conceived. Of all the things I have been involved with during my term as Grand Master, this experience will most certainly be the high point. There were 207 high school band members in attendance from across the State. The camp provides a wonderful opportunity for our young people. It serves to spotlight our Masonic goal of helping our communities and our youth. It is proof of our desire to support the objectives of our appendant bodies by enhancing the Shrine Bowl game by providing a half-time performance that few college bands could surpass.

On a more personal level, I must add that the experience brought home to me one thing many of us tend to overlook. In spite of all of the bad news highlighted by the news media, the young people of America, our teenagers are the greatest group of people in the world. Our future is in good hands.

3. Area Meetings

Again this year, Grand Lodge Officers held fall area meetings throughout the State. This affords every lodge the opportunity to meet with the Grand Lodge Officers on a more personal level without the formal protocol of an open Lodge meeting. Upcoming legislation is discussed as are ideas lodges can use to create more interest and involvement among their members. These meetings are becoming more and more popular with our members and attendance at the area meetings is improving.

4. Grand Master's Humanitarian Award

This award is presented to outstanding Masons who have made significant contributions to Masonry and to their community. On September 20, I presented this award to W. : B. : Ralph Townsend in Gering, Nebraska. Brother Ralph is a member of Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering and Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport. On December 6, I presented the Humanitarian award to W. : B. : Willard Rouze at Imperial, Nebraska. Brother Willard is a member of Purity Lodge No. 198 in Imperial.

Brother Ralph and Brother Willard will be presented during the Public Opening of Grand Lodge.

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Amend Section 1-203 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A. : F. : & A. : M. : of Nebraska to delete the word "Stockholders," so that said Section would then read:

"Section 1-203 — THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME - The Grand Master, and in his absence from the meetings, the Deputy Grand Master or the ranking Grand Warden shall represent the Grand Lodge at all meetings of The Nebraska Masonic Home."

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Amend Section 1-327 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A. : F. : & A. : M. : of Nebraska to increase the number of members on the Lodge Advisory Committee from three to five, so that said Section would then read:

"Section 1-327 — LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - The Lodge Advisory Committee shall consist of five (5) members, each to serve for a period of five years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. It shall be the duty of the Committee to advise and work with any subordinate Lodge which appears to be losing ground or experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active and progressive program. It shall also be the duty of this Committee to process all applications to surrender Charters and no Charter may be surrendered except upon the recommendation of this Committee."

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Amend Section 2-701 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A. : F. : & A. : M. : of Nebraska to reflect supplies currently available through the Grand Lodge Office, so that said Section would then read:

"Section 2-701— SUPPLIES - Each new subordinate lodge on being chartered shall be furnished by the Grand Lodge, through the Grand Secretary, and under the direction of the Grand Master, without charge, a starting supply of the following items; demits, diplomas, Orders on the Treasurer, Secretary's Receipt Book, Monitor, Ceremonies, Constitution & Bylaws, Secretary's Handbook, Dues Notices, and Delinquent Dues Notices."

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

Amend Section 1-307 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska to change the name of the committee and also the scope of duties, so that said Section would then read:

"Section 1-307 — MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE - The Masonic Memorial Service Committee shall assist the Grand Chaplain in preparing a suitable Necrology Ceremony to be presented at each Annual Communication. The committee shall build and maintain a list of those brothers proficient in giving the Funeral Oration. Said list will be furnished to the Grand Lodge Office so that they may help lodges with arrangements for Memorial Services when needed."

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

Amend Section 1-310 — MASONIC EDUCATION; Section 1-322 — PUBLIC RELATIONS; and Section 1-328 — MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE to provide for a more formalized requirement that the aforesaid three committees meet annually and place emphasis in joint planning and identification of programs designed to enhance the image of the Masonic Fraternity, to provide for common goals and programs of the Committees, and to assist in increasing the membership in Nebraska.

The amendment will add the proposed text to each of the said Sections as follows: Add a second paragraph to Section 1-310, and a subparagraph as subparagraph "c" to Section 1-322, and add a second paragraph to Section 1-328, said text reading:

"The Masonic Education Committee, the Public Relations Committee and the Membership Committee shall meet at a date and location to be set by mutual agreement between the chairs of the three Committees, but not later than April 15, of each year to (1) review the activities of the three Committees for the previous Masonic year, (2) to formulate and coordinate goals, plans and programs for the current Masonic year, (3) consider the budget needs of the Committees and available resources, both monetary and personnel to accomplish the goals, plans and programs to be implemented. The Grand Master and such line officers as the Grand Master may direct shall meet with the aforesaid

three Committees to provide assistance and guidance in helping the Committees to accomplish their collective and their individual goals, plans and programs in concert with those of the Grand Master and his line officers."

CONCLUSION

This has been a busy and rewarding year for me and for the Grand Lodge. Most satisfying for me has been my visits to other jurisdictions and to the annual sessions of our many appendant bodies. The growing unity among all of our Masonic family is a beautiful thing to behold. The power for change in our nation and the rest of the world that is possible when the whole family of Masonry can focus their efforts is awesome.

Our All-Star Marching Band Clinic, as I mentioned earlier, is one of the best programs in Nebraska Masonry. I'm proud of the way our local lodges and other bodies have supported this effort. All of the Grand Lodge Officers have pledged their support to continue the clinic.

Our One-Day Degrees will continue in an effort to stem our loss in membership. Many lodges are requesting special dispensation to conduct multiple candidate degrees on their own candidates and the guidelines to perform multiple candidate degrees are being improved on so this type of ritual will be efficient and performed in a consistent and impressive manner across the State.

To all of my Grand Lodge Officers, I give a special thanks. I have leaned heavily on their wisdom and love of Masonry these last 12 months. Never has an outgoing Grand Master left Nebraska Masonry in such capable hands. I can say with confidence that never have I been associated with 14 men with such powerful leadership skills or such concern for their brothers. Masonry in Nebraska will be served well for many years to come.

To my wife Corky, I owe a special thanks. She has stronger 'people' skills than I. Together we make a great team. She sacrificed much these last few years, but she gained as much as I, in new friendships and great experiences.

To my kids, Joe and Cindy in North Platte, and Jim and Debbie in Denver — thanks for your support and gifts, and for your understanding and patience for family gatherings, canceled or postponed. A special thanks for your help with the hospitality room at Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

To all of the Grand Masters that I have had the pleasure of learning under: to M.:W.: Wayne Lueningborg who appointed me Grand Marshal, M.:W.: James L. "Sonny" Eatman, who appointed me to the progressing line, and to Most Worshipful Brothers Frank Mattoon, Paul Eveland, Tom Tye, John McHenry, Jim DeMoss, Don Pohlman, Steve Mattoon, Jerry Rittenburg and Kaye Ramsey. I owe them all a big thank you. They all had a hand in making me the kind of Mason I am today.

Finally to my lodge, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, where my Masonic life began and where it will be continued for the rest of my life. Thank you for my top hat and thank you for your support. I promise I'll be at more of the meetings next year.

To all of my 19,000 Brothers in Nebraska: if I have given Masonry one tenth of what you have given me, then I have served you well. Thank you.

Fraternally,
Kenneth G. Fleming
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 Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 5, 1998, by Chairman Harry A. Spencer, with the following members present: Jack H. Hendrix, Steven F. Mattoon, John M. McHenry, and Thomas W. Tye.

Also in attendance were the following Grand Lodge Officers: Kenneth G. Fleming, Grand Master; Don E. Rasmussen, Deputy Grand Master; Dwight E. Smith, Grand Senior Warden; James F. Brown, Jr., Grand Junior Warden; Reginald S. Kuhn, Grand Secretary; Eugene C. Sibley, Grand Chaplain; E. Keith Barrett, Grand Orator; John T. Parsons, Grand Historian; Augustine S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian; Ken D. Beebe, Grand Marshal; Philip A. Lorenzen, Grand Senior Deacon; Michael E. Jones, Grand Junior Deacon; Byron Hust, Grand Senior Steward; Dale W. Anderson, Grand Junior Steward; and Keith E. Yocum, Grand Tyler.

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 Thomas W. Tye as Secretary for the Committee for the purposes of this meeting and asked Brother Tye to present the report on the floor of Grand Lodge on his behalf.

RESOLUTIONS

The Committee noted that a resolution which had been offered prior to the close of the 140th Annual Communication requesting a change in the Constitution did not carry sufficient signatures and, therefore, was declared invalid. The balance of the resolutions being numbered 1 through 5 were reviewed and discussed by the Committee. All resolutions appeared to be in proper order and can be submitted to the delegates for vote at this 141st Annual Communication. One point of clarification, however, needs to be brought to the attention of the delegates with reference to Resolution No. 3. Resolution No. 3 proposes to change Section 1-304 of the Bylaws.

This particular section of the Bylaws deals with the Committee on Jurisprudence and would require the Committee on Jurisprudence to review all Bylaw requested revisions within forty-five (45) days of the delivery of the Resolution at the end of a particular Grand Lodge session, and determine whether or not it meets all of the necessary requirements so that the proposed Resolution could be submitted for ballot at the next year's Annual Communication. Please note that this proposed amendment deals solely with a requested Bylaw change or revision and in no way attempts to change the existing provisions for amending the Constitution which is set forth in Article XIII of the Constitution of this grand jurisdiction. That provision would remain the same and if adopted, this particular Resolution would only affect proposed changes to our Bylaws and it should be noted that in addition to changing Section 1-304 dealing with the duties and responsibilities of the Committee on Jurisprudence, if adopted, this Resolution would also need to be noted and any appropriate changes made to Section 1-502 dealing with the method for making amendments to the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge. With this explanation, all proposed Resolutions are in adequate order and can be submitted for ballot at this 141st Annual Communication.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

All five (5) of the recommendations of the Grand Master appear to be in proper form and can be submitted to the delegates at this 141st Annual Communication for ballot.

GRAND MASTER'S PERMISSIONS, DECISIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

All of the Grand Master's permissions, decisions and dispensations were reviewed at great length, and after further discussion and the receipt of additional information with reference to many of the items therein contained, the Committee on Jurisprudence agreed that all of the permissions, decisions and dispensations were approved with the following understandings with reference thereto. It should be assumed that permission given to join a service organization should comply with Section 2-609 in that any dues being required to be paid are within the authorized uses as set forth in that section. Further, it should be noted that the dispensation granted by the Grand Master to Capitol Lodge No. 3 become a

moot question in that the individual involved decided upon his own not to proceed with the degrees of masonry. Under Section 2-905, a petition must be referred to a committee and cannot be voted upon until the 28th day after the petition has been received.

It is the understanding of the Committee on Jurisprudence that changes to the Bylaws that have either been submitted for vote at this session of Grand Lodge or are in the process of being submitted for vote at the 142nd Annual Communication will rectify any further problems that the Committee on Jurisprudence might have had with the decisions of the Grand Master, and we, therefore, recommend the approval of those permissions, decisions and dispensations.

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



VOTE ON TABLED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1

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.

By a show of hands the resolution carried.

Resolution No. 2

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 in the records of his office to be delinquent in returns and dues.

Following discussion the resolution failed.

Resolution No. 3

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, and allow an additional 30 days to place said submission into proper form for presentation at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Following discussion the resolution carried.

Resolution No. 4

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.

Following discussion the resolution failed.

Resolution No. 5

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)

Following discussion the resolution carried.

M.: W.: Max L. Schumacher, Grand Master of Oregon, brought greetings.



GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master Don E. Rasmussen presided over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations.

M.: W.: Thomas W. Tye reported that the Jurisprudence Committee stated that the committee did review all recommendations being made by the Grand Master

and found that Recommendations 1-5 are all in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

Recommendation No. 1 — The Nebraska Masonic Home

Amend Section 1-203 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska to delete the word "Stockholders," so that said Section would then read:

"Section 1-203 — THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME - The Grand Master, and in his absence from the meetings, the Deputy Grand Master or the ranking Grand Warden shall represent the Grand Lodge at all meetings of The Nebraska Masonic Home."

Grand Secretary Reg Kuhn reported that this recommendation was only house-keeping. Recommendation No. 1 was adopted.

Recommendation No. 2 — Lodge Advisory Committee

Amend Section 1-327 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska to increase the number of members on the Lodge Advisory Committee from three to five, so that said Section would then read:

"Section 1-327 — LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - The Lodge Advisory Committee shall consist of five (5) members, each to serve for a period of five years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. It shall be the duty of the Committee to advise and work with any subordinate Lodge which appears to be losing ground or experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active and progressive program. It shall also be the duty of this Committee to process all applications to surrender Charters and no Charter may be surrendered except upon the recommendation of this Committee."

With no discussion Recommendation No. 2 was adopted.

Recommendation No. 3 — Supplies

Amend Section 2-701 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska to reflect supplies currently available through the Grand Lodge Office, so that said Section would then read:

"Section 2-701— SUPPLIES - Each new subordinate lodge on being chartered shall be furnished by the Grand Lodge, through the Grand Secretary, and under the direction of the Grand Master, without charge, a starting supply of the following items; demits, diplomas, Orders on the Treasurer, Secretary's Receipt Book, Monitor, Ceremonies, Con-

stitution & Bylaws, Secretary's Handbook, Dues Notices, and Delinquent Dues Notices."

With no discussion Recommendation No. 3 was adopted.

Recommendation No. 4 — Masonic Memorial Service Committee

Amend Section 1-307 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska to change the name of the committee and also the scope of duties, so that said Section would then read:

"Section 1-307 — MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE - The Masonic Memorial Service Committee shall assist the Grand Chaplain in preparing a suitable Necrology Ceremony to be presented at each Annual Communication. The committee shall build and maintain a list of those brothers proficient in giving the Funeral Oration. Said list will be furnished to the Grand Lodge Office so that they may help lodges with arrangements for Memorial Services when needed."

With no discussion Recommendation No. 4 was adopted.

Recommendation No. 5 — Masonic Education, Public Relations and Membership Committee

Amend Section 1-310 — MASONIC EDUCATION; Section 1-322 — PUBLIC RELATIONS; and Section 1-328 — MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE to provide for a more formalized requirement that the aforesaid three committees meet annually and place emphasis in joint planning and identification of programs designed to enhance the image of the Masonic Fraternity, to provide for common goals and programs of the Committees, and to assist in increasing the membership in Nebraska.

The amendment will add the proposed text to each of the said Sections as follows: Add a second paragraph to Section 1-310, and a subparagraph as subparagraph "c" to Section 1-322, and add a second paragraph to Section 1-328, said text reading:

"The Masonic Education Committee, the Public Relations Committee and the Membership Committee shall meet at a date and location to be set by mutual agreement between the chairs of the three Committees, but not later than April 15, of each year to (1) review the activities of the three Committees for the previous Masonic year, (2) to formulate and coordinate goals, plans and programs for the current Masonic year, (3) consider the budget needs of the Committees and available resources, both monetary and personnel to accomplish the goals, plans and programs to be implemented. The Grand Master and such line

officers as the Grand Master may direct shall meet with the aforesaid three Committees to provide assistance and guidance in helping the Committees to accomplish their collective and their individual goals, plans and programs in concert with those of the Grand Master and his line officers."

With no discussion Recommendation No. 5 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 again wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for the honor and confidence placed in me in my re-election as 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. As I have traveled over the state of Nebraska and have become better acquainted with so many of my brothers, I am encouraged as to the future of our fraternity. Each of you are very talented and innovative people and it is a pleasure to work with you in making our fraternity all that it can be. I hope in some small way, I have been able to assist in our noble efforts.

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 local lodge secretaries 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 able help of Chris Rudder, Carol Schroeder and Jean Holt in the Grand Lodge office. Without the support, hard work and dedication of these three 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. I hope that you will take the time to express your appreciation to each of them.

In addition to many visitations to lodges and meetings of the Grand Lodge during the past year, I attended the cornerstone ceremonies at the new Sidney airport; the new municipal swimming pool at Benkelman; and the addition to the Senior Citizens Center in North Platte. I had the privilege of attending the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America in Tulsa, Oklahoma in February. I also attended the meeting of the Nebraska Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Lincoln. In addition, I had the privilege of working with a very dedicated committee which coordinated the one-day class held in Lincoln in July.

I continued to serve on the Grand Lodge Appropriations Committee 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>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Number of Lodges	178	174
Initiated	473	347
Passed	498	336
Raised	519	321
Affiliated	72	62
Dual Membership	41	31
Reinstatements	178	189
Consolidations	0	130
Other	2	4
 Total Gains	 812	 737
Deaths	689	634
Demits	77	61
Suspensions	488	518
Withdrawals	16	2
Consolidations	0	130
Termination of Dual	18	16
Other	4	2
 Total Losses	 1292	 1363
Net Membership Changes	<480>	<626>
Membership 12/31/95		19,985
Membership 12/31/96		19,505
 Preliminary Membership as of 12/31/97		 18,879

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

410	50 year pins presented
35	60 year pins presented
20	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. Kuhn
Grand Secretary

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

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 sixty-one 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:

Florence Lodge No. 281

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 (74)
Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (74)
Fremont Lodge No. 15 (67)
Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (63)
Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (69)
Hastings Lodge No. 50 (74)
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (76)
Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (73)
Hooper Lodge No. 72 (73)
Utica Lodge No. 96 (69)
Euclid Lodge No. 97 (67)
Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 (72)
Arcana Lodge No. 195 (62)
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (64)
North Star Lodge No. 227 (65)
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (66)
Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (74)

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 297 certified brethren, however this will change as final certifications are mailed in.

The following brethren received their original certificates of proficiency during the 1997 Masonic year. They each deserve special congratulations for their outstanding accomplishment.

John M. Dick, Fremont Lodge No. 15
Kent D. Priest, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
William E. Fuller, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Evan A. Haydon, North Star Lodge No. 227
Suman Vallabhbhai, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
Roger A. Deininger, Mid-West Lodge No. 317

The following brethren received ten year pins of proficiency:

B. Lynn Alexander, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
James F. Brown Jr., Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Robert R. Attebery, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Western Star Lodge No. 2
Alan J. Ferrel, Hay Springs Lodge No. 177
Vernon L. Platt, Hay Springs Lodge No. 177
Edward L. Prentice, Arcana Lodge No. 195
Harold E. Gilliam Jr., John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Roland E. Emmett, Monument Lodge No. 293

A twenty year certificate of merit was presented to the following brother:

John M. McHenry, Lincoln Lodge No. 19

The following brother completed his 25th year of proficiency:

Kenneth G. Fleming, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75

The following brother completed his 30th year of proficiency:

Ernest H. Remmers, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314

The following brethren completed their 35th year of proficiency:

Gary L. Beaman, Comet Lodge No. 229
Theodore A. Bulling, Comet Lodge No. 229

The following brethren completed their 40th year of proficiency:

James E. Cornish, Tekamah Lodge No. 31
Loren L. McNeil, Utica Lodge No. 96
Kenneth J. King, Hay Springs Lodge No. 177
Jack Lefler, Comet Lodge No. 229
Bruce C. Kaman, Oasis Lodge No. 271
Byron C. Jenkins, Bellevue Lodge No. 325

The following brethren completed their 45th year of proficiency:

Lyman M. Campbell, Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Ross R. Robinson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Richard L. Ely Sr., Guide Rock Lodge No. 128

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more:

- Harry A. Spencer Sr., North Star Lodge No. 227, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 (67)
- Frank H. Newton Jr., Blue River Lodge No. 30 (66)
- Warner W. Miller, Victory Lodge No. 310 (61)
- Francis L. Lehr, George Washington Lodge No. 250 (58)
- Ray W. Andersen, Victory Lodge No. 310 (53)
- Clifford D. Webster, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 (51)

During the year I examined two brethren, Worshipful Brother Michael G. Birnstihl of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 and Worshipful Brother Monte K. Olmstead of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, for the position of Deputy Grand Custodian. Most Worshipful Kenneth G. Fleming presented their commissions at the annual custodial school on September 26, 1997. At this time he also presented Worshipful Brother Eugene C. Sibley with his certificate of emeritus.

As of this writing the active Deputy Grand Custodians are:

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| District 1 | Roy L. Smith |
| District 2 | Monte K. Olmstead |
| District 3 | Halsey D. Phillips |
| District 4 | James E. Cornish |
| District 5 | Ronald D. Grass |
| District 6 | Thomas R. Reed |
| District 7 | Lloyd F. Vrtiska |
| District 8 | John C. Sierks |
| District 9 | Lloyd I. Edwards |
| District 10 | Steven A. Green |
| District 11 | Michael G. Birnstihl |
| District 13 | Robert L. Carter Jr. |
| District 17 | Victor D. Hunt |
| District 18 | Arthur S. Dye |
| District 20 | Scott J. Krieger Sr. |
| District 21 | Wayne E. Beatty |
| District 24 | Delmar A. Jones |
| District 25 | Richard W. Linnemeyer |
| District 26 | Arthur J. Ferguson |
| District 27 | Keith B. Leibhart |
| District 28 | Vincent Rosenberger |
| District 29 | Leslie A. Evert |
| District 30 | Richard H. Cooper |
| District 31 | John M. Weidner Sr. |
| District 32 | Roger L. Shillington |
| District 34 | Gerald D. Verbeek |
| District 35 | Harold W. Noble |
| District 36 | Don L. Jelinek |
| District 37 | Albert A. Wise |
| District 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:

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| Glenn W. Binder | 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. |
| Lynn Doty | Eugene C. Sibley |

Again this year, I along with the Deputy Grand Custodians of various districts held twenty-three 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-three schools of instruction throughout the state, the annual custodial school was held in Grand Island September 26 and 27. It was attended by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, two Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Custodians, Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti, Apprentice Custodians, and Grand Lodge Officers. All of the Committee on Nebraska Work were also present. The floor work and all lectures were covered in their entirety.

Your Grand Custodian also participated in five cornerstone ceremonies, attended two one-day classes, 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 Kenneth G. Fleming for the opportunity of serving the Grand Lodge as your Grand Custodian this year.

This report is respectfully submitted.
Fraternally,
Gus Scolaro
Grand Custodian

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

LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Leslie Evert, 195

The Lodge Advisory Committee was informed by the Credentials that at the end of the 1997 Grand Lodge Session six lodges were not represented for two or more years. Three lodges had not been represented for three years and three had not been represented for two years.

Letters were sent to the Masters of the lodges to remind them of Section 2-514 of the Bylaws. They were requested to send a representative to the 1998 Session and to meet with our Committee February 6, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

After meeting with five representatives it was discovered that four of the lodges had brothers attending the 1997 Session without carrying a proxy. None of them were listed in the official record as being present since they were neither one of the top officers of their lodge or had a proxy.

It is the opinion of our Committee that more effort must be used to inform members, if they are not an officer or carry a proxy to a Grand Lodge Session, the lodge will not be counted as present.

Respectfully Submitted:
Robert O. Rhodes, 96
Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317
Leslie A. Evert, 195, Chairman

Les Evert moved for the adoption of the report of the Lodge Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE AWARDS COMMITTEE

John C. McQuinn, 297, Chairman

As we all know, no greater honor can be paid to a man than recognition by his peers for outstanding achievement. A number of Masons were fortunate to have their names forwarded to the Awards Committee in nomination for a Masonic Achievement Award. I am pleased to report that each nominee was so rewarded. In addition, several non-Masons were recognized for their achievements.

None of this recognition would be possible without the nomination from an interested brother or lodge. The Awards Committee wants to thank each person who took the time to submit a nomination. Your dedication is very much appreciated.

Competition was also spirited for the Gold Pan and Rock Maul Awards. The committee would like to see more Nebraska Lodges participate in these awards competitions. Increased participation not only makes for more excitement within the Masonic community, but also serves to bring lodges to the forefront in their communities.

Finally, the Awards Committee would like to thank Chris, Carol and Jean from the Grand Lodge office for their hard work in processing the awards materials

and for suggesting the need to recognize those lodge secretaries who faithfully perform their duties. This new Certificate of Appreciation has been long needed for those brothers who consistently give of their time and talents for the perpetuation of Masonry in Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. McQuinn, 297, Chairman

John McQuinn moved for the adoption of the report of the Awards Committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327, President

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Brethren:

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as the President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation for the past two years, following some very distinguished previous leadership of that foundation since its inception in 1985. The Nebraska Masonic Foundation was founded in 1985 as a qualified not-for-profit corporation, as a 501(c)3 corporation under the Internal Revenue Code with the purpose of operating as an educational, cultural, historical, literary and charitable organization exclusively for the promotion, support and maintenance of Masonry. We have prepared as a Foundation a report which is essentially not a part of these Grand Lodge proceedings, but we ask permission of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to address this assemblage and bring you up to date on a couple of things that are going on in the Nebraska Masonic Foundation. It's not uncommon in this day and age that most organizations separate themselves into an operating unit and a foundation for purposes of fund raising. The big advantage of the fund raising activity obviously is that by qualifying ourselves it affords you as Masons another opportunity to give funds for the promotion of Masonry and to do it as a tax deductible item.

Several years ago a site was bought in Lincoln at 11th and Lincoln Mall. That is essentially midway between the State Capitol Building and the Hall of Justice on 10th Street in Lincoln. That property has had a tremendous value, it is an outstanding site and it was our hope and expectation that the foundation would be able to launch a fund raising effort that would allow us to construct a building that would be befitting the image of Masonry on that site in the state capital in Nebraska. Those efforts have not gone as rapidly as we'd like and a catalyst came into play this last year that has changed our course a bit, not maybe tremendously, that is yet to be seen. An unsolicited offer came to the foundation for the purchase of that land from the foundation for \$335,000.00. Given the fact that we needed, in the view of the foundation, an appropriate home for the Grand Lodge and the Foundation in order to provide adequate office space and in order to provide a location in which we could appropriately display the artifacts of Masonry since its inception in Nebraska, we seriously considered

that proposal. We sought the advice of folks that were knowledgeable in the scheme of land prices and how sales were going in Lincoln. After lengthy discussion it was determined that we would accept that unsolicited proposal. What that has afforded us is that the foundation now has in hand a sum in excess of \$330,000.00. That sum was gained without a sales commission, we now have those funds invested and it is the activity of the foundation to actively find a suitable building in Lincoln, Nebraska, or such location as may be ultimately determined by this Grand Lodge to house our Grand Lodge administrative activities, and to provide a place for the foundation activities. Masonry needs to advance and in order to advance we need to be very visible. We are not very visible right now with our location. Our location is too small and in the view of many folks it is grossly inadequate. So this is hopefully the determination of the foundation by this change in direction in terms of now seeking to find at a lower capital cost an existing building that can be adapted to our usages that we can create an image for Masonry in Nebraska. We wanted to bring that report to you as the members of the Grand Lodge, all of whom are eligible to be members of the foundation, for a very modest contribution. Many of you support the foundation on an ongoing basis and we sincerely appreciate that. We invite your input, we solicit your input and your expectations for what you hope this foundation will accomplish. I would like to have the new officers for the foundation for the ensuing year please stand and be recognized. We have kind of a strange circumstance in the foundation—our fiscal year ends on the 31st day of May, but the election of officers coincides with Grand Lodge. For next year our President will be Right Worshipful James F. Brown, Jr., Vice President Most Worshipful Steven F. Mattoon, and Secretary/Treasurer is the Very Worshipful Eugene C. Sibley. Those are your officers for the ensuing year. Thank you.

Two other items. There will be a fund raising opportunity that will continue to fund the operations of the foundation in the form of a return address mailing and that will be coming to you in the next couple of weeks. We expect that once we have identified a building you can anticipate that we will launch a very major fund raising activity.

In closing I would like to read the closing short paragraph of my letter which I think brings the message to you that we would like to share.

"On behalf of the Foundation we thank each of you for your support, financially and in your hope and optimism for the future of Masonry in Nebraska. Masons and the Masonic Fraternity can be a most positive influence in the future, but to be such an influence we must be visible, we must be active, we must be attractive. Through the efforts of the Foundation in concert with the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska we believe that the Foundation can accomplish its collective goals and build the strength of Masonry as we move into the next century. The Foundation asks and solicits your continued support, input and insight."



R.:W.: Jeffrey N. Lewis, Senior Grand Warden of Minnesota, brought greetings.



GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

James L. Eatmon, 294, Chairman

Most Worshipful Grand Master I am James "Sonny" Eatmon, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances. It is my duty to make a report to the Grand Lodge on the actions of the Committee. The Committee on Grievances met on February 5, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Kearney, Nebraska with all members present. Additional testimony, exhibits and oral arguments in the matter relating between Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln, Nebraska and a Brethren were presented. The Committee on Grievances does hereby recommend affirmance of the Trial Commission judgment entered on January 31, 1997.

Ken Fleming — You have heard the report and the second, as I understand it this calls for a simple majority. I am going to ask my Parliamentarian what the proper procedure is in this particular case.

Tom Tye, Parliamentarian — Brethren, as Parliamentarian I requested guidance also from the Jurisprudence Committee with reference to this particular situation. I call the Brothers attentions to Section 1-316 which is on the Committee on Grievances which provides that the report shall consist solely of a recommendation, no fact involved in the controversy shall be reported or stated in the record. With that situation any discussion with reference to the Report of the Committee on Grievances shall be confined solely to that committee's report and no facts or circumstances with reference to the situation can or should be brought to this body.

Ken Fleming -- We are then ready for the vote, all those in favor of the recommendation of the Committee on Grievances vote by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Down hands. Opposed by the same sign. The report Carried.



R.:W.: Delbert Ripley, Senior Grand Warden of South Dakota, brought greetings.



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
Report of the Board of Grand Trustees
Committee on Finance

Membership Committee
Committee on Masonic Relief
Committee on Grand Lodge Offices
Committee on Public Relations
Grand Lodge Youth Committee
Freemasonry and Religion 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 year 1997 was a good year for the Memorial. We accomplished much and our support keeps increasing. One more member jurisdiction has voted a per-capita amount to support the effort, and another Grand Lodge has it scheduled for a vote at its next communication. Also, many, many Brothers have purchased grandfather clocks, address labels, Masonic Christmas ornaments and lapel pins. Brethren have contributed \$250 to become Life Members of the Association and others have contributed \$1000 to become 21st Century members and have their names recorded in bronze on the great 21st Century plaque placed near the main front entrance to the Memorial. Still others have helped themselves as well as the Memorial with planned giving strategies such as "charitable remainder trusts." Of course, we continue to receive bequests from people who remembered the Memorial in their wills. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is, after all, the only building which belongs to all Masons in the United States.

One of our biggest accomplishments this year was completion of air conditioning in the auditorium. This beautiful facility can now be used all year long whereas before, it was virtually unusable during the hot summer months. This was accomplished by a gift of more than \$100,000 from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This was recognized by renaming it "The Keystone State Auditorium." While much has been accomplished, there is much yet to do.

The National Sojourners have completed a beautiful display on the first floor and it was dedicated in October. The York Rite College is also planning a display at another location on the first floor and High Twelve is going to do a major restoration of theirs.

Another high point of the year was the first seminar for State Chairmen, which was held at the Memorial on August 2. Although we were not able to cover their entire expenses, almost one-half of our Chairmen attended and learned much about the Memorial, the Association and its operation.

The archeological dig on the site of the colonial mansion on the Memorial grounds is being continued and a number of interesting artifacts have been

brought to light. When the dig is completed, these artifacts will be included in a special display in the Memorial.

This year, 1998, is the diamond jubilee of the laying of the cornerstone of the Memorial and next year, 1999, is the bicentennial of the death of our honored Worshipful Brother, George Washington. It is being recommended that many Masonic events be scheduled for '99 to commemorate Washington. The Memorial Association hopes to erect an enormous Square and Compass on the bank between the serpentine sidewalks leading up to the Memorial. It is expected that it could be seen from airplanes landing and taking off at National Airport.

It is also recommended that in June or July of '99, special ceremonies be held in Alexandria or Washington, DC, or both which would involve large numbers of Masons from all over the United States. Such recommendations will be placed before the Conference of Grand Masters of North America at the annual meeting in Philadelphia in February, 1998. It is not expected that we could put "a million Masons" in Washington, but ten or twenty thousand could make quite a noticeable Masonic procession.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1, Chairman

The 1996 Revision of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge authorized the Grand Trustees to select an investment management firm to manage the investments of the Grand Lodge. Having unanimously agreed that doing so would be in the best interest of the Grand Lodge your Grand Trustees selected the First National Bank of Omaha to assume management responsibility for Grand Lodge funds. Effective June 1, 1997 the bank took over Management of the Grand Lodge investment accounts.

During June the bank made major changes in the stock portfolios. This, they explained, was not because they found fault with what we Trustees held but because they, the bank, feel that long term they do better holding stocks that they follow. This portfolio adjustment realized significant capital gains. Most of the realized gains had accumulated over some time so the realization of these gains should not be cause for celebration or for feeling more prosperous. Still it is gratifying to see that over time the Grand Lodge Funds have been able to grow.

Below are selected figures from the Dana F. Cole & Company audit report (a copy of which is on file at the Grand Lodge office) for each of the categories which the auditors use.

Unrestricted (Essentially the Grand Lodge General Fund)

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>12/31/97</u>	<u>12/31/96</u>	<u>12/31/95</u>
Revenue (excluding capital gains/losses)	\$410,499	\$414,940	\$372,186
Net Assets released from restrictions	<u>35,271</u>	<u>26,910</u>	<u>60,181</u>
Total	\$445,770	\$441,850	\$432,367
Total Expenses	\$443,370	\$431,252	\$401,494
Increase in Net Assets (exclusive of capital gains/losses)	\$2,400	\$10,598	\$30,873
Net Assets (market values)	\$1,855,504	\$1,657,959	\$1,530,463

It should be noted that the trend of "Increase in Net Assets," which might also be called "net operating income," for these three years is down.

Temporarily Restricted (at present only the "Disaster Relief Fund" is included here)

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>12/31/97</u>	<u>12/31/96</u>	<u>12/31/95</u>
Investment Income	\$674	\$609	\$2,762
Net Assets released from restrictions*	\$2,088	\$10	\$35,030
Net Assets (market values)	\$13,032	\$10,264	\$9,665

*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)

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>12/31/97</u>	<u>12/31/96</u>	<u>12/31/95</u>
Perpetual Membership Dues	\$20,000	\$26,100	\$25,340
Investment Income	\$47,538	\$40,291	\$40,868
Net assets released from restrictions*	\$33,183	\$26,900	\$25,151
Net Assets (market values)	\$1,137,515	\$967,847	\$861,738

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

1997 was another good investment year and though we may seem monotonously repetitious remember markets sometimes go the other way.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Grand Trustees
by Frank Lawson, Jr., 1, 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 proper 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 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 1997 totaled \$406,519.70. The budget estimated revenues at \$415,792.00 resulting in actual revenues being \$9,272.00 less than projected. Only a few line items were slightly in excess of budgeted expenses and overall, in compliance with Grand Lodge procedures, no category of expenditure was in excess of budgeted amounts. During 1997 the Grand Lodge operated carefully and kept expenditures well within budgeted appropriations. Total budgeted expenditures in 1997 were \$414,862.00 while total actual expenditures equalled \$397,803.37; \$17,058.63 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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Membership Committee worked very hard again this year. We continued to stress the activity of retention of members by having an active Membership Sustaining Committee. Each lodge should have this committee working for them. We strongly urge your lodge to continue this method of retaining your current members. The lodges that have a strong Membership Sustaining Committee have done a remarkable job this year and are to be congratulated.

The Membership Committee expanded the resources available to each lodge to attract new members. This includes the many videos, flyers and booklets that have been available in the past with the addition of "The Membership Building Process." This is a project that the Membership Committee worked very hard on to make available to each lodge so they could have a track to run on when trying to attract new members. The Membership Building Project is one that must be worked on continuously and consistently and is one that has no single answer that works for all lodges or for all members within a lodge. So, this is not a magic bullet to solve all of our membership problems. Hopefully, it will provide some new ideas or offer some possibilities that your lodge has not tried in the past. In its simplest form, the process consists of identifying potential members, getting them into Masonry and finding the key to their interests that keep them involved and active within the fraternity. This packet of information is available from the Grand Lodge Office upon your request; we urge you to try it.

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

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 74 men. With the excellent results we have had with this format I feel that it should be continued in the future and believe that it will. Also, some lodges have been able to do

their own one-day events to shorten the amount of time for a candidate. These events are becoming more popular, and allow the home lodge to do their own work.

In summary we as a committee feel that the area of membership involves the entire fraternity. The Public Relations, Lodge Advisory, Education, Nebraska Work, Youth, and Membership Committees have begun a closer working relationship this year and that will continue and will be very beneficial to all concerned.

It has been a real pleasure to work with the Grand Lodge Membership Committee members this year; they all are very committed to making a positive difference for Masonry. They are - Don Jelinek, 54 & 289; James E. Chapin, 327; Dennis H. Brydl, 287 & 314; and Cullen F. Pilker, 39 - and I thank them very much for their hard work.

Respectfully submitted,
Delmar A. Jones, Chairman, 46 & 65

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

Gerald D. Verbeek, 15, Chairman

The Committee on Masonic Relief did not receive any requests for assistance during this Masonic Year. Therefore, no funds were dispersed during the Masonic Year.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICES

Eugene C. Sibley, 54, Chairman

The past year has been a very busy year again for the Grand Lodge Office. The staff has been busy working on the day to day tasks that have to be accomplished in order to keep everyone associated with Nebraska Masonry informed and prepared to meet the challenges that arise on a daily basis.

Keeping up with technology is a priority in today's office. The Grand Lodge office is no exception. The computer equipment and programs need to be updated on a regular basis to enable information to be accessed and distributed in an efficient and meaningful manner. The Office Committee with the help of the staff has been able to keep pace with these challenges in a prudent manner.

Last year (1997) the Office Committee authorized the hiring of a third full time person. We hired Jean Holt. Jean had been helping out in the office in a part

time capacity and seemed to be a natural for the position. She has proven to be a positive addition to our staff.

This year (1998) will see a PC added to the office for the use of the Education Committee. We will also be updating our accounting software and bringing our existing postage and mailing equipment into compliance with the U.S. Postal Service.

We are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff working in our office. I want to thank Chris, Carol and Jean for their commitment and dedication. The information and data that passes through the Grand Lodge office is tremendous. However, these ladies always manage to get the right information into the right hands in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene C. Sibley, 54, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Benjiman H. Harvey, 119, Chairman

This committee met several times throughout the year. Initially a strategic planning meeting for all Grand Lodge committees was conducted by Larry Jacobsen and Dennis Brydl. This afforded the Public Relations Committee an opportunity to coordinate with other Grand Lodge committees.

The committee recognized that the Nebraska Mason magazine is the best established means of communication; this publication's continuance is important to the fraternity. Several options were discussed to improve its marketing appeal. A purpose statement for the magazine was formulated: "To inform Nebraska Masons and friends of the Masonic Fraternity of current and future Masonic activities, to assist lodges in meeting the needs of their members and to contribute to community visibility. Other recommendations included printing on higher quality paper, increasing the dimensional size, and distributing a press guide to the lodges outlining the content of material and pictures to be submitted for publication. This publication would not be possible without the generous financial support of the Order of Eastern Star, the Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. All three are also responsible for major contributions of articles and pictures.

Several full-color brochures from other jurisdictions and Masonic organizations were reviewed. The committee concluded that this type of publication would be an important addition to the on-going efforts to communicate the Masonic mission to the brethren, friends and prospective members. As there is not an up-to-date brochure available, the committee decided to pursue the development and funding of such a brochure.

The committee is also exploring the possibility of producing a twelve to fifteen minute video on Nebraska Masonry, which could (1) highlight the Masonic

Band at the annual Shrine Bowl football game, (2) cornerstone layings, (3) Masonic charities as well as the importance of (4) local lodge activities.

The Grand Lodge was called upon to lay a number of cornerstones in 1997. W. Kenneth D. Beebe, Grand Marshal, directed the following ceremonies:

May 3	Modified ceremony, Tangier Temple
May 31	Benkelmen swimming pool, Benkelmen
June 7	Sidney airport, Sidney
June 14	Modified ceremony, North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln
September 13	North Platte Senior Center, North Platte
September 20	Modified ceremony Gering Courthouse, Gering
September 20	F.S.A. Office, Scottsbluff
October 10	Alliance Public Library, Alliance

The Public Relations Committee will continue to meet and formulate plans during 1998. Any input from our brethren would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Carter, 281

Michael E. Jones, 51 & 73

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 year started by meeting with the representatives of our three Masonic Youth Groups. We met with state youth and adult leaders to discuss how our committee may support their membership and for them to interact/communicate with each other. This was perhaps the first time that the three groups have gathered to exchange thoughts and ideas. Items discussed included just a sincere effort by we adults to support our youth groups, others required a financial commitment. Both became difficult to implement within the year, however we continue to work on them and have requested additional funds in the 1998 budget. All did concur that we should continue to meet each year at Grand Lodge. We will do so.

Our youth continue to accept leadership roles and to become involved within their communities, churches, schools, etc. Our Grand Lodge continues to sponsor scholarships of \$750 to outstanding members of each of our three Masonic Youth Organizations, plus this year we planned to award an additional scholarship to the group submitting the most applications on a per capita basis. These scholarships were presented by our Grand Lodge Officers at the annual State 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 greatly appreciate the

opportunities they experience and, with a little encouragement and support, will undoubtedly continue their Masonic Commitment.

This year six applications were received from DeMolay, nine from Job's Daughters and none from the Order of Rainbow. Each were extremely great submittals and all submittals are deserving of a scholarship. In light of the applications received, two scholarships were presented for each of the youth groups submitting. Applications are sent, by the Grand Lodge, directly to the adult leaders of each Chapter, Assembly and Bethel in the State.

Scholarships for Job's Daughters were presented to Tawnya Sue Arnold - Bethel No. 62, Lincoln and Heather Marie Reno - Bethel No. 63, Lincoln. Scholarships for DeMolay were presented to Jason Bradley Wood - Eiche Chapter, Lincoln and Joshua James Johnson - Alliance Chapter, Alliance.

Tawnya Arnold is a Past Honored Queen. During her more than 5 years of membership, she has held many offices, served on many committees and participated in the many activities of her Bethel. She has assisted with many functions of the Masons and Eastern Star. Attending and participating in Grand Session occupied each summer of her membership. Tawnya is active in her church and serves her community through Nebraska Special Olympics, Nebraska AIDS Project, Junior Achievement, Nebraska Council of Youth, Explorers, Bethesda Nursing Home Volunteer, Senior Citizens Treats, 4-H, Dare Role Model, HOBY, etc. School activities include Future Business Leaders of America, School Clubs, tennis, golf, council, Homecoming representative, National Honor Society, Tutor, Presidential classroom, United States Academic Academy, Students Against Drunk Driving, etc. Working at Misty's Restaurant and Hy-Vee helped to keep her busy. All of this while achieving a 3.89 grade average and receiving many honors and awards. Letters of recommendation were very complimentary and supportive. Tawnya plans to study economics at William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri or Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Heather Reno is a past Honored Queen and was also Sweetheart of Eiche Chapter, Order of DeMolay. During her 7 years of membership she had many offices, lead and served on many committees. The list of Bethel Activities and Masonic and Star functions, in which she participated, filled several pages. She has regularly participated in Grand and Supreme functions (attended Supreme in Australia). Church activities are among her list of Activities. Community activities involve: HIKE, People's City Mission, Lincoln Food Bank, City/County Health Department, Shriners Hospital, Children's Museum, Meals on Wheels and Nebraska Osteoporosis Coalition. School activities are extensive including: Newspaper Editor, Yearbook Editor, Lincoln Public Schools Journalism Contest, Squires and Squirettes (swing choir), Knight Sounds (swing choir), Court Choir, Drama Club, Nebraska High School Press Association, Bel Conto, Psychology Club, POWER Club, Nebraska Conference of Youth, Nebraska Council of Youth, National Honor Society, Cornhusker Girls State, Teen Voices, Nebraska Junior Miss Pageant, etc. Heather has received many honors, awards and letters while earning a 3.74 grade average and working at

Wiese Research Associates and Wolfe, Snowden, Hard, Luers and Ahl. She plans to major in Psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Jason Wood is a Past Master Councilor. He has held many offices and served many committees during his DeMolay membership. He participates in many chapter and state activities. Serving dinners, helping with the Shrine Circus, assisting with installations and painting parking lot stripes are among his Masonic Family activity involvements. He has been very active in his church reading scriptures, Sunday School, youth group and church basketball team. Community activities include the City Mission, cleaning bike trails and highways, food drives, etc. Debate Team/Debate Club, National Honor Society, National Bicentennial Competition, and Lincoln Youth Symphony are among his school activities. He has received many honors and awards, including being an Eagle Scout. He has signed over twenty petitions for membership in DeMolay and was elected as State Junior Councilor at the 1996 Nebraska State Conclave. Jason has earned a 3.7 grade average. He has served as an umpire for little league baseball, referee for YMCA basketball and worked as a stocker for Hy-Vee. Majoring in Political Science at Nebraska Wesleyan University is Jason's continuing education plan.

Joshua Johnson is a Past Master Councilor, has held many offices, led and served on many Chapter committees. Chapter activity participation has been high on his priority list and is very extensive. State activities have also filled a very important role in his activities, as well as regular participation in church activities. Community activities include YMCA Board of Directors, Box Butte County Family Focus Coalition Board, YMCA Intramural Basketball League Captain, "Adopt-a-Mile", etc. He has also been very involved in his school: football quarterback, V. P. of Class of 1997, Academic Decathlon, "A" Club, Junior Bank Board, School Newspaper, Marching/Concert band, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Joshua has earned many honors and awards. A lot of people are very proud of him as he has earned a B+ average. Josh worked as a grounds keeper for the Community First State Bank, YMCA Supervisor, Alliance Parks Department and House of Photography. He plans to study Journalism and Mass Communications, majoring in Advertising at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

All fifteen youth submitting applications are GREAT examples of the future of our Masonic family. Their essays state that they are proud of their Masonic relationships and are grateful for the opportunities they receive.

The youth groups were invited to speak to the members of the Masonic Band this year. They also continue to be invited to have promotional tables at Grand Lodge, thanks for your support. We continue our efforts to photograph the three state youth leaders and to display the photograph in the Grand Lodge Office.

Our report is concluded by again encouraging and thanking all Masons and their lodges for all they do 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, 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, 55, 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

V. Kaye Ramsey, 290 & 317, Chairman

In this past year, the committee has continued to deal with issues caused by the actions in March 1996 of the Bishop of the Lincoln Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, in which various Masonic bodies were unfairly maligned. Since the current chairman of this committee was Grand Master in 1996, this committee has made every effort to stay abreast of these issues. During the year, the committee has responded to several individual Masons who have written to the Grand Lodge voicing their concerns on the matter. We have responded individually to each person. In the press and in the public arena, the 1996 actions of the Diocese have largely disappeared from view. However, we do hear on occasion from individual Masons who are feeling the effects of this matter within their local parishes (where under the jurisdiction of the Lincoln Diocese).

We do wish to thank Richard E. Fletcher, PGM Vermont and Executive Director of the Masonic Service Association for his help in providing excellent support in responding to misinformation about Masonry. The MSA's Masonic Information Center has a number of publications relating to Freemasonry and Religion, and they are available through the Grand Lodge office.

The committee remains available to assist lodges or members with the issues regarding Freemasonry and Religion.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven F. Mattoon, 75
Fr. Donald F. Davidson, 26
Rev. John F. Dale, 126
V. Kaye Ramsey, 290 & 317, Chairman

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

It is again my pleasure on behalf of the Board of Directors, and the dedicated staff of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, to inform you that the Home is operating smoothly and efficiently because of the excellent manner in which Ben Harvey and his staff function as they provide a fine place to live, work and play for our resident children. Members of Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters of Nebraska can be very proud of the facilities and operation of their Children's Home. Our primary concern is the nurturing and

development of the children who become residents under our guidance and care. Every decision we make concerning the Home is governed or influenced by what's good to "grow" the children.

Our Long Range Plan for the Home, "Improvement with Change," envisioned in 1980 and begun in 1986 as sufficient funds became available, is nearly complete. The last major contracts for replacement fence and concrete have been let, and work will begin shortly and completed in the spring. Tree planting will follow as required. It is our plan to enter our 83rd year of operation at this location young in heart and appearance. All during our construction period, at times requiring major expenditures, we have continued to add to our Endowment Fund by careful allocation of funds, and at the same time staying within our operating budget.

Our Board Finance Committee members meet bi-monthly in Omaha with two brokers in tele-conference with our Financial Adviser M.:W.:B.: James N. DeMoss, PGP to review our investment portfolio. We all are dedicated to the same philosophy of frequent review, with careful and safe investment of funds, to secure the present and the future of the Home. In addition, through the Board's budgeting process, we endeavor to return for investment a portion of earned income annually to insure the continued growth of those funds. Masonic Lodge 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: All Nebraska Masons

Dear Brethren:

In this ninety-fifth year of the existence of The Nebraska Masonic Home it is my privilege and responsibility to present a brief accounting of the past year's operation.

Again 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 our annual meeting.

We were shocked at our November Board meeting to receive the resignation of Arthur Sharp, Executive Director, effective January 2, 1998. Citing pressing family health problems, Art who is 66, decided it was in the best interest of his family to retire from the work he thoroughly enjoyed. Art, who was trained in personnel, had been a Trustee of The Home. He was familiar with the problems entailed in responsibility for its operation. Art has been a dedicated Director of The Home which has prospered under his leadership. I commend him highly for 10 years of distinguished service to our Home and Masonry. He was held in such high regard by his associates in the Masonic Home Executives Association of North America that he was elected to their Board of Directors and was later elected to vice president and then president-elect of that Association. He was to assume the presidency of that group at its meeting this June. It was for this reason that we fully expected him to serve another two years as our Executive Director.

Art's sudden decision to retire created an immediate emergency. Fortunately, our Assistant Director is thoroughly familiar with all of the duties and responsibilities entailed in that particular office. Mary Stapp who has a Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Management, started work with The Home as a staff nurse 24 years ago last October. She has served as LPN Supervisor, later as Administrative Assistant, and for the last 10 years she has been charged with the day-to-day operation of The Home as Assistant Director. Art, for the last several years, has involved Mary in all major decisions of management. Art assures us that she is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the Executive Director and has highly recommended her to succeed him.

At our last Trustee meeting we instructed the Personnel Committee to secure a resume from Mary, to interview her, and if convinced that she could handle the duties involved, to so recommend to the Executive Committee of the Board. They did so and recommended her to the Executive Committee who approved her appointment as Executive Director as authorized by a vote of the Board of Trustees. Personally, I am convinced that Mary is the best qualified person we could find at the present time for this position and in view of my observation of her activities as Assistant Director, particularly her public relations, I am convinced that she will be a very successful Executive Director.

Since our last annual meeting Les Seiler, an attorney at Hastings, Nebraska, replaced John McHenry on the Board of Trustees and Jack Price, of Omaha, replaced Jerry Rittenburg. All Trustees whose terms are expiring at this meeting are being nominated for re-election.

Our budget for 1997-1998 is \$4,021,600. This is an increase of \$121,400 or 3 percent over last year. \$94,900 of this amount, however, is for capital improvements so this increase is extremely minimal. The estimated revenue other than from our Foundation is \$1,706,400 leaving a net to be raised from other sources of \$2,315,200. The estimated income from our Foundation is \$1,817,125.40 leaving an estimated shortfall of \$498,074.60 which must come from the principal of the fund.

Once again I remind you that The Nebraska Masonic Home is the main Masonic charity of Nebraska Masons. Every Nebraska Mason contributes \$2 of his dues for the support of The Home. As of January 1, 1997 there were 20,023 Nebraska Masons so the amount received by The Home from Nebraska Masons from this source was \$40,046 which is less than 1 percent of our budget. We pay the Grand Lodge office \$10,000 for the work they do for The Home 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 Trustees from other sources. This means that we need the full support of every Nebraska Mason.

At the last annual meeting I advised you of the urgent need to add an Alzheimer's Unit as well as a need for some major improvements to The Home. Our Executive Director will undoubtedly tell you that we have been preparing our staff for the problems involved in caring for Alzheimer's patients.

Our Board's project committee recommended following the annual meeting that we proceed with construction of an Alzheimer's Unit upon certain conditions. They were authorized to hire HDR Associates' to do the preliminary work for the architectural sketches. At the April meeting HDR Associates project engineer gave a presentation of preliminary plans and estimated the cost of the projected improvements at \$6 million. Further discussion was delayed on plans until the May meeting for a discussion of a financial model. It became apparent at that meeting that we could not reduce our endowment by \$6 million without seriously compounding our financial problems. Further action was then delayed pending plans for an extensive fund drive which I hope will be underway in the immediate future. Even then we cannot proceed unless we separate the Alzheimer's Unit from the rest of the project until we raise at least \$2 million. We now have approximately \$650,000 in our Alzheimer's Fund.

It is for the above reasons that I urge each Masonic family to include The Nebraska Masonic Home in their annual charitable donations. We are a non-profit corporation and your gifts are tax deductible if you itemize your deductions. I specifically urge you to include The Nebraska Masonic Home in your last will and testament. If you do so, your gift will continue your support of The Nebraska Masonic Home long after you have entered your eternal home.

In the case of a gift during your lifetime, if you give The Home an asset such as a stock certificate you receive the present value of the gift as a contribution to a non-profit corporation and have no liability for the capital gains. In this period of increasing stock valuations some individuals have found it advisable to give The Home stock in which they have accumulated a considerable capital gain rather than giving cash. In this way they get the full present value of the stock and avoid paying the capital gains tax.

The major storm which hit northeast Nebraska did not miss The Home. The excess rain caused our parking lot to cave in. The parking lot had been built over the debris from the original Home which was torn down when we built our 1924 Wing of our existing building. We also suffered extensive tree damage. One large apple tree fell over. One large branch, 14 inch diameter and 40 feet

long, broke off and fell onto a natural gas distribution station on the southwest property. This caused a gas leak, and the gas company asked us to shut off the gas for about 24 hours while the repair was made. This was not a problem as we ran the boiler and generators on our alternative fuel supply. As it turned out we are not supplied by the station that was hit by the fallen tree. In a worst case scenario, I am advised we could have continued to operate up to ten days without gas or electricity. We can operate indefinitely as long as a truck can deliver diesel fuel to our storage tank. Referring again to the storm damage, about three out of every five trees received minor damage to limbs from the heavy snow. Due to the annual pruning we fared much better than other properties which do not employ a planned tree pruning program.

At our September meeting we decided to hold a full-day retreat away from The Home without distractions of any nature to fully discuss all policy matters and our Board mission. We did so at an Omaha location on October 14. We devoted this full day to a frank discussion of the immediate and long-range plans of The Home to see if we were meeting our objective of providing a home dedicated to enhancing the quality of life by offering a continuum of care through gracious independent living and quality healthcare to eligible Nebraska Masons and their female relatives. We concluded that our duty of stewardship was to be certain that The Nebraska Masonic Home

- a. created an environment that encourages employees to constantly strive for excellence
- b. was a leader in the healthcare industry for the people served
- c. provided service with integrity, dignity, and compassion
- d. was financially responsible.

This meeting was so successful that we plan early this year to hold another planning retreat which will include not only all Trustees but our Home and Foundation Executive Directors.

Our census for the last three years has been averaging somewhere in the low to middle 90's. This is about to change with the changes being made in Medicare with home healthcare services starting January 1, 1998. Medicare is severely cutting back on the services it will pay for. This will force some healthcare patients into nursing homes unless they are financially able to pay the provider for the care they are now receiving which will not be paid for by medicare. I am not being critical of Medicare. A cursory study would suggest the care providers were charging what seemed to me to be excessive rates and possibly rendering some unnecessary services.

I am especially grateful to Arthur Sharp, our Executive Director; our Assistant Director, Mary Stapp; our Controller, Robert Kenney; and our Administrative Assistant, Christine Abbott as well as to 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 hands.

We are involved with litigation with the Internal Revenue Service to recover the inheritance tax the IRS levied on our portion of the Palmer Estate. The rule was drawn without a careful study of ways to avoid questions about tax exemptions for charitable gifts. Our attorneys Baird and Holm have been very diligently presenting our position in the Federal District Court at Lincoln. The matter has been submitted to the District Judge who will probably be deciding the matter within the next 60 days.

I am pleased with the way Jerry Rittenburg, the Executive Director of our Foundation, has taken hold. He has attended several fund raising seminars and is fairly well indoctrinated to the problems involved in his position. He has made several visits to lodges and star chapters to talk about The Home and is available to provide a program for any group desirous of learning about the services available to Nebraska Masons and their female relatives. Jerry will give a report of his activities at this meeting. His report will include all contributions and bequests of \$500 or above received since January 1, 1997.

I take this opportunity to thank the Grand Master, his Grand Lodge officers, particularly the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Junior Warden as well as the office staff for the support and help they have given us this year. The Grand Master who has had a very busy and difficult year has always been available and willing to serve wherever he could be helpful to The Masonic Home.

I am particularly grateful to our Trustees for the way they have taken hold this year. All of them especially Marlo Burg, James Erixon, and Gary Radil have been more active this year than ever before. Nineteen ninety-eight will be an important year in the development of The Home. Our Trustees will be more involved than ever. The stewardship they have assumed as Trustees is a labor of love which requires them to contribute of their substance as well as their time. They definitely are living up to their spiritual as well as their Masonic obligations.

Finally, I express the appreciation of the Trustees to all of the individuals, lodges, appendant bodies, and groups that have helped to make this year a joyous and pleasant one for The Home residents. I suggest to all who read this report that they urge their friends to visit The Home if they have not done so. They will see the wonderful job being done by our staff. I am sure they will be interested in helping with this outstanding program.

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

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Nebraska Masonic Home
Plattsmouth, Nebraska

The past ten years have indeed been a busy and exciting time for all of the staff of The Nebraska Masonic Home. One of the primary goals with which I was

charged in 1988 was to bring The Nebraska Masonic Home into the twentieth century and prepare for the twenty-first century. This we have done without ever sacrificing the outstanding resident care for which we have long been noted. I would like to give a huge thank you to the Board of Trustees for their continued support and understanding. It has truly been a labor of love to work in such a fine organization as this. Under the leadership of President Spencer, The Home has had a dynamic last ten years.

I would especially like to thank the Board for their stance on the continuing education of the staff and their employees. It is this continuous updating of knowledge and practice that allows The Nebraska Masonic Home to "lead the field" in care of the aged and infirmed Nebraska Masons and their eligible female relatives. The ongoing education in Alzheimer's care as well as all phases of nursing care is an integral part of our in-house educational process each year.

I would also be remiss if I did not give a high commendation to our management staff. Any success we have achieved during the past ten years is a direct result of their hard work and dedication. I cannot imagine having a finer staff to work with than the one we have here at The Home. Their loyalty and devotion to the residents is deserving of my highest praise. I would encourage the Board to tell each and every staff member they see what a fine job we think they are doing and how much we appreciate it. It would mean a great deal to them.

In my annual report to the Board of Trustees in 1994 I encouraged the Board to look closely and take action on some of the many new innovations in health care reform such as home health care. Just two years ago this was a wide open field waiting for caregivers to fill the gap. Now the field is full of "for profit" home health care agencies who are taking the cream off the top of the field. I would encourage the Board in the future to listen carefully to what the staff of The Home has to say and perhaps even have a Board member who would be selected jointly by the President of the Board and the Executive Director act as a liaison person to work closely with the Executive Director and the staff to insure that we are not passing up any opportunities to perhaps reduce the deficit at which we operate each year.

The Executive Director has in the past and will continue to do a great deal of reading to keep abreast of the latest trends in the industry. The information gleaned from this reading should not be ignored by the Board of Trustees. My greatest fear for the future of The Nebraska Masonic Home is that we will not take advantage of the new innovations in the health care field until the extreme need for them is past.

I would like to express a very special thank you to Mrs. Mary Stapp, Assistant Director of our Home, for the many extra hours of devoted service she has given to the successful operation of The Masonic Home. She is truly dedicated to providing the very best of care to our residents and will serve The Home well as Executive Director.

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, Mrs. Rosie Gonzales, and Ms. Glenda Seydlitz are also deserving of our gratitude for the outstanding job they do in providing leadership for our various functions and departments which are necessary for the operation of a facility such as ours. Teamwork is very apparent as they constantly search for ways to be more responsive to the needs of our residents.

I would also like to give a special thank you to our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Ken Fleming, for his support as well as that of the Grand Lodge officers. Thanks also are extended to the staff at the Grand Lodge office for their helpfulness.

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 \$8,000 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, and appendant bodies 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 and the visit from Santa Claus in December.
- 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 Plattsmouth Area Ministerial Association for their dedication to providing our weekly church services and for being available to our residents for spiritual counseling when needed. Their services are truly appreciated.
- to Mrs. Ann Wells, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Robert Rhodes, 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.
- 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.

It has truly been a pleasure for me to serve The Nebraska Masonic Home for the last ten years. Thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur R. Sharp

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation

To: Harry A. Spencer, President, and the Board of Directors of The Nebraska Masonic Foundation

I am pleased and very proud to present this report to you at this Annual Meeting of Directors of The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation.

The first priority of 1997 was to establish an office for the Foundation at The Nebraska Masonic Home. The old administrative office, just inside the front door, was selected as the most visible location. Office furniture was purchased along with a computer and other necessary equipment. In June, a secretary, Ginger Tuttle, was employed to handle routine correspondence and other administrative duties within the office.

The year started with a number of specific objectives to be accomplished. An important objective was to make as many presentations to Lodges and Star Chapters as possible. Letters were written to each Worshipful Master and Worthy Matron offering a program about The Nebraska Masonic Home. During the year I made 28 presentations at various masonic gatherings and assisted with The Home's booth at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. Art Sharp and Mary Stapp also made several presentations during the year. There is potential for many more presentations to increase the awareness of The Home and the many services offered. A large number of members of the craft have never visited The Home. Many of our members and their eligible female relatives are still not aware of The Home having apartments or that "pay basis" is an option.

During the year I attended two fund raising schools sponsored by the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy. Tuition for these schools was part of my severance package from my previous employer. The first was a three day school held in Saint Joseph, Missouri and the second was for five days in Atlanta, Georgia. The schools were beneficial and provided valuable information about several methods of raising funds, the best methods and special promotions others have used successfully. The same person instructed at both sessions and some of the same material was covered at both locations.

A necessary objective for the year was to develop a database of donors and prospective donors, for special mailings and for use in future fund raising efforts. A database has been established and used for one mailing of nearly two thousand addresses. The fields are in place to accumulate additional donor information as it becomes available. Reports and queries are being generated from the database with detail or summarized information based on various criteria.

The Foundation office has provided one or more articles for each issue of *The Nebraska Mason* and the *Hourglass* during the past year. Beginning in December the Foundation office assumed the responsibility for *The Home's* pages in *The Nebraska Mason*. The March, 1998 issue of the *Hourglass* will be the first edition planned and published by the Foundation. The transition of moving these functions from *The Home* to the Foundation is now complete. This has been a learning experience and will continue to be for some time to come.

Two projects nearing completion are the printing of a new brochure for *The Home* and establishing *The Home's* web page on the Internet. The brochure is at the printers and will be completed within the next few days. Soon after the printing is completed the same information and pictures will become a part of the web page. Arrangements have been made to have a non-profit organization host the web page at no cost to *The Home*. As soon as we know the web page address it will be included in the *Hourglass* and articles in *The Nebraska Mason*.

The Caring Club recognition dinner was held at *The Home* on August 9, with a delicious meal prepared and served by the dietary staff of *The Home*. Following the presentation of plaques and clocks, a special presentation was made to the Ritualistic Divan of Sesostri Temple of the Shrine for their contribution of a parade trailer. This trailer will allow *The Home* to take part in several local parades and community activities. Following brief remarks by Board President Harry A. Spencer there was a short program in the chapel. The Caring Club had contributions exceeding \$71,000 for the year, which ended with the dinner. We are deeply grateful to all of the friends of *The Home* for their generosity and continuing interest and concern. For the 1997/1998 year the annual appeal letter was mailed in mid November with a follow-up sent on December 19. As this is written, we have received \$35,986. Everyone contributing \$250 or more are invited and encouraged to attend the annual recognition dinner. The date for the next Caring Club dinner is pending approval by the Board of Directors.

This year many very good and dear friends of *The Home* saw fit to remember *The Home* either with gifts directly to *The Home* or through a bequest at the time of their death. These contributions are very important not only to the daily operation of *The Home* but to building the endowment fund for the future. Some of those who remembered *The Home* in their wills this year were: Maude M. Hollingshead, Beulah G. Palmer, Pearle G. Ruby, Myrtle M. Brinklow, Carl Ziler, Pearl A. Bylund, Alice Degner, Lauraine Linder, Stella M. Petersen, Ira Davis, Leonard Burley, Constance Roberts, Irving F. Wiltse, George E. Williams, Lillie B. Murphy, F. Lucille Brooks, Bedrick Wanek and Darrell V. Owens. Although some of the estates have not been closed *The Home* has received over \$134,000 this year through the generosity of these individuals.

Others making substantial direct contributions to *The Home* were: Earl Hinzie, Robert Hobart, Darold Jordan, Elizabeth Kemerling, Robert May, Mike & Mary Stapp, Don & Jane Tague, John Taulborg, Naomi & Art Tribel, Ken & Corky Fleming, Harry A. Spencer, Jack & Betty Hendrix, Harold & Virginia Hultman, Dorothy Holland, Robert Meisinger, Ella Shirley, Barbara & Fred Denckla, Zelma Miller, Washington Lodge, Evening Star Lodge, Lon & Cherie Lowrey,

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, The Heuermann Foundation, McCook York Rite, the James Foundation, the Scottish Rite Foundation and too many others to name. The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation is very grateful for every contribution that helps to assure the future of The Home.

The establishment of a "Fund Raising Committee" during 1997, from within the membership of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation, will be very helpful in the pursuit of generating additional funds. To assure the perpetuation of the 94 year tradition of Masons taking care of other Masons and their families will require a strategy and long range plan. The Fund Raising Committee will assure the continuity of purpose and frequent review of these plans.

The past year has been very rewarding for me personally.

Rewarding in being associated, on a daily basis, with the staff and residents of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

The frequent contact with several members of The Board of Directors and experiencing their willingness to get involved in a very time consuming and meaningful way to assist my endeavors.

The opportunities to represent The Home at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Annual Session of Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and the many Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters.

There have also been a few frustrations.

Discovering how little I knew about the daily operations of The Home.

Also, in discovering how much time can be spent on a project that may never come to fruition.

In total the rewards have far out weighed the frustrations associated with this undertaking.

In closing I wish to thank President Harry A. Spencer and members of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation for this opportunity to serve The Home and the Masons of Nebraska. I also wish to give a special thank you to Arthur R. Sharp, Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home for his assistance and understanding. That thank you should also include Mary Stapp and the entire staff at The Home. Without exception, they are selfless and completely devoted to the residents of The Home. I have never been associated with a group of people that have such a dedication to a single purpose. That purpose being the welfare of the residents of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Rittenburg, Executive Director
The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation

St. John The Baptist Lodge of Research

Father Arsenios Coolik, 317 & 330

This year our lodge members presented a variety of presentations on Masonic traditions, both within the lodge and in other lodges and Masonic bodies.

Brother Seraphim Weber gave a presentation on the history of the Knights Templar, and their possible and likely connections with Freemasonry. This talk was further enhanced by a slide presentation.

Worshipful Master Arsenios Coolik and Brother Macarius Washburn gave numerous presentations on Masonic history and music. They gave presentations on Chartres Cathedral, Masonry and the American Revolution and the history of Masonic music at one of the Lincoln lodges and also expanded versions of these presentations at the annual convocation of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in Appleton, Wisconsin. Brother Washburn spoke on Masonic music and demonstrated it at the Scottish Rite's annual Fellowship Night at the Feast of Tishri in Omaha.

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 the "Music for the Masonic Degrees" tape set in their catalog.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

Dwight E. Smith, 205, Chairman

As a result of the approval of Resolution No. 1, Section 2-1002 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

"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."

As a result of the approval of Resolution No. 3, the following paragraph is added to Sec. 1-304 — JURISPRUDENCE and also to Sec. 1-502 — AMENDMENTS, of the Grand Lodge Bylaws:

"The Committee for Jurisprudence shall review all resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary which shall include requests 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."

As a result of the approval of Resolution No. 5, Section 3-102 (g) of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3-102 — ENUMERATED — Masonic offenses shall consist of, but be limited to:...

(g) Making application to, or joining any lodge, society, or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, and Master Mason, provided that this inhibition shall not apply to York or Scottish Rite bodies, the Order of Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, National Federated Craft, Allied Masonic Degrees, the National Sojourners, the Past Grand Masters Association, the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, High Twelve International, Inc., Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatus, or to organizations which do not require the taking of any obligation and which do not have any secret ritual or ceremony."

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 1, Section 1-203 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 1-203 — THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME — The Grand Master, and in his absence from the meetings, the Deputy Grand Master or the ranking Grand Warden shall represent the Grand Lodge at all meetings of The Nebraska Masonic Home."

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 2, Section 1-327 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 1-327 — LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE — The Lodge Advisory Committee shall consist of five (5) members, each to serve for a period of five years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. It shall be the duty of the Committee to advise and work with any subordinate Lodge which appears to be losing ground or experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active and progressive program. It shall also be the duty of this Committee to process all applications to surrender Charters and no Charter may be surrendered except upon the recommendation of this Committee."

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 3, Section 2-701 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2-701 — SUPPLIES — Each new subordinate lodge on being chartered shall be furnished by the Grand Lodge, through the Grand Secretary, and under the direction of the Grand Master, without charge a starting supply of the following items; demits, diplomas, orders on the Treasurer, Secretary's Receipt Book, Monitor, Ceremonies, Constitution & Bylaws, Secretary's Handbook, Dues Notices, and Delinquent Dues Notices."

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 4, Section 1-307 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 1-307 — MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE — The Masonic Memorial Service Committee shall assist the Grand Chaplain in preparing a suitable Necrology Ceremony to be presented at each Annual Communication. The committee shall build and maintain a list of those brothers proficient in giving the Funeral Oration. Said list will be furnished to the Grand Lodge Office so that they may help lodges with arrangements for Memorial Services when needed."

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 5, Section 1-310 — MASONIC EDUCATION; Section 1-322 — PUBLIC RELATIONS; and Section 1-328 — MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE are amended to read as follows:

A second paragraph is added to Section 1-310, a subparagraph "c" is added to Section 1-322, and a second paragraph is added to Section 1-318, with the text of the added paragraphs to read as follows:

"The Masonic Education Committee, the Public Relations Committee and the Membership Committee shall meet at a date and location to be set by mutual agreement amongst the chairs of the three Committees, but not later than April 15 of each year to (1) review the activities of the three Committees for the previous Masonic year, (2) to formulate and coordinate goals, plans and programs for the current Masonic year, (3) consider the budget needs of the Committees and available resources, both monetary and personnel to accomplish the goals, plans and programs to be implemented. The Grand Master and such officers as the Grand Master may direct shall meet with the aforesaid three Committees to provide assistance and guidance in helping the Committees to accomplish their collective and their individual goals, plans and programs in concert with those of the Grand Master and his officers."

R.: 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 NO. 1

Be it resolved that Section 2-1202 of the bylaws of this jurisdiction be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2-1202 — NUMBER OF CANDIDATES — No subordinate lodge shall enter, pass, or raise more than one candidate at the same time, without the prior written approval of the Grand Master, but the lecture and charge may be given jointly to any number; provided, however, nothing in this section shall limit the number of candidates for the second section of the Fellow Craft Degree."

RESOLUTION NO. 2

"Be it resolved that the Annual Per Capita in Section 2-601 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be increased one dollar (\$1.00) for use by the Grand Lodge General Operating Fund. This is necessary because it is apparent that future operating costs will increase."

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

M.: W.: Past Grand Master James L. "Sonny" Eatmon made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.: W.: Kenneth G. Fleming.



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

Following the prayer, M.: W.: Grand Master Kenneth G. Fleming then closed the 141st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in ample form.

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of
Grand Lodge**

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



**Kearney, Nebraska
February 5, 6 & 7, 1998**

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

- M.: W.: Kenneth G. Fleming GRAND MASTER
- R.: W.: Don E. Rasmussen..... Deputy Grand Master
- R.: W.: Dwight E. Smith Grand Senior Warden
- R.: W.: James F. Brown, Jr. Grand Junior Warden
- R.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn Grand Secretary
- V.: W.: Eugene C. Sibley Grand Chaplain
- W.: Keith Barrett Grand Orator
- W.: John T. Parsons Grand Historian
- W.: Augustine S. "Gus" Scolaro Grand Custodian
- W.: Ken D. Beebe Grand Marshal
- W.: Philip A. Lorenzen Grand Senior Deacon
- W.: Michael E. Jones Grand Junior Deacon
- W.: Byron Hust Grand Senior Steward
- W.: Dale W. Anderson Grand Junior Steward
- W.: Keith E. Yocum..... Grand Tyler

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Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge

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- HARRY A. SPENCER, 227, 184..... (99th) 1964
1500 Crestview Drive, Lincoln 68506
- DONALD R. SWANSON, 54 (109th)..... 1974
1615 South 44th, Lincoln 68506
- HAROLD HULTMAN, 39..... (110th)..... 1975
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- JACK H. HENDRIX, 174..... (113th)..... 1978
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- WARREN D. LICHTY, JR., 314..... (114th)..... 1979
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- PAUL R. PIERCE, 50..... (117th)..... 1982
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- BEVIN B. BUMP, 158..... (118th)..... 1983
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- ROBERT A. METCALF, 210 (119th)..... 1984-85
1440 Imperial Drive, Lincoln 68506
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1706 Hillside Drive, Omaha 68114
- WAYNE G. LUENENBORG, 32, 39 (121st)..... 1987
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- 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
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- DONALD L. POHLMAN, 41 (127th)..... 1993
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GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

(Per § 1-301 of Grand Lodge Bylaws)

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 Rev. John F. Dale, 126, PO Box 292, Stromsburg 68666-0292, 402-764-8270

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 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
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 Abbot George Burke, 317 (1999), RR 1 Box 75, Geneva 68361, 402-759-4952
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 Wm. Larry Jacobsen, 327 (1999), 5149 S. 77th Ave., Ralston 68127, 402-397-1309

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John E. Carter, 281 (2002), 6902 N. 31st Ave., Omaha 68112, 402-455-0751
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

Membership (§1-328: 5 members)

- Chm. Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848-1005, 308-237-9234
- Don Jelinek, 54 & 289, 311 Dale Dr., Lincoln 68510, 402-488-3976
- James E. Chapin, 327, 9356 Parker, Omaha 68114, 402-342-4726
- Dennis H. Brydl, 287 & 314, 2510 Kessler Blvd., Lincoln 68502, 402-423-6982
- Cullen F. Pilker, 39, 8916 Park View Blvd., LaVista 68128, 402-331-1791

Youth (§1-326: 3 to 5 members)

- Chm. Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327, 9411 Corby, Omaha 68134, 402-397-7669
- Bruce D. Curtiss, 248 & 204, PO Box 697, Plainview 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

Ex-officio:

- State Master Councilor of DeMolary
- Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Job's Daughters
- Grand Worthy Advisor, Rainbow for Girls

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

- Chm. Dwight E. Smith, 205 (2000), 16950 Rd. 16, Chappell 69129, 308-874-2215
- Bruce D. Curtiss, 248 & 204 (1999), PO Box 697, Plainview 68769, 402-583-3838
- Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134 (1998), 233 S 13th St., Suite 1401, Lincoln 68508, 402-475-0651

Regular Committees

Grievances (§1-316: 3 to 5 members)

- Chm. James L. Eatmon, 294, PO Box 70, Kimball 69145, 308-235-4771
- Lester R. Seiler, 317, 848 N. 6th Ave., Hastings 68901-0188, 402-463-3125
- 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 Ave., 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
- William G. Hurst, 54, 450 S. 52nd St., Lincoln 68510, 402-479-4410

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

- Chm. Ken D. Beebe, 119, 1291 Old Lincoln Hwy, North Bend 68649-2011, 402-652-3380
- 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

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. Don E. Rasmussen, 82 & 135, 1327 W. 16th, Hastings 68901, 402-463-3864

(1997-1998)

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

(1997-1999)

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

Jon H. Yocom, 50 & 239, 805 Webster, Hastings 68901-4358, 402-462-8880

(1997-2000)

Larry Flohr, 205, PO Box 467, Chappell 69129, 308-874-2840

Steve Koenig, 167, PO Box 351, Elwood 68937-0351, 308-785-2912

Grand Lodge Social Committee

Chm. Marie Rasmussen, 1327 W. 16th, Hastings 68901, 402-463-3864

(1997-1998)

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

(1997-1999)

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

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

Ricki Yocom, 805 Webster, Hastings 68901, 402-462-8880

(1997-2000)

Janet Flohr, PO Box 467, Chappell 69129, 308-874-2840

Betty Koenig, PO Box 351, Elwood 68937-0351, 308-785-2912

Awards Committee

Chm. 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
Dean T. Dinklage, 114, 366 W Rd., Wisner 68791-3530, 402-529-3553
Mervin E. Ransom, Jr., 65, PO Box 618, Osceola 68651-0618, 402-747-3101
Roosevelt Howard, Jr., 323, 4616 60th St., Columbus 68601-8027, 402-564-0400

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. V. Kaye Ramsey, 14522 Patrick Ave., Omaha 68116, 402-498-2823
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

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

Monte K. Olmstead, 290, 10764 Grover Street, Omaha 68124-3654 1997
402-391-7081
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; 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, Millford; Lancaster #54, Lincoln;
East Lincoln #210, Lincoln; Hickman #256, Lincoln; Cotner #297,
Lincoln; Liberty #300, Lincoln

District #11

Michael G. Birnstihl, 314, 5811 Dobsons Rd., Lincoln 68516-3721 1997
402-488-2694
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
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

- Glenn W. Binder, 23 RR 1 Box 72, Pawnee City 68420
- 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
- Lynn Doty, 251 PO Box 173, Wausa 68786-0173
- Eugene C. Sibley, 54 5221 S. 67th Street, Lincoln 68516

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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination Of Dual		Other Causes	
1-Nebraska	2	0	2	2	255	3	1	0	5	0	0	9	0	6	15	0	0	0	21	243
2-Western Star	7	6	5	0	215	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	7	5	0	0	0	12	208
3-Capitol	2	2	2	0	168	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	5	4	0	0	0	10	161
4-Nemaha Valley	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	35
5-Omaha	7	1	8	0	176	8	1	0	2	0	0	11	0	8	6	0	0	0	14	173
6-Plattsmouth	13	0	13	0	280	13	1	0	0	0	0	14	1	13	1	1	0	0	16	278
9-Falls City	2	1	2	0	91	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	3	0	0	0	9	84
10-Salomon	2	1	2	0	79	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	77
11-Covert	15	1	13	2	621	13	3	0	8	0	0	24	0	17	10	0	0	0	27	618
14-Peru	2	0	2	0	43	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
15-Fremont	4	0	4	0	364	4	1	0	3	0	0	8	2	11	10	0	1	0	24	348
17-Tecumseh	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	53
19-Lincoln	8	3	7	2	307	7	0	0	1	0	1	9	0	10	4	0	0	0	14	302
21-Washington	2	1	2	1	129	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	126
23-Pawnee	2	1	2	0	74	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	70
25-St. Johns	0	0	0	0	193	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	4	0	0	0	6	189
26-Beatrice	3	0	3	1	234	4	0	2	1	0	0	7	0	5	4	0	0	0	9	232
27-Jordan	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
30-Blue River	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	42
31-Tekamah	1	0	2	0	211	2	0	1	2	0	0	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	7	209
32-Platte Valley	4	2	4	0	323	4	1	0	1	0	0	6	0	11	5	0	0	0	16	313
33-Ashlar	8	6	10	3	349	10	4	0	13	0	0	27	3	12	18	0	0	0	33	343
34-Acacia	0	0	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	93
35-Fairbury	0	0	0	0	93	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	89
36-Lone Tree	0	1	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	72
37-Crete	3	2	1	2	88	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	87
38-Oliver	0	0	0	1	70	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	67
39-Papillion	8	2	8	0	425	8	3	1	3	0	0	15	1	10	32	0	0	0	43	397
40-Humboldt	0	1	0	0	51	0	0	0	1	26	0	27	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	77
41-Northern Light	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	46

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43-Hebron	2	0	1	0	61	1	0	0	2	26	0	29	1	6	4	0	0	0	11	79
44-Harvard	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	33
46-Rob Morris	9	1	9	0	249	9	1	2	2	0	0	14	0	12	3	0	0	0	15	248
48-Fairmont	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	23
49-Evening Star	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	37
50-Hastings	5	1	4	0	240	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	13	2	0	0	0	16	227
51-Fidelity	1	4	4	1	44	4	0	2	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	48
52-Hiram	0	0	0	1	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	42
53-Charity	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	63
54-Lancaster	7	1	7	3	563	7	1	1	8	0	0	17	1	22	21	0	3	0	47	533
55-Mosaic	8	1	5	0	167	4	2	1	1	0	0	8	1	3	4	0	0	0	8	167
56-York	0	2	0	0	150	0	3	0	3	0	0	6	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	151
57-Mt. Moriah	0	0	0	2	46	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	45
59-Wahoo	0	0	1	0	123	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	4	121
60-Melrose	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	50	52	0
61-Thistle	1	0	1	0	157	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	4	4	0	0	0	9	151
62-Keystone	0	1	1	0	53	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	54
64-Blue Valley	5	0	5	0	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	48
65-Osceola	2	0	1	0	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	83
68-Aurora	4	0	3	0	57	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	58
72-Hooper	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	61
73-Friend	3	0	3	0	39	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	40
75-Frank Welch	4	1	4	0	178	5	1	0	11	0	0	17	1	8	14	0	2	0	25	170
77-Nelson	0	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	86
78-Albion	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	47
79-Geneva	6	0	2	0	116	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	115
81-Composite	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	57
82-St. Paul	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	68
83-Corinthian	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	34
87-Ionic	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	29

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89-Cedar River	0	0	0	1	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	46
91-Oakland	2	0	3	0	45	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	49
94-Bennett	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	30
95-Garfield	3	0	3	1	68	3	0	0	0	28	0	31	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	95
96-Utica	1	0	1	1	35	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	36
97-Euclid	1	0	1	0	83	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	82
98-Republican	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	24
102-Waterloo	7	0	4	0	146	4	1	0	2	0	0	7	0	2	6	0	0	0	8	145
103-Ord	0	0	0	1	66	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	4	4	0	0	0	8	64
104-Wymore	0	3	1	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	5	85
105-Stella	1	0	1	1	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	26	27	0
106-Porter	1	0	1	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	32
108-Table Rock	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	27
110-Pomegranate	0	1	0	1	144	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	7	3	0	0	0	11	136
111-DeWitt	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
112-Springfield	14	1	16	0	176	14	3	0	2	0	0	19	0	6	12	0	0	0	18	177
114-Wisner	2	0	2	0	56	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	55
119-North Bend	4	0	4	0	95	4	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	95
120-Wayne	6	2	4	1	147	4	1	0	1	0	0	6	1	3	2	0	0	0	6	147
121-Superior	1	0	0	0	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	84
124-Auburn	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	45
125-Mt. Nebo	1	0	1	0	27	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	27
126-Stromsburg	0	0	0	0	97	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	4	6	0	1	0	11	90
127-Minden	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	50
128-Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	46
132-Scribner	0	4	3	1	25	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	27
134-Solar	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	34
135-McCook	1	1	1	1	163	0	2	0	3	0	0	5	2	4	3	0	0	0	9	159
136-Long Pine	3	0	3	0	25	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
143-Crescent	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	22

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146-Jachin	1	0	1	0	108	1	0	0	1	50	0	52	1	9	4	0	0	0	14	146
148-Custer	6	0	4	0	156	4	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	6	2	0	0	0	9	152
154-Lily	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	45
158-Samaritan	2	0	2	0	107	2	0	1	1	0	0	4	1	6	2	0	0	0	9	102
159-Ogalalla	1	2	0	1	93	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	93
162-Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	30
164-Atkinson	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	43
165-Barneston	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
167-Elwood	0	1	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	36
170-Mason City	0	0	0	0	23	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	22
173-Robert Burns	1	1	2	0	42	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	43
174-Culbertson	1	1	2	0	43	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	45
177-Hay Springs	1	2	1	0	74	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	72
180-Justice	1	0	1	0	64	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	60
183-Alliance	10	1	10	0	216	10	0	2	1	0	0	13	1	4	2	0	1	0	8	221
184-Bee Hive	5	0	4	0	318	5	0	0	4	0	0	9	1	10	9	0	0	0	20	307
192-Minnekadusa	0	1	0	0	78	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	6	73
194-Highland	1	1	2	0	43	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	42
195-Arcano	1	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	2	0	0	0	9	61
198-Purity	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	60
200-Blazing Star	0	0	0	1	32	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	32
201-Scotts Bluff	1	0	1	0	146	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	2	0	0	0	8	139
204-Plainview	1	1	1	0	74	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	69
205-Golden Fleece	3	0	3	0	99	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	17	0	0	0	22	80
207-Parlan	0	1	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	30
209-Canopy	0	0	0	1	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	34
210-East Lincoln	5	6	8	1	529	8	1	0	10	0	0	19	1	18	15	0	0	0	34	514
211-Cement	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	54
216-Palisade	0	0	0	1	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	47
218-Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	54	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	49

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219-Relief	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	29
220-Magnolia	2	2	2	0	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
221-Wood Lake	2	0	2	0	77	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	76
222-Landmark	1	0	1	0	71	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	5	1	0	0	0	8	65
224-Silver Cord	2	1	1	2	113	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	7	109
227-North Star	3	1	2	0	212	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	6	1	1	0	11	204
228-Bartley	1	1	2	0	87	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	85
229-Comet	5	0	5	0	79	5	1	1	0	0	0	7	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	82
233-Gilead	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	14
234-Zion	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	44
236-Golden Rule	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
239-Friendship	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	56
241-Geo. Armstrong	0	0	0	0	30	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	29
248-Laurel	1	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	50
250-G. Washington	2	2	2	0	113	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	10	0	2	0	13	105
251-Wausa	3	1	5	0	52	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	55
256-Hickman	7	0	7	0	191	7	0	0	6	0	0	13	0	3	17	0	0	0	20	184
261-Ornan	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	29	0
263-Mitchell	1	0	0	0	83	0	3	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	85
264-Franklin	3	0	2	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	47
265-Robert W. Furnas	3	0	2	0	197	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	1	0	0	0	9	190
267-James A. Tulleys	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	36
268-Geo. W. Lininger	1	0	2	1	191	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	7	0	0	0	11	182
271-Oasis	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	74
274-Olive Branch	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	58
277-Sioux	0	1	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	0	0	0	8	25
279-Wallace	0	1	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	30
281-Florence	1	3	1	0	252	1	0	1	3	0	0	5	3	17	5	0	0	0	25	232
282-Mullen	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	20
284-Seneca	1	1	2	0	31	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33

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285-Camp Clarke	1	1	1	1	85	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	4	82		
286-Oshkosh	2	2	2	0	58	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	4	57		
287-Union	2	0	2	0	56	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	3	55		
288-Omaha	3	1	2	2	139	2	0	1	3	0	0	6	0	4	5	0	0	9	136		
289-Lotus	1	0	1	0	58	1	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	4	3	0	0	7	56		
290-John J. Mercer	4	2	5	3	616	4	1	0	9	0	1	15	1	26	28	0	1	56	575		
291-Diamond	0	0	0	0	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	80		
293-Monument	1	0	1	2	66	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	67		
294-Kimball	1	1	2	0	115	2	2	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	0	2	118		
297-Cotner	2	2	3	0	179	2	0	0	4	0	0	6	0	8	11	0	0	19	166		
298-Chester	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	26	28	0		
299-Sutherland	1	0	1	0	50	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	4	2	0	1	7	46		
300-Liberty	11	1	11	0	172	11	1	1	2	0	0	15	0	9	10	0	1	20	167		
302-Mizpah	1	2	1	1	367	1	1	0	11	0	1	14	3	11	13	0	0	27	354		
305-Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	34		
308-Perkins	2	0	2	0	42	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	43		
310-Victory	1	0	1	0	111	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	3	110		
311-Polk	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	31		
314-Craftsmen	9	0	9	1	293	8	1	0	0	0	0	9	2	9	2	0	0	13	289		
317-Mid-West	4	2	4	0	364	4	1	1	3	0	0	9	2	11	5	0	0	18	355		
320-College View	5	0	5	1	72	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	2	0	0	3	73		
323-Lebanon	4	3	4	1	130	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	1	4	0	0	5	131		
324-Cairo	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	5	28		
325-Bellevue	4	2	4	1	301	4	1	0	2	0	0	7	2	7	10	0	0	19	289		
326-Centennial	6	2	4	0	213	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	1	7	3	0	1	13	206		
327-Shiloh	1	0	2	1	150	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	5	0	0	6	146		
328-Miloma	1	0	1	0	209	1	0	0	7	0	0	8	2	0	23	0	0	25	192		
	347	118	340	53	19505	328	62	33	195	130	4	752	68	653	522	2	17	132	1394	18863	

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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
130th	1996	V. Kaye Ramsey	290, 317

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 November, 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. Birkoffer, 249	1923
◆ D. Horace Schall, 307	1923
◆ Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	1924
◆ William D. Edson, 53	1926
◆ Francis B. Rodwell, 224	1926
◆ Edwin H. Gerhart, 305	1926
◆ William McCormack, 268	1926
◆ Harry L. Mantor, 306	1927
◆ John R. Easley, 49	1927
◆ L. Donald Huston, 65	1928
◆ Elmer Surber, 95	1928
◆ John M. Bennett, 19	1928
◆ Earl Barnett, 146	1929
◆ Jonathan Frye, 1	1929
◆ Ernest R. Reynolds, 124	1930
◆ Osborne P. Simon, 174	1930
◆ Doc L. Redfern, 300	1930
◆ Austin F. Whitmire, 306	1931
◆ Henning C. Johnson, 171	1930
◆ Carroll C. Raymer, 164	1932
◆ Ward B. Schrack, 46	1933
◆ Byron S. Peterson, 25	1933
◆ Raymond C. Cook, 6	1933
◆ Ray B. Bottorf, 33	1933
◆ Wallace E. Linn, 1	1934
◆ Jesse P. Entriiken, 295	1934
◆ Harrold D. Weddel, 208	1937
◆ Cecil C. Gates, 227	1938
◆ Fred G. Christensen, 33	1938
◆ Ross Van Sickle, 184	1938
◆ S. William Beck, 43	1940
◆ Stanley B. Fryar, 139	1940
◆ Roy S. Planck, 15	1940
◆ Buren P. Wells, 315	1940
◆ Clarence G. McNamee, 55	1941
◆ F. Ray Dilts, 83	1942

◆ Ernest C. Purdy, 195	1942
◆ Lewis E. Baker, 135	1943
◆ Howard E. Bradstreet, 261	1943
◆ George S. Schwab, 49	1946
◆ Louis V. Sylvester, 281	1946
◆ Irving S. Johnson, 148	1946
◆ LaVerne A. Walker, 55	1946
◆ Ernest E. James, 1	1946
◆ Frank A. Anderson, 17	1949
◆ Robert W. Cook, 33	1949
◆ Paul D. Fleming, 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. Mauel, 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, 224, 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
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 75 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 J. Krieger, Sr., 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
- Monte K. Olmstead 1997
- Michael G. Birnstihl 1997
- ◆ 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. Thummiel	Feb. 5, 1932	33	(11th) 1876
George W. Linger	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 Wenple	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. Raecke	April 9, 1960	36	(74th) 1938
William J. Breckenridge	Nov. 16, 1951	317	(75th) 1939
Earl J. Lee	Dec. 15, 1963	15	(76th) 1940
Edward F. Carter	Dec. 21, 1981	201	(77th) 1941
George A. Kurk	May 4, 1977	54	(78th) 1942
William B. Wanner	June 13, 1975	9	(79th) 1943
William C. Schaper	Feb. 12, 1977	148	(80th) 1944-45
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
Herbert A. Ronin	Nov. 14, 1997	210	(96th) 1961
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov. 10, 1965	120	(98th) 1963
Louis V. Sylvester	Dec. 4, 1997	281	(100th) 1965
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
Frank J. Mattoon	July 4, 1997	75	(108th) 1973
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
1998	Craftsmen Lodge	No. 314	Lincoln

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
1998	Mid-West Lodge	No. 317	Hastings

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
1997	Ralph Townsend	Scotts Bluff No. 201, 285	Gering
1997	Willard Rouze	Purity No. 198	Imperial

EXISTING LODGES
 Roll of Existing Nebraska Lodges, with Locations, Dates Created and Chartered

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas	February 1855	Oct. 3,1855 •1
Western Star	No. 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	May 10,1855	May 28,1856 •2
Capitol	No. 3	Omaha.....	Douglas	January 9,1857	June 3,1857 •3
• Formed Grand Lodge of Nebraska September 23, 1857 • Chartered by ¹ Illinois, ² Missouri, ³ 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

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LODGE		TOWN		COUNTY		CREATED		CHARTERED	
Beatrice	No. 26	Beatrice	Gage	March	23,1870	June	22,1870
Jordan	No. 27	West Point	.....	Cuming	.....	December	25,1869	June	23,1870
Blue River	No. 30	Milford	.....	Seward	.....	April	25,1870	June	23,1870
Tekamah	No. 31	Tekamah	.....	Burt	.....	August	19,1869	June	23,1870
Platte Valley	No. 32	North Platte	.....	Lincoln	.....	January	15,1870	June	23,1870
Ashlar	No. 33	Grand Island	.....	Hall	.....	August	11,1870	June	22,1871
Acacia	No. 34	Schuyler	.....	Colfax	.....	July	18,1870	June	19,1872
Fairbury	No. 35	Fairbury	.....	Jefferson	.....	June	30,1871	June	19,1872
Lone Tree	No. 36	Central City	.....	Merrick	.....	August	9,1871	June	19,1872
Crete	No. 37	Crete	.....	Saline	.....	January	8,1872	June	19,1872
Oliver	No. 38	Seward	.....	Seward	.....	July	25,1871	June	18,1873
Papillion	No. 39	Papillion	.....	Sarpy	.....	November	18,1872	June	18,1873
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt	.....	Richardson	.....	December	16,1872	June	18,1873
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 Morris Morris	No. 46	Kearney	Buffalo	February	21,1873	June	26,1874

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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		
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		
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		

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Frank Welch	No. 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	December	26,1878	June	25,1879
Nelson	No. 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	March	15,1879	June	23,1880
Albion	No. 78	Albion	Boone	August	1,1879	June	23,1880
Geneva	No. 79	Geneva	Fillmore	November	24,1879	June	23,1880
Composite	No. 81	Rising City	Butler	March	20,1880	June	22,1881
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

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Porter	No. 106	Loup City	Sherman	December 9, 1882	June 19, 1883
Table Rock	No. 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	January 24, 1883	June 19, 1883
Pomegranate	No. 110	Ashland	Saunders	February 13, 1883	June 19, 1883
DeWitt	No. 111	DeWitt	Saline	February 28, 1883	June 19, 1883
Springfield	No. 112	Springfield	Sarpy	March 30, 1883	June 19, 1883
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner	Cuming	February 12, 1883	June 24, 1884
North Bend	No. 119	North Bend	Dodge	September 5, 1883	June 24, 1884
Wayne	No. 120	Wayne	Wayne	September 26, 1883	June 24, 1884
Superior	No. 121	Superior	Nuckolls	November 22, 1883	June 24, 1884
Auburn	No. 124	Auburn	Nemaha	December 25, 1883	June 24, 1884
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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 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

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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	Theadford.....	Thomas.....	September 29, 1913	June 9, 1914
Camp Clarke	No. 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16, 1913	June 9, 1914
Oshkosh	No. 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November 25, 1913	June 9, 1914
Union	No. 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15, 1913	June 8, 1915
Omaha	No. 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24, 1914	June 8, 1915
Lotus	No. 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	June 11, 1914	June 8, 1915
John J. Mercer	No. 290	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 21, 1914	June 8, 1915
Diamond	No. 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	November 23, 1914	June 8, 1915
Monument	No. 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	December 18, 1914	June 8, 1915
Kimball	No. 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June 10, 1915	June 7, 1916
Cotner	No. 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 15, 1917	June 5, 1918
Sutherland	No. 299	Sutherland.....	Lincoln.....	June 23, 1917	June 5, 1918

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
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

Joppa No. 76	Bloomington with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, October 18, 1934
Parallel No. 152	Liberty with Barneston No. 165 Barneston, January 2, 1940
Tyre No. 85	Blue Springs with Wymore No. 104 Wymore, July 7, 1941
Bradshaw No. 255	Bradshaw with Hampton No. 245 Hampton, May 21, 1942
Level No. 196	Stockville with Cambridge No. 150 Cambridge, June 4, 1942
Riverside No. 269	Belgrade with Cedar River No. 89 Fullerton, June 5, 1942
Juniata No. 42	Juniata with Kenesaw No. 144 Kenesaw, July 15, 1942
Palmer No. 315	Palmer with St. Paul No. 82 St. Paul, October 6, 1942
Elk Creek No. 90	Elk Creek with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, November 11, 1944
Riverton No. 63	Riverton with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, May 16, 1945
Hildreth No. 252	Hildreth with Grace No. 226 Wilcox, October 11, 1945
Hubbell No. 92	Hubbell with Hebron No. 43 Hebron, February 8, 1946
Incense No. 182	Ohioa with Jewell No. 149 Tobias, April 22, 1947
Bee No. 259	Bee with Oliver No. 38 Seward, June 13, 1947
Tuscan No. 130	Surprise with Composite No. 81 Rising City, February 9, 1963
Delta No. 230	St. Edward with Albion No. 78 Albion, January 1, 1965
Jewel No. 149	Tobias with Geneva No. 79 Geneva, September 9, 1966
Valley No. 157	Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93 Beaver City, March 8, 1966
Ruskin No. 304	Ruskin with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, September 23, 1966
Morning Star No. 197	Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126 Stromsburg, December 9, 1967
Cornerstone No. 247	Osmond with Plainview No. 204 Plainview, December 12, 1967
Kenesaw No. 144	Kenesaw with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, January 13, 1968

- Blue Hill No. 129** Blue Hill with Mid-West No. 317
Hastings, February 9, 1968
- 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, February 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 Bartley 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
- Chester No. 298** Chester with Hebron No. 43
 Hebron, February 24, 1997
- Ornan No. 261** Spencer with Garfield No. 95
 O'Neill, February 27, 1997
- Stella No. 105** Stella with Humboldt No. 40
 Humboldt, April 7, 1997
- Melrose No. 60** Orleans with Jachin No. 146
 Holdrege, July 21, 1997

**LOGGES 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
Macoy No. 22 — Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 — Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 — Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 — Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 — Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 — Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 — Ulysses	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 — Waco	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 — Doniphan	May 12, 1966
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	Clifford W. Speck	Jack F. Duffield *	Harold R. Blakeman
Western Star #2	Michael J. Hobson	Carl G. Satterfield Jr.	Ronald J. Mahoney
Capitol #3	Ricci Thompson	—	—
Nemaha Valley #4	—	Patrick S. Andrew *	—
Omadi #5	—	—	Jeffrey T. Reed
Plattsmouth #6	Gene F. Wehrbein	—	David H. Eads
Falls City #9	Darrel J. Koso	Robert L. Ferguson	—
Solomon #10	Russell G. Christensen	—	—
Covert #11	Leonard L. Falk *	Michael I. Donham	Bernard F. Hauber
Peru #14	—	—	—
Fremont #15	Mark A. Young	James L. Holland	John F. Adkerson
Tecumseh #17	Warren D. Brown	—	—
Lincoln #19	—	Andrew M. Loudon	—
Washington #21	Robert A. Olson	Rodney M. Hansen	Patrick A. Edwards
Pawnee #23	Richard L. Hofmann	David L. Williams *	Donald L. Peterson
St. Johns #25	Wayne D. Downing	—	Robert D. Hull *
Beatrice #26	Gale R. Carel	James D. Terwilleger	—
Jordan #27	Terry F. Nelson	Robert D. Moodie	Robert Rose
Blue River #30	Gary L. Brhel	Jaimie L. Strong *	Ronald F. Minchow *
Tekamah #31	Scott L. Olson	—	—
Platte Valley #32	James E. Conner	Ben J. Lee *	Robert D. Clark *
Ashlar #33	Edwin C. Weber	Max A. Cates	Andrew G. Meade
Acacia #34	David L. Melick	Ronald L. Dolezal Jr.	—
Fairbury #35	Christopher P. Hansen *	Thomas R. Curry *	Wayne Buehler *
Lone Tree #36	—	—	—
Crete #37	David A. Johnson Jr. *	Rick W. Wienke	James A. Clark
Oliver #38	Carl K. Hart Jr.	—	—
Papillion #39	Kirby S. Johnson	Clarence L. Krapp	—
Humboldt #40	Homer Fishwood	—	Don R. Monnette
No. Light #41	Thomas J. Kingsley *	—	—
Hebron #43	—	—	Steven A. Meyer
Harvard #44	—	Clarence R. Farrand	Roy F. Laue
Rob Morris #46	Donald R. Snyder	Brent A. Engel	Roger D. Anderson
Fairmont #48	Thomas P. Boyer *	—	—
Evening Star #49	Merrill D. Barnell	—	—
Hastings #50	Dean Papenhagen	George W. White	Ervin A. Siemoneit
Fidelity #51	Michael E. Jones	—	—
Hiram #52	—	Michael Buchardt	—
Charity #53	—	Mark W. Rogers	—
Lancaster #54	William E. Fuller	Carl B. Campbell	James P. Franson
Mosaic #55	Kurt L. Blazek	Lon C. Clark	—
York #56	Mark J. Powers *	Francis L. Crowe	Fred O. Wyant
Mt. Moriah #57	—	Thomas R. Frech *	—
Wahoo #59	Lyle D. McKlem	Edsel W. Grove	—
Thistle #61	—	—	—
Keystone #62	—	David H. Reinecke *	—
Blue Valley #64	—	Lumir Tachovsky	—
Osceola #65	—	Bently E. Brown *	—
Aurora #68	—	Daniel A. Allen *	—
Hooper #72	—	David M. Bloch *	—
Friend #73	—	Wayne W. Yokel *	—
Frank Welch #75	Leo F. Stokes	Joseph H. Belden	William A. Ladine *
Nelson #77	Keith E. Yocum	—	—
Albion #78	Richard D. Wroughton	Thomas F. Ehlers *	Merle O. Christensen
	Melvin M. Andrews	—	—

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Geneva #79	John M. Jacobs	Nathan R. Jacobson	Lawrence Waiss *
Composite #81	—	Daniel L. Potter	—
St. Paul #82	Gary A. Rasmussen *	—	Delbert L. King
Corinthian #83	Alvin G. Sundell	William P. Kinney *	Merle K. Carson *
Ionic #87	Paul A. Thierolf *	Howard W. Mayberry	—
Cedar River #89	James Hoffman *	Dennis E. McCoig *	Vernon S. Olson
Oakland #91	—	—	—
Bennett #94	—	—	—
Garfield #95	Clayton O. Geisinger *	—	—
Utica #96	Ray E. Cain	Steven R. Rhodes *	—
Euclid #97	Phillip W. Rhodes *	Joel D. Christensen	Gerald A. Stohlmann
Republican #98	Rodney J. Richter	—	James E. Buttermore *
Waterloo #102	—	Harold D. Chadwell	—
Ord #103	Charles P. Zangger *	—	Wayne Brehm
Wymore #104	—	—	—
Porter #106	Kenneth A. Bills	—	—
Table Rock #108	—	—	Robert A. Pope *
Pomegranate #110	Stephen D. Campbell	—	Gary E. DeFoil
De Witt #111	—	—	—
Springfield #112	Todd R. Ring	Paul R. Mason	Donald P. Ellenberger
Wisner #114	Darryl W. Frerichs	—	—
North Bend #119	Donald I. Peterson	Kragh D. Johnson	—
Wayne #120	Frank G. Teach Jr. *	Robert K. Salberg *	John V. Addison *
Superior #121	Gary D. Keeling *	—	—
Auburn #124	Donald Mathews *	—	—
Mt. Nebo #125	—	—	—
Stromsburg #126	Wayne E. Beatty	—	Willis D. Waller *
Minden #127	Robert G. Sorensen	Ray VanNorman *	James B. Logsdon
Guide Rock #128	Rick J. Hunter *	Wendell W. Ord *	Timothy A. Cole *
Scribner #132	Albert L. Thomas	Paul R. Morris *	Harry H. Hummel *
Solar #134	Philip E. Foulk	—	—
McCook #135	Allen R. Millar	Bruce M. Swanson	Marion G. Warner
Long Pine #136	—	—	Alvin O. Benemerito
Crescent #143	Charles L. Sweet	—	—
Jachin #146	Bruce G. Raddatz	James E. Mote	—
Custer #148	Roy W. Lichtenberger	—	—
Lily #154	—	Vernon L. Corman	—
Samaritan #158	Ted Miksell *	—	Donald R. Foulk
Ogalalla #159	Warren L. Huetig *	—	—
Trestle Board #162	—	Samuel E. Smith *	Ival Schmucker
Atkinson #164	—	—	Charles Shane *
Barneston #165	—	Harold E. Monfelt *	—
Elwood #167	—	—	—
Mason City #170	Harold A. Holland	—	Louis J. Hagan
Robert Burns #173	Donald E. Rife *	—	—
Culbertson #174	Richard L. Lomax	—	—
Hay Springs #177	Vernon L. Platt	—	—
Justice #180	Scott L. Shillington *	—	—
Alliance #183	Emil A. Schadwinkel	Bradley M. Dutton	Robert A. Neville *
Bee Hive #184	Vitas Vasiliauskas	William J. Plith *	—
Minnekadusa #192	Stephen L. Isom *	—	Bernard A. Eklund *
Highland #194	Eugene T. Hogan	Daryl A. Doolittle *	Norman E. DeVries *
Arcana #195	—	—	—
Purity #198	E. Thomas Spunaugle	—	James A. Brewer
Blazing Star #200	—	—	—
Scottsbluff #201	Richard W. Taedter Sr.	Dennis R. Kramer *	Richard Neil Gatch *
Plainview #204	Jack G. Frahm	Robert K. Baird *	Bruce D. Curtiss
Golden Fleece #205	Larry G. Flohr *	Malvin M. Minshall	—
Parian #207	—	—	—
Canopy #209	—	—	Valjean Stall *
East Lincoln #210	John R. Butler	William W. Walker	Thomas L. Hauder

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Cement #211	—	—	—
Palisade #216	Richard L. Baxter *	Fred C. Krotter *	Duane C. Bixler *
Bloomfield #218	Harry E. Sage Jr.	—	Leonard C. Kuhl *
Relief #219	—	H. Jon Milander *	—
Magnolia #220	—	Duane D. Strong *	Devin J. Rowland
Wood Lake #221	Jim L. Drinkwater	Michael B. Ferguson *	—
Landmark #222	Kenneth J. Rogers	—	—
Silver Cord #224	Brian K. Murphy	—	—
North Star #227	Evan A. Haydon	Sean M. Bohac	—
Bartley #228	—	Walter M. Phillips	—
Comet #229	—	Clifford K. Thelan	Jerry G. Niday *
Gilead #233	—	—	—
Zion #234	—	—	—
Golden Rule #236	Kenneth L. Linafelter *	D. Dean Chase *	Dale D. Strivens *
Friendship #239	Emil Ceplecha *	Thomas G. Nuss	—
Geo. Armstrong #241	—	—	—
Laurel #248	—	—	—
G. Washington #250	Donald C. Eisenbarth *	—	—
Wausa #251	—	Lowell E. Erickson *	Warren Wilbeck *
Hickman #256	Michael D. Gray	Steven A. Hanneman *	D. Scott Rogge
Mitchell #263	Jeffery N. Chapman	Terry L. Flick *	Marion T. McWilliams
Franklin #264	Jerrill F. Gerdes	—	—
Robt. Furnas #265	Jack D. Nichols	Al F. Woolson *	Robert E. Nichols
J. A. Tulleys #267	Marvin D. Braddy	—	—
G.W. Lininger #268	Ronald D. Sities	Curtis M. Edic	—
Oasis #271	—	—	—
Olive Branch #274	—	Jerome O. Vavra	—
Sioux #277	—	—	—
Wallace #279	—	—	Clarence E. Williams
Florence #281	Jeffrey A. Merriman	—	David A. Kipp
Mullen #282	—	—	—
Seneca #284	—	—	—
Camp Clarke #285	Peter G. Lapaseotes	Mark A. Wickard *	Todd E. Harless
Oshkosh #286	Donald O. Thies	Harvey A. Farley	Leroy Howell
Union #287	Dewaine L. Knutson *	Paul J. Hegert *	Gerald A. Sterns Jr. *
Omaha #288	David L. Peterson	Martin C. Stolinski	Bruce C. Galda
Lotus #289	Dale R. Link *	—	W. Charles Harris
John J. Mercer #290	Ralph A. Barbe	Joel D. Christensen	Nile Dean Hemphill
Diamond #291	—	—	—
Monument #293	Donald H. Andrews	—	—
Kimball #294	—	John B. Ferguson	John T. Ott *
Cotner #297	Nathan W. Buttke *	Frederick E. Liebers	—
Sutherland #299	Laurence H. Schufeldt	Roger B. Eggleston *	—
Liberty #300	Dean A. Lif	Robert R. Foreman	Dale G. Lueders
Mizpah #302	—	Kenneth E. Steele *	Gerald H. McMurphy *
Newman Grove #305	Harlan G. Johnson	—	—
Perkins #308	Robert P. Peterson *	Robert R. Sexson	Marion Thayer *
Victory #310	K. Roger Dill	Robert C. King	Kent Roberts *
Polk #311	—	—	—
Craftsmen #314	James F. McCullough	Chris J. McCullough *	Suman Vallabhbhai
Mid-West #317	Wendell D. Verhage	Scott J. Krieger Jr.	John R. Schmidt
College View #320	—	—	—
Lebanon #323	—	Robert C. Jones Jr.	David D. Marsh
Cairo #324	James R. Ford *	—	—
Bellevue #325	Robert D. Muse	Lawrence F. Chandler *	John A. Sheffield
Centennial #326	Fred J. Ripley	John D. Heck	Hubert B. Hickman
Shiloh #327	Paul D. Rutherford	J. Scott Oglesby *	Rick D. Benson
Miloma #328	William L. Smith	Charles F. Binge *	Steven D. Andersen *
St. John #330	—	—	—

* Denotes proxy

GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
Steven J. Brownfield	03/03/89	Alabama	Victor D. Hunt. 62	04/29/77
Wayne G. Coleman	03/30/82	Alaska	Byron C. Jenkins. 325	03/08/82
Vartan Barceghian	1984	Argentina	Reginald S. Kuhn. 19	12/04/95
Donald E. White	10/21/97	Arizona	Robert E. Kyes. 36	09/03/76
Marty D. Byers	08/11/96	Arkansas	James L. Eatmon. 294	01/01/84
Gordon Ross Mallam	06/16/74	Australia. New S. Wales	Robert C. Thackery. 180	12/23/90
W. T. Neale	02/29/60	Australia. Queensland	Wayne J. Pauley. 19	07/18/77
G. T. Brice		Australia. South Aust.	Charles W. Goodwin. 290	05/04/85
Leighton Gordon Scott	07/05/85	Australia. Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards. 110	09/08/60
Peter Alexander Potthecary	05/27/94	Australia. Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz. 174	11/15/79
K. H. Worth	1987	Australia. Western Aust.	Charles E. House. 52	01/13/92
Hugo Barber	03/22/51	Austria	Randolph R. Eatmon. 294	12/07/89
Alfonso Reyes	08/13/63	Belgium		
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	09/19/36	Bolivia		
		Brazil. Amazonas-Gloman	Robert L. Carter, Jr. 314	03/13/96
		Brazil. Bahia	Jay H. Speck. 6	12/04/95
Adolpho Porta	01/04/88	Brazil. Brazilia	Albert G. Bates. 1	06/04/71
Aderlou F. Andrade	01/04/88	Brazil. Ceara	Clay W. Kennedy. 4	02/10/89
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/73	Brazil. Goais	Fernando E. Siores. 55	12/23/90
Oscar de Paula Assis	08/01/69	Brazil. Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe. 119	
Jose Cesario Horta	09/21/49	Brazil. Mato Grosso	Norris L. Rusmisell. 46	12/20/89
Luthgard Nohre	06/26/74	Brazil. Minas Gerais		
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/68	Brazil. Para	Leslie Smith. 198	12/23/90
Joao Benio	10/23/57	Brazil. Paraiba	Scott Osler. 198	04/18/94
Tutomo Sato	03/07/68	Brazil. Parana		
		Brazil. Pernambuco	Daniel Spearow. 26	04/18/94
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
Jose de Vitis Silva	11/14/51	Brazil. Sao Paulo	Charles W. Amidon. 281. 327	06/07/77
Sadi Paulo Castiel Gutz	05/29/92	Brazil. Sergipe	Will Medow. 55	06/10/92
Jose M. F. DeSantana	06/22/92	Brazil. Tocantins	Gordon L. Carley. 75	06/24/92
Harold Loewenthal	04/23/69	California	Eugene C. Sibley. 54	06/11/76
Cecil D. Holmes	08/06/89	Canada. Alberta	Steven A. Green. 54	11/06/95
Barney R. Peatl	12/30/86	Canada. British Columbia	Kent A. Talich. 75	04/19/94
A. G. Brock	07/20/93	Canada. Manitoba	Michael J. Tye. 46	12/07/89
Kenneth Nelson	10/21/55	Canada. New Brunswick	Kenneth C. Jackson, Jr., 210	11/14/95
Gordon F. Conrad	11/30/90	Canada. Nova Scotia		
Robert G. Wands	02/20/98	Canada. Ontario	Paul R. Eveland. 119	02/16/82
A. Ennis Small	1982	Canada. Pr. Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, Sr., 1	01/17/45
Maurice A. Kelso	09/10/97	Canada. Quebec	Viron E. Baxter. 216	11/04/80
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
Dawson Kwauk	06/26/80	China		
Jacque N. Hampton	04/09/80	Colorado	Steven F. Mattoon. 75	10/16/97
Jose Maria Serna	07/31/51	Columbia. Barranquilla	Kenneth P. Lott. 184	02/03/81
Rafael F. Moreno		Columbia. Bogota	Jack H. Hendrix. 174	08/07/69
Douglas Gray	06/15/93	Connecticut	Byron L. Lane. 265. 201	10/19/92
Carlos Miranda	10/22/68	Costa Rica	Richard H. Scheef. 288	07/07/76
V. H. F. E. Garcia	11/05/52	Cuba	John F. Dale. 126	12/07/89
Leonard S. Strycharz	01/28/71	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317	06/12/87
Soren Nielsen	05/03/90	Denmark	Frank Lawson, Jr., 1	12/07/89

H. Kenneth Kingsbury	09/24/82	District of Columbia		
M. D. J. C. Navarro	08/25/69	Dominican Republic	Keith E. Yocum	1997
F. G. Araya	06/17/53	Ecuador	Richard O. Cowles, 174	11/07/78
Col. Geoffrey S. H. Dicker	03/26/94	England	Harry A. Spencer, 227, 184	12/02/68
Heikki Aitola	12/31/97	Finland	Eugene H. Kirchhoff, 210	12/27/95
Wm. C. Mitchell	06/23/70	Florida	John Lippert, 323	08/08/66
Edward Jeanmonod	09/14/54	France	J. Dallas Gibson, 54	07/01/74
Marcel I. Magwangu	05/03/90	Gabon	Don E. Rasmussen, 135, 82	02/10/89
Wm. H. McDaniel	08/06/89	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	08/03/60
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
Bjarne Bjarnason	01/07/53	Honduras	William G. Woepfel, 75	12/23/90
Dr. Robert Shiller	06/22/92	Hungary	Don A. Mears, 3	08/20/92
Steinara J. Ludvigsson	01/31/94	Iceland	Rick D. Mouchka, 55	04/14/93
Wiley F. Smith	08/06/89	Idaho	Bevin B. Bump, 158	01/01/84
J. Garrie Burr	01/10/91	Illinois	William C. Conway, 195	12/23/90
Disip Basu	12/10/94	India	William Hurst, 54	09/17/77
Herbert Newman	12/04/74	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	06/12/87
		Iran (in exile)	Noel J. Lindquist, 1	06/04/71
John F. Sheridan	12/17/86	Ireland	Robert E. Comer, 239	10/10/77
Shlomo Sapir	08/28/97	Israel	Leo Hill, 210	02/10/89
Giancarlo Boero	05/01/86	Italy	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	12/23/90
Yasuhiko Ide		Japan	Robert Driewer, 75	06/03/94
Conrad F. Johnson	07/14/91	Kansas	Wilbert W. Wittmuss, 39	06/12/87
O. J. Hyde	07/31/72	Kentucky	Wayne G. Lueneborg, 32, 39	06/12/87
Clifford A. Bradley	08/06/89	Louisiana	Thomas W. Tye, 46	01/01/84
Rene Gregorius	08/17/71	Luxembourg	Thomas W. Tye, II, 46	12/07/89
Royce G. Wheeler	08/30/76	Maine	Gerald G. McKay, 325	22/12/96
Willard H. Sorrell, Jr.	12/31/97	Maryland	Donald F. Davidson, 26	08/10/93
Charles A. Lukas, Jr.	08/06/89	Massachusetts	Arthur R. Sharp, 54	12/07/89
Juan L. Arocha	10/23/50	Mexico, Nuevo Leon	Del D. Hamilton, 256	12/04/95
German Barrera	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	12/31/89
Thomas Epsy	1984	Michigan	Paul R. Pierce, 50	03/15/79
Frederick B. Vihovde	08/06/89	Minnesota	Donald L. Pohlman, 41	02/10/89
John T. Brown	01/16/53	Mississippi		
William R. Robbins	07/23/63	Missouri	Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210	06/30/94
Ludvik H. Jun	08/18/88	Montana	V. Kaye Ramsey, 290, 317	12/07/89
A. Th ten Houten	07/27/94	Netherlands	William R. Zalman, 201, 314	12/23/90
Franklin L. Coonley	08/18/89	Nevada	Monte K. Olmstead, 290	12/10/96
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
William I. Zaleski	05/24/97	New York	Warren D. Lichty, 314	07/01/74
Raymond E. Dovey	02/14/79	New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	06/14/73
		Nicaragua	James F. Brown, Jr., 54	04/18/94
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 Johnsen	04/06/92	Norway	Michael E. Jones, 51, 173	02/10/89
E. L. Galbraith	04/23/69	Ohio	Robert A. Metcalf, 210	12/23/90
John David Wagner	08/11/96	Oklahoma	Frederick E. Forsee, 288	
Joseph C. Willoft	1985	Oregon		
Elias S. Mizrachi	01/13/53	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	07/28/65
Carlos Pena	09/01/72	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 224, 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	03/18/96
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
Rhoden D. Batson	07/06/71	South Carolina	Sanford H. Nelson, 210	02/22/96
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	12/23/90
M. D. Manning	09/14/81	Tennessee	George A. Iverson, 15	04/28/77
Fred E. Allen	10/25/91	Texas	Philip Lorenzen, 10, 327	05/20/92
Attila Alli	12/29/71	Turkey	Dale W. Anderson, 158	01/15/93
		Uruguay	Roy L. Kiser, 143	08/05/92
Tom Eastwood	01/10/90	Utah	Dwight E. Smith, 205	04/18/94
		Venezuela	Paul A. Canaday, 51	06/10/87
Wendell H. Chaffee	05/16/62	Vermont	Steven W. Olson, 229	05/02/85
Ronny Lester Lewis	10/31/97	Virginia	Lawrence Zwart, 11	12/04/91
Kenneth Kershner	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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Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund Investments
December 31, 1997

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Unrestricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		<u>67,718</u>	<u>67,718</u>
Bonds:			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.5%, 5-15-05	50,000	49,772	52,094
U.S. Treasury Notes, 5.625%, 2-15-06	25,000	23,376	24,719
Union Electric Company, First Mortgage, 6.75%, 5-1-08	50,000	4,9053	51,950
Consolidated Natural Gas Co., 6.625%, 12-1-13	50,000	47,528	49,775
Public Service Electric & Gas Co., 6.55%, 5-1-04	50,000	46,231	50,715
Public Service of Colorado, 6.75%, 7-1-98	25,000	21,812	25,008
Duke Power Co., 7.0%, 7-1-2000	50,000	49,101	51,125
Texas Utilities Electric, 8.0%, 6-1-2002	50,000	49,658	53,280
Ford Capital Note, 9.875%, 5-15-02	50,000	51,463	57,040
Union Tak Car Company, 7.45%, 6-1-09	50,000	50,830	54,200
General Motors Corp., 7.75%, 1-15-99	50,000	50,542	50,875
Phillip Morris, Inc., 6.0%, 7-15-01	50,000	44,295	49,345
International Paper Company, Shelf 2, 9.4%, 6-1-02	50,000	49,850	56,015
American Brands Inc., 7.5%, 5-15-99	50,000	50,141	50,940
AT & T Corp., 6.75%, 4-01-04	50,000	49,632	51,660
Allstate Corp. Note, 6.75%, 6-15-03	50,000	48,459	50,470
General Foods Corp., 6%, 6-15-01	50,000	46,381	49,600
TOTAL BONDS		<u>778,074</u>	<u>828,811</u>
Common Stocks			
1,500 Kellwood Company		40,590	45,000
413 Lafarge Corporation		13,317	12,209
200 Emerson Electric Co.		10,712	11,287
600 Motorola, Inc.		39,498	34,313
200 CPC International		16,887	21,600
700 Calgon Carbon Corp.		9,404	7,525
300 Colgate Palmolive Co.		18,281	22,050
400 International Flavors & Fragrance		17,474	20,600
1,000 American Financial Group, Inc.		38,947	40,313
600 American General Corp.		26,511	32,438
200 Marsh and McLennan Cos, Inc.		13,419	14,912
800 Safeco Corp.		34,948	39,000
750 Ingersoll Rand Co.		27,280	30,375
600 Parker-Hannifin Corp.		21,174	27,525
2,010 Cyprus Amax Minerals Company		48,432	30,904
500 Harsco Corp.		19,155	21,563
900 Sonoco Products Co.		26,154	31,219
1,300 Glatfelter, P.H.		22,880	24,211
500 Exxon Corp		15,594	30,594
400 Texaco Inc.		22,112	21,750
600 Unocal Corp.		25,461	23,287
200 Becton Dickinson and Co.		9,912	10,000
200 Bristol Myers Squibb Co.		14,837	18,925
700 Eastman Kodak Co.		52,635	42,394
1,300 Donnelley R.R. and Sons		49,016	48,425
1,232 Food Lion Inc. Class B		9,337	10,164
1,368 Food Lion Inc. Class A		10,234	11,543
700 J. C. Penny Inc.		35,655	42,219
600 Rite Aid Corp.		27,711	35,250
900 DPL Inc.		21,660	25,875
300 Texas Utilities Co.		10,030	12,450
379 GTE Corp.		17,825	19,802
700 Clarcor Inc.		17,392	20,738
1,000 Universal Corp.		36,185	41,125
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		<u>820,659</u>	<u>881,585</u>

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December 31, 1997

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		<u>53,909</u>	<u>53,909</u>
<i>Bonds:</i>			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 8.875%, 2-15-99	25,000	24,378	25,867
U.S. Treasury Notes, 5.75%, 8-15-03	25,000	24,112	25,008
U.S. Treasury Notes, 5.875%, 2-15-04	25,000	24,128	25,219
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.5%, 8-15-05	25,000	24,901	26,078
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.625%, 5-15-07	25,000	25,001	26,453
Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn., 8.95%, 7-10-97	25,000	24,941	25,094
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Assn., 7.065%, 7-18-20	25,000	25,000	25,156
New England Telephone, 6.125%, 10-1-92	25,000	24,125	24,690
Southern California Edison, 5.875%, 9-1-04	30,000	25,344	29,343
Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone, 5.25%, 5-1-05	25,000	21,336	23,645
Ford Capital, 9.875%, 5-15-02	25,000	24,866	28,520
General Telephone Co, 7.625%, 5-1-03	25,000	21,903	25,228
Phillip Morris, 6.0%, 7-15-01	25,000	22,147	24,672
International Paper Co., 9.7%, 3-15-2000	25,000	25,000	26,875
Texas Utilities Electric, 8.0%, 6-1-02	25,000	24,829	26,640
Citizens Utilities, 7.6%, 6-1-06	25,000	25,000	27,110
Florida Power Corp., 6.875%, 2-1-08	25,000	26,433	26,040
Allstate Corp. Notes, 5.875%, 6-15-98	25,000	23,925	25,015
Monsanto Co., 6.0%, 7-1-2000	25,000	24,839	25,018
Union Tank Car Co., 7.45%, 6-1-09	25,000	25,415	27,100
Consolidated Natural Gas Co., 6.625%, 12-1-13	25,000	23,764	24,887
TOTAL BONDS	530,000	511,387	543,658
<i>Common Stocks:</i>			
300 Exxon Corp.		8,146	18,356
400 Royal Dutch Pete Co.		8,370	21,675
400 Motorola, Inc.		23,532	22,875
100 Bristol Myers Squibb Co		3,130	9,463
200 Colgate Palmolive Co.		4,807	14,700
400 General Electric Co.		5,465	21,625
900 Kellwood Company		24,354	27,000
305 Laforge Corp.		9,824	9,017
100 Emerson Electric Co.		5,356	5,644
100 CPC International		8,444	10,800
400 Calgon Carbon Corp.		5,374	4,300
200 International Flowers & Fragrances		8,737	10,300
619 American Financial Group, Inc.		24,313	24,953
200 March & McLennan Companies		13,419	14,913
400 Safeco Corp.		17,474	19,500
600 Ingersol Rand Co.		21,824	24,300
300 Parker-Hannifin Corp.		10,587	13,762
962 Cypress Amax Minerals Co.		23,122	14,791
300 Harsco Corp.		11,493	12,937
500 Sonoco Products Co.		14,530	17,344
200 Texaco, Inc.		11,056	10,875
400 Unocal Corp.		16,974	15,525
100 Becton Dickson and Co.		4,956	5,000
300 Eastman Kodak Co.		23,487	18,169
700 Donnelley RR & Sons Co.		26,379	26,075
713 Food Lion, Inc. Class A		5,404	5,882
787 Food Lion, Inc. Class B		5,888	6,640
400 J. C. Penny		20,374	24,125
400 Rite Aid Corp.		18,474	23,500
600 DPL, Inc.		14,436	17,250
200 Texas Utilities		6,850	8,300
378 GTE Corp.		17,776	19,750
400 Clarco Inc.		9,874	11,850
500 Universal Corp. VA		18,093	20,563
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		452,322	531,759

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