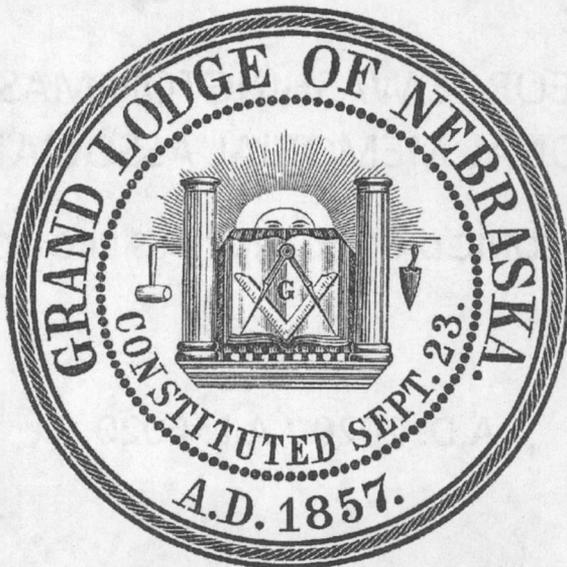


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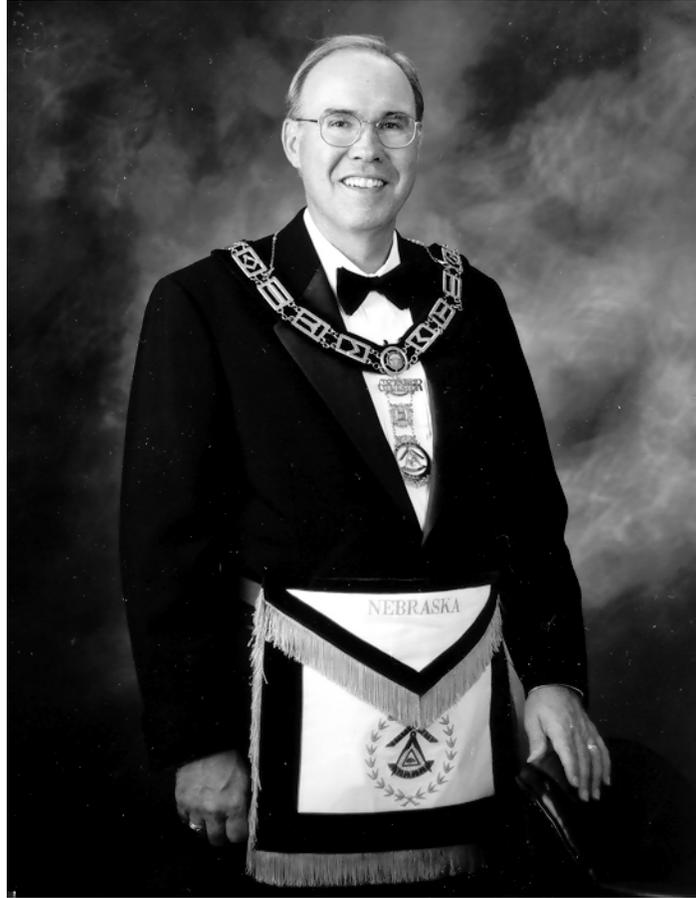
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James. F. Brown, Jr.
Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
2000-2001

Masonic History Of the 134th Grand Master

James F. Brown, Jr.

Ancient Craft Masonry – Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on August 12, 1975, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on September 12, 1975, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on October 24, 1975, in Morristown Lodge No. 231, Morristown, Tennessee. Demitted to Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, where he served as Master in 1991.

Grand Lodge – Appointed Grand Chaplain in February 1994 by M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in February 1995 by M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in February 1996 by M.:W.: V. Kaye Ramsey. Elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden in February 1997 under M.:W.: Kenneth G. Fleming. Elected and installed as Grand Senior Warden in February 1998 under M.:W.: Don E. Rasmussen. Elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect in February 1999 under M.:W.: Dwight E. Smith. Installed as the 134th Grand Master of Masons on February 13, 2000.

Appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Nicaragua. Previously served as a member of the Education Committee and the Grand Lodge Office Committee.

York Rite – Made a Royal Arch Mason, a Royal and Select Master in Morristown, Tennessee. Dubbed a Knight Templar in Morristown Commandery, at Morristown, Tennessee on April 29, 1976. Demitted to Lincoln Chapter No. 6, Lincoln Council No. 4, and Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4 of Lincoln, Nebraska in 1998. Became a member of the "Coeur De Lion Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine" in August 1999.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite – Received the 4th through 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Knoxville, Orient of Tennessee in 1977. Elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in December 1999.

Shrine – Member since 1981 of Sesostris Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Lincoln, Nebraska. Commander of the Legion of Honor in 1989. Active in the Ritualistic Divan. Vice President of the Proficient Past Masters Club.

Order of Eastern Star – Member of Temple Chapter No. 271 in Lincoln, Nebraska since 1982. Served as Worthy Patron in 1985. Installed as Worthy Grand Patron of the

Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1991. Served as a Grand Trustee from 1993 - 1997.

Rainbow – Awarded the Grand Cross of Color by the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in 1992.

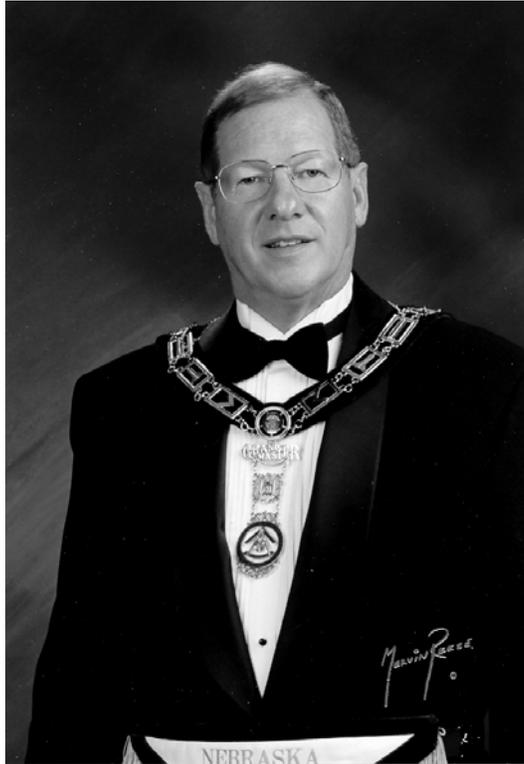
DeMolay – Legion of Honor 2000.

Other Masonic Bodies – Appointed Trustee of the Nebraska Masonic Home in 1996. Member of the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, 1995 - present. Served as President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation in 1998 and 1999. Member of Omaha Chapter No. 19, National Sojourners. Member of the Nebraska Veterans of Freemasons Association since 1993.

Education and Public Service – Received a B.A. Degree from The University of Tennessee-Knoxville, in 1968. Received an M.B.A. Degree from East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee in 1970. Received a Doctorate of Business Administration Degree from The University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1981.

Served as a National Director for the National Association of Accountants, 1987 - 88. President of the Nebraska Cornhusker Chapter of the National Association of Accountants, 1985-86.

Military – Retired from the United States Army as a 1st Lieutenant; serving from 1968 - 1974.



Philip A. Lorenzen
Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
2001-2002

Masonic History of the 135th Grand Master

Philip A. Lorenzen

Ancient Craft Masonry – Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on June 6, 1964, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on August 4, 1964, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on September 1, 1964 in Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun, Nebraska. Became a dual member in Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha, Nebraska on October 7, 1987. Appointed and elected to various offices and installed as Worshipful Master of Solomon Lodge No. 10 in 1973. Certified as a Proficient Mason for eight years.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska – Served on various Grand Lodge Committees including chairman of the Finance Committee. Appointed Grand Junior Steward in February 1991 by M.:W.: James N. DeMoss. Appointed Grand Junior Steward in February 1992 by M.:W.: James L. Eatmon. Appointed Grand Orator in 1993 by M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman. Appointed Grand Orator in February 1994 by M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon. Appointed Grand Orator in February 1995 by M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in February 1996 by M.:W.: V. Kaye Ramsey. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 1997 by M.:W.: Kenneth G. Fleming. Elected Grand Junior Warden in 1998 under M.:W.: Don E. Rasmussen. Elected Grand Senior Warden in 1999 under M.:W.: Dwight E. Smith. Elected Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master Elect in 2000 under M.:W.: James F. Brown, Jr. Installed as the 135th Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska on February 11, 2001.

York Rite – Made a Royal Arch Mason in Adoniram Chapter No. 13 at Blair, Nebraska; a Royal and Select Master in Triad Council No. 33 at Tekamah, Nebraska; and, became a Knight Templar in Jordan Commandry No. 15 Blair, Nebraska all at the one-day York Rite Festival held in 1971 in North Platte, Nebraska. Current membership is with Mackay Chapter No. 24, Tirad Council No. 33 and Jordan Commandry No. 15.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite – Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Omaha, Orient of Nebraska in 1984. Elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1996. In 2000, became a 33° Honorary Elect, to be Coroneted in Charleston, South Carolina in October 2001. Elected and served as Venerable Master of Kadosh, Omaha Consistory 1998.

Shrine – Member in 1975 of Tangier Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Omaha, Nebraska. Club memberships include Vintage Iron, Past Masters, Square & Compass and Harley Escorts.

Order of the Eastern Star – Member of Naomi Chapter No. 121 Order of the Eastern Star, Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.

Job's Daughters – Served on the Bethel Council of Bethel No. 69, Omaha, Nebraska. 1988 and 1989.

Other Masonic Bodies or Masonic Related – Director and Past President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation. Member and Second Vice President of National Sojourners, Nebraska Chapter 19, 1997. Became a member of the Heroes of '76, 1999. Member from 1988, and currently “Leading Man”, Court No. 19 Royal Order of Jesters, Omaha, Nebraska. Director, Member of the Executive Committee, past President and past Chairman of the Board of the Omaha Home for Boys.

Education, Professional, Public Service and Other – Received a BA Degree from Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska, Major in Business and Minor in Economics, 1965. Serve on the Municipal Executive Committee of the PSA (Bond Dealers Trade Association), based in New York. Licensed Principal NASD and New York Stock Exchange Since 1972. Director, past President and current First Vice President Fort Atkinson Foundation. Member American Legion Post No. 348 since 1973. Member Optimist International. Elder, Presbyterian Church.

Military – United States Air Force/Nebraska Air National Guard, 1965 through 1971. Technical Sergeant. Photo interpreter and air intelligence.

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Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Forty-Fourth 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 2nd and 3rd, 2001, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:& A.:M.: of Nebraska this 1st day of May, 2002.

Reginald S. Kuhn



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reginald S. Kuhn", written over a horizontal line.

GRAND SECRETARY

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Most Worshipful James F. Brown, Jr.
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 2, 2001

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Holiday Inn, Lincoln, Nebraska, at 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 2, 2001.

R. : W. : Philip A. Lorenzen presided.

Following the Presentation of the Colors by Joseph Warren Camp of the Heroes of '76, National Sojourners, the M. : W. : Grand Master, James F. Brown, Jr., and his Lady, Diane, 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 of Arizona
- M.: W.: Morley McKay..... Past Grand Master of Manitoba
- W.: Edward Zorn..... Junior Grand Warden of Colorado
- R.: W.: Noel C. Dicks Junior Grand Warden of Illinois
- W.: Kenneth W. Smith Grand Representative of Illinois
- M.: W.: Richard L. Campbell..... Grand Master of Iowa
- M.: W.: Stanley D. Browning..... Grand Master of Kansas
- W.: Jim White..... Grand Orator of Kansas
- M.: W.: Conrad F. Johnson Past Grand Master of Kansas
- R.: W.: Neil Neddermeyer..... Junior Grand Warden of Minnesota
- M.: W.: Freddie D. Adams..... Grand Master of Missouri
- M.: W.: Doysa L. Whitaker..... Grand Master, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- R.: W.: Johnny Cummings Deputy Grand Master, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- R.: W.: Ivory Bobb..... Senior Grand Warden, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- R.: W.: Frederick H. Wisdom Junior Grand Warden, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- W.: Russell W. Hobson Grand Historian, 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
- R.: W.: W. Wayne Perkins Deputy Grand Master of Nevada
- W.: Albert F. Hejnal Grand Representative of New York
- M.: W.: Donald R. Salmon..... Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Delbert Ripley..... Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Richard M. Luther Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Gerald Johnson Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Robert L. Morrow Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- W.: Michael Walter Grand Treasurer of Wisconsin

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

- Mrs. Mary Jo Peterson Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
- Brother Robert Sorensen..... Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
- Miss Jessica L. James Grand Worthy Advisor
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska
- Mrs. Thelma Domingo..... Supreme Deputy
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska
- Miss Michaela Frederickson Grand Bethel Honored Queen
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Miss Laura Beth Herschlag..... Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Mrs. Diane Sheets Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Brother Craig Crawford Associate Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Brother Ross Van Ness Bayer..... Grand Master
of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay

Brother Jason Wood.....	Past International Master Councilor
International Order of DeMolay	
Sam Iovino.....	State Master Councilor
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska	
Brother Bruce Wood.....	State Executive Officer
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska	
Keith J. Herbster.....	Intendent General, Division of Nebraska
Red Cross of Constantine	
M.: I.: William G. Hurst.....	Grand Master
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska	
R.: E.: Fred O. Wyant.....	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	
ILL.: B.: James W. Keebaugh.....	Secretary of Scottish Rite
Valley of Alliance	
ILL.: B.: W. Glen Jorgenson.....	Secretary of Scottish Rite
Valley of Hastings	
ILL.: B.: Eugene C. Sibley.....	Secretary of Scottish Rite
Valley of Lincoln	
ILL.: B.: Curtis M. Edic.....	Secretary of Scottish Rite
Valley of Omaha	
IMP.: Sir John D. VerMaas.....	Past Imperial Potentate
of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine	
ILL.: Sir George Hunt.....	Potentate of Sesostri Temple
Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine	
ILL.: Sir Don Perry.....	Potentate of Tangier Temple
Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine	
ILL.: Sir Robert Nemecek.....	Potentate of Tehama Temple
Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine	
Margie Ludvigsen.....	Queen, Sat-ra Temple No. 59
Daughters of the Nile	
Joan Sterns.....	Queen, Naphis Temple No. 66
Daughters of the Nile	
Jean Logsdon.....	Queen, Naamah Temple No. 108
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 Heroes of '76	

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS OF NEBRASKA

M.: W.: Harold Hultman.....	1975
M.: W.: Jack H. Hendrix.....	1978
M.: W.: Warren D. Lichty.....	1979
M.: W.: Robert A. Metcalf.....	1984-85

M.: W. : Charles W. Amidon	1986
M.: W. : Steven F. Mattoon.....	1994
M.: W. : Jerry L. Rittenburg.....	1995
M.: W. : V. Kaye Ramsey	1996
M.: W. : Don E. Rasmussen	1998
M.: W. : Dwight E. Smith	1999

V.:W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Grand Master Brown welcomed everyone to this the 144th Annual Communication.

PRESENTATION OF NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

W.: Gerald D. Verbeek, Grand Custodian presented the Deputy Grand Custodians:

Lloyd I. Edwards.....	District 9
Arthur S. Dye.....	District 18
Frank Harris.....	District 38
John C. Sierks.....	District 8
James E. Cornish.....	District 4
Roger L. Shillington	District 32
Arthur J. Ferguson	District 26
Wayne Beatty.....	District 21
Leslie A. Evert.....	District 29
Harold Noble.....	District 35
Steven A. Green.....	District 10
Roy L. Smith.....	District 1
Ronald D. Grass.....	District 5
Scott J. Kreiger, Sr.....	District 20
Keith B. Leibhart.....	District 27
Delmar A. Jones.....	District 24
Albert A. Wise.....	District 37
Halsey D. Phillips.....	District 3
Robert L. Carter, Jr.....	District 13
Thomas R. Reed.....	District 6
Richard H. Cooper.....	District 30
Michael G. Birnstihl.....	District 11
Roger Deininger.....	District 17
Bruce A. Watkins.....	District 36
Harold Mueksch.....	District 34
Jack D. Nichols.....	District 33

After introductions, the following Brothers were recognized: W.:Delmar A. Jones received his 10 year proficiency pin; Harold Mueksch received his 35 year proficiency card.

At this time, M.:W.: Grand Master Brown commissioned Carl C. Plants as Deputy Grand Custodian of District 19 and presented him with an apron.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

M.:W.: James F. Brown, Jr. made the following remarks as he presented the 2000 Grand Master's Humanitarian Award recipients:

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

At this time I would like to introduce Worshipful Brother Richard Brasel of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 in Omaha, and Brother Charles Spohr of Euclid Lodge No. 97 in Weeping Water.

Brother Richard Brasel and Brother Charles Spohr expressed their pleasure in receiving the Grand Master's Award.



Miss Michaela Fredrickson, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Miss Laura Beth Herschlag, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter brought greetings from the International Order of Job's Daughters.



Miss Jessica James, Grand Worthy Advisor was introduced by Grand Master Brown at which time Jessica brought greetings from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

GOLD PAN AWARD

The Gold Pan Award was presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 1987 by the Grand Lodge of Alaska on the occasion of the Grand Lodge's sixth anniversary. During Byron Jenkin's term as Grand Master, Nebraska was the first Grand Jurisdiction to grant recognition to the newly formed Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: of Alaska, and this traveling trophy was presented in honor and appreciation of this action.

The trophy, an authentic 12-inch Alaskan gold pan, is mounted on a 20-inch walnut plaque. Brass plates for the recipient lodge names surround the gold pan.

The Gold Pan is to be awarded annually to the Nebraska Lodge showing the greatest improvement or most significant contributions to Masonry in Nebraska.

Grand Master James F. Brown, Jr. presented the award to members of Wallace Lodge No. 279.



Sam Iovino, State Master Councilor was introduced by Grand Master Brown, at which time Sam brought greetings from Nebraska Chapter, International Order of DeMolay.

The State Master Councilor presented the DeMolay Mason of the Year Award to Doyle Berg, Florence Lodge No. 281; and the DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to Mosaic Lodge No. 55.



Grand Master Brown 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.



At this time, Grand Master Brown presented Mary Jo Peterson, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star. Worthy Grand Matron Mary Jo brought greetings from the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

M.:W.: Grand Master Smith 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 Papillion Lodge No. 39 of Papillion.



Grand Master Brown introduced Jason Wood, Past International Master Councilor for a slide and video presentation on DeMolay International and its history.



Duke Lichty presented a check for \$3,000 from the Scottish Rite Foundation for the Masonic All-Star Marching Band.

GRAND ORATION

Dale Anderson, Grand Orator, Samaritan Lodge No. 158 of Chadron.

My heroes have always been Masons. Let me tell you about just a few.

One of my first heroes was a special neighbor named Henry Mammen. He was like a grandfather to us. On his way to town he would pass our house. He would bring us treats when he stopped to visit, laugh and make you feel good! He had that special spark that drew people to him. Henry was a Mason. It was his friendship and influence that caused me to join the fraternity.

When we were young we loved Saturday movies, starring Hopalong Cassidy, Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. When my children were old enough to watch these same movies, I learned from Masonic publications that all of these men were brothers. Even Gabby Hays was a member of the craft!

You often read that a historic figure had something about them that people noticed.

One of the greatest examples of this is provided by our first President of the United States, George Washington. Numerous books tell us about his life. His modest birth, early military service, his life as a frontiersman, farmer and surveyor. These same books tell about his education by fire during the French and Indian War; having horses shot from under him, nearby officers killed, the hat shot from his head! The defeats, the problems with supply, rebellious troops and English command would all come to bear on his performance during our revolution. Washington's greatness only began with his military success. Once the victory was won, he refused to become an emperor or dictator, as many repeatedly urged him to do. Instead, he helped set our nation on a path free from hereditary rule, a path of representative democracy. In Masonry we hear the words, "elevated for a time above his brethren." Washington personified this belief with his conduct while in office and by handing control of the presidency over to his elected successor, then returning to private life at his beloved Mt. Vernon.

President Washington had been encouraged to become Grand Master of all Masons of the United States. He responded that he was inadequately prepared to take such a high position. Thus, today, we have a Grand Master from each jurisdiction rather than one Supreme Grand Master. You may have heard the news reports that President George W. Bush took his oath of office on the same bible used at the Washington inauguration. That bible originally came from the local Masonic Lodge.

Another Masonic brother, Winston Churchill, would display these same leadership characteristics during the darkest days of WWII. When all looked lost for England, her armies defeated, thrown back to the beaches by the enemy, he refused to let go of the idea of an England free of oppression. While others were sending out peace feelers, he began, almost single handedly to rebuild a nations belief in itself. With an invincible will, he began to bring people within the light of his vision. The men of the defeated army had been brought home by any ship or boat that could be pressed into service, but it was the men of Royal Air Force, flying Spitfires and Hurricanes, who continued to attack the enemy bombers and their fighter escorts. Their skill and determination delayed and then postponed the planned invasion of England.

When our Masonic brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt led his nation into war, our forces, and those of our allies, would gather on English soil for the invasion of Fortress Europe.

During WWII, one of my lodge brothers was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. After being liberated from a German POW camp, he was sent to Scotland to wait for transport home. He was still waiting for a ride home when the Allies announced Victory in Europe. Scotland is well known for its fighting men and strong ties to Masonry, but it was another product of Scotland that was brought to bear on the victory celebration. In Gordon's words, "everyone seemed to have set aside a little something special for just such an occasion!"

President and Brother Harry S. Truman helped to complete the great task begun by FDR. He also is well known for serving as Grand Master of Missouri.

You have all heard of General and Brother George C. Marshall. This distinguished soldier served as U.S. Army Chief of Staff and later as Secretary of State to President Truman. Brother Marshall's European Recovery Plan rebuilt a war torn Europe and won him a Nobel peace prize in 1953.

In the Pacific, General and Brother Douglas MacArthur served with equal distinction. His efforts to rebuild Japan following the armistice exemplified his high ideals. His father, General Arthur McArthur was the first Post Commander at what would become Fort Robinson, Nebraska. This was in 1874.

Past Grand Master Tom Tye rates as a hero to me. As a newly appointed Grand Lodge Orator, I was to give an oration at each cornerstone ceremony. As so often happens in Masonry, we are helped by those who have gone before. His wonderful paper on the history of cornerstones provided invaluable information. Quoting, "The purpose of the Masonic Lodge is that of the builders of the great cathedrals of Europe; to construct and never to destroy, to erect an intangible 'building' of benevolent love and harmonious understanding." Speculative Freemasons symbolically lay the cornerstones of public buildings to be a reminder of the best and most noble use of those buildings.

The Grand Lodge performed cornerstone ceremonies at Dannebrog, Chappell, the Lincoln Grand Lodge office building, Plattsmouth Home Alzheimer's unit, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children picnic shelter, the Presbyterian Church in Sidney; also the hospital, the lodge cornerstone and lodge dedication in Oshkosh, the hospital in St. Paul and a very cold cornerstone at the police station in Hastings.

The cornerstones at the Masonic Home Alzheimer's unit and the Home for Children, were special events. Also, dedicating the stone at the Grand Lodge office was historic.

One of the highlights of the summer was participating in the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp. Some of the brightest young people in our state attend this camp. The students say this is the best camp in the state! Masons and Eastern Star and dedicated adults help chaperone this event. You are planting seeds that will bear fruit for our fraternity in the future! They will always remember the fun and the friends from camp. Now, with e-mail, the students stay in touch until they can get back to camp again. Not only the organizers but the yeoman service behind the scenes deserves our thanks. Several Masons haul the instruments in a 14' U-Haul truck. It had plywood decks to

stack several layers of instruments. Drums under the first deck, horns and woodwinds on the upper decks. Unload, load, unload, load. By the final day, this crew was as polished as the students were! It looked like a bucket brigade as everyone pitched in to move hundreds of instruments into and out of the truck. You need to see this band. Even better, volunteer for an afternoon, an evening or more, and get acquainted with some of the nicest young people in our state. The performance by the band was incredible. The music while marching in the parade brought applause and smiles to everyone. You could feel the electricity in the air when the horns were lifted and the music began. The halftime show was great! It was as if you were watching your family members perform. What a pleasure!

As Grand Lodge officers, we are detailed to visit specific Nebraska lodges. Let me tell you about a brother I met while visiting the lodge in Long Pine. This brother had been a member for decades. When proficiency requirements were changed, he decided to drop his membership in protest. He was getting close to his 50-year pin, so his Masonic brothers began to pay his dues for him. On the night of my visit, a young lodge member had driven 20 miles to bring him to the meeting. He told me how thankful he was that his brothers kept their belief in him.

We met Dr. George Thompson in Sidney. He was a dentist in the military during WWII and Worshipful Master of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, in 1945. This spry, 100-year-old brother came to the lodge for the fellowship and meal following the cornerstone ceremony. His brothers from the lodge told us about the people he had helped and his commitment to his community. The brother who was acting as his chauffeur shared some wonderful stories about this remarkable Mason. It was one of the nicest examples of Brotherhood, Masonry and Fraternity that I have seen.

Who are my Masonic heroes? The few examples from history or the silver screen that I had too little time to properly share with you or the men we have all met in our search for light! Somehow it is hard for me to relate to the perfect heroes of the screen or the larger than life historical figures in Masonry, but I can travel with and admire the men who enter our craft and begin a journey that can go as far as they choose to travel.

The Masons of Nebraska who belong to York Rite are sponsoring two ministers to the expense paid holy land pilgrimage. Our minister, Allen Schmidt, Pastor of the ELCA Church in Chadron will be one of them. The following comments are from one of his recent sermons. His text was based on the story of Jeremiah. When Jeremiah faced a task for which he felt inadequate, God encouraged him with the words; "I am with you to deliver you." The sermon then continued, "God is not looking for the best qualifications, or people who make the best prospects. That's not to say he would turn down those who truly are the best at certain things, because it is true that some of the most gifted people are also some of God's best servants; but that is a coincidence and not a requirement. God knows that the vast majority of men and women would like to think of themselves in the "I am only" category. But "I am only," is enough - with God's help. It is amazing what God can make of such people - people like you and me."

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One Hundred Forty-Fourth
Annual Communication

Held in Lincoln, Nebraska
February 2 – 3, 2001

Most Worshipful James F. Brown, Jr.
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 2, 2001

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Ivan Vrtiska invoked the blessing of Deity.

M.:W.: Grand Master James F. Brown, requested that the Grand Secretary ascertain if there was a quorum present.

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

The Grand Master declared the 144th Annual Communication duly opened for the transaction of business and asked that the Grand Marshal proclaim the Annual Communication open in ample form.

At this time, Grand Master Brown appointed W.:Brother J.L. Spray of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 as Parliamentarian for the 144th Annual Communication.

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.: James F. Brown, Jr. announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as Tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Steven A. Green as Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M.:W.: Grand Master Brown 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.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

At this time, the Grand Master requested that Neil Henry, Chairman of the Membership Committee, come forward to present the traveling trophies. The two membership awards are given for the highest percent of positive growth – counting new members, reinstatements, suspensions and deaths. Each lodge received a traveling trophy that they can display in their lodge for one year before it is presented at the next annual communication. The winner in the small lodge division is Corinthian Lodge No. 83 in Wakefield. The winner in the large lodge division is Thistle Lodge No. 61 in Lexington.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

John D. VerMaas, 256, Chairman

We have projected revenues of \$448,977.59, and expenses of \$448,832.47, which leaves us revenue less expenses of \$145.12. Tomorrow we will cast a vote on the budget. Having been a member of the Appropriations Committee for many years, I would just like to note that it continues to get tougher and tougher to make budget.



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



M.:W.: Richard L. Campbell, Grand Master of Iowa, brought greetings.



M.:W.: Stanley D. Browning, Grand Master of Kansas, brought greetings. A Grand Representative Certificate was presented to M.:W.: James F. Brown, Jr. by M.:W.: Browning for the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas.



M.:W.: Donald R. Salmon, Grand Master of South Dakota, brought greetings.

REPORT OF BALLOT

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Steven A. Green, presented the report of the balloting on Grand Lodge Officers. There were a total of 213 ballots cast, with the following individuals receiving a majority of votes for the offices indicated:

Deputy Grand Master/ Grand Master-Elect.....	R.:W.: Michael E. Jones
Grand Senior Warden	R.:W.: Kenneth D. Beebe
Grand Junior Warden.....	R.:W.: Lester R. Seiler
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.



M.:W.: James F. Brown, Jr. introduced Brother Ross Van Ness Bayer, Grand Master of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay, who brought greetings.



Deputy Grand Master Philip A. Lorenzen announced that the installation of the 2001/2002 Grand Lodge Officers will be held Sunday, February 11, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Omaha. There will be a reception following.

Grand Junior Warden Kenneth D. Beebe moved for approval to hold the 147th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska at the Holiday Inn in Kearney for 2004, February 5, 6, 7. The motion was seconded and carried.



The R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the session from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 3 at 8:30 a.m.

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Second Session
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The R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 144th 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 3, 2001.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Ivan Vrtiska invoked the blessing of Deity.

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

John D. VerMaas, 256, Chairman

The Appropriations Committee met at the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln, Nebraska on January 12, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. Committee members present were Chairman John D. VerMaas, and Terry Spencer. Also attending were Phil Lorenzen, Deputy Grand Master and Chris Rudder, Grand Lodge Office Manager.

A motion to accept a balanced budget for 2001 was made by Terry, seconded by John and approved. This budget will be presented at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Meeting to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska February 1 - 3, 2001.

With membership continuing to drop and expenses continuing to increase it becomes exceedingly difficult to present a balanced budget. The Committee has cut the budget in as many ways as possible and still meet the fiscal responsibilities of the Grand Lodge. The Appropriations Committee submitted at the last Annual Communication a resolution for a \$1.00 per year dues increase for each year for five years. This resolution will be voted on this session.

Respectfully submitted,
 John D. VerMaas, 256, Chairman
 Terry L. Spencer, 227
 Robert A. Metcalf, 210
 J.L. Spray, 19
 Kenneth S. Friend, 314

2001 BUDGET

<u>Account</u>	<u>2001 Budget</u>
Lodge Income	
2104.000 Dues-Fremont Home	\$8,730.50
2105.000 Dues-Masonic Home	\$35,316.00
2106.000 Dues-Geo Washington	\$8,709.00
4100.000 Membership Dues	\$176,300.00
4175.000 Perp Management Fee	\$975.00
4200.000 Initiation Fees	\$2,600.00
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	\$3,528.95
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	\$10,227.14
4600.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$1,000.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$247,386.59
Sales Income	
4400.000 Supplies	\$10,000.00
4440.000 Seminar Registration	
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	\$50,600.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	\$7,500.00
4620.400 Sale of Banquet Tickets	\$8,800.00
4625.400 Sale of Other MealTickets	\$8,500.00
4630.400 Sale of Ladies Luncheon	\$1,430.00
4640.450 To Light Subscription	\$450.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	\$77,280.00
Participatory Income	
4650.000 NE Masonic Home-Admin	\$10,000.00
4655.000 NE Masonic Home-Paper	\$12,500.00
4660.000 OES & Fremont -Paper	\$12,000.00
Subtotal-Participatory Income	\$34,500.00
Investment Income	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB - Omaha	\$86,811.00
4800.000 Gain on Sale of Invest	\$0.00
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$3,000.00
Subtotal-Investment Income	\$89,811.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$448,977.59

Annual Communication	
5102.400 Mileage Expense	\$0.00
5103.400 Per Diem	\$1,800.00
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	\$1,400.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	\$6,000.00
5120.400 Proceedings	\$6,000.00
5130.400 Grand Lodge Banquet	\$8,800.00
5140.400 Entertainment of Guests	\$0.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	\$2,000.00
5170.400 Misc Incental Expense	\$5,000.00
5171.400 Other Meals	\$6,500.00
5440.400 Printing & Copying	\$1,000.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	\$38,500.00
Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Incidental Expense	\$300.00
5220.425 Meals	\$3,750.00
5440.425 Printing & Copying	\$450.00
Subtotal-Installation	\$4,500.00
Travel & Related	
5200.000 Travel-GL Office Staff	\$500.00
5200.100 Travel-Grand Master	\$1,000.00
5200.150 Travel-Dep Gr Master	\$400.00
5200.200 Travel-Grand Secretary	\$250.00
5200.350 Travel-Other Officers	\$400.00
5210.100 Auto Allow-Grand Master	\$1,300.00
5210.150 Auto Allow-Dep Gr Master	\$500.00
5210.200 Auto Allow-Gr Secretary	\$300.00
5210.250 Auto Allow-Gr Custodian	\$1,000.00
5210.300 Auto Allow- DGC's	\$700.00
5210.350 Auto Allow-Other Officers	\$4,000.00
5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff	\$100.00
5220.100 Meals-Grand Master	\$1,000.00
5220.150 Meals-Dep Gr Master	\$400.00
5220.200 Meals-Gr Secretary	\$300.00
5220.250 Meals -Gr Custodian	\$200.00
5220.300 Meals-DGC's	\$100.00
5220.350 Meals-Other Officers	\$400.00
5230.000 Motels-GL Office Staff	\$500.00
5230.100 Motels-Grand Master	\$2,500.00
5230.150 Motels-Dep Gr Master	\$1,000.00
5230.200 Meals-Grand Secretary	\$750.00
5230.250 Motels-Gr Custodian	\$500.00
5230.350 Motels-Other Officers	\$1,750.00
5235.150 Retreat-Dep Gr Master	\$875.00
5240.100 Conf & Conv -Gr Master	\$600.00
5240.150 Conf & Conv-Dep GM	\$400.00
5240.200 Conf & Conv-Gr Secretary	\$400.00
5240.350 Conf & Conv-Other Officer	\$1,250.00
5250.300 Per Diem-DGC's	\$1,200.00
5260.300 School of Instruction	\$3,000.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related	\$27,575.00
Salaries & Related	
5310.250 Salary-Gr Custodian	\$6,000.00
5320.000 Salary-GL Office Staff	\$71,150.00
5330.000 Salary-Temp Staff	\$2,000.00
5340.000 FICA-Employer Share	\$5,595.97
5340.250 FICA-Employer Share-GC	\$459.00
5350.000 Unemploy Tax-Fed	\$184.00
5350.250 Unemploy Tax-Fed-GC	\$48.00

5360.000 Unemploy Tax-State	\$27.00
5360.250 Unemploy Tax-State-GC	\$6.00
5370.000 Employers Share Sep/IRA	\$2,160.00
5380.000 GL Office Staff-Training	\$250.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	\$87,879.97

Occupancy & Related

5400.000 Office Rent	\$13,152.00
5410.000 Utilities	\$3,500.00
5412.000 Trash Removal	\$275.00
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance	\$1,000.00
5414.000 Building Maintenance	\$6,000.00
5415.000 Telephone	\$7,500.00
5415.100 Telephone-Gr Master	\$750.00
5415.150 Telephone-Dep Gr Master	\$0.00
5415.200 Telephone-Gr Secretary	\$600.00
5415.250 Telephone-Gr Custodian	\$100.00
5415.350 Telepone-Other Officers	\$0.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	\$3,500.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental	\$700.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	\$500.00
5435.000 Postage	\$7,500.00
5435.100 Postage-Gr Master	\$0.00
5435.150 Postage-Dep Gr Master	\$0.00
5435.250 Postage-Gr Custodian	\$100.00
5440.000 Printing & Copying	\$3,000.00
5440.100 Printing & Copying-GM	\$0.00
5440.150 Printing & Copying-DGM	\$0.00
5440.200 Printing & Copying-G Sec	\$0.00
5440.250 Printing & Copying-GC	\$0.00
5445.000 Office Supplies	\$3,500.00
5445.100 Office Supplies-GM	\$0.00
5445.200 Office Supplies-GS	\$0.00
5445.250 Office Supplies-Gr Cust	\$0.00
5450.000 Office Maintenance	\$1,000.00
5455.000 Computer Supplies	\$2,200.00
5460.000 Computer Repair & Maint	\$2,800.00
5465.000 Computer Software Sup	\$1,000.00
5470.000 Dues & Subscriptions	\$700.00
5475.000 NE Mason Pub Exp	\$28,000.00
5480.000 Bank Service Charge	\$75.00
5485.000 Professional Fees	\$2,675.00
5490.000 Legal Fees	\$100.00
5500.000 Supplies-Printed	\$7,500.00
5505.000 Supplies-Other	\$4,500.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	\$200.00
5510.000 Supplies-Pins	\$1,750.00
5515.000 Secretary's Desk Book Exp	\$1,800.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	\$1,000.00
5555.000 Retirement-Alice Lallman	\$3,360.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	\$110,337.00

Insurance & Administrative

5600.000 Workers Compensation	\$425.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	\$29,000.00
5610.000 Surety Bond	\$3,529.00
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	\$2,825.00
5625.000 Liability Insurance	\$11,200.00
5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	\$1,131.00
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	\$1,500.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	\$49,610.00

Committees	
XXXX.100 Jurisprudence-Committee	
XXXX.450 Masonic Education	\$3,000.00
5200.450 Travel	
5220.450 Meals	
5230.450 Motels	
5440.450 Printing & Copying	
5435.450 Postage	
5470.450 Dues	
XXXX.475 Appropriations Committee	
5220.475 Meals	
XXXX.525 Committee On Work	
5200.525 Travel	
XXXX.550 Relief Committee	\$500.00
5835.550 Masonic Relief	
XXXX.600 Trial Commissions	\$100.00
5200.600 Travel	
XXXX.625 Grievances	
XXXX.650 Gr Lodge Office Comm	\$75.00
5220.650 Meals	
XXXX.675 Finance Committee	
5220.675 Meals	
XXXX.700 Public Relations Committee	\$2,000.00
5220.700 Travel	
5440.700 Printing & Copying	
5650.700 Misc Exp	
XXXX.700 Grand Marshal Exp	\$1,000.00
XXXX.725 Band Clinic	\$56,000.00
5650.725 Expenses	
XXXX.750 Youth Committee	\$5,200.00
5220.750 Meals	
5875.750 Scholarships Awards	
5650.750 Other Administrative	
XXXX.800 Membership committee	\$1,000.00
5650.800 Administrative Exp	
5200.800 Travel	
5440.800 Printing & Copying	
5520.800 Awards & Rec	
XXXX.825 General Session/Social Comm	\$0.00
5220.825 Meals	
XXXX.900 Awards Committee	\$600.00
5520.900 Awards & Recognition	
XXXX.910 Freemasonry & Religion Comm	
XXXX.950 Lodge Advisory Committee	\$250.00
5210.950 Auto Allowance	
5230.950 Motel	

XXXX.995 Masonic Renewal Committee	
5240.900 Conf & Conv Fees	
Subtotal-Committees	\$69,725.00
Contributions	
2104.000 Fremont Home Dues	\$8,730.50
2105.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	\$35,316.00
2106.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	\$8,709.00
5800.000 Masonic Service Assoc Dues	\$1,100.00
5810.000 NE DeMolay Donation	\$3,500.00
5811.000 Job's Daughters Donation	\$1,000.00
5812.000 Rainbow Donation	\$1,000.00
5820.000 Masonic Svc Assoc Hosp	\$1,000.00
5830.000 Other Masonic Promotion	
5835.000 Masonic Relief Association	\$350.00
Subtotal-Contributions	\$60,705.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$448,832.47
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	\$145.12

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

**NECROLOGY
AND
REPORT OF THE MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE**
Ivan A. Vrtiska, Grand Chaplain

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and visiting guests:

I wish to pay a small tribute to those brethren who entered "that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," by sharing with you a poem entitled "A Traveler Coming Home" by Karen Ravn.

A TRAVELER COMING HOME

A traveler ventured forth one day
 Upon a long and winding road
 With faith and trust to lead the way,
 With strength and will to bear his load.
 And at a slow but steady pace,
 In cold of storm, in warmth of sun,
 He journeyed on from place to place
 And gained some value from each one.
 Until at last one quiet night,

He climbed a hill's soft rounding crest
And saw afar a single light
That seemed to promise peace and rest.
And following its glow, he came
Upon the house in which it shone.
A voice inside called out his name
And told him he was truly home.

Now all of us must travel, too –
Like his, our paths wind slowly on,
And surely when the course is through,
A welcome comfort waits beyond.
May we believe that sweet content
Is earned by all those miles passed,
And never doubt each traveler's meant
To reach a loving home at last.

I feel this verse describes many of us as we journey through life. Life is a great teacher. Each of us, as Masons, knows the meaning of life is found in loving, giving, and seeking harmony and peace through life's journey of service. The late George Washington Carver once said,

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong – because someday you will be all of these.”

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe continue to give you strength, guidance and blessings as you live out your life of service in His Name.

Our Masonic family may be paralleled to a beautiful Bouquet of Roses, which I symbolically present you this morning and place upon the dais before you, as a tribute to our departed brothers. Using the words of Alice Andis Oakes:

“Leaf by leaf the roses fall,
Drop by drop the streams run dry
One by one our Brothers pass on
To make the rainbow in the sky.

Their hands are folded now to rest,
Hushed are those lips so pure;
Their spirit now among the blest,
No pain or sorrow to endure.

Their chairs are vacant now and lone,
Their steps no longer heard;
Their voice is stilled evermore,
No longer gesture, look or word.

They toiled for others day by day,
With sacrifice, their life was fraught;
Early began their day of toil,
And late their tired fingers wrought.

May we who toil in life's hard way,
A message from them share;
Live not for self nor selfish gain,
Do all for Him and care.

Since we last assembled in annual communication, approximately 552 of our brethren have been called from their labors here on earth to the Celestial Lodge above. It seems only fitting that we pause for a few moments to honor the memory of those who served their lodges so faithful and well, and who have been called from their labors here on earth to the great lodge beyond. Among these brethren whom we remember today are:

- Past Grand Master, Byron C. Jenkins (1980), Bellevue Lodge No. 325, who gave untiring labors to our fraternity. W.:B.: Jenkins implemented the "Rock Maul Award" for most outstanding lodge and the "Gold Pan Award" for the greatest contribution or most outstanding service to Masonry during the year. W.:B.: Jenkins entered into his eternal rest September 12, 2000.
- Past Grand Secretary, Albert T. Reddish, passed before the Great White Throne and received the welcome words on November 14, 2000. Brother Reddish served as Grand Secretary from May 1987 to September 1989.

They will be missed for the Masonic Leadership they shared and the warmth of their friendship.

"Long after a beautiful life has gone
To fairer world on high,
Our lives are bright with a lingering light,
For a true life cannot die.

Life is the eternal beam that our departed brothers,
through a life of love and service
move into the worlds beyond
where they will dwell forever more."

Let us pray:

We are grateful, dear Lord, for the beautiful memories that are ours. Especially do we thank thee upon every remembrance of those who have touched our lives and made us better persons. For those who have inspired us, who believed in us, and who helped us when we were too weak, too immature or too foolish to help ourselves, we praise thy name. We would make it one of the purposes of our lives to be such friends to others that some one of them may thank God when he calls us to mind. In thy name we pray. Amen.

Respectfully submitted
Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327, Chairman
Ted McNeese, 210
John F. Dale, 126

V.:W.: Ivan Vrtiska moved for the adoption of the Necrology, along with the Report of the Masonic Memorial Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.



At this time, Grand Master James F. Brown, Jr. officially reappointed the Deputy Grand Custodians, under the leadership of W.:B.: Steven A. Green as Tellers, should they be needed.



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Charles W. Amidon, 281 & 327, Chairman

Due to the absence of M.:W.: Charles Amidon, Steven A. Green, presented the report.

The Committee was represented at several Central Schools of Instruction throughout the state. They also were present at the Deputy Custodian School held in Grand Island in September of 2000. A run down of some of its activities is as follows:

February, One Day Class, Papillion No. 39

March, Central Schools, Nebraska No.1, Covert No. 11, John J. Mercer No. 290, and Bellevue No. 325

March, Area Educational Meeting, Nebraska No. 1

April, Foundation Meeting at Grand Lodge Office

April, One Day Class, John J. Mercer No. 290

April, Prince Hall and Grand Lodge 10th anniversary dinner, Lincoln

May, Area Proficiency examination, Shiloh No. 327

September, Deputy Custodian School, Grand Island

September, Re-obligation Ceremony, George W. Lininger No. 268

October, Grand Lodge Area Education meeting, Papillion No. 39

In keeping with the Grand Master's ruling that small class initiations (up to five candidates at a time), were permissible, several small classes were held during the past year. The records show that the following classes were conducted:

March 15, Hiram No. 52, EA

March 16 and April 20, Hickman No. 256, FC and MM

April 19 and May 17, Hiram No. 52, FC and MM

June 17, John J. Mercer No. 290, EA, FC and MM

July 22, Custer No. 148, EA, FC and MM

September 16, Hickman No. 256, EA, FC and MM

October 28, Papillion No. 39, EA, FC and MM

November 14, Mitchell No. 263, MM

November 18, Thistle No. 61, EA, FC and MM

November 8, 15 and 29, Covert No. 11, EA, FC and MM

December 16, Thistle No. 61, EA, FC and MM

It is apparent that several subordinate lodges are accepting the responsibility of conducting degree work within their own walls in lieu of abdicating to the popular One Day Format which has also proved to be of benefit in increasing membership. Due to

this resurgence of interest throughout the jurisdiction, the Grand Master has charged the Committee, together with the Grand Custodian's office, to prepare a Floor Work Manual covering multiple candidate classes.

At the Deputy Custodians' School held in Grand Island in September 2000, the subject of small classes was debated. Several suggestions were proposed, keeping in mind that the work should be conducted in such a manner that each candidate should receive as much personal attention as possible. It was also recognized that a reasonable time schedule should be maintained.

Fortunately, all three members of the Committee on Work were in attendance. Following a rough draft "walk through" of the suggested methods to accomplish the goal, it was agreed that the Committee on Work should prepare a Floor Work Manual for approval. Such a manual was prepared and copies were provided to all members of the Committee as well as the Grand Custodian. After consultation with all involved parties, a final draft was prepared and submitted to the Grand Master for his approval and/or suggested modifications.

A copy of this Floor Work Manual was attached for inclusion in the record. Due to the volume of pages involved, it has not been included in the individual delegates' packets. However, copies will be available through the Grand Lodge Office.

It is the opinion of the Committee on Work that as this manual does not constitute a change in bylaws, approval of its report will implement a procedure for conducting up to five (5) member classes subject to the Grand Master's permission.

The Committee wishes to thank the Grand Custodian and his Deputies for their full cooperation in preparing this manual and trust that the subordinate lodges will find it to be of great value in conducting their own small class initiations.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles W. Amidon, PGM, 281 & 327, Chairman
Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317
Steven A. Green, 54

W.:B.: Steven A. Green, moved for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work, with corrections to the Floorwork Manual from Friday's workshop. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, and brethren.

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this the 144th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance all Grand Lodge Officers, 13 Past Grand Masters, 22 Deputy Grand Custodians, and 54 non-delegate Masons. At the time of this report there are the following Masters, Wardens and Secretaries registered. There are 71 Worshipful Masters in person and 26 by proxy. There are 46 Senior Wardens in person and 24 by proxy. There are 36 Junior Wardens in person and 35 by proxy. There are 48 Secretaries in person and 34 by proxy.

There are no Masters, Wardens, or Secretaries registered from the following lodges: 23, 36, 53, 68, 77, 94, 98, 103, 114, 120, 121, 134, 143, 148, 158, 159, 165, 174, 177, 192, 207, 211, 218, 219, 222, 248, 251, 264, 271, 284, 285, 286, 291, 305, 308, 311, and 320.

There have been no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered for the past two years from the following lodges: 23, 36, 271, 285, and 308, and for three years from 271, 285, and 308.

We are pleased to have dignitaries present representing the following jurisdictions: Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Manitoba, Minnesota, Missouri, Prince Hall Masons of Nebraska, Nevada, New York, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

We also have in attendance representatives from the following Masonic Related Organizations: Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Tangier, Tehama, and Sesostriis Shrine Temples, Daughters of the Nile and National Sojourners.

Other attendance items that may be of interest are: there were 247 present at the Grand Master's Dinner Thursday evening; there were 401 at the Public Opening Friday morning and 300 at the Membership Dinner Friday night.

It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee this year, for Most Worshipful Grand Master James F. Brown, Jr. I want to personally thank the other brothers on the Committee who have spent many hours at the Registration table to make this a Great Grand Communication. They are: Doyle Berg, Frank Dougherty, William Hurst, and Norris Rusmisell.

A huge thank you to Chris, Carol and Jean at the Grand Lodge office who work so hard to make the Grand Lodge session run smooth.

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

W.:B.: Delmar Jones moved for the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

GRAND MASTER'S RECRUITMENT AWARD

This program recognizes the top 25 petition signers in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. This year there were 16 members who qualified. The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master read the

names, and M.: W .: Grand Master Brown had the honor of doing the presentations of the medals.

Bruce Watkins, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
 Curt Edic, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha
 Clarence Krapp, Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion
 Richard Wiese, Jr., Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
 Robert Wickham, Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion
 Jay Thomsen, Hiram Lodge No. 52, Arlington
 Larry Smith, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland
 Delbert Schultz, Miloma Lodge No. 328, Omaha
 Doran G. Post, Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington
 William Plith, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha
 Donald W. Madsen, Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha
 William J. Erickson, Custer Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow
 Kevin Broek, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
 James B. Parks, Sr., Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha
 James Jacobson, Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion

First place went to Brother Dale Lueders, a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300. He was the first line signer on 7 petitions. Brother Lueders was presented with a recognition badge; his picture and name will also be on a plaque which will hang in the Grand Lodge Office.



Most Worshipful Freddie D. Adams, Grand Master of Missouri brought greetings.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

My brethren, you have all been furnished with a copy of my Address as you registered with credentials, and the delegates all received a copy of my Recommendations, 45 days prior to this session.

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 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, it is my duty to present a written address to the 144th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. In addition, I have submitted my Grand Master's Recommendations to the Jurisprudence Committee as required by Section 1-304 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws. Accordingly, this address will set forth the official acts of the Grand Master during the year preceding this Annual

Communication, and will summarize the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction of Nebraska. It will also contain the recommendations by the Grand Master of legislation that I deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the fraternity.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

When I addressed the craft at the last annual communication, I presented my vision "2000 - A Benchmark for Progress" and I made a commitment to the members to be visible and share my vision of Masonry with as many lodges as possible. During my travels, I have learned that there are three essential ingredients of a successful lodge-regardless of the size of their membership.

- The presence of a "Selective" Membership Program in the lodge
- A dedication to ritual and the education of new members
- A strong spirit of Fraternity among the brothers

First, successful lodges adopt a selective membership program. They realize that some members will come to them through the efforts of appendant bodies, but an active membership base capable of sustaining and growing the influence of the lodge within the community will only be developed through the devoted efforts of the lodge membership. The key word in this program is "selective." Not every man should be a Mason! Two criteria should be applied to each prospect. First, will the prospect benefit from Masonry, and second, will he be an active member? The answer to these two questions is very subjective, but it must be addressed when you target a person for membership. Merely increasing our numbers is not what we need! Active, involved, and dedicated members is what we should strive to obtain. The "Targeting Program" advanced by the Grand Lodge Officers this year will help lodges recruit the type of membership that is needed to enhance the image of our fraternity.

The recruitment of new members does not end with the conferral of the degrees of Masonry. The real work begins with the education efforts that are directed to the new member. He must feel a sense of belonging. He must be convinced that his presence is appreciated and needed. He must become a master of some aspect of the ritual. When these needs are satisfied, you truly have a new Master Mason in your lodge. Dedicate yourself to the ritual and the education of a new member. "Posting" is what will accomplish this goal. Each lodge needs to post the new member so that he can be active. Education of the new member cannot be accomplished in a vacuum. It still requires a one on one relationship!

A membership program coupled with a dedication to the ritual and the education of new Master Masons is the work of the lodge. It is the responsibility not only of each officer of the lodge, but also, each member of the lodge. If neglected or shirked, the result is always a weakening of the lodge within its designated community. However, work without play is not desirable. A spirit of fraternity is one of the main reasons men choose to continue to be active in their lodge. Family activities are beneficial, limited community service is desirable, but activities that build a spirit of fraternity among the brethren are critical. We must never lose site of the fact that men join this fraternity to socialize with other men. Exclusive activities for the brethren must be scheduled and promoted regularly. Not every Mason is a ritualist, but every Mason is a brother. Successful lodges promote a spirit of brotherhood among its members.

I am confident that if we remember the three keys to success discussed above, we will continue to attract men of quality to our fraternity. Programs such as “2000 new Master Masons,” “2000 Visits between Lodges,” and “2000 Books read by Master Masons” are worthy attention directing activities, but we must continue to concentrate our efforts on insuring that our individual lodges are successful in our own eyes. Develop a vision for your lodge. Plan activities that help accomplish that vision. Encourage all Master Masons in your lodge to actively work toward the accomplishment of the vision. The result will be continued success for Nebraska Masonry!

NECROLOGY

Service to the fraternity is a privilege offered freely and voluntarily by members who have had the rare distinction to serve as a Grand Master. The knowledge and skill possessed by these members is gratefully acknowledged. When we lose a leader with this experience, the fraternity is never the same again. Fortunately, Masonry continues to inspire and develop future generations of leaders. However, we mourn the loss of the following Master Mason who served as Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska:

Most Worshipful Brother Byron C. Jenkins, 115th Grand Master (1980)

MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Frequently, youth leaders state that they are the future of this fraternity. This is an ambitious statement to be sure, but not exactly true. One by one they can add to this fraternity, and they are invited and encouraged to do so. Unfortunately, their numbers are too small to be a major player in all but a few communities. What is true is that they are a great source of future leaders of this fraternity.

The leadership programs that are available for the youth who choose to participate in DeMolay, Job's, and Rainbow definitely develop leadership abilities. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska does and should continue to support the programs developed by our youth organizations. The Grand Lodge Youth Committee has taken an active stance in assisting the leadership of the Masonic youth organizations to develop a statewide leadership program that is scheduled for 2002. The planning is well underway and the results of such a program will benefit all youth who participate.

On the lodge level, members should work with existing youth organizations, attend their functions, assist with membership efforts, and be willing to participate with the organization of new Chapters, Bethels, and Assemblies as the need arises. The youth of our state are worth the investment of our time, effort, and money. Say “Yes” when approached by our youth and all will benefit!

Nebraska was fortunate to have Brother Jason Wood serve as the DeMolay International Master Councilor and preside at the 33rd DeMolay Congress held in Orlando, Florida. His tenure was marked by a sharp increase in awareness and involvement with DeMolay. The members of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska commend Jason Wood for his efforts.

During the year, I had the honor of attending and addressing the following youth organization events:

- DeMolay Roundup (Kearney)
- Rainbow Grand Assembly (Crete)
- 33rd DeMolay Congress (Orlando, FL)
- 80th Supreme Council Order of DeMolay (Orlando, FL)
- 80th Annual DeMolay Conclave (Grand Island)

JOINT RECOGNITION ACTIVITY

On April 22nd a Joint Recognition Dinner was held between the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska and the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska. The purpose of the dinner held in Lincoln at the Nebraska Club was to celebrate ten years of joint recognition between the two Grand Lodges. It was a special evening! The Masters of Ceremonies for the evening were M.:W.:B.: John M. McHenry and M.:W.:B.: Wright Robinson. The following Masonic dignitaries were in attendance:

James F. Brown, Jr. & Diane	Grand Master
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Doysa L. Whitaker & Jacquelyn	Grand Master
.....	Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.: M.:
Chares W. Amidon	Past Grand Master
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Warren D. Lichty	Past Grand Master
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Robert Metcalf & Dorothy	Past Grand Master
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Paul R. Eveland & Kay	Past Grand Master
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
John M. McHenry & Nadine	Past Grand Master
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Jerry L. Rittenburg & Mary Alice	Past Grand Master
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
John W. Reed	Past Grand Master
.....	Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.: M.:
Edward Medlin	Past Grand Master
.....	Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.:
Wright Robinson & Vivian	Past Grand Master
.....	Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.:
Philip A. Lorenzen & Marilyn	Deputy Grand Master
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Johnny Cummings	Deputy Grand Master
.....	Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.:
Michael E. Jones & Joanie	Grand Senior Warden
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Ivory Bobb, Jr.	Senior Grand Warden
.....	Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.:
Reginald S. Kuhn	Grand Secretary
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
James C. Davis, Sr.	Grand Secretary
.....	Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.:

Eric Critchlow	Grand Treasurer
.....	Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.:
Russell Hobson & Anne Marie	Past Grand Treasurer
.....	Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.:
Ivan A. Vrtiska & Karen.....	Grand Chaplain
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
John T. Parsons & Pauline	Grand Historian
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Fred Wisdom & Elma	Grand Lecturer
.....	Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.:
Jack Nichols & Karen	Grand Marshal
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Michael G. Birnstihl & Beth.....	Grand Junior Deacon
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Wayne A. Andreasen & Susan.....	Grand Senior Steward
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
E. David Watts & Becky.....	Grand Junior Steward
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Carl C. Plants & Carolyn	Grand Tyler
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Russ Reno & Julie.....	Chairman, PR Committee
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Helen M. Jenkins	Wife of Past Grand Master Byron C. Jenkins
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Chris Rudder.....	Grand Lodge Office Manager
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Jean Holt	Grand Lodge Office Assistant
.....	Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska

SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA DEVELOPMENT

I attended the Shrine of North America's Annual meeting in Boston. The following are my impressions of the events that led to the change in membership requirements for the Shrine. First, let me say that the business session was extremely well orchestrated and efficiently administered. This statement is not to be construed as a criticism of the meeting; instead, it is a simple statement of how an organization should be administered when "change" is on the agenda.

My impression is that the change in membership requirement was accomplished in several distinct steps. First, the case was made that 46 members of the Shrine die every day of every year; therefore, a major problem for the Shrine of North America is the membership numbers. The numbers argument was made not in the vein of more members to provide financial support for the hospitals; but instead, more members are needed to support the labor-intensive programs that are necessary to support the hospitals (i.e., football games, transportation programs, Paper Crusades).

Second, a young woman and former patient of the hospitals made a presentation. She had undergone a series of surgeries to reconstruct her face. The result is a beautiful young woman who is well spoken and very appreciative of the Shrine and its hospital system.

The last point she made in her presentation was that more members are needed to support the hospitals. Again, the numbers argument was made.

Next, the legislative process began. Remember, this is the first day of the session and the first topic on the legislative agenda dealt with the membership requirements. The first piece of legislation was a request to change the membership requirement for a specific Shrine Center. Geography was the issue raised. The case was made that the Shrine Center was located in a remote area; thus, it was difficult to transport people to appropriate locations so that they could easily become a Scottish or York Rite Mason. The plea - give us a break so that we can build our membership base. Let us make a man a Shriner immediately after he becomes a Master Mason. A voice vote was taken and the legislation passed resoundingly.

The next piece of legislation was again a request to change the membership requirements for a specific Shrine Center. This time a problem was cited involving the Scottish Rite. A building shared by the Shrine and the Scottish Rite was the issue. There was the opportunity to sell the building, reportedly at a substantial profit, but the sale was vetoed by the Scottish Rite. Non-cooperation was the problem cited. Let us make a man a Shriner immediately after he becomes a Master Mason was the motion. A voice vote was taken and the legislation passed resoundingly.

The stage was set for the inclusive motion to allow a man to join the Shrine anywhere in North America once he becomes a Master Mason. Throughout the legislative process delegates/representatives with voting rights were allowed to present position papers either for or against a motion. Surprisingly, this piece of legislation had only one position paper presented on the opposition side. A voice vote was again taken. Although not as resounding, perhaps 85 percent for and 15 percent against, the motion passed. Effective at the conclusion of this vote, the sole requirement for membership in a Shrine Temple located in North America is that a man must be a Master Mason.

A break was taken. Immediately after the break, the Imperial Potentate withdrew his motion for a civic/social membership. "Smoke and Mirrors" is my interpretation of the social membership issue. The change in membership requirement to the Master Mason qualification was the agenda for this year! A civic member was never the real issue!

A lesson in how to implement change within an organization is what I have described. As a result, there is a new playing field for the Masonic family. The Scottish Rite, the Shrine of North America, and the York Rite each have identical membership requirements. A man must be a Master Mason to be eligible for membership in each one of these organizations. In my mind the playing field is level. Let us work together to insure the growth of each of these Masonic organizations!

CORNERSTONES AND TEMPLE DEDICATIONS

There are two major public ceremonies under the purview of local lodges-Cornerstones and Masonic Services. The promotion of the Cornerstone Ceremony is a responsibility of the Grand Marshal (Jack Nichols). The effectiveness with which he discharges this responsibility is a direct function of how active local lodges are in working with their communities in promoting this ceremony. Each and every Cornerstone Ceremony originates with a local lodge. This ceremony can be performed for any public structure

erected for educational purposes, religious purposes, or for the administration of justice and free government. During the 2000 year, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was privileged to perform ten Cornerstone Ceremonies. The date, structure, location, and the lodge coordinating the activities are listed below:

- June 3 Community Building & Fire Hall (Dannebrog)
 St. Paul Lodge No. 82
- June 10 Miller Assisted Living Center (Chappell)
 Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205
- June 24 Grand Lodge Office (Lincoln)
 Lancaster Lodge No. 54
- June 25 Nebraska Masonic Home Alzheimer Unit (Plattsmouth)
 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
- July 9 Howard County Hospital (St. Paul)
 St. Paul Lodge No. 82
- August 20 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Picnic Pavilion
 (Fremont)
- September 9 Cheyenne County Hospital (Sidney)
 Frank Welch Lodge No. 75
- September 9 Oshkosh Cornerstone & Lodge Dedication (Oshkosh)
 Oshkosh Lodge No. 286
- September 10 Light Memorial Presbyterian Church (Sidney)
 Frank Welch Lodge No. 75
- December 9 Police Administration Building (Hastings)
 Hastings Lodge No. 50 & Mid-West Lodge No. 317

LOGDES CONSOLIDATED

The viability of Masonry in Nebraska is a direct function of the availability of lodges in a community. When lodge consolidations occur, the individual and Masonry in general suffers. Lodges should take every effort to continue to exist. If the lodge building is too big of a drain on the membership, then move to a community building after seeking permission from the Grand Lodge. If membership declines, develop and use a targeting program to rebuild membership. The Grand Lodge stands ready to assist lodges with their problems. Do not wait until the problems are severe. Early attention to your problems will generally result in a resolution of the problem. I am happy to report that there were no lodge consolidations during the year 2000!

LOGDE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

The following amendments to lodge bylaws were approved during the past year:

On April 28, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering to change their meeting night from the second and fourth Wednesdays to the second Wednesday only.

On April 28, 2000, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of McCook Lodge No. 135, a copy of which is on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

On May 15, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of The Masters and Wardens Club of Greater Omaha and Surrounding Area, to clarify the requirements and duties of the Vice President of the Club.

On May 16, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha to increase the amount their Committee on Relief has the authority to pay out to persons in emergency cases without a vote of the Lodge.

On June 22, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha to add section 7 to Article VI which outlines how much the lodge will donate each year for Masonic purposes in the Omaha Metropolitan area. It also outlines to whom these funds may be given.

On June 28, 2000, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Zion Lodge No. 234, Hyannis a copy of which is on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

On June 28, 2000, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney a copy of which is on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

On August 8, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha to increase their annual dues.

On August 9, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Franklin Lodge No. 264, to waive the annual dues for the holder of the Jordan Medal of their lodge. The lodge will pay the per capita to Grand Lodge for this individual.

On October 13, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wausa Lodge No. 251, to increase their annual dues.

On November 6, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln to add Article VII, Section 1 - Donations; Section 2 - Installations; and Section 3 - Per Diem. The detail of these sections that were added is on file in the Grand Lodge Office.

On November 10, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland to increase their degree fees for the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees.

On November 10, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland to make the hour of their regular communication the same throughout the year.

On November 22, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Perkins Lodge No. 308, Grant to increase their annual dues.

On November 22, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln to increase their annual dues.

On December 15, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Kimball Lodge No. 294, to change their name to James L. Eatmon Lodge No. 294.

On December 22, 2000, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of St. Paul Lodge No. 82, to change the hour of their meeting to 7:30 p.m. year round.

REINSTATEMENTS

The following brethren were reinstated during the past year, showing the names of the reinstated brethren, his lodge, and the date each was reinstated to membership:

February 14, 2000	James E. Schwinck.....	North Star No. 227
February 14, 2000	Tim Roger Eyman.....	Bee Hive No. 184
February 14, 2000	Loren E. Gillaspay.....	Bellevue No. 325
February 25, 2000	Alan Riibe	Relief No. 219
March 9, 2000	Mikel W. Picard.....	Geneva No. 79
March 16, 2000	Franklyn Paul Durazzo.....	Covert No. 11
March 16, 2000	Allen S. Whiting	Laurel No. 248
April 28, 2000	William T. Edwards.....	Craftsmen No. 314
May 15, 2000	William G. Nottage-Tacey.....	Olive Branch No. 274
May 30, 2000	Gary Goodsell.....	Omadi No. 5
June 14, 2000	Ernie Griffin.....	George Washington No. 250
June 22, 2000	David L. Smidt.....	Wahoo No. 59
June 22, 2000	John F. White	Diamond No. 291
June 30, 2000	Kirk A. Ehrwen.....	Camp Clarke No. 285
July 10, 2000.....	John J. Forman.....	Miloma No. 328
July 15, 2000.....	Robert G. Olson.....	Fremont No. 15
July 31, 2000.....	Terrance R. Ashley	Bellevue No. 325
August 9, 2000.....	Marion L. Bankson	Ashlar No. 33
August 11, 2000.....	Gene L. Campbell	John J. Mercer No. 290
September 8, 2000	Victor Kahler.....	Blue River No. 30
October 10, 2000.....	Charlie Kriewald.....	Ord No. 103
October 10, 2000.....	Stephen C. Bailey.....	Lancaster No. 54
November 2, 2000.....	William W. Rivett.....	Western Star No. 2
November 17, 2000.....	Cameron E. Gray.....	Robert W. Furnas No. 265
November 28, 2000.....	Edward J. Moss.....	East Lincoln No. 210

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

No actions were required during the past year.

NEW DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

The future of the fraternity depends to a great extent on the quality of the men selected as Deputy Grand Custodians. The commitment to the ritual required by these men and the dedication to improving their communication skills so that the education of the membership can be enhanced, is worth the respect and support of each Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction. I had the honor of commissioning two Deputy Grand Custodians.

W.:B.: Harold C. Mueksch.....	District No. 34
W.:B.: Carl C. Plants.....	District No. 19

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

A few rare individuals are deemed by their districts to deserve the title “Emeritus.” This designation recognizes exceptional individuals for the length of service and skill that they have brought to their position as a Deputy Custodian. Upon the recommendation of local lodges in the District and the Grand Custodian, I have the honor of designating one individual to receive “Emeritus” status.

W.:B.: Vincent Rosenberger District No. 28

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I was pleased to commission, at the request of other Grand Masters, the following individuals to be Grand Representatives of Nebraska near their Grand Jurisdiction:

- Thomas L. Packer Mississippi
- Giancarlo Boero..... Italy
- Morley G. McKay.....New Brunswick
- Albert HejnalNew York
- John W. Emmerson..... New Zealand
- Kevin M. Kelly..... Newfoundland & Labrador
- T. E. “Gene” Carnes Texas
- Dr. Gaur H. Singhanian India

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

- John T. Parsons..... Alaska
- Dennis H. Brydl.....Arkansas
- Philip O. Edwards..... Canada - Prince Edward Island
- Robert J. ProkopColombia - Barrenguilla
- Lester R. Seiler Costa Rica
- Willie C. Kunz..... Honduras
- James F. Brown, Jr. Kansas
- W. Glen Jorgenson Maryland
- Don Jelinek Michigan
- Ivan A. Vrtiska Nicaragua
- Loren W. Thoman..... Senegal

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

As provided by Section 1-301 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, on October 5, 1999, M.:W.:B.: Dwight E. Smith, Grand Master, appointed a trial commission for the purpose of conducting a Masonic trial in a matter involving Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 and a member of that lodge. Awaiting judgement of the Commission.

As provided by Section 1-301 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, on March 16, 2000, I appointed a trial commission for the purpose of conducting a Masonic trial in a matter

involving George Washington Lodge No. 250 and a member of that lodge. Awaiting judgement of the Commission.

As provided by Section 1-301 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, on March 29, 2000, I appointed a trial commission for the purpose of conducting a Masonic trial in a matter involving Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 and a member of that lodge. It was the judgement of the Commission that the individual be reprimanded under Section 3-707 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

The Conference of Grand Masters was held in Savannah, Georgia from February 19-23, 2000. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, and the Grand Secretary attended this conference. The conference provides the opportunity for the above officers to network and share information and problems with their counterparts from the other Masonic jurisdictions in North America. Status reports from the following Masonic organizations were presented:

- Masonic Service Association
- National Masonic Foundation for Children
- Masonic Renewal Committee Report
- George Washington Memorial Association

In addition, break out sessions covering the following topics were presented:

- Public Relations
- Business on the First Degree
- Membership
- Internet

The Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America addressed the conference and announced the Shrine's need to change membership requirements. A civic membership classification was suggested. Unfortunately, we all know that the Shrine membership requirements were ultimately changed to the requirement that a member of the Shrine must be a Master Mason.

The conference has no authority to impose requirements on any jurisdiction, but does provide the beneficial service of sharing information.

MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF GRAND LODGES

Although the Conference of Grand Masters is useful, the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges provides a better opportunity to promote Masonry in the Midwest. The conference, hosted by the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, was held in Sioux Falls (August 18-20). Membership in this conference consists of the following Grand Jurisdictions: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Manitoba, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Grand Secretary attended this conference. The following topics were addressed:

- Oklahoma Lodge Officer Retreat Program - W.:B.: Jim Tresner (Oklahoma)
- Intra Fraternal Alliance of Masonic Organizations - M.:W.:B.: J. Garrie Burr (Illinois)
- Michigan Deacons Program - M.:W.:B.: Robert P. Conley (Michigan)
- Membership & Education Programs - M.:W.:B.: James F. Brown, Jr. (Nebraska)
- Finding Out Why Men Join Masonry - M.:W.:B.: Stephen Willet (Wisconsin)
- Masonic Family Unity - M.:W.:B.: Donald Salmon (South Dakota)
- Open Forum Presentations

GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a listing of the Grand Master's activities for the period beginning January 1, 2000 to the beginning of the 144th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

January 2000

- 7 Nebraska Masonic Home Human Relations Committee Meeting (Lincoln)
- Installation of Officers for the Lincoln Valley of the Scottish Rite (Lincoln)
- 8 Grand Lodge Education Committee Meeting (Papillion)
- 11 Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Masonic Home (Plattsmouth)
- 13 Installing Officer for the Tri-Lodge Installation-Lincoln
Lodge No. 19, Lancaster No. 54, Liberty No. 300 (Lincoln)
- 15 Installation of Officers-Electa Chapter No. 8 (Lincoln)
- Installation of Officers-Lincoln Chapter No. 148 (Lincoln)
- 18 Installation of Officers-John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (Omaha)
- 20 Meeting of the Grand Lodge Officer's Advancing Line
(Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln)
- 21 Installation of Officers-Starcraft Chapter No. 307 (Lincoln)
- 24 Addressed the Lincoln Area Lodges Prospect Night (Lincoln)
- 25 Installation of Officers-Myrtle Chapter No. 94 (Lincoln)
- 27 Budget Meeting for the Year 2000 (Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln)
- 29 Sesostri Shrine Center Leadership Conference (Lincoln)
- Installation of Officers-Capitol Chapter No. 320 (Lincoln)
- 31 Grand Lodge Committee on Appropriations Meeting
(Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln)
- Sesostri Shrine Center's Proficient Past Masters Meeting (Lincoln)

February 2000

- 3-5 Grand Lodge Annual Communication (Kearney)
- 11 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (Lincoln)
- 12 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting (Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln)
- 13 Installation of Grand Lodge Officers (Lincoln)
- 19-23 Conference of Grand Masters (Savannah, Georgia)
- 26 Speaker for George Washington Dinner-Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (Beatrice)
- 28 Delivered Funeral Oration for Brother Fisher (Lincoln)

March 2000

- 2 Grand Master's Visit-Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 (Omaha)
- 3 Grand Master's Visit-Capitol Lodge No. 3 (Omaha)

- 4 Meeting of Grand Lodge Officer's Advancing Line
(Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln)
- 6 Grand Master's Visit-Cedar River Lodge No. 89 (Fullerton)
- 7 Entered Apprentice School of Instruction-College View Lodge No. 320
(Lincoln)
- 9 Grand Master's Visit-Victory Lodge No. 310 (Valley)
- 10 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (Lincoln)
- 15 Confer the Master Mason Degree-College View Lodge No. 320 (Lincoln)
- 16 Grand Master's Visit-Western Star Lodge No. 2 (Nebraska City)
- 17-18 Addressed the Scottish Rite Leadership 2000 Conference (Omaha)
- 20 Present Grand Lodge Membership Award to DeWitt Lodge No. 111 (DeWitt)
- 23 National Sojourners Meeting (Omaha)
- 24 Third Ruffian for Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (Lincoln)
- 25 Dinner Speaker & Pin Presentation-Fremont Lodge No. 15 (Fremont)
- 26 Shrine Officers (Tangier, Tehama, and Sesostris) and Grand Lodge Officers
Meeting (Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln)
- 27 School of Instruction in the Master Mason Degree-Nebraska Lodge No. 1
(Omaha)
- 28 Grand Master's Visit & Installation of Master-Albion Lodge No. 78 (Albion)
- 30 Grand Master's Visit & Confer the Master Mason Degree-Corinthian Lodge
No. 83 (Wakefield)
- 31 Ladies Night-Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (Lincoln)

April 2000

- 1 Addressed the Sesostris Shrine Potentate's Ball (Lincoln)
- 2 Addressed the Nebraska Scottish Rite Foundation's Annual Meeting (Lincoln)
Addressed the Nile Installation (Omaha)
- 3 Presented the Grand Lodge Membership Award to Fairbury Lodge No. 35
(Fairbury)
- 4 Table Lodge-George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 (Omaha)
- 5 Meeting with the Chairman of Board of Grand Trustees
- 6-8 Addressed each Body at the Annual York Rite Communication (Columbus)
- 8 Addressed the DeMolay Roundup (Kearney)
- 9 Addressed Naphis Temple No. 66 Daughters of the Nile Installation (Lincoln)
- 11 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting (Plattsmouth)
Grand Master's Visit-Springfield Lodge No. 112 (Springfield)
- 13 Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge Committees (Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln)
- 14 Confer the Master Mason Degree on Rob Bos, State Master Councilor-
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (Lincoln)
- 15 Confer the Master Mason Degree at the Statewide One-Day Class (Omaha)
- 16 Year Pin Presentations-Nehama Valley No. 4 (Brownville)
- 17 Addressed the North East Nebraska Masonic Association Meeting-
Wisner Lodge No. 114 (Wisner)
- 18 Grand Master's Visit-Solomon Lodge No. 10 (Fort Calhoun)
- 22 Ten Year Celebration Dinner for Joint Recognition with Prince Hall
Grand Lodge (Lincoln)
- 23 Easter Speaker for Lincoln Valley of the Scottish Rite (Lincoln)
- 24 Grand Master's Visit-Evening Star Lodge No. 49 (Sutton)
- 30 Reception of Officers-Grand York Rite (Lincoln)

May 2000

- 1 Temple Chapter No. 271 (Lincoln)
- 2 Grand Master's Visit-Mosaic Lodge No. 55 (Norfolk)
- 4 Grand Master's Visit-East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (Lincoln)
- 5 Board of Grand Trustees Meeting (Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln)
- 6 Addressed the Tehama Shrine Potentate's Ball (Kearney)
- 7 Addressed the Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation (Lincoln)
- 8 Past Master's Night & Dinner Speaker-Cotner Lodge No. 297 (Lincoln)
- 9-11 Nebraska Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star (Lincoln)
- 12-13 Scottish Rite Reunion (Lincoln)
- 15 Law Enforcement Memorial (Lincoln)
- 17 Masonic-Eastern Star Children's Home Board Meeting (Fremont)
- Grand Master's Visit & Master Mason Degree-Hiram Lodge No. 52 (Arlington)
- 18 Addressed the Awards Night-Liberty Lodge No. 300 (Lincoln)
- 19 Funeral for Brother Bob Hawley, Past Potentate (Lincoln)
- 20 Funeral for W.:B.: Kenneth Kling (Lincoln)
- Presentation of Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to W.:B.: Richard Brasel-John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (Omaha)
- 21 Meeting of the Grand Lodge Officer's Advancing Line (Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln)
- 23 Grand Master's Visit-Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 (Wood Lake)
- 24 Grand Master's Visit-Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 (Gering)
- 26 Past Master's Memorial Service-Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (Lincoln)
- 29 Sesostris Shrine Proficient Past Masters (Lincoln)

June 2000

- 1 Grand Master's Visit-Hastings Lodge No. 50
- 2 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (Lincoln)
- 3 Cornerstone at Dannebrog (Reception of Grand Master-St Paul Lodge No. 82)
- 4 Worthy Grand Matron Reception (Ceresco)
- 5 Year Pin Presentations-Fairbury Lodge No. 35 (Fairbury)
- 6 Grand Master's Visit-Omaha Lodge No. 288 (Omaha)
- 7 75th Anniversary Dinner Mid-West Lodge No. 317 & Grand Master's Visit (Hastings)
- 9-10 Cornerstone at Chappell (Reception of Grand Master-Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205-Chappell)
- 11 Addressed Rainbow Grand Assembly (Crete)
- 14 Board of Grand Trustees Meeting (Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln)
- 15-17 Addressed both the 33rd DeMolay Congress & the 80th Supreme Council (Orlando, Florida)
- 20 Grand Master's Visit & Table Lodge-Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (Lincoln)
- 22 Board of Grand Trustees Meeting (Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln)
- 24 Cornerstone for the Grand Lodge Office (Reception of Grand Master-Lancaster Lodge No. 54)
- 25 Cornerstone for the Nebraska Masonic Home Alzheimer Unit (Reception of Grand Master-Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6)
- 27 Presentation of Year Pins-Friend Lodge No. 73 (Friend)

July 2000

- 1-6 Shrine of North America Imperial Session (Boston, Massachusetts)
- 8 Grand Master's Visit-Papillion Lodge No. 39 & Year Pin Presentation (Papillion)
- 9 Cornerstone at St. Paul
- 10 Grand Master's Visit-Jordon Lodge No. 27 (West Point)
- 11 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting (Plattsmouth)
- Grand Master's Visit-North Bend Lodge No. 119 (North Bend)
- 12 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting (Fremont)
- Grand Master's Visit-Lebanon Lodge No. 323 (Columbus)
- 15 Addressed 80th Annual DeMolay Conclave (Grand Island)
- 16 Grand Master's Visit-Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 (Scottsbluff)
- 18-22 Masonic All-Star Masonic Band Camp (Lincoln)
- 19 Trip to Shriner's Childrens Hospital (Chicago)
- 21 Addressed Prince Hall Grand Lodge Annual Communication (Omaha)
- Addressed Shrine Bowl Parents/Players Dinner (Lincoln)
- 22 Shrine Bowl Parade & Game (Lincoln)
- 23 Sesostris Proficient Past Masters (Lincoln)

August 2000

- 1 Grand Master's Visit-McCook Lodge No. 135 (McCook)
- 2 Grand Master's Visit-Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 (Kearney)
- 3-5 Grand Lodge Officer's Planning Retreat (Omaha)
- 5 Red Cross of Constantine Meeting (Papillion)
- 18-20 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges (Sioux Falls, South Dakota)
- 20 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Cornerstone & 4H Achievement Day (Fremont)
- 22 Addressed Lincoln Assembly Rainbow for Girls (Lincoln)
- 25-27 Red Cross of Constantine Meeting (Grand Island)

September 2000

- 2 Papillion Coffee on the Square Meeting (Papillion)
- Grand Master's Visit-Bellevue Lodge No. 325 (Bellevue)
- 7 Grand Master's Visit-Hickman Lodge No. 256 (Lincoln)
- 8 Lodge Dedication Practice (Sidney)
- 9 Cornerstone at Sidney (Reception of Grand Master-Frank Welch Lodge No. 75)
- Oshkosh Lodge Dedication (Reception of Grand Master-Oshkosh Lodge No. 286)
- 10 Cornerstone at Sidney (Light Memorial Presbyterian Church)
- 11 Addressed Naphis Temple No. 66 Supreme Queen Visit (Lincoln)
- 12 Grand Master's Visit & Conferral of EA Degree-Waterloo Lodge No. 102 (Elkhorn)
- 13 Dinner Speaker for the North-East Nebraska Masonic Association Dinner & Year Pin Presentation (Pender)
- 14 Addressed Sat-Ra Temple's Supreme Queen Visit (Omaha)
- 15 Custodian's School (Grand Island)
- Memorial Service for Byron C. Jenkins (Bellevue)
- 16 Funeral Service for Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master (Bellevue)
- Re-Obligation Ceremony (Lincoln)
- 17 Steak Fry-Osceola Lodge No. 65 (Osceola)

- 19 Omaha Masonic Campus Advisory Committee Meeting (Omaha)
- 21 Grand Master's Visit-Lily Lodge No. 154 (Davenport)
- 22 Addressed Nebraska Masonic Home Caring Club Dinner (Plattsmouth)
- 23 Recognition Ceremony for W. : B. : Lloyd Vrtiska-Table Rock Lodge No. 108 (Table Rock)
- 24-26 Addressed Missouri Grand Lodge Annual Communication (Columbia)
- 26 Grand Master's Visit-York Lodge No. 56 (York)
- 27 Addressed Beauceant Supreme Assembly (Omaha)
- 28 Addressed National Sojourners Meeting (Omaha)
- 29 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (Lincoln)

October 2000

- 2 Grand Master's Visit & Year Pin Presentations-Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (Plattsmouth)
- 4 Grand Master's Visit-North Star Lodge No. 227 (Lincoln)
- 5-7 Illinois Grand Lodge Annual Communication (Springfield)
- 7 OES Grand Officer Visitation (Omaha)
- 9 Grand Master's Visit-Polk Lodge No. 311 (Polk)
- 10 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting (Plattsmouth)
- 11 Grand Master's Visit-Union Lodge No. 287 (Palmyra)
- 12 Grand Master's Visit-Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 (Walhill)
- 13-14 Scottish Rite Reunion (Lincoln)
- 17 Grand Master's Visit-Washington Lodge No. 21 (Blair)
- 20 Masonic Youth Organizations Dinner (Omaha)
- 26 Education Symposium (Lincoln)
- 28 Confer MM Degree at Papillion Lodge No. 39 Multiple Candidate Degree (Papillion)
Addressed the Paul R. Pierce Class of the Scottish Rite (Hastings)

November 2000

- 2 Grand Master's Visit-Comet Lodge No. 229 (Ceresco)
- 3 Addressed Don Madsen's Retirement Dinner-Tangier Shrine Center (Omaha)
- 5 Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation Meeting (Lincoln)
- 6 Dinner Speaker-Albion Lodge No. 78 (Albion)
- 7 Grand Master's Visit-Blue Valley Lodge No. 64 (Wilber)
- 8 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting (Fremont)
- Grand Master's Visit-Wymore Lodge No. 104 (Wymore)
- 9 Grand Master's Visit-Utica Lodge No. 96 (Utica)
- 11 DeMolay Grand Master's Class (Hastings)
- 12-13 Addressed Oklahoma Grand Lodge Annual Communication (Guthrie, Oklahoma)
- 14 Grand Master's Visit-Blue River Lodge No. 30 (Milford)
- 16 Ladies at the Table-Crete Lodge No. 37 (Crete)
- 17 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (Lincoln)
- 18 Allied Masonic Degrees (Papillion)
Red Cross of Constantine (Papillion)
Scottish Rite Re-dedication (Omaha)
- 19 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference (Grand Lodge Office-Lincoln)
Judge Harry A. Spencer 75 Year Pin Presentation (Plattsmouth)
- 21 Grand Master's Visit-Wayne Lodge No. 120 (Wayne)

- 25 Humanitarian Award-Charles Spohr (Weeping Water)
- 28 Confer the Master Mason Degree-Acacia Lodge No. 34 (Schuyler)
- 30 Attended funeral service for the Grand Senior Deacon's father (Madison)

December 2000

- 1 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (Lincoln)
- 2 Grand Lodge Leadership Conference (Lincoln)
- 4 Grand Master's Visit-Florence Lodge No. 281 (Omaha)
- 5 Grand Master's Visit-Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (Lincoln)
- 6 Grand Master's Visit-Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (Wahoo)
- 7 Grand Master's Visit-Wausa Lodge No. 251 (Wausa)
- 8 Attend Blue Valley Lodge No. 64's Christmas Party (Wilber)
- 9 Cornerstone at Hastings (Joint Reception of the Grand Master by Hastings Lodge No. 50 & Mid-West Lodge No. 317)
- 11 Grand Master's Visit-Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (Beatrice)
- 12 Grand Master's Visit-Highland Lodge No. 194 (Cortland)
- 13 Grand Master's Visit-Canopy Lodge No. 209 (Elmwood)
- 14 Grand Master's Visit-Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 (Syracuse)
- 15 Attend Lancaster Lodge No. 54's Christmas Party (Lincoln)
- 27 Instituting a Lodge of Education Under Dispensation
- 29 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (Lincoln)
- 30 Installation of Officers-Cotner Lodge No. 297 (Lincoln)
Installation of Officers-Job's Daughters Bethel 27 (Lincoln)

January 2001

- 5 Installation of Officers-Tangier Shrine Center (Omaha)
- 6 Installation of Officers-Martha Washington Chapter No. 153
- 6 Installing Officer for Falls City Lodge No. 9 (Falls City)
- 7 Installation of Officers-Lebanon Lodge No. 323 (Columbus)
- 9 Nebraska Masonic Home Annual Board Meeting (Plattsmouth)
- 10 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting (Fremont)
Ladies at the Table-Hiram Lodge No. 52 (Arlington)
- 11 Installing Officer for Tri-Lodge Installation-Lincoln Lodge No. 19,
Lancaster Lodge No. 54, & Liberty Lodge No. 300 (Lincoln)
- 13 Installing Officer for Hickman Lodge No. 256 (Lincoln)
Installation of Officers-Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92 (Fremont)
- 14 Installation of Officers-East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (Lincoln)
- 16 Installing Officer for George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 (Omaha)
- 17 Installation of Officers-College View Lodge No. 320 (Lincoln)
- 19 Installation of Officers-Starcraft Chapter No. 307 (Lincoln)
- 20 Installation of Officers-George Washington Lodge No. 250 (Lincoln)
- 21 DeMolay Legion of Honor Ceremony (Lincoln)
- 25 Installation of Officers-Alpha Chapter No. 325 (Omaha)
- 27 Installing Marshal for Temple Chapter No. 271 (Lincoln)
Installation of Officers-Myrtle Chapter No. 94 (Lincoln)

PERMISSIONS

On February 25, 2000, according to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the members of Landmark Lodge No. 222 of Herman, Tekamah Lodge No. 31 of Tekamah, and Washington Lodge No. 21 of Blair, to have mailing labels generated through the Grand Lodge Office for the purpose of a joint-effort quarterly newsletter.

On February 29, 2000, according to Section 2-502, I gave permission to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha to move their charter on April 4, 2000 to Anthony's Steak House, for the purpose of conducting a Table Lodge.

On March 9, 2000, according to Section 2-1202, I gave written approval to Hiram Lodge No. 52, Arlington to conduct the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate on March 15, 2000.

On March 9, 2000, according to Section 2-1202, I gave written approval to Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate on March 16, 2000 and April 20, 2000 respectively.

On March 29, 2000, according to Section 2-1202, I gave written approval to John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than one candidate, not to exceed fifteen on June 17, 2000.

On April 11, 2000, according to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Scottish Rite, Valley of Hastings to obtain a set of mailing labels for specific zip codes from the Grand Lodge Office.

On April 11, 2000, according to Section 2-1202, I gave written approval for Hiram Lodge No. 52, Arlington to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Degrees on more than one candidate at one time, not to exceed three on April 19, 2000 and May 17, 2000, respectively.

On May 10, 2000, according to Section 2-508, I gave permission to Mason City Lodge No. 170, Mason City to participate with a Masonic Float in the following parades: Ansley in June, Sargent, Litchfield, Sumner and Mason City in July; Broken Bow in August; and Arcadia in September.

On June 5, 2000, according to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain labels for selected lodges for the purpose of promoting Shrine.

On June 14, 2000, according to Section 2-508, I gave permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte to have a float in the Nebraskaland Days Parade to be held June 17, 2000.

On June 14, 2000, according to Section 2-1202, I gave written approval to Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than one candidate at one time, on September 16, 2000.

On June 23, 2000, according to Section 2-508, I gave permission to Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff to participate in the Oregon Trail Days Parade with a Masonic float on July 17, 2000.

On June 23, 2000, according to Section 2-508, I gave written approval to Custer Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than one candidate at one time, not to exceed seven, on July 22, 2000.

On August 9, 2000, according to Section 2-508, I gave permission to McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook to participate by having a float in the Old Settlers Day Parade in Indianola on August 10, 2000 and Heritage Day Parade in McCook on September 23, 2000.

On August 17, 2000, according to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Sesostris Shrine of Lincoln to have a list of all Master Masons raised in Lincoln in the past four years, for the purpose of giving these men the opportunity to become a Shriner.

On August 18, 2000, according to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Humboldt Lodge No. 40, Humboldt to have mailing labels of the membership for the following lodges to send invitations to their Steak Fry fund raiser. The lodges were Nemaha Valley No. 4, Brownville; Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City; Table Rock Lodge No. 108, Table Rock; and Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Brock.

On September 1, 2000, according to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Greater Omaha to obtain from the Grand Lodge Office a set of labels for Nebraska Masons for the purpose of soliciting for the Christmas Gift Giving Program for the Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

On September 1, 2000, according to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Scottish Rite, Valley of Omaha to obtain from the Grand Lodge Office a list of members in their area for recruiting purposes.

On September 3, 2000, according to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Edwin C. Weber, Chairman to obtain mailing labels from the Grand Lodge Office to use in soliciting donations for the Robert W. Boone Memorial Food Truck.

On September 28, 2000, according to Section 2-502, I gave permission to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth to move their charter on October 2, 2000 to the Nebraska Masonic Home for the purpose of conducting their regular communication and formally receiving the Grand Master.

On September 28, 2000, according to Section 2-1202, I gave written approval to Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than one candidate, not to exceed fifteen, on October 28, 2000.

On September 28, 2000, according to Section 2-1202, I gave written approval to Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than one candidate on November 18, 2000.

On October 9, 2000, according to Section 2-502, I gave permission to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney to move their charter seven miles southeast of Kearney on October 14, 2000 for the purpose of conducting an outdoor Master Mason Degree.

On October 25, 2000, according to Section 2-1202, I gave written approval to Mitchell Lodge No. 263, Mitchell to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at the same time on November 14, 2000.

On November 6, 2000, according to Section 2-1202, I gave written approval to Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than one candidate at the same time on December 16, 2000.

On November 9, 2000, according to Section 2-1202, I gave written approval to Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at the same time on November 8, 2000, to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at the same time on November 15, 2000, and to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at the same time on November 29, 2000.

On November 15, 2000, according to Section 2-1202, I gave written approval to Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than one candidate at the same time on February 24, 2001.

On November 15, 2000, according to Section 2-502, I gave permission to Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha to move their charter to the West Omaha Masonic Temple for the purpose of conducting multiple candidate degrees.

On January 5, 2001, according to Section 2-502, I gave permission to Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln to move their charter to the Holiday Inn Downtown Lincoln for the purpose of opening a Lodge of Master Masons on February 2 and 3, 2001.

DISPENSATIONS

On February 14, 2000, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Blazing Star Lodge No. 200, Burwell to install their 2000 Senior and Junior Wardens out of time.

On February 14, 2000, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln to install their 2000 Junior Deacon out of time.

On February 14, 2000, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Miloma Lodge No. 328, Omaha to install their 2000 Senior Warden out of time.

On February 25, 2000, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln to install their 2000 Secretary out of time.

On February 25, 2000, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Blue River Lodge No. 30, Milford to install their 2000 Junior Warden out of time.

On March 9, 2000, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion to install their 2000 Junior Steward out of time.

On June 8, 2000, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Newman Grove Lodge No. 305, Newman Grove to install their 2000 Chaplain out of time.

On June 8, 2000, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha to install their 2000 Senior Warden and Senior Deacon out of time.

On June 30, 2000, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering to install their 2000 Junior Deacon and Tyler out of time.

On October 9, 2000, according to Section 2-312, I again granted dispensation to Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha to install their 2000 Senior Warden and Senior Deacon out of time.

On October 13, 2000, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha to install their 2000 Stewards out of time.

On October 25, 2000, according to Section 2-301, I granted dispensation to Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue to elect their 2001 Junior Warden out of time.

On November 9, 2000, according to Section 2-312, I granted dispensation to Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln to install their 2001 Officers out of time.

On November 10, 2000, according to Section 2-301, I granted dispensation to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln to elect their Junior Warden for 2001 out of time.

On November 14, 2000, according to Section 2-902, I granted dispensation to Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace to read the petition of a candidate prior to his 18th birthday, providing that he would be 18 before the petition was voted upon, and contingent upon the petitioner re-signing the petition after he is 18 years of age and prior to the date his petition will be voted upon by the Lodge.

On November 20, according to Section 2-301, I granted dispensation to Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island to elect their secretary for 2001 out of time.

On November 28, 2000, according to Section 2-301, I granted dispensation to Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City to elect their officers for 2001 out of time.

On December 12, 2000, according to Section 2-301, I granted dispensation to Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna to elect their secretary for 2001 out of time.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Pursuant to Article X, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the following are the recommendations of the Grand Master for legislation that is deemed necessary or expedient for the welfare of the fraternity:

Recommendation No. 1

Original:

Sec. 3-102 -- NUMERATED - Masonic offenses shall consist of but not be limited to:

(h) The dispensing or sale of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, except in an official ceremony of any Masonic lodge or appendant body thereof, in any portion of a lodge building where Masonic activities are held.

Change:

Omit:

“ except in an official ceremony of any Masonic lodge or appendant body thereof, in any portion of a lodge building where Masonic activities are held.”

Add:

“ except in an official Masonic ceremony, in any portion of a dedicated lodge building where Masonic activities are held provided, however,

1. It shall not be a Masonic offense for a Lodge or appendant body to meet in a building not dedicated to Masonic purposes so long as there is no sale or dispensing of intoxicating liquors in the portion of the building which is used for Masonic purposes during a tyled meeting of the lodge.

2. It shall not be a Masonic offense for an appendant body to sell or dispense intoxicating liquors in a dedicated lodge building so long as such activities do not occur during a tyled meeting of any lodge or appendant body.”

New:

Sec. 3-102 - ENUMERATED- Masonic offenses shall consist of but not be limited to:

(h) The dispensing or sale of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, except in an official Masonic ceremony, in any portion of a dedicated lodge building where Masonic activities are held provided, however,

1. It shall not be a Masonic offense for a Lodge or appendant body to meet in a building not dedicated to Masonic purposes so long as there is no sale or dispensing of intoxicating liquors in the portion of the building which is used for Masonic purposes during a tyled meeting of the lodge.

2. It shall not be a Masonic offense for an appendant body to sell or dispense intoxicating liquors in a dedicated lodge building so long as such activities do not occur during a tyled meeting of any lodge or appendant body.

Recommendation No. 2

Original:

Sec. 2-402 -PROFICIENCY -

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

Change:

Add: "The candidate has satisfactorily answered the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manual and has completed the required examination in open lodge;"

New:

Sec. 2-402 - PROFICIENCY -

Whereupon the Master shall put the question; "The candidate has satisfactorily answered the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manual and has completed the required examination in open lodge; is the brother proficient?" and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

Recommendation No. 3

Original:

Sec. 2-310 - DUTIES OF SECRETARIES -

The Secretary shall also prepare monthly reports of statistical information of his lodge, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, and shall forward such reports to the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of each following month. The Secretary shall also prepare an annual report giving additional information relative to his lodge on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such annual report on or before the 10th day of February following the close of each year.

Change:

Add: "The Secretary shall also prepare an application for the Rock Maul Award, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such application to the Grand Secretary not later than the 15th day of November of each calendar year."

New:

Sec. 2-310 - DUTIES OF SECRETARIES -

The Secretary shall also prepare monthly reports of statistical information of his lodge, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, and shall forward such reports to the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of each following month. The Secretary shall also prepare an annual report giving additional information relative to his lodge on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such annual report on or before the

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This change should also be applied to Sec. 2-601.

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Omit:

"In addition thereto, in the case of reinstatement of suspended members, the per capita tax for the year of suspension shall be paid to the Grand Lodge with the annual report for the calendar year of reinstatement." "Each subordinate lodge shall collect and transmit to the Grand Lodge with its annual returns the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each Master Mason affiliating therewith during the year covered by these returns; provided, that this shall not apply to any Master Mason in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation.

By the phrase "good standing" is meant one who has affiliated within one year after receiving his demit."

New:

Sec. 2-601 - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS -

“Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation during the preceding calendar year, the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), and for each member, the sum of Thirteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$13.50) as per capita tax. The Grand Lodge shall use \$.50 of the per capita tax for the publication and distribution of a Masonic education newsletter to each member. Before any subordinate lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year preceding the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid.”

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Forty Dollars to Seventy-five Dollars; \$25.00 for each degree

Omit:

“Each subordinate lodge shall pay all such sums to the Grand Lodge at the time of making its other annual payments.”

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Change:

“one of which shall be retained by him,” to “two of which shall be retained by him,”

New:

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PERSONAL RECOGNITIONS

Past Grand Masters are a source of timely and invaluable information. These men never attempt to overly influence the actions of current Grand Lodge Officers, but instead, provide advice when requested. I would like to recognize the Past Grand Masters who have served as a role model during my tenure as a Grand Lodge Officer, namely Most Worshipful Brothers, Steven F. Mattoon, Jerry L. Rittenburg, V. Kaye Ramsey, Kenneth G. Fleming, Don E. Rasmussen, and Dwight E. Smith. Additionally, I would like to give special recognition to the Past Grand Masters from Lincoln, namely Most Worshipful Brothers Harry A. Spencer, Donald R. Swanson, Warren D. Lichty, Jr., Robert A. Metcalf, John M. McHenry, and Jerry L. Rittenburg. Your guidance has been greatly appreciated.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska practices a directorate form of leadership among the advancing line for major programs or events that affect the craft. The opportunity to work with and be supported by these men has lead to the development of lasting friendships. There is no dissension among the Grand Lodge Officers. Our one aim is to promote and improve freemasonry in Nebraska. I commend, congratulate, and support each one of you. The best years for Nebraska Masonry lie ahead of us. Brethren, look to the future!

Fraternally,
James F. Brown, Jr.
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.



R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Philip Lorenzen presented M.:W.: Grand Master James F. Brown, Jr. with an award from the Masonic Service Association of North America on behalf of Richard Fletcher, who was unable to attend.



M.:W.: Grand Master Brown asked R.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen for the Address of the Deputy Grand Master.



R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Philip Lorenzen introduced the 2001 Grand Lodge Officers.



R.:W.: Neil Neddermeyer, Junior Grand Warden of Minnesota, brought greetings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M.:W.: Steve Mattoon, Chairman

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2001, by Chairman Steven F. Mattoon, with the following members present: Jack H. Hendrix, John M. McHenry, and Dwight E. Smith. Regrettably absent due to health problems was M.:W.: Harry A. Spencer. Also in attendance were all Grand Lodge Officers, as well as Past Grand Master Jerry Rittenburg.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the Committee on Jurisprudence met on January 15, 2001, and submitted to the Grand Master an agenda and report fifteen (15) days prior to the opening of the 144th Session of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

We find that the Resolution submitted before the close of the 2000 Session is in proper form, has the proper number of signatures, and may be presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for a vote at this Session.

With regard to the Grand Master's Recommendations, we find all to be in proper form and may be presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for a ballot at this Session.

The complete revision of bylaws of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 and McCook Lodge No. 135, having been reviewed by the Committee on Jurisprudence, were duly approved. The bylaws of Zion Lodge No. 234 were also reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee. The Committee found that Article 7, Section 2, Subparagraph 3, regarding the Endowment Trust Fund is in conflict with Section 2-405 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska entitled "Life Membership and Perpetual Membership" and must be deleted. The Committee advised the Grand Master to contact Zion Lodge No. 234 and discuss options with regard to bequests for life memberships already received, including return of bequests to the member, forwarding the funds to the Grand Lodge for Perpetual memberships or contribution to the Endowment Trust Fund.

All other decisions by the Grand Master we find to be in proper form and within the laws of Masonry in Nebraska, and should be approved.

Chairman Mattoon abstained from any discussion or vote with reference to actions by the Grand Master concerning a member of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 of which he is also a member.

The Committee then proceeded to elect Steven F. Mattoon as Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Jack Hendrix as Secretary of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Committee then proceeded to pass a motion commending Most Worshipful Brother James F. Brown, Jr. on his very successful year as Grand Master and commended his year of service to the fraternity.

The Committee on Jurisprudence stands ready and willing to aid and assist your Grand Master and your elected Grand Lodge Officers in any way we can to advise with reference to the laws of this Grand Jurisdiction and to aid our officers in the execution of their office as best we can.

Fraternally
Steven F. Mattoon, Chairman
Committee on Jurisprudence

M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon moved for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. The motion was seconded and carried.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Philip A. Lorenzen presided over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations.

M.:W.: Grand Master James F. Brown, Jr. reported that the Jurisprudence Committee stated that the committee did review all recommendations being made by the Grand Master and found that Recommendations 1-6 are all in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

Recommendation No. 1

Original:

Sec. 3-102 -- NUMERATED - Masonic offenses shall consist of but not be limited to:

(h) The dispensing or sale of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, except in an official ceremony of any Masonic lodge or appendant body thereof, in any portion of a lodge building where Masonic activities are held.

Change:

Omit:

" except in an official ceremony of any Masonic lodge or appendant body thereof, in any portion of a lodge building where Masonic activities are held."

Add:

" except in an official Masonic ceremony, in any portion of a dedicated lodge building where Masonic activities are held provided, however,

1. It shall not be a Masonic offense for a Lodge or appendant body to meet in a building not dedicated to Masonic purposes so long as there is no sale or dispensing of intoxicating liquors in the portion of the building which is used for Masonic purposes during a tyled meeting of the lodge.

2. It shall not be a Masonic offense for an appendant body to sell or dispense intoxicating liquors in a dedicated lodge building so long as such activities do not occur during a tyled meeting of any lodge or appendant body.”

New:

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After discussion, the motion carried.

Recommendation No. 2

Original:

Sec. 2-402 -PROFICIENCY -

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

Change:

Add: “The candidate has satisfactorily answered the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manual and has completed the required examination in open lodge; “

New:

Sec. 2-402 - PROFICIENCY -

Whereupon the Master shall put the question; “The candidate has satisfactorily answered the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manual and has completed the required examination in open lodge; is the brother proficient?” and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

After discussion, the motion carried.

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After discussion, the motion carried.



W.: Edward L. Zorn, Junior Grand Warden of Colorado, brought greetings.



W.: Kenneth W. Smith, Grand Representative of Illinois, brought greetings.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134

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

I wish to again express my sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge for the honor in my re-election as Grand Secretary. As we begin a new Masonic year, I remain impressed with the commitment shown by so many of our members by their daily living of the teachings of Masonry. While our Fraternity continues to face challenges, I am optimistic that these challenges are, in fact, disguised opportunities for our craft. The teachings of our Fraternity are more relevant than ever in providing a moral foundation on which good men can become better in serving their God, families, communities and nation.

I also want to commend the dedicated officers of our local lodges who are leading our Fraternity into a new century of service. A special thank you to our lodge Secretaries for your efforts on behalf of our Fraternity and your lodge. Your cheerful service is a constant reminder of all that is good and right about Masonry. As I have served as secretary of my lodge this year, I have had an opportunity to fully appreciate all that you do for Nebraska Masonry.

The Grand Lodge Office could not operate without the able help of Chris Rudder, Carol Schroeder and Jean Holt. Without the support, hard work and dedication of these three individuals, the workings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska would not take place. I hope that you will take time during the Grand Lodge Session to personally thank them for their efforts.

We continue to enjoy our new office at 1240 North 10th Street in Lincoln and are very appreciative of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation for the purchase of this facility. If you are ever visiting in Lincoln, please feel free to stop in and tour the office, especially our display of historical artifacts and Masonic library materials. I know that Chris and the office staff will make you feel welcome.

In addition to visitations to lodges and meetings of the Grand Lodge throughout the state during the past year, I attended the corner stone ceremonies for the new hospital additions in Sidney and St. Paul, the Presbyterian church in Sidney, the Police Station in Hastings, the picnic shelter at the Children's Home in Fremont and the Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln. In addition, I participated in the lodge dedication ceremonies at Oshkosh. I also had the privilege of attending the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America in Savannah, Georgia, and the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Nebraska Masons should be proud of the fact that our jurisdiction is recognized throughout the country for our innovative and proactive programs. I also attended the meeting of the Nebraska Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Lincoln.

I continued to serve on several Grand Lodge committees in my role as Grand Secretary.

I am pleased to report the following statistical information.

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Number of Lodges	163	163
Initiated	282	282
Passed	286	279
Raised	283	284
Affiliated	62	40
Dual Membership	24	30
Reinstatements	162	157
Consolidations	136	0
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Gains	667	512
Deaths	582	552
Demits	63	40
Suspensions	505	499
Withdrawals	0	3
Consolidations	136	0
Termination of Dual	27	10
Other	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Losses	1314	1104
Net Membership Changes	(647)	(592)
Membership 12/31/98	18,280	
Membership 12/31/99	17,633	
Preliminary Membership as of 12/31/00		17,041

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

342	50 year pins presented
42	60 year pins presented
15	70 years pins presented

Again, may I express to the Grand Master, to my fellow Grand Lodge officers and to the members of the Nebraska Grand Lodge my sincere appreciation for the privilege to serve as Grand Secretary. I hope that I have fulfilled my duties to your satisfaction and I hope that in some small way I have aided in the advancement of our great Fraternity.

Fraternally yours,
Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134
Grand Secretary

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

Gerald D. Verbeek, Grand Custodian, 15

I gratefully acknowledge the privilege of serving the Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, as your Grand Custodian this year. It has been a pleasant experience to work with the Grand Lodge Officers, the Deputy Custodians and the Officers and members of the lodges in this grand jurisdiction. The following statistics are current as of the date this report was prepared. A supplemental report will be made to up-date the report at the end of the Masonic year.

As we near the end of our Masonic year 69 lodges have been certified. To date 19 lodges have been certified for more than 60 years. This is a remarkable record and the officers and members of these lodges are to be congratulated for their efforts. The lodges are as follows:

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (77)
Fremont Lodge No. 15 (70)
Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (66)
Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (72)
Ashlar Lodge No. 33 (67)
Crete Lodge No. 37 (68)
Hastings Lodge No. 50 (77)
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (79)
Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (76)
Hooper Lodge No. 72 (76)
Utica Lodge No. 96 (72)
Euclid Lodge No. 97 (70)
Arcana Lodge No. 195 (67)
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (67)
North Star Lodge No. 227 (68)
Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 (62)
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (69)
Cotner Lodge No. 297 (60)
Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (77)

Brother Daniel L. Scarborough, Geneva Lodge No. 79, Brother David R. Jelinek, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and Brother Glenn Mulholland, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, received their initial MM Certification this year. They join a select group of dedicated Masons and I commend them for their work.

The following brethren have completed their 10th year of proficiency:

Steven F. Mattoon, PGM, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75
Richard W. Linnemeyer, McCook Lodge No. 135
Mark L. Miller, Mizpah Lodge No. 302
Donald L. Wolf, Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Robert M. Carter, Bellevue Lodge No. 325
James C. Gathmann, Shiloh Lodge No. 327

The following brethren have completed their 20th year of proficiency:

Roland L. Wallick, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
David B. Hunter, Wahoo Lodge No. 59
Sam S. Ushio, Alliance Lodge No. 183
Michael E. Hitchcock, Silver Cord Lodge No. 224

The following brethren have completed their 25th year of proficiency:

Leslie A. Evert, Arcana Lodge No. 195
Ralph Olson, Comet Lodge No. 229
William H. Vieth, Florence Lodge No. 281

The following brethren have completed their 30th year of proficiency:

A. Russell Jensen, Tekamah Lodge No. 31
Dale E. Kube, Mosaic Lodge No. 55
Donald H. Rood, Wahoo Lodge No. 59
Donald L. Veskrna, Wahoo Lodge No. 59
Tom H. Lutey, Kimball Lodge No. 294
Rolland R. Hardekopf, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
Harold W. Noble, Bellevue Lodge No. 325

The following brethren completed their 35th year of proficiency:

Robert E. Wolf, Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Herman O. Hansen, Capitol Lodge No. 3
Keith B. Leibhart, Custer Lodge No. 148
Doyle E. Berg, Florence Lodge No. 281
Herbert L. Graham, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Lanny F. Godsey, Mizpah Lodge No. 302

The following brethren completed their 40th year of proficiency:

Donald S. Mack, Fremont Lodge No. 15
Harold O. Milburn, Fremont Lodge No. 15
Robert E. Kyes, Lone Tree Lodge No. 36
Charles E. Connors, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Virgil L. Tubach, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Robert C. Mabon, Keystone Lodge No. 62
Charles W. Amidon, PGM, Florence Lodge No. 281, Shiloh Lodge No. 327

The following brethren completed their 45th year of proficiency:

Marion J. Adkisson, Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Richard B. Hobson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Victor D. Hunt, Keystone Lodge No. 62
David E. Anthony, Hay Springs Lodge No. 177

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more:

Harry A. Spencer Sr., North Star Lodge No. 227, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 (70)
John L. Beckman, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (51)

Marion Reed, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (51)
Lloyd I. Edwards, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 (50)
Justin F. Fauss, Mosaic Lodge No. 55 (50)
Edward F. Grabe, Papillion Lodge No. 39 (50)
Nels H. Ostergaard, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 (50)

The following brethren are serving as Deputy Grand Custodians. These dedicated brethren possess the knowledge required to assist the lodges in their efforts to maintain an effective and efficient ritual program. I commend them for their excellent work.

Roy L. Smith, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, District No. 1
Monte K. Olmstead, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, District No. 2
Halsey D. Phillips, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, District No. 3
James E. Cornish, Tekamah Lodge No. 31, District No. 4
Ronald D. Grass, Tekamah Lodge No. 31, District No. 5
Thomas R. Reed, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Omadi Lodge No. 5, District No. 6
Lloyd F. Vrtiska, Table Rock Lodge No. 108, District No. 7
John C. Sierks, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, District No. 8
Lloyd I. Edwards, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, District No. 9
Steven A. Green, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, District No. 10
Michael G. Birnstihl, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, District No. 11
Robert L. Carter Jr., Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, District No. 13
Roger A. Deininger, Mid-West Lodge No. 317, District No. 17
Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317, District No. 18
Scott J. Krieger Sr., Mid-West Lodge No. 317, District No. 20
Wayne E. Beatty, Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, District No. 21
Delmar A. Jones, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Osceola Lodge No. 65, District No. 24
Richard W. Linnemeyer, McCook Lodge No. 135, District No. 25
Arthur J. Ferguson, Wood Lake Lodge No. 221, District No. 26
Keith B. Leibhart, Custer Lodge No. 148, District No. 27
Vincent Rosenberger, Alliance Lodge No. 183, District No. 28
Leslie A. Evert, Arcana Lodge No. 195, District No. 29
Richard H. Cooper, Mitchell Lodge No. 263, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, District No. 30
Kenneth G. Fleming, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, District No. 31
Roger L. Shillington, Justice Lodge No. 180, District No. 32
Jack D. Nichols, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, District No. 33
Harold C. Mueksch, Scribner Lodge No. 132, District No. 34
Harold W. Noble, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, District No. 35
Bruce A. Watkins, Liberty Lodge No. 300, District No. 36
Albert A. Wise, Geneva Lodge No. 79, District No. 37
Frank R. Harris, Nelson Lodge No. 77, District No. 38

The following are the current Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti. It is significant to note that we receive a considerable amount of assistance from these dedicated brethren.

Glenn W. Binder
Herman O. Hansen
Richard L. Mauch

Frank R. Harris
Alfred V. Peltzer
Ben D. Fussell
Ralph McNulty
A. W. Clark
D. Wayne Erickson
Mervin E. Ransom Sr.
Lynn Doty
Eugene C. Sibley
Victor Hunt
Richard W. Linnemeyer
Augustine S. Scolaro

This year it was my pleasure to recommend Worshipful Brother Harold C. Mueksch (pronounced "Mix"), Scribner Lodge No. 132, for the position of Deputy Grand Custodian for District No. 34. Most Worshipful Brother James F. Brown Jr., commissioned him at North Bend Lodge No. 119, on July 11, in the presence of members from most of the lodges in the area. Worshipful Brother Harold has been certified for 34 years. Also, Worshipful Brother Carl Plants, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, will be commissioned on February 2, 2001, at Grand Lodge, as Deputy Grand Custodian for District No. 19. Worshipful Brother Carl has been certified for 10 years. After serving our fraternity since 1982 as Deputy Grand Custodian for District No. 28, Worshipful Brother Vincent Rosenberger will be appointed to Emeritus status effective February 2, 2001. Concurrent with that change, Worshipful Brother Jack D. Nichols will be reassigned from District No. 33 to District No. 28.

The annual custodians' school was held in Grand Island on September 15. This year included work on a method of conferring the three degrees of Masonry on five or fewer candidates. My thanks to Most Worshipful Brother Charles W. Amidon, the Committee on Work, and all the Deputy Custodians for their patience and contributions to this project. We were pleased to have our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother James F. Brown Jr., two Past Grand Masters, one Grand Lodge Officer, three Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti and three apprentice custodians present for the school.

This year, with the assistance of the Deputy Custodians, the lodge officers and members of the lodges, I had the pleasure of conducting 15 schools of instruction. My thanks to all who assisted and attended these schools. In addition to the schools I had the privilege of participating in the Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremonies and a Lodge Rededication Ceremony. I also attended numerous Grand Lodge and constituent lodge functions and degrees around the state.

I thank Most Worshipful Brother James F. Brown Jr., for the opportunity of serving as your Grand Custodian this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15

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

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Virgil L. Tubach, Chairman

In Virgil's absence, the report was presented by R. : W. : Reg Kuhn.

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations wishes to thank you for the privilege of serving you in this capacity this past year and submits this report for your adoption.

The Committee recommends official recognition of the following Grand Lodges:

- The State Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- The State Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- The Grand Lodge of Croatia
- The Grand Lodge of Estonia
- The Grand Lodge of Mali
- The Grand Lodge of Slovenia
- The Grand Lodge of Guinea (Guineene)
- The Grand Lodge of Poland
- The Grand Lodge of Liberia

Respectfully submitted,
 Virgil L. Tubach, 54, Chairman
 Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265
 Francis A. Shafer, 135
 Cullen F. Pilker, 39
 Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134

The report of the Fraternal Relations Committee, as printed, was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

REPORT OF THE LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Leslie A. Evert, Chairman

Lodge Advisory has been working with individual lodges having problems and with those who are delinquent sending reports to the Grand Lodge office. Deputy Custodians have been contacted to help where possible with lodges in their territory.

Letters are being sent to the following lodges reminding them of their absence from Grand Lodge communications.

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| Evening Star Lodge No. 49, Sutton | 2 years |
| Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Brock | 2 years |
| Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, Allen | 2 years |
| George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, Craig | 2 years |
| Oasis Lodge No. 271, Morrill | 2 years |
| Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport | 2 years |
| Perkins Lodge No. 308, Grant | 2 years |

Letters are being sent to all Nebraska Lodge secretaries early in January, reminding them that all delegates to Grand Lodge must have a proxy with them. This is necessary to be counted as a representative of their lodge, if they are not a Master, Warden or Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie A. Evert, 195, Chairman
Dale W. Anderson, 158
Robert O. Rhodes, 96
Steven E. Koenig, 167
Richard T. Dugdale, 30

The report of the Lodge Advisory Committee, as printed, was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

VOTE ON TABLED RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Amend the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska to provide for an automatic dues increase in the amount of \$1.00 per year for the next 5 years.

After discussion, the motion carried.



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:

Awards
Charters and Dispensations
Finance
Freemasonry and Religion
George Washington Masonic National Memorial
Grand Lodge Offices
Grievances
Insurance Review
Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children
Masonic Education
Masonic Relief
Membership
Nebraska Masonic Home
Public Relations
Temple Building Advisory Committee
Youth

There was a second from the floor and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

John C. McQuinn, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Awards Committee wishes to thank the Grand Master, Most Worshipful James F. Brown, Jr., for his support, suggestions, and cooperation during the past year. As all lodges should be aware, the Committee revised the Rock Maul Award nomination form this past year, in an effort to more accurately reflect the principles contemplated by that Award. At the suggestion of committee member, Past Grand Master Paul Eveland, the Committee recommended that the Grand Master encourage every lodge to fill out and return the form; a recommendation the Grand Master and his line officers enthusiastically supported. We are happy to report a dramatic increase in the number of Rock Maul Nomination forms received by the Committee.

A review of the forms revealed a vast majority of the lodges around the state do take an active role in the programs and rituals provided or required by the Grand Lodge. I would encourage every lodge to seriously consider the different types of work they are performing and the programs they are participating in, as the addition of a program here or a learned and presented lecture there could make your home lodge a contender for the award in future years. As always I would also encourage lodges and individual members to consider those who may merit special recognition due to their contribution to Masonry or to the community.

Thank you to each of the committee members for their support during this year and to the Grand Master for placing his faith and trust in this Committee. It has been our pleasure to be of service to you.

Respectfully submitted.
John C. McQuinn, 297, Chairman
Michael D. Rauscher, 54
Eugene F. Harris, 195
Mervin E. Ransom, Jr., 65
Paul R. Eveland, 119
Emil A. Schadwinkel, 183

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Francis L. Crowe, Chairman

For the most part, there had been no activity with the Committee on Charters and Dispensations this past year until December 27, 2000, when a dispensation was issued by the Grand Master establishing a special purpose lodge of education for the purpose of promoting Masonic Education at any Masonic Edifice in Nebraska. The special purpose lodge will be known as the Saints John Lodge of Education.

Brother John T. Parsons was approved as Master, Brother Dennis H. Brydl, Senior Warden and Brother Kenneth G. Fleming, Junior Warden. It was noted that this dispensation would continue in force until February 3, 2001, at which time it will be transmitted to the Grand Secretary with a full report of all proceedings of the same.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis L. Crowe, 56, Chairman
Donald W. Madsen, 11
Nile K. Johnson, 21

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Philip A. Lorenzen, 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 2000 totaled \$436,341.39, while the budget planned revenues at \$438,419.87, resulting in actual revenues being \$2,078.48 less than budgeted. On the expense side, few line items were greater than budgeted expenses. Overall, in compliance with Grand Lodge policies and procedures, no overall category of expenditure was in excess of budgeted amounts. The Grand Lodge operated in accordance with policies and maintained expenditures within budgeted appropriations. Total expenditures in 2000 were budgeted at \$438,415.22, an amount only \$4.65 less than budgeted income. Actual expenditures equaled \$433,914.65 in 2000, \$4,500.57 under budget.

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. The Committee reviews all expenditures for travel and other related

expenses incurred by Grand Lodge officers in performing their duties on behalf of the Grand Lodge. It was found that such expenses were 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, a thank you is extended by the Chairman to each Committee Member for your service and attention to detail in reviewing the financial activity of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327, Chairman
Michael R. McFarlin, 1
Jack Lorenzen, 314 & 10
Terry L. Spencer, 227
John M. Dick, 15

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEMASONRY AND RELIGION

V. Kaye Ramsey, Chairman

The Committee on Freemasonry and Religion acts as a resource for resolving problems or answering questions in its assigned area. Most frequently this involves responding to concerns regarding Freemasonry's teachings as they relate to organized religion. This year has been relatively quiet. The Fraternity, with the help of the Masonic Service Association, is doing a good job of educating the membership on key issues that keep cropping up. Often this relates to scurrilous accusations contained in anti-Masonic tracts that identify no publisher and in certain anti-Masonic television presentations.

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

Respectfully submitted,
V. Kaye Ramsey, 317 & 290, Chairman
Rev. John F. Dale, 126
D. Scott Rogge, 256

REPORT OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Warren D. Lichty, Chairman

These reports, of necessity, must be limited to a few of the high points in the happenings of the year. There is no room for the many small doings, such as re-tube the boilers, repair an outdoor drainway which was washing out, provide access to the auditorium for the handicapped and upgrade the computer system.

Among our more significant happenings is installation of the George Washington animated figure in the Memorial, near Assembly Hall thanks to the generosity of the

Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The kids love him. When you push a button, he stands up and delivers a Masonic message.

Other major improvements continue to be made at the Memorial. One of the most evident is a new irrigation system to water the grass and flowers on the grounds. As a result, we present a better-looking face to the world than ever before.

One of the largest projects undertaken is completion of modernization of the elevators, which are quite unique, in that they rise through the building at an angle. They are forty feet apart in Memorial Hall and ten feet apart in the Tall Cedars room in the top of the tower. Otis Elevator Company has the contract. Mr. Otis himself designed it.

Another major project is refurbishing of the George Washington Museum. The museum was furnished by the Scottish Rite Supreme Councils of the United States, Northern and Southern Jurisdictions. It was completed in the early 1960's and, because of lack of finances, was neglected through much of the 1990's. We are very fortunate that the Supreme Councils are offering to redo the museum, including rearrangement and updating of the displays, new lighting and redecorating. The Southern Jurisdiction has engaged Chris White Design to do a proposal for the work. This has just been completed and will be submitted to the two Supreme Councils and to our members at the annual meeting for their final approval. For its part, the Association has hired a curator to work with the designer and then be in charge of the museum and its exhibits. He is Stephen Patrick, a Mason who specializes in the eighteenth century. He has a Masters Degree in History Museum Studies.

It is estimated that the project, including rearranging and modernizing the exhibits, will cost approximately \$200,000.00. We are most grateful to the Scottish Rite Supreme Councils, Northern and Southern Jurisdictions for making this improvement possible.

One thing which will be of special interest is the Grand Lodge Month program. Each Grand Lodge is featured for a month. An exhibit is displayed at the Memorial to feature and honor the particular state and the State flag is flown over the Memorial. At the State's next Grand Lodge Session, the flag will be presented. Of course the more the Grand Lodge helps, the better the State exhibit will be. Since the program commenced on January 1, 2000, Nebraska's month should be January 2003.

Twenty percent of the Grand Lodges have followed Nebraska's lead and passed a fifty cents per-capita contribution to the Memorial. The new President, M.: W.: Paul Ellis has indicated that he will start a new program to convince more Grand Lodges to pass the per-capita contribution. We are thankful for the Grand Lodges who have passed this and hope there are many more which will follow suit when they remember their duty.

Warren D. Lichty, 314, Chairman
Charles A. Folsom, 15
Orval W. Cooley, 323
Gayle L. Angus, 95 & 297
Bryon Hust, 198

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

Dale Lueders, Chairman

The Grand Lodge office staff has been in their new office for a full calendar year, during which time many interesting activities have transpired. First, the Grand Lodge office cornerstone was laid on June 24, 2000, a beautiful bright and sunny day. All of the Masons of Nebraska would like to thank our Grand Master James F. Brown Jr., and Lancaster Lodge No. 54's Worshipful Master, James Franson, for performing the cornerstone ceremony. Secondly, the Grand Lodge office sign was installed to identify the location of the Grand Lodge Office of Nebraska.

Work by the Grand Lodge office staff is never done. In addition to completing the daily, weekly and monthly tasks necessary to keep the Grand Lodge operating, one of the staff's long term goals is to archive the existing 3x5 card membership history information into the computer database. This information dates back to the beginning of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Currently, thousands of 3x5 cards are being manually sorted into alphabetic order. Once these are alphabetized, they will be cross-checked for accuracy. This historical membership information will then be entered into the computer database, a process that will take 2 to 5 years to complete.

The Grand Lodge office staff is constantly trying to do the best job possible in keeping the lines of communication open with the Grand Lodge officers and the subordinate lodges. If you have any suggestions or ideas please contact Chris Rudder, Grand Lodge Office Manager.

As a reminder, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has an active Web Page and it is hoped that you will continue to access this site for information on the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The web site address is <http://www.nebraska-grand-lodge.org>

If you have not visited the new Grand Lodge office, please do so the next time you are in Lincoln. The staff is very proud of the facility and would enjoy showing you the office, library and museum.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale G. Lueders, 300 & 220, Chairman
Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210
Glenn A. Ried, 11
Suman Vallabhbhai, 314
James L. Holland, 15

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

Don E. Rasmussen, Chairman

The Committee on Grievances had no matters of appeals or grievances for examination, report or recommendation, submitted to it for the year of 2000-2001 of the Grand Lodge A.:.F.: & A.:.M.: of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
Don E. Rasmussen, 82 & 135, Chairman
Andrew M. Loudon, 19 & 317
Jay H. Speck, 6
Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE REVIEW*Michael E. Jones, Chairman*

A phone survey of the committee members decided that the present carrier has maintained a leadership place in both coverage and pricing. With the hardening of the market, it was decided we would be best served by retaining our current policies.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173, Chairman
Bruce A. Watkins, 300
William Keller, 250
Lowell E. Erickson, 251

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION*Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman*

In 2000 the Nebraska Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee, at the request of the Grand Master, presented a list of five books that are recommended reading for Nebraska Masons. The ensuing purchases from Macoy's were impressive to Macoy's, but even more to the committee. Most of the books recommended were sold out early Saturday morning. Hopefully, these books didn't end up on dusty shelves. This recommended reading list will again appear in 2001 and will be announced at the Masonic Education Breakfast. However, if you didn't get the 2000 list, it will also be available.

As stated above, the Masonic Education Breakfast is alive and well. The committee has received positive response to the programs. At the 2000 Breakfast, more Nebraska Masons showed their interest in Masonic Education. Combining the talents of Thomas Hauder, Larry Jacobsen and John Parsons have produced an education presentation unequaled in Nebraska. The future is limited only to the size of the room.

In 2000 the Nebraska Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee sponsored symposiums in May and October. In May we played Masonic Jeopardy, and in October we asked the question, "Would you like to be a Masonic Millionaire?" These symposiums were presented in four locations each time. Expanding to more locations is desired, but volunteers are needed. Attendance is improving, but could be better. The 2001 symposium dates will be announced at the Masonic Education Breakfast.

"To Light" issues continue to be published twice a year. Thanks to the vote of support of the membership (by approving a \$.50 per capita increase for the cost of "To Light"), beginning in 2002 all Masons in Nebraska will get this publication. The dedicated efforts of Larry Jacobsen and John Parsons have produced a very valuable tool for Masonic Education.

The initial discussions have begun, and the Nebraska Masonic Education Lodge is nearing a reality. Members of this Lodge will share a desire to pursue more light in Masonry. More information about this Lodge will be available at the 2001 Grand Lodge session.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee continues to support the Midwest Masonic Education Conference. The conference in 2000 was held in Winnipeg. Obviously, because of costs, only one member of the committee was sent. In 2001, the conference will be held in Iowa and more members of the committee will attend. This conference gives the committee the opportunity to hear the successes of several surrounding states in Masonic Education.

With all this activity on the part of the Nebraska Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee, the largest share of Masonic Education should continue to be in the subordinate Lodge. Whether the tool is a Trestle Board, or a program during (before of after) the regular Lodge business meeting, YOU need to carry Masonic Education to the members of your Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis H. Brydl, 287 & 314, Chairman
John T. Parsons, 268 & 39
Scott Eveland, 119
Thomas L. Hauder, 210
Kenneth G. Fleming, 75
Wm. Larry Jacobsen, 327

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

Gerald D. Verbeek, Chairman

The Committee on Masonic Relief received one request for assistance during this Masonic Year. The request was from a foreign jurisdiction and concerned financial support for a student attending school in this area. The request was not deemed appropriate for this committee and was not referred to the Committee for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15, Chairman
Alvin G. Sundell, 83
Jerry L. Sievers, 256

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Neil A. Henry, Chairman

The year 2000 started off with the Membership Committee presenting to the winners (Fairbury & DeWitt) the first annual presentation of the Membership Award at the Grand Lodge annual meeting in Kearney, Nebraska.

The Membership Committee then turned their attention to achieving the Grand Master's goals for the year 2000. Those goals were: 1. Establish a Leadership Program 2. Establish a Dad's Birthday Program. 3. Establish an Organ Donor Program and 4. Establish a Program to Promote Masonry to College Fraternities. I am happy to report that we have or are moving forward with all the goals except the Donor Program which we never got off the ground but still needs attention. The Leadership Program and Dad's Birthday Programs have been established and we are in the process of developing a CD to promote Masonry to College Fraternities.

I am also happy to report that a number of the lodges in Nebraska used the Targeting Program which was presented at the Grand Lodge Annual Meeting in Kearney.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil A. Henry, 26, Chairman
Don L. Jelinek, 54 & 289
Thomas Bright, 46
Steven C. Smith I, 268 & 287
George W. White, 50

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

Russell G. Reno, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee continued to make progress in 2000 to promote Masonry in Nebraska. The following activities were completed or work was begun in 2000.

The Committee prepared news releases about the Grand Lodge Annual Communication and awards received by lodges. These were sent to local newspapers.

Assistance was provided by the committee at the Fifth Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic in the taking of photographs, preparation of news releases and coordinating news media coverage.

The Committee coordinated and staffed a booth at the Nebraska State Fair. We had high hopes of increased exposure when we were able to secure a location in the air-conditioned Devaney Sports Center that is frequented by most fair-goers. Information about Masonry and Masonic-related bodies was available. A videotape of the Masonic All-Star Marching Band performing was prepared and it attracted considerable interest. Despite all these advantages, we received the same number of cards expressing interest in learning more about the fraternity as the year before – 15. Given the Cost of the booth space and little return of interest, it is recommended that we not staff a booth at the Sate Fair in 2001.

The Committee continues to review the content of publications from other Grand Jurisdictions. Not only does this exercise provide additional ideas and articles for the *Nebraska Mason* newspaper, but it is interesting to learn how other Grand Lodges are addressing Masonry's challenges.

We continue to address development of a video about Masonry in Nebraska.

Kevlar Safety Gloves were distributed by Nebraska lodges to local schools for use by students in science labs to help protect them from cuts, burns and chemicals. News releases were provided lodges for local promotion.

The Committee is nearing completion of a manual on setting up cornerstone laying ceremonies and celebrations. We look forward to completing this public relations tool in 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell G. Reno, 297, Chairman
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119
Curtis M. Edic, 268
Stephen C. Alvis, 210
Richard Todd Simpson, 327

REPORT OF THE TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James C. Gathman, Chairman

No action was required by the Temple Building Advisory Committee for the year 2000.

Respectfully submitted,
James C. Gathmann, 327, Chairman
Richard D. Nelson, Jr., 281
Dale C. Crandall, 200

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

Robert D. Kinsey, Jr., Chairman

2000 must be described as a year of progress and excitement for the Masonic Youth Committee. This year, four \$1,000 scholarships rather than three \$750 scholarships were awarded. The Grand Lodge also approved the expenditure of \$1,000 towards the purchase of a laptop computer for Nebraska's first International Master Councilor, Jason Wood. The four scholarship award winners were: Erin Epley, Fullerton, winner of the Grand Master's Scholarship (new in 2000) and a member of Rainbow; Amy Jensen, Nebraska City, representing Job's Daughters; Kristin Broyhill, Dakota City, representing Rainbow; and Ryan Ocken, Alliance, representing DeMolay. Each recipient was an outstanding example of our youth leadership. They represented a group of twenty-seven excellent applicants for Grand Lodge Masonic Youth Scholarships. Our budget request for 2001 again includes awarding four \$1,000 scholarships.

Giant steps were taken in promoting a Nebraska Masonic Youth Leadership Weekend at a meeting held at the Grand Lodge office on November 19, 2000. Lunch was served courtesy of the Grand Lodge. Many adult and youth leaders representing Rainbow, Job's, DeMolay, Eastern Star and the Grand Lodge were in attendance. The planning session resulted in the following significant decisions being reached. First, the date and place of the leadership weekend will be September 28 and 29, 2002 at the Kearney Holiday Inn and related facilities, thanks in large part to the future adult leaders of Job's Daughters, Mary Louise Gillispie and Gene Wehrbein who gave up their workshop weekend in order to make the Kearney facilities available. Grand Lodge has signed a contract for the location.

Secondly, the following individuals were selected for the subcommittees formed: Program Subcommittee, Jason Wood, Chairman; Budget Subcommittee, Don Jelinek,

Chairman; Registration Subcommittee, Glen Wehrbein, Chairman; and Promotion Subcommittee, Co-chaired by Russ Reno and Cathy Wagner. The Subcommittee chairpersons agreed to provide updated information at the next meeting to be held in conjunction with Grand Lodge on Friday, February 2, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Holiday Inn.

Thirdly, those at the planning session agreed a dance Saturday evening with a DJ and hypnotist would be the top two entertainment choices, assuming funding is available. A Friday evening event will be planned as an optional event due to cost and travel considerations for the youth. Sunday will include an active agenda with a strong, high-energy ending to the weekend. Food and fun will again be a large part of the event.

As chairman, special thanks need to be given to Committee members, Byron Hust, Gregory L. Gass, Bruce D. Wood and Steve Pitman; Past Chairman, Ivan A. Vrtiska for his guidance and direction in previous years, and the many adult and youth leaders of the youth organizations who participated in the Leadership Weekend planning session and will continue to do so in the future. Lastly, a huge thank you to Grand Master James F. Brown, Jr. for his encouragement and financial support.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Kinsey, Jr., 297 & 256, Chairman
Steve Pitman, 50
Byron Hust, 198
Gregory L. Gass, 192
Bruce D. Wood, 300 & 54

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

I am indeed privileged to be involved with your Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, and reporting to the Grand Lodge on the condition of the wonderful campus and those involved with its operation. Ben Harvey and his dedicated staff have the daily task of making a fine home, in which the children, currently ranging in age from 11 to 18, live, work and play. The children attend public school, some holding part time jobs. They work in their 4-H Club with a calf and lamb to care for and show, as well as other projects, which they choose. All have their respective homework, do household chores, help part time with yard work and clean up, and still have leisure time for themselves. The house parents each have a van to take their children to special events and wherever else they need to be, much as you as parents do for your children. Do these sound like normal home activities to you? That's what we wish it to be. All of this activity takes planning and direction, and the staff does a wonderful job of making it look easy.

We have had a rather high rate of resident turnover in recent history, and we are implementing a highly recommended houseparents-training program, which we believe, will cut down on turnover and increase our rate of retention. We have the facility that is second to none, and using it to its fullest capacity has always been our goal, but a difficult one to attain. We currently have a census of 26, but that is a retention of about half the number who is admitted. The processing of admissions takes a lot of staff time and effort, which could be directed to other duties. We anticipate higher than normal

turnover in houseparents during this training period, but we hope this does not occur. We have to have good houseparents to have good results with the children. Ben has been working with the Board for more than a year, and we believe that the program we chose is the right one and will bring us the results we desire.

When you come to the Achievement Day program the third Sunday in August, you will be so proud to see and use the new Alumni Picnic Shelter complete with its own kitchen and restrooms, located near the Administration Building, as you enjoy your barbecue meal. We have talked for years about building such a facility, but it was always put on the bottom of the list of important things to do.

Nebraska Masons have been very generous with their gifts and bequests to the Home over the 85 years at its current location and we take special care of these greatly appreciated funds. I speak for the devoted members of the Board, the staff and children, when I say THANK YOU from the bottom of our collective hearts. Your support and their hard work makes our Home Family continue to thrive and grow and you should be proud to know that you had a very important part in this great endeavor - truly a wonderful example of Masonry at work.

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

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Mary Stapp, Executive Director

Everyone waited in anticipation for the year 2000 to arrive. I know I speak for almost everyone when I say, "Where did the year go?"

The completion of our 14-bed Alzheimer's Special Care Unit was exciting, a huge relief, and a great accomplishment. On June 25, 2000 the Laying of the Cornerstone Ceremony and open house for the unit were the festivities that welcomed 300 friends to celebrate the special Care Unit's completion. A very special thank you to the Asset Management Committee for their expert advice and continued support and counsel during and after the project's completion.

Nebraska Masons and their eligible female relatives should be very proud of their Masonic Home. It is with great pride that the Special Care Unit has expanded our services. Saying that we offer a full continuum of care is now truly a reality. The 100 bed 24-hour Care Center, which is the Spencer Wing, provides minimum, intermediate and maximum nursing care. The 35 apartments for independent or assisted living are very attractive and popular. Please take the time to call and make an appointment to tour The Masonic Home. While touring the Home it will be obvious to you and you will be impressed by the degree of pride that each employee takes in the part he or she plays in making The Masonic Home our residents' home.

Our residents and staff truly appreciate our Masonic Home friends that visit our facility faithfully every year. Visitors from Masonic lodges and Eastern Star groups always bring joy to our residents' days. Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls are always welcome. They can be very proud of the attention and gifts they have given our residents this year.

A year at The Masonic Home would not be the same without our annual resident picnic dinners served in May by Narcissus Kensington of Omaha and in July by Home Chapter No. 189 of Plattsmouth. The residents' eyes really light up when they see the array of food prepared and served by these two groups. It is also a wonderful time for renewing old friendships and making new ones.

The annual arrival of the Boone Memorial Food Truck the weekend before Thanksgiving is greatly appreciated. This is a huge project and always so well organized. Within an hour of the truck's arrival our pantries are again bursting with the food that has been purchased with the monetary donations the members of the participating lodges, chapters, and Shrine groups have so willingly donated. Thank you very much on behalf of our residents, staff and Board of Trustees.

A special thanks to the Grand Lodge Officers and the Eastern Star Grand Family for another year of continued monetary and personal support. The Grand Lodge office employees deserve thanks for their assistance throughout the year as well.

It was an honor for The Home to host a party and assist North Star Lodge No. 227 in presenting Harry A. Spencer with his 75-year Masonic membership pin. Many friends and family attended this recognition party.

The Tangier Shrine Chanters started the Christmas season at The Home by entertaining on December 5. Residents and family members enjoyed this annual musical concert.

I personally want to express a heartfelt thanks to all of our employees and administrative staff. In this ever-changing industry, long-term care can pose many challenges. The employees' continued commitment and pride in their work are what allows The Masonic Home to maintain its excellent reputation.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is very fortunate to have 15 very hard working, dedicated Nebraska Masons serving as Trustees. The wide range of expertise among the members results in a Board that truly considers the residents and The Home first in all the decisions they make. Thank you, gentlemen, for your continued dedication to The Nebraska Masonic Home.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAW

Lester R. Seiler, Chairman

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 1, Section 3-102, Recommendation No. 2, Section 2-402, Recommendation No. 3, Section 2-310, and Recommendation No. 6, Section 2-512 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws are amended to read as follows:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Section 3-102-ENUMERATED-Masonic offenses shall consist of but not be limited to:

- (h) The dispensing or sale of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, except in an official Masonic ceremony, in any portion of a dedicated lodge building where Masonic activities are held provided, however,

1. It shall not be a Masonic offense for a Lodge or appendant body to meet in a building not dedicated to Masonic purposes so long as there is no sale or dispensing of intoxicating liquors in the portion of the building which is used for Masonic purposes during a tyled meeting of the lodge.
2. It shall not be a Masonic offense for an appendant body to sell or dispense intoxicating liquors in a dedicated lodge building so long as such activities do not occur during a tyled meeting of any lodge or appendant body.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Section 2-310 - DUTIES OF SECRETARIES - The Secretary of each chartered subordinate lodge shall, in addition to the usual duties incident to such office, include in his minutes the reports of committees on petitions and a record of the names of all persons rejected, suspended and expelled. He shall make all proper certificates of the standing of a Brother of his lodge upon proper request made by the Brother himself, or by any Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, or any regular Masonic body. Upon receipt of a petition for membership in his lodge, he shall at once pass the fee accompanying the same into the funds of the lodge as provided in Section 2-606. He shall obtain regular vouchers for, and report to the Treasurer, all sums appropriated for his own compensation or incidental expenses, and shall not retain them from funds received by him.

The Secretary shall also prepare monthly reports of statistical information of his lodge, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, and shall forward such reports to the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of each following month. The Secretary shall also prepare an annual report giving additional information relative to his lodge on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such annual report on or before the 10th day of February following the close of each year. The Secretary shall also prepare an application for the Rock Maul Award, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such application to the Grand Secretary not later than the 15th day of November of each calendar year.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

Section 2-513 - BYLAWS - Each chartered subordinate lodge may enact bylaws for its own government, provided the same are not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of this Grand Lodge, or with the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. No bylaw shall be valid until approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master. No bylaw or amendment thereto shall be adopted until a written proposal thereof shall have been presented at some previous regular meeting of the lodge. After adoption three certified copies thereof, with the amended section, if any, shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, two of which shall be retained by him, and the other returned to the lodge with an endorsement of action taken thereon. Every member of a subordinate lodge must sign its bylaws.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Section 2-601 - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS - Chartered subordinate lodges shall have discretionary power to assess annual dues and special assessments upon its members who are Master Masons in good standing. Such dues and assessments shall be uniform upon such members. The amount of the annual dues shall include Grand Lodge dues and shall be designated in the bylaws. Special assessments may be made payable in installments.

A brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the lodge, that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted, but he shall be required to pay in full all special assessments.

A subordinate lodge's floating debt does not rest pro-rata on its members until so assessed. The dues owed by members to a lodge cannot be offset against any debts owed by the lodge to said members, except with the consent of the delinquent members.

Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation during the preceding calendar year, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and the sum of Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50) as per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January 2001 with an automatic dues increase in the amount of \$1.00 per year for the next four years, and for each member. The Grand Lodge shall use \$.50 of the per capita tax for the publication and distribution of a Masonic education newsletter to each member. In addition thereto, in the case of reinstatement of suspended members, the per capita tax for the year of suspension shall be paid to the Grand Lodge with the annual report for the calendar year of reinstatement. Before any subordinate lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year preceding the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid. Each subordinate lodge shall collect and transmit to the Grand Lodge with its annual returns the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each Master Mason affiliating therewith during the year covered by these returns; provided, that this shall not apply to any Master Mason in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation.

By the phrase "good standing" is meant one who has affiliated within one year after receiving his demit.

The amount due the Grand Lodge may be sent in at any time between March 31 and April 5, and the Grand Lodge Office Committee shall add as a penalty One Cent (\$.01) per day for each member on the rolls as shown in the table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge, to all lodges that neglect to send in their returns complete to the Grand Lodge as provided by Section 2-310, and pay their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge by the 10th of April. When the completed returns of any subordinate lodge shall not have been received by the Grand Lodge Office Committee by April 20, the Grand Master shall be notified of that fact, and the Grand Master shall, by himself, the Grand Custodian or a Deputy Grand Custodian, or some other brother appointed by the Grand Master, make personal investigations of such lodge, and secure returns as complete as may be, and the Grand Lodge Office Committee shall charge, upon the books of the Grand Lodge, the expenses of such visitation, to the lodge, unless the Grand Master be satisfied that good reason existed for such delay, shall order otherwise.

All settlements shall be made in accordance with the account of the Grand Lodge Office Committee, which shall base the same upon the table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Unaffiliated brethren formerly belonging to lodges now extinct shall affiliate with a recognized lodge of Masons within one year of the date their lodge became extinct, and if no affiliation is received by the Grand Lodge, said brethren shall be considered suspended for non-payment of dues.

Section 1-406 - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS - The per capita tax of Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50) shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial	\$.50
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	\$2.00
To the General Fund	\$11.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	\$.50

The Initiation Fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and all affiliation fees shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Lester Seiler

The report of the Committee on Codification of Law was adopted, as printed, by the Masons assembled.

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

M.:W.: Past Grand Master Jerry Rittenburg made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master’s Apron and Jewel to M.:W.: James F. Brown, Jr.



R.:W.: Grand Secretary 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

Amend Section 3-102 as follows:

Existing Language:

Section 3-102 – ENUMERATED – Masonic offenses shall consist of, but not be limited to:

- (h) The dispensing or sale of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, except in an official Masonic ceremony, in any portion of a dedicated lodge building where Masonic activities are held provided, however,
 1. It shall not be a Masonic offense for a Lodge or appendant body to meet in a building not dedicated to Masonic purposes so long as there is no sale or dispensing of intoxicating liquors in the portion of the building which is used for Masonic purposes during a tyled meeting of the Lodge.
 2. It shall not be a Masonic offense for an appendant body to sell or dispense intoxicating liquors in a dedicated lodge building so long as

such activities do not occur during a tyled meeting of any lodge or appendant body.

Proposed Language:

Eliminate all of subparagraph (h).

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Amend Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS – paragraph three as follows:

Existing Language:

Each Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge...the sum of Thirteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$13.50) as a per capita tax...

Proposed Language:

Each Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge...the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) as a per capita tax...

Note: Codification will require an amendment also to Section 1-406 – Allocation of Funds, to change from \$13.50 to \$20.00 and General Fund from \$10.00 to \$16.50.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Part I, Chapter II, of the Bylaws to be amended as follows:

At the end of Chapter II, add a new section 1-204:

“Emeritus Officers of the Grand Lodge:

Any Brother who has served as Grand Secretary or Grand Custodian of the Grand Lodge for a period of ten or more years shall be given the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus or Grand Custodian Emeritus as applicable. On receiving the Emeritus title, the Brother shall be awarded a distinctive apron by the Grand Lodge, and the Brother shall be recognized as a Grand Officer Emeritus. This title shall be honorary only and shall not entitle the holder to any of the authority granted the regular Grand Lodge Officers.



V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Ivan Vrtiska led the delegation in prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master James F. Brown, Jr. then closed the 144th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in ample form.

Organization
of
Grand Lodge
A.:F.: & A.:M.:
of Nebraska



Kearney, Nebraska
February 1, 2 & 3, 2001

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.: W.: James F. Brown, Jr.....	GRAND MASTER
R.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen.....	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Michael E. Jones.....	Grand Senior Warden
R.: W.: Kenneth D. Beebe.....	Grand Junior Warden
R.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn.....	Grand Secretary
V.: W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska.....	Grand Chaplain
W.: Dale W. Anderson.....	Grand Orator
W.: John T. Parsons.....	Grand Historian
W.: Gerald D. Verbeek.....	Grand Custodian
W.: Jack D. Nichols.....	Grand Marshal
W.: Lester R. Seiler.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W.: Michael G. Birnstihl.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W.: Wayne A. Andreasen.....	Grand Senior Steward
W.: E. David Watts.....	Grand Junior Steward
W.: Carl C. Plants.....	Grand Tyler

2000

Past Grand Masters Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska

ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 32..... (97th).....	1962
PO Box 303, Gothenburg 69138-0303, 308-537-2387	
HARRY A. SPENCER, 227, 184..... (99th).....	1964
1300 Avenue D, Plattsmouth 68048, 402-296-2963	
DONALD R. SWANSON, 54 (109th).....	1974
1615 S. 44th St., Lincoln 68506-1121, 402-489-1615	
HAROLD HULTMAN, 39..... (110th).....	1975
5 McKenzie Ln., Bella Vista, AR 72715-5006, 501-855-2383	
JACK H. HENDRIX, 174..... (113th).....	1978
1528 Centennial Dr., McCook 69001-2736, 308-345-2158	
WARREN D. LICHTY, 314..... (114th).....	1979
PO Box 22559, Lincoln 68542-2559, 402-421-1112	
BEVIN B. BUMP, 158 (118th).....	1983
PO Box 1140, Chadron 69337-1140, 308-432-4411	
ROBERT A. METCALF, 210..... (119th).....	1984-85
1440 Imperial Dr., Lincoln 68506-1837, 402-474-6161	
CHARLES W. AMIDON, 281, 327 (120th).....	1986
1706 Hillside Dr., Omaha 68114-1621, 402-391-2657	
WAYNE G. LUENENBORG, 32, 39 (121st).....	1987
2202 W. `D' St., North Platte 69101-4940, 308-532-0364	
PAUL R. EVELAND, 119 (122nd).....	1988
1848 County Road 14 Blvd., Ames 68621-2123, 402-721-3298	
THOMAS W. TYE, 46 (123rd).....	1989
4225 S. Westcotta Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614-5624, 520-648-5416	
JOHN M. McHENRY, 19..... (124th).....	1990
PO Box 82426, Lincoln 68501-2426, 402-476-2200	
JAMES N. DeMOSS, 325 (125th).....	1991
92-1025 Makakilo Dr., #75, Kapolei, HI 96707-1385, 800-832-9502	
DONALD L. POHLMAN, 41 (127th).....	1993
12918 W. Skyview Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375, 623-977-7386	
STEVEN F. MATTOON, 75 (128th).....	1994
PO Box 316, Sidney 69162-0316, 308-254-5595	
JERRY L. RITTENBURG, 210..... (129th).....	1995
5518 Moor Drive, Lincoln 68516, 402-423-5527	
V. KAYE RAMSEY, 290 & 317..... (130th).....	1996
14522 Patrick Ave., Omaha 68116-4130, 402-498-2821	

KENNETH G. FLEMING, 75..... (131st)	1997
2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623, 308-254-2387	
DON E. RASMUSSEN, 82, 135..... (132nd)	1998
1327 W. 16th St., Hastings 68901-2907, 402-463-3864	
DWIGHT E. SMITH, 205 (133rd).....	1999
16950 Road 16, Chappell 69129-6830, 308-874-3268	

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

(Per Section 1-301 of Grand Lodge Bylaws)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence (§1-304: 5 Past Grand Masters - 5 year term)

Chm. Steven F. Mattoon, 75 (2005), 1736 Dorwart Dr., Sidney 69162, 308-254-6148
 Harry A. Spencer, 227 & 184 (2002), 1300 Avenue D, Plattsmouth 68048, 402-296-2963
 John M. McHenry, 19 (2004), PO Box 82426, Lincoln 68501-2426, 402-476-2200
 Dwight E. Smith, 205 (2003), 16950 Road 16, Chappell 69129-6830, 308-874-3268
 Jack H. Hendrix, 174 (2001), 1528 Centennial Dr., McCook 69001-2736, 308-345-2158

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

Chm. Virgil L. Tubach, 54, 2235 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506-2704, 402-488-9041
 Cullen F. Pilker, 39, 8916 Park View Blvd., LaVista 68128-2314, 402-331-1791
 Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358, 308-247-2238
 Francis A. Shafer, 135, 108 Church St., North Platte 69101-4847, 308-532-7132

Ex-Officio:

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

Masonic Memorial Service (§1-307: 3 to 5 members)

Chm. Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327, 9411 Corby St., Omaha 68134-5725, 402-397-7669
 Ted McNeese, 210, 2510 Sumner St., Lincoln 68502, 402-475-5453
 John F. Dale, 126, PO Box 292, Stromsburg 68666, 402-764-8270

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

Chm. Gerald D. Verbeek, 15 (2002), 1550 N. Lincoln, Fremont 68025-3630, 402-727-9296
 Alvin G. Sundell, 83 (2003), 85592 Highway 16, Wakefield 68784-5149, 402-287-2348
 Jerry L. Sievers, 256 (2004), 3500 Prescott Ave., Lincoln 68506, 402-489-8408
 David G. Otte, 119 (2005), 2725 County Rd 30 Box 157A, Linwood 68036, 402-666-5214
 Ron W. Osborne, 256 (2001), 5950 Elk Crest Dr., Lincoln 68516, 402-489-8981

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

Chm. James C. Gathmann, 327 (2003) 3387 S. 114th Ave., Omaha 68144-4655, 402-333-3700
 Richard D. Nelson, Jr., 281 (2001), 10915 N. 62nd St., Omaha 68152-1454, 402-571-7793
 Dale C. Crandall, 200 (2002), 455 Grand Avenue, PO Box 310, Burwell 68823, 308-346-4284

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

Chm. Dennis H. Brydl, 314 & 287 (2003), 2510 Kessler Blvd., Lincoln 68502-5813, 402-423-6982
 John T. Parsons, 268 & 39 (2002), 1512 Beechwood Ave., Papillion 68133-2506, 402-339-7565
 Scott Eveland, 119 (2001), 2072 County Road 13, Ames 68621-2133, 402-652-8630
 Kenneth G. Fleming, 75 (2003), 2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623, 308-254-2387
 Thomas L. Hauder, 210 (2001), 4101 Red Deer Dr., Lincoln 68516-3068, 402-423-5958
 Wm. Larry Jacobsen, 327 (2002), 5149 S. 77th Ave., Ralston 68127-2859, 402-339-1309

Board of Grand Trustees (§1-401: 3 members - 3 year term)

Chm. Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1 (2001), 8805 Indian Hills Dr., Ste. 250, Omaha 68114, 402-392-2068
 Donald J. Schonberg, 327 (2002), 12205 Leavenworth Rd., Omaha 68154, 402-391-5200
 William S. Eastwood, 256 (2003), 6400 Meeker Cir., Lincoln 68506, 402-483-7206

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

Chm. Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314, PO Box 22559, Lincoln 68542-2559, 402-421-1112
Gayle L. Angus, 95 & 297, 2130 W. Sumner St., Lincoln 68522-1483, 402-435-6560
Maj. Charles A. Folsom, 15, 449 W. 10th St., Fremont 68025-4162, 402-721-3223
Orval W. Cooley, 323, 2717 21st St., Columbus 68601-3229, 402-564-4060
Byron Hust, 198, RR 2 Box 30A, Imperial 69033-9702, 308-882-4601

Nebraska Work (§1-314: 3 members - 3 year term)

Chm. Charles W. Amidon, 281 & 327 (2002), 1706 Hillside Dr., Omaha 68114, 402-391-2657
Steven A. Green, 54 (2003), 2635 S. 12th St., Lincoln 68502, 402-477-9055
Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317 (2001), 1323 Pershing Rd., Hastings 68901, 402-463-4602

Finance (§1-318: 5 members - 5 year term)

Chm. Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327 (2002), 13448 Burdette St., Omaha 68164-4016, 402-493-3701
Terry L. Spencer, 227 (2004), 6721 Sumner St., Lincoln 68506-1514, 402-489-6864
Jack Lorenzen, 10 & 314 (2003), 7447 Whitestone Dr., Lincoln 68506-1772, 402-488-2603
Michael R. McFarlin, 1 (2001), 7724 Pine St., Omaha 68124-1669, 402-392-0126
John M. Dick, 15 (2005), 555 W. 21st St., Fremont 68025-2505, 402-721-5641

Appropriations (§1-325: 5 members - 5 year term)

Chm. John D. VerMaas, 256 (2004) PO Box 6227, Lincoln 68506-0227, 402-423-3860
Terry L. Spencer, 227 (2001), 6721 Sumner St., Lincoln 68506-1514, 402-489-6864
Robert A. Metcalf, 210 (2002), 1440 Imperial Dr., Lincoln 68506, 402-488-3716
Kenneth S. Friend, 314 (2005), 3021 S. 74th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-484-7727
J. L. Spray, 19 (2003), 134 S. 13th St., Ste. 1200, Lincoln 68508, 402-475-8433

Grand Lodge Office (§1-321: 5 members - 5 year term)

Chm. Dale G. Lueders, 300 (2004), 2145 Bradfield Dr., Lincoln 68502-4108, 402-477-8627
Suman Vallabhbai, 314 (2001), 5221 English Dr., Lincoln 68516, 402-420-7616
Glenn A. Ried, 11 (2003) 11810 Farnam St., Omaha 68154, 402-333-3115
James L. Holland, 15 (2005), 1602 N. Nye, Fremont 68025-2916, 402-721-5000
Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210 (2002), 3540 Daniel Rd., Lincoln 68506, 402-486-3940

Ex-officio:

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Lodge Advisory (§1-327: 5 members - 5 year term)

Chm. Leslie A. Evert, 195 (2005), 508 N. Ash St., Gordon 69343, 308-282-0214
Richard T. Dugdale, 30 (2001), 750 First St., Milford 68405, 402-474-3456
Steven E. Koenig, 167 (2002), PO Box 351, Elwood 68937-0351, 308-785-2912
Dale W. Anderson, 158 (2003), 7184 Highway 20, Chadron 69337-5340, 308-432-5285
Robert O. Rhodes, 96 (2004), 114 Road V, Exeter 68351, 402-576-3461

Public Relations (§1-322: 5 members - 5 year term)

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Stephen C. Alvis, 210 (2003), 5831 Fieldcrest Way, Lincoln 68512, 402-421-1854
Curt M. Edic, 268 (2001), 2002 S. 20th St., Omaha 68102, 402-342-1300
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119 (2004), PO Box 1327, Fremont 68026-1327, 402-721-1185
R. Todd Simpson, 327 (2002), 1275 S. 164th, Omaha 68130, 402-457-7014

Ex-officio: Worthy Grand Matron OES

Membership (§1-328: 5 members)

Chm. Neil A. Henry, 26, 1703 Sara Rd., Beatrice 68310, 402-223-4337
 Steven C. Smith I, 268 & 287, 215 Heavenly Dr., Omaha 68154-2135, 402-397-9110
 Don L. Jelinek, 54 & 289, 311 Dale Dr., Lincoln 68510, 402-488-3976
 Thomas Bright, 46, 621 W. 23rd, Kearney 68845, 308-234-3897
 George W. White, 50, 804 E. 7th St., Hastings 68901, 402-463-5917

Youth (§1-326: 3 to 5 members)

Chm. Robert D. Kinsey, Jr., 297 & 256, 2900 Stratford Ave., Lincoln 68502, 402-477-9421
 Byron Hust, 198, 1711 Broadway, Imperial 69033-9702, 308-882-4601
 Steve Pitman, 50, 2351 N. 2nd Ave., Hastings 68901, 402-463-4406
 Gregory L. Gass, 192, 200 N. Green St., Valentine 69201-1967, 402-376-1521
 Bruce D. Wood, 300 & 54, 2320 Jameson N., Lincoln 68512, 402-423-2320

Ex-Officio:

State Master Councilor of DeMolay
 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)

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 Dave Wilson, 294 (2002), RR 1 Box 10, Kimball 69145-9303, 308-235-3678
 Don C. Bottorf, 49 (2001), PO Box 404, Sutton 68979-0404, 402-773-5225

Masonic All-Star Band (§1-311: 5 members - 5 year term)

To be appointed

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

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 Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358, 308-247-2238
 Jay H. Speck, 6, 606 Chicago Ave., Plattsmouth 68048-2061, 402-296-4355

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

Chm. Francis L. Crowe, 56, 1701 Lincoln Ave., York 68467, 402-362-3536
 Donald W. Madsen, 11, 5322 N. 45th St., Omaha 68104-1414, 402-451-1057
 Nile K. Johnson, 21, PO Box 532, Blair 68008-0532, 402-426-9626

Credentials (§1-301 & §1-320: 3 to 7 members)

Chm. Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848-1005, 308-236-9252
 Doyle E. Berg, 281, 3605 Old Maple Rd., Omaha 68134-3472, 402-493-1107
 Dean T. Dinklage, 114, 366 W Rd., Wisner 68791-3530, 402-529-3553
 Frank S. Dougherty, 297, 3510 N. 73rd St., Lincoln 68507, 402-464-5045
 Norris L. Rusmisell, 46, 3412 4th Ave., Kearney 68845, 308-237-2319
 William G. Hurst, 54, 450 S. 52nd St., Lincoln 68510, 402-489-3234
 To be Appointed

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

May be appointed at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master, or at the direction of the Grand Lodge.

Awards Committee

Chm. John C. McQuinn, 297, 1100 N. 37th St., Lincoln 68503, 402-464-1723
Michael D. Rauscher, 54, 3443 Grimsby Ln., Lincoln 68502, 402-421-2071
Eugene F. Harris, 195, PO Box 348, Gordon 69343-0348, 308-282-0815
Mervin E. Ransom, Jr., 65, PO Box 618, Osceola 68651-0618, 402-764-4161
Paul R. Eveland, 119, 1848 County Road 14 Blvd., Ames 68621-2123, 402-721-3298
Emil A. Schadwinkel, 183, 1015 Laramie Ln., Alliance 69301-2533, 308-762-4348

Insurance Review Committee

Chm. Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173, PO Box 229, David City 68632-0229, 402-367-3674
Bruce A. Watkins, 300, 3711 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-489-4317
William Keller, 250, 2525 S. 36th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-488-5966
Lowell E. Erickson, 251, PO Box 41, Wausa 68786-0041, 402-586-2232

Freemasonry and Religion Committee

Chm. V. Kaye Ramsey, 317 & 290, 14522 Patrick Ave., Omaha 68116-4130, 402-498-2821
Rev. John F. Dale, 126, PO Box 292, Stromsburg 68666-0292, 402-764-8270
D. Scott Rogge, 256, 8101 N. 70th St., Lincoln 68517, 402-467-2111

GRAND CUSTODIAN

Gerald D. Verbeek
 1550 N. Lincoln
 Fremont, NE 68025-3630

**DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS
 AND THEIR DISTRICTS**

NAME	APPOINTED
District #1	
Roy L. Smith, 6, 12200 24th St., Plattsmouth 68048-7802, 402-298-8570	1989
Western Star #2, Nebraska City; Plattsmouth #6, Plattsmouth; Springfield #112, Springfield	
District #2	
Monte K. Olmstead, 290, 10764 Grover Street, Omaha 68124-3654, 402-391-7081	1997
Capitol #3, Omaha; Covert #11, Omaha; Florence #281, Omaha; John J. Mercer #290, Omaha; Mizpah #302, Omaha	
District #3	
Halsey D. Phillips, 325, 2801 Mars Cir., Bellevue 68005, 402-291-6496	1993
Bee Hive #184, Omaha; George W. Lininger #268, Omaha; Centennial #326, Omaha; Shiloh #327, Omaha; Miloma #328, Omaha	
District #4	
James E. Cornish, 31, 520 County Road 24, Tekamah 68061-5056, 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, 274 & 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 68447-9756, 402-839-2955	1988
Falls City #9, Falls City; Pawnee #23, Pawnee City; Humboldt #40, Humboldt; Table Rock #108, Table Rock	
District #8	
John C. Sierks, 4, RR 1 Box 15, Brownville 68321-9704, 402-825-6061	1969
Nemaha Valley #4, Brownville; Peru #14, Peru; 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, 402-477-90551988
Lincoln #19, Lincoln; Blue River #30, Milford; Lancaster #54, Lincoln; East Lincoln
#210, Lincoln; Hickman #256, Lincoln; Cotner #297, Lincoln

District #11

Michael G. Birnstihl, 314, 5811 Dobsons Rd., Lincoln 68516-3721, 402-488-26941997
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, Jr., 314 & 210, 2126 Ryons St., Lincoln 68502-3838, 402-435-40251995
Beatrice #26, Beatrice; Fairbury #35, Fairbury; Wymore #104, Wymore; Barneston
#165, Barneston

District #14

To Be Appointed
Garfield #95, O'Neill; Atkinson #164, Atkinson

District #15

To Be Appointed
Northern Light #41, Stanton; Mosaic #55, Norfolk; Wisner #114, Wisner; Newman
Grove #305, Newman Grove

District #16

To Be Appointed
Plainview #204, Plainview; Bloomfield #218, Bloomfield; Wausa #251, Wausa; Diamond
#291, Orchard

District #17

Roger A. Deininger, 317, 1319 W. 11th, Hastings 68901, 402-462-81461998
Keystone #62, Phillips; Aurora #68, Aurora; Cement #211, Wood River; Friendship
#239, Chapman

District #18

Arthur S. Dye, 317, 910 N. Jefferson Ave., Hastings 68901-3727, 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, 1323 Pershing Rd., 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 68866, 402-764-39501984
York #56, York; Stromsburg #126, Stromsburg; Polk #311, Polk

District #24

Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848-1005, 308-237-92341992
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, 308-345-3669Emeritus
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, 308-645-24861990
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; Camp Clarke #285, Bridgeport

District #29

Leslie A. Evert, 195, 508 N. Ash St., Gordon 69343, 308-282-0214.....1984
Samaritan #158, Chadron; Hay Springs #177, Hay Springs; Arcana #195, Gordon

District #30

Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358, 308-247-22381996
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell; Robert W. Furnas #265, Scottsbluff;
Oasis #271, Morrill

District #31

Kenneth G. Fleming, 75, 2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623, 308-254-23871998
Frank Welch #75, Sidney; Golden Fleece #205, Chappell; Oshkosh #286, Oshkosh;
Kimball #294, Kimball

District #32

Roger L. Shillington, 180, RR 1 Box 13, Max 69037-9506, 308-423-2547.....1976
Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198, Imperial; Palisade
#216, Palisade

District #33

Jack D. Nichols, 265, 702 W. 15th St., Scottsbluff 68361-2906, 308-635-04042000
Ogallala #159, Ogallala; Wallace #279, Wallace; Perkins #308, Grant

District #34

Harold C. Mueksch, 132, 404 5th St., Scribner 68057-3057, 402-664-34382000
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 68005-4020, 402-733-90811987
Nebraska #1, Omaha; Solomon #10, Fort Calhoun; Papillion #39, Papillion; Omaha
#288, Omaha; Bellevue #325, Bellevue

District #36

Bruce A. Watkins, 300, 3711 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-466-36861999
Crete #37, Crete; Blue Valley #64, Wilber; Bennett #94, Lincoln; DeWitt #111, DeWitt;
Canopy #209, Elmwood; North Star #227, Lincoln; Liberty #300, Lincoln; College View
#320, Lincoln

District #37

Albert A. Wise, 79, PO Box 63, Geneva 68361-0063, 402-759-38691992
Oliver #38, Seward; Evening Star #49, Sutton; Friend #73, Friend; Geneva #79,
Geneva; Utica #96, Utica

District #38

Frank R. Harris, 77, PO Box 3, Nelson 68961-0003, 402-225-4581Emeritus
Hebron #43, Hebron; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily #154,
Davenport

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

Glenn W. Binder, 23 RR 1 Box 72, Pawnee City 68420
Herman O. Hansen, 3 9324 Cuming Plz., Omaha 68114-2450
Richard L. Mauch, 224 & 136 PO Box 10, Bassett 68714-0010
Frank R. Harris, 77 PO Box 3, Nelson 68961-0003
Alfred V. Peltzer, 148 RR 2 Box 225, Broken Bow 68822
Ben D. Fussell, 79 1610 G St., Geneva 68361-2219
Ralph McNulty, 61 PO Box 83, Cozad 69130
A. W. Clark, 33 219 W. 15th, Grand Island 68802-2521
D. Wayne Erickson, 146 1010 Garfield, Holdrege 68949
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65 RR 1 Box 31, Osceola 68651
Lynn Doty, 251 301 Quail Valley Rd., Cle Elum, WA 98922
Eugene C. Sibley, 314 5221 S. 67th St., Lincoln 68516
Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135 1103 W. 2nd St., McCook 69001
Augustine S. Scolaro, 3 801 5th Street N., Bellevue 68005-4303

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1 - Nebraska	0	0	0	0	215	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	8	7	0	0	0	15	204
2 - Western Star	5	6	3	2	193	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	6	2	0	0	0	8	189
3 - Capitol	0	2	0	0	149	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	145
4 - Nemaha Valley	2	1	2	1	75	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	73
5 - Omadi	3	0	3	1	166	4	0	0	3	0	0	7	0	5	5	0	0	0	10	163
6 - Plattsmouth	4	0	4	0	275	4	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	274
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	8	70
10 - Solomon	0	0	1	0	75	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	73
11 - Covert	30	0	29	1	594	28	3	0	1	0	0	32	2	15	1	0	0	0	18	608
14 - Peru	1	0	1	1	39	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	35
15 - Fremont	3	0	3	0	321	4	1	0	2	0	0	7	0	10	6	0	0	0	16	312
19 - Lincoln	3	4	1	2	291	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	5	0	0	0	14	278
21 - Washington	0	0	0	0	113	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	7	0	0	0	11	103
23 - Pawnee	1	0	1	1	112	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	109
26 - Beatrice	3	0	3	0	214	5	1	0	7	0	0	13	0	11	8	0	0	0	19	208
27 - Jordan	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	28
30 - Blue River	0	0	0	1	38	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	37
31 - Tekamah	2	2	2	1	187	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	3	0	0	0	9	180
32 - Platte Valley	1	0	1	0	329	1	1	1	3	0	0	6	1	11	13	0	0	0	25	310
33 - Ashlar	5	2	5	1	310	5	0	0	7	0	1	13	4	9	15	0	1	0	29	294
34 - Acacia	4	0	4	0	91	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	91
35 - Fairbury	0	0	0	0	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	83
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	58
37 - Crete	1	2	0	0	86	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	81
38 - Oliver	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	63
39 - Papillion	11	1	12	0	372	12	1	2	3	0	0	18	1	9	27	0	0	0	37	353
40 - Humboldt	1	0	1	0	60	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	58
41 - Northern Light	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	39
43 - Hebron	5	1	4	0	63	5	0	0	2	0	0	7	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	65
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
46 - Rob Morris	4	0	4	0	257	4	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	2	11	0	0	0	13	249
49 - Evening Star	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	30
50 - Hastings	3	1	2	0	220	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	8	2	0	0	0	10	214
51 - Fidelity	1	0	1	0	49	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	49

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52 - Hiram	4	0	4	0	40	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	42
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	55	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	55
54 - Lancaster	7	1	5	0	484	5	0	2	13	0	0	20	1	19	44	0	1	0	65	439
55 - Mosaic	0	2	0	0	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	11	150
56 - York	2	0	2	0	137	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	6	0	0	0	9	133
57 - Mt. Moriah	0	0	1	0	40	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	41
59 - Wahoo	1	0	1	1	112	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	108
61 - Thistle	7	2	9	0	145	9	0	1	1	0	0	11	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	152
62 - Keystone	1	0	3	0	55	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	55
64 - Blue Valley	0	0	0	0	54	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	56
65 - Osceola	1	1	1	0	82	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	81
68 - Aurora	0	0	0	0	57	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	6	53
72 - Hooper	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
73 - Friend	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
75 - Frank Welch	0	0	0	1	162	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	6	6	0	0	0	12	154
77 - Nelson	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	6	0	0	0	8	66
78 - Albion	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	42
79 - Geneva	4	0	4	4	132	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	5	3	0	0	0	9	126
81 - Composite	1	0	1	0	51	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	52
82 - St. Paul	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	60
83 - Corinthian	1	0	1	0	35	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
89 - Cedar River	2	1	1	0	65	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	65
91 - Oakland	2	0	2	0	48	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	48
94 - Bennett	0	1	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
95 - Garfield	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	83
96 - Utica	2	1	1	0	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	30
97 - Euclid	3	0	3	0	77	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	77
98 - Republican	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	23
102 - Waterloo	5	2	4	2	149	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	0	0	1	0	7	145
103 - Ord	2	0	2	0	55	2	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	6	2	0	0	0	8	52
104 - Wymore	1	0	1	1	85	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	1	0	0	0	7	79
106 - Porter	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	37
108 - Table Rock	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	26
110 - Pomegranate	5	0	5	0	126	5	0	0	2	0	0	7	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	127

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111 - DeWitt	1	0	1	0	34	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34
112 - Springfield	18	2	17	1	181	17	1	0	2	0	0	20	1	2	19	0	0	0	0	22	179
114 - Wisner	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	49
119 - North Bend	1	1	0	0	96	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	95
120 - Wayne	1	2	2	0	146	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	144
121 - Superior	0	0	0	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	0	1	0	11	63	
126 - Stromsburg	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	86
127 - Minden	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	46
128 - Guide Rock	3	1	2	0	45	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	46
132 - Scribner	2	1	1	1	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	25
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
135 - McCook	6	0	6	2	148	6	2	2	1	0	0	11	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	153
136 - Long Pine	0	0	1	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
143 - Crescent	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
146 - Jachin	2	2	4	0	125	4	1	1	3	0	0	9	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	6	128
148 - Custer	5	0	5	0	138	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	140
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	39
158 - Samaritan	0	0	1	0	97	1	2	0	2	0	0	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	99
159 - Ogalalla	1	1	1	0	87	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	9	79
162 - Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
165 - Barneston	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	22
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	33
170 - Mason City	0	2	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
174 - Culbertson	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	36
177 - Hay Springs	0	1	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	68
180 - Justice	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	50
183 - Alliance	1	0	1	0	205	1	0	1	3	0	0	5	0	5	6	0	0	0	11	199	
184 - Bee Hive	7	0	9	1	270	8	0	1	2	0	0	11	3	13	2	0	0	0	18	263	
192 - Minnekadusa	0	0	0	0	70	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	70
194 - Highland	1	0	1	1	40	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	40
195 - Arcana	4	2	2	3	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	52	
198 - Purity	1	0	1	1	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55

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200 - Blazing Star	0	1	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	28
201 - Scotts Bluff	1	2	1	0	139	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	7	134
204 - Plainview	1	0	1	0	70	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	7	66
205 - Golden Fleece	1	1	0	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	70	
207 - Parian	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
209 - Canopy	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	29	
210 - East Lincoln	3	1	3	1	459	2	0	0	8	0	0	10	3	20	44	0	0	0	67	402	
211 - Cement	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	48	
216 - Palisade	1	0	1	0	43	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	
218 - Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	67	
219 - Relief	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	29	
220 - Magnolia	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	28	
221 - Wood Lake	2	0	2	0	75	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	75	
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	1	63	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	61	
224 - Silver Cord	0	0	0	1	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	98	
227 - North Star	4	1	5	0	187	5	0	0	2	0	0	7	2	5	4	0	0	0	11	183	
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	74	
229 - Comet	1	0	1	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	77	
234 - Zion	1	0	1	0	46	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	45	
236 - Golden Rule	0	0	1	0	34	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	
239 - Friendship	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	47	
241 - G Armstrong	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	24	
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	49	
250 - G Washington	1	1	2	0	95	2	0	0	4	0	0	6	0	6	3	0	0	0	9	92	
251 - Wausa	0	0	1	0	56	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	
256 - Hickman	7	0	9	0	188	9	4	0	1	0	0	14	1	3	15	0	0	0	19	183	
263 - Mitchell	3	0	3	1	99	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	4	0	0	0	10	91	
264 - Franklin	1	0	1	0	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	43	
265 - R W Furnas	2	2	2	0	156	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	4	11	4	0	0	0	19	141	
267 - J A Tulleys	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	30	
268 - G W Lininger	7	0	7	0	177	7	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	180	
271 - Oasis	0	1	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	
274 - Olive Branch	1	1	0	0	56	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	53	
279 - Wallace	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	29	

	E.A.		F.C.		MASTER MASONS														On Rolls December 31, 2000	
	Initiated	On Rolls December 31, 2000	Passed	On Rolls December 31, 2000	Membership December 31, 1999	GAIN							LOSS							
						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Memberships	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination of Dual	Other Causes		TOTAL
281 - Florence	1	2	1	0	209	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	2	12	3	0	0	0	17	195
284 - Seneca	0	0	0	0	37	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	36	
285 - Camp Clarke	4	4	0	0	78	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	0	4	76	
286 - Oshkosh	0	1	1	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	53	
287 - Union	1	0	1	1	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	
288 - Omaha	5	2	3	1	121	3	0	2	2	0	0	7	3	4	8	0	1	0	112	
289 - Lotus	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	8	0	1	0	42	
290 - John J. Mercer	6	0	6	0	689	7	0	1	17	0	0	25	1	27	46	0	0	74	640	
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	63	
294 - Kimball	2	0	2	2	110	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	1	5	107	
297 - Cotner	6	3	3	0	170	4	2	0	1	0	0	7	0	13	2	0	1	0	161	
300 - Liberty	8	0	9	1	157	10	4	1	2	0	0	17	0	8	5	0	0	0	13	161
302 - Mizpah	1	2	3	1	322	4	1	1	3	0	0	9	0	13	6	1	0	0	20	311
305 - Newman Grove	1	0	1	0	34	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	34	
308 - Perkins	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	
310 - Victory	0	1	0	0	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	6	101	
311 - Polk	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	
314 - Craftsmen	2	1	1	1	261	1	3	1	3	0	0	8	1	10	7	0	0	0	18	251
317 - Mid-West	1	1	1	0	340	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	0	9	8	0	0	0	17	327
320 - College View	2	2	3	1	70	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	73	
323 - Lebanon	1	2	2	2	121	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	6	4	0	1	0	11	114
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	
325 - Bellevue	3	1	3	1	275	5	1	0	4	0	0	10	0	5	7	0	0	0	12	273
326 - Centennial	2	3	1	0	192	2	0	1	5	0	0	8	1	5	10	0	0	0	16	184
327 - Shiloh	3	0	3	0	134	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	1	5	0	0	6	133	
328 - Miloma	4	1	3	0	185	3	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	180
	53	26	47	11	3979	51	14	10	56	0	0	131	9	129	135	1	5	0	279	3831

**Historical Records
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**Kearney, Nebraska
February 1, 2 & 3, 2001**

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	302
96th	1961	Herbert A. Ronin	210
97th	1962	Ernest O. Van Wey	32
98th	1963	Ralph M. Carhart	120

99th	1964	Harry A. Spencer	184, 227
100th	1965	Louis V. Sylvester	281
101st	1966	Lewis R. Ricketts	19
Honorary	1966	Carl R. Greisen	32
102nd	1967	John A. Bottorf.....	49
103rd	1968	Norris W. Lallman.....	72
104th	1969	Hugh W. Eisenhart.....	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
131st	1997	Kenneth G. Fleming	75
132nd	1998	Don E. Rasmussen	82, 135
133rd	1999	Dwight E. Smith	205

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
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 3..... 1990-2000
- 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. Mael, 173.....	1956
• Frank H. Smith, 301.....	1957
• Ward V. Whitaker, 310.....	1957
• Richard L. Ely, 138.....	1957
• Asa J. Farnham, 106.....	1958
• Robert B. Conrad, 125.....	1958
• Winston C. Swanson, 120.....	1958
• Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210.....	1959
• Edmund D. Shaw, 195.....	1959
• Harry N. Ahl, 112.....	1959
• Alfred R. Kenover, 148.....	1960

- Lloyd I. Edwards, 1101960
- T. Leo Stines, 36, 3231960
- Erwin J. Imig, 381960
- Sebert A. Stover, 2811960
- Stanley E. Brunton, 2221961
- Glenn W. Binder, 231961
- Richard L. Wait, 191962
- Gordon Chard, 2401962
- Harold A. Tilton, 2911962
- Stuart A. Johnson, 1771964
- Arthur S. Dye, 3171964
- W. Upton Dawson, 1351964
- Donald R. Davis, 1641964
- Ralph I. Berry, 2561965
- Carl A. Johnson, 1831965
- Robert W. Boon, 331965
- Augustus W. Clark, 331965
- Alton S. Mote, 1831965
- Ralph W. Gerry, 281, 3021965
- Arnold F. Mains, 151965
- Nelson W. Rittenburg, 2101965
- Harold J. Oehlerking, 1591966
- Gwynne L. Neubauer, 2581966
- Ward L. McGlashan, 1801966
- Curtis J. Griess, 491966
- Walter Brown, 11967
- John C. Nelson, 2501967
- Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 651967
- Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 2101967
- Howard G. Whitmore, 811967
- Frank R. Harris, 771967
- Gerald V. Inslee, 1581968
- John C. Sierks, 41969
- Paul D. Jacobsen, 1481969
- David O. Kipling, 2811970
- Herman O. Hansen, 31970
- D. Wayne Erickson, 1461970
- Walter S. Cork, 751970
- Richard L. Mauch, 224, 1361971
- O. Wayne Thompson, 2011971
- John A. Brandt, 261971
- Dale E. Kube, 551971
- Robert E. Kyes, 361972
- Mannie O. Hansen, 11973
- Richard O. Cowles, 1741975
- Jens P. Nielsen, 1211975
- Ralph E. McNulty, 611975
- Don L. McCoy, 111975
- Everett K. Dappen, 2651975
- Alfred V. Peltzer, 1481975
- Roger L. Shillington, 1801976
- James E. Cornish, 311976
- Ben D. Fussell, 791976
- Victor D. Hunt, 621976
- Lynn Doty, 2511977
- Marvin R. Weber, 2041977
- W. Dale Page, 151977

• 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 E. 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, Sr., 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 & 265.....	1996
Thomas R. Reed, 5.....	1996
Monte K. Olmstead, 290.....	1997
Michael G. Birnstihl, 314.....	1997
Roger A. Deininger, 317.....	1998
Kenneth G. Fleming, 75.....	1998
Bruce A. Watkins, 300.....	1999
Jack D. Nichols, 265.....	2000
Harold C. Mueksch, 325.....	2000
• Deceased	

DECEASED GRAND MASTERS

**We have set apart these pages dedicated to the memory of the
Past Grand Masters who have passed beyond the veil.**

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR SERVED
Robert C. Jordan	Jan. 9, 1899	3	(1st) 1857-58-59
George Armstrong	Nov. 12, 1896	3	(2nd) 1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler	Nov. 27, 1912	6	(3rd) 1863-64
Robert W. Furnas	June 1, 1905	4	(4th) 1865-66
Orsamus H. Irish	Jan. 27, 1883	5	(5th) 1867-68
Harry P. Deuel	Nov. 23, 1914	11	(6th) 1869-70
William E. Hill	Dec. 29, 1917	2	(7th) 1871-72
Martin Dunham	Feb. 18, 1915	3	(8th) 1873
Frank Welch	Sept. 4, 1878	27	(9th) 1874
Alfred G. Hastings	July 10, 1894	19	(10th) 1875
George H. Thummel	Feb. 5, 1932	33	(11th) 1876
George W. Lininger	June 8, 1907	3	(12th) 1877
Edward K. Valentine	April 11, 1916	27	(13th) 1878
Rolland H. Oakley	Feb. 2, 1904	19	(14th) 1879
James A. Tulleys	Jan. 31, 1901	53	(15th) 1880
James R. Cain, Sr.	Nov. 24, 1920	9	(16th) 1881
Edwin F. Warren	July 9, 1923	2	(17th) 1882
Samuel W. Hayes	Nov. 15, 1913	55	(18th) 1883
John Jay Wemple	May 28, 1943	50	(19th) 1884
Manoah B. Reese	Sept. 18, 1917	59	(20th) 1885
Charles K. Coutant	Aug. 23, 1910	11	(21st) 1886
Milton J. Hull	Sept. 18, 1923	67	(22nd) 1887
George B. France	Aug. 16, 1914	56	(23rd) 1888
John J. Mercer	Feb. 25, 1915	4	(24th) 1889
Robert E. French	Feb. 16, 1947	46	(25th) 1890
Bradmer D. Slaughter	May 8, 1909	89	(26th) 1891
Samuel P. Davidson	Dec. 8, 1928	17	(27th) 1892
James P.A. Black	Nov. 12, 1918	76	(28th) 1893
John A. Ehrhardt	Nov. 1, 1925	41	(29th) 1894
Henry H. Wilson	June 28, 1941	19	(30th) 1895
Charles J. Phelps	Aug. 24, 1915	34	(31st) 1896
John B. Dinsmore	Oct. 6, 1915	49	(32nd) 1897
Frank H. Young	Dec. 24, 1917	207	(33rd) 1898
William W. Keysor	Aug. 17, 1922	25	(34th) 1899
Albert W. Crites	Aug. 23, 1915	158	(35th) 1900
Robert E. Evans	July 9, 1925	5	(36th) 1901
Nathaniel M. Ayers	Nov. 19, 1913	93	(37th) 1902
Frank E. Bullard	Jan. 31, 1933	32	(38th) 1903
Charles E. Burnham	May 29, 1933	55	(39th) 1904
Melville R. Hopewell	May 2, 1911	31	(40th) 1905
Zuingle M. Baird	Dec. 17, 1916	155	(41st) 1906
Orman J. King	Dec. 26, 1927	54	(42nd) 1907
William A. DeBord	May 17, 1916	3	(43rd) 1908
Michael Dowling	May 5, 1921	119	(44th) 1909
Harry A. Cheney	June 27, 1948	100	(45th) 1910
Henry Gibbons	Aug. 22, 1923	46	(46th) 1911
James R. Cain, Jr.	Sept. 3, 1950	105	(47th) 1912
Alpha Morgan	April 17, 1924	148	(48th) 1913

Thomas M. Davis	Aug. 12, 1919	93	(49th)	1914
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. Fitcher	July 11, 1984	302	(95th)	1960
Herbert A. Ronin	Nov. 4, 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
Byron C. Jenkins	Sept. 12, 2000	325	(115th)	1980
Harold C. Wurdeman	June 21, 1985	323	(116th)	1981
Paul R. Pierce	July 31, 1999	50	(117th)	1982
James L. "Sonny" Eatmon	Aug. 28, 1999	294	(126th)	1992

**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
1999	Hastings Lodge	No. 50	Hastings
2000	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend

**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
1999	Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff
2000	Beatrice Lodge	No. 26	Beatrice

**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	Gering
1997	Willard Rouze	Purity No. 198	Imperial
1998	Lowell C. Johnson	North Bend No. 119	North Bend
1998	Marvin M. Fink	Hastings No. 50	Hastings
1999	Dale E. Olson	Oakland No. 91	Oakland
1999	Norris L. Rusmisell	Rob Morris No. 46	Kearney
2000	Richard Brasel	John J. Mercer No. 290	Omaha
2000	Charles Spohr	Euclid No. 97	Weeping Water

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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Acacia	No. 34	Schuyler	Colfax.....	July 18,1870	June 19,1872
Fairbury	No. 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	June 30,1871	June 19,1872
Lone Tree	No. 36	Central City.....	Merrick	August 9,1871	June 19,1872
Crete	No. 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8,1872	June 19,1872
Oliver	No. 38	Seward	Seward.....	July 25,1871	June 18,1873
Papillion	No. 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy	November 18,1872	June 18,1873
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16,1872	June 18,1873
Northern Light	No. 41	Stanton.....	Stanton	January 20,1873	June 18,1873
Hebron	No. 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10,1873	June 18,1873
Harvard	No. 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25,1873	June 18,1873
Rob Morris	No. 46	Kearney	Buffalo.....	February 21,1873	June 26,1874
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

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Keystone	No. 62	Phillips	Hamilton	Hamilton	January	1,1876	June	21,1876
Blue Valley	No. 64	Wilber	Saline	Saline	October	6,1876	June	20,1877
Osceola	No. 65	Osceola	Polk	Polk	November	23,1876	June	20,1877
Aurora	No. 68	Aurora	Hamilton	Hamilton	February	10,1876	June	19,1878
Hooper	No. 72	Hooper	Dodge	Dodge	March	19,1878	June	25,1879
Friend	No. 73	Friend	Saline	Saline	May	4,1878	June	25,1879
Frank Welch	No. 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	Cheyenne	December	26,1878	June	25,1879
Nelson	No. 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	Nuckolls	March	15,1879	June	23,1880
Albion	No. 78	Albion	Boone	Boone	August	1,1879	June	23,1880
Geneva	No. 79	Geneva	Fillmore	Fillmore	November	24,1879	June	23,1880
Composite	No. 81	Rising City	Butler	Butler	March	20,1880	June	22,1881
St. Paul	No. 82	St. Paul	Howard	Howard	April	15,1880	June	22,1881
Corinthian	No. 83	Wakefield	Dixon	Dixon	April	22,1880	June	22,1881
Cedar River	No. 89	Fullerton	Nance	Nance	January	19,1882	June	20,1882
Oakland	No. 91	Oakland	Burt	Burt	February	7,1882	June	19,1883
Bennett	No. 94	Lincoln	Lancaster	Lancaster	May	5,1882	June	19,1883
Garfield	No. 95	O'Neill	Holt	Holt	June	28,1882	June	19,1883
Utica	No. 96	Utica	Seward	Seward	July	14,1882	June	19,1883
Euclid	No. 97	Weeping Water	Cass	Cass	July	21,1882	June	19,1883
Republican	No. 98	Republican City	Harlan	Harlan	July	27,1882	June	19,1883
Waterloo	No. 102	Elkhorn	Douglas	Douglas	September	7,1882	June	19,1883
Ord	No. 103	Ord	Valley	Valley	September	14,1882	June	19,1883

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Wymore	No. 104	Wymore	Gage	November 10,1882	June 19,1883
Porter	No. 106	Loup City	Sherman	December 9,1882	June 19,1883
Table Rock	No. 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	January 24,1883	June 19,1883
Pomegranate	No. 110	Ashland	Saunders	February 13,1883	June 19,1883
DeWitt	No. 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February 28,1883	June 19,1883
Springfield	No. 112	Springfield	Sarpy	March 30,1883	June 19,1883
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner	Cuming	February 12,1883	June 24,1884
North Bend	No. 119	North Bend	Dodge	September 5,1883	June 24,1884
Wayne	No. 120	Wayne	Wayne.....	September 26,1883	June 24,1884
Superior	No. 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls	November 22,1883	June 24,1884
Stromsburg	No. 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16,1884	June 24,1884
Minden	No. 127	Minden.....	Kearney	January 22,1884	June 24,1884
Guide Rock	No. 128	Guide Rock	Webster	January 28,1884	June 24,1884
Scribner	No. 132	Scribner	Dodge	July 9,1884	June 24,1885
Solar	No. 134	Clarks	Merrick	August 8,1884	June 24,1885
McCook	No. 135	McCook	Red Willow	October 6,1884	June 24,1885
Long Pine	No. 136	Long Pine	Brown.....	October 6,1884	June 24,1885
Crescent	No. 143	Primrose	Boone	January 24,1885	June 24,1885
Jachin	No. 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	July 13,1885	June 17,1886
Custer	No. 148	Broken Bow	Custer	August 10,1885	June 17,1886
Lily	No. 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28,1885	June 17,1886
Samaritan	No. 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	March 17,1886	June 16,1887
Ogallala	No. 159	Ogallala	Keith.....	August 14,1886	June 16,1887

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Trestle Board	No. 162	Brock	Nemaha	October 9, 1886	June 16, 1887
Atkinson	No. 164	Atkinson.....	Holt	August 19, 1886	June 21, 1888
Barneston	No. 165	Barneston.....	Gage	August 20, 1886	June 21, 1888
Elwood	No. 167	Elwood.....	Gosper	June 21, 1887	June 21, 1888
Mason City	No. 170	Mason City	Custer	August 1, 1887	June 21, 1888
Robert Burns	No. 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock	November 15, 1887	June 21, 1888
Culbertson	No. 174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	November 16, 1887	June 21, 1888
Hay Springs	No. 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan	February 20, 1888	June 21, 1888
Justice	No. 180	Benkelman	Dundy	October 8, 1888	June 20, 1889
Alliance	No. 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte	January 18, 1889	June 20, 1889
Bee Hive	No. 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 22, 1889	June 20, 1889
Minnekadusa	No. 192	Valentine	Cherry	August 15, 1889	June 20, 1890
Highland	No. 194	Cortland.....	Gage	September 21, 1889	June 20, 1890
Arcana	No. 195	Gordon	Sheridan	October 17, 1889	June 20, 1890
Purity	No. 198	Imperial.....	Chase	December 24, 1889	June 20, 1890
Blazing Star	No. 200	Burwell.....	Garfield	August 5, 1890	June 18, 1891
Scotts Bluff	No. 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.....	August 8, 1890	June 18, 1891
Plainview	No. 204	Plainview	Pierce.....	September 1, 1890	June 18, 1891
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

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Cement	No. 211	Wood River.....	Hall.....	November 27,1891	June 16,1892
Palisade	No. 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock	July 18,1892	June 15,1893
Bloomfield	No. 218	Bloomfield	Knox.....	January 18,1893	June 15,1893
Relief	No. 219	Coleridge.....	Cedar	January 19,1893	June 15,1893
Magnolia	No. 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	January 21,1893	June 15,1893
Wood Lake	No. 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	September 22,1892	June 21,1894
Landmark	No. 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	March 1,1893	June 21,1894
Silver Cord	No. 224	Ainsworth.....	Brown.....	October 17,1893	June 21,1894
North Star	No. 227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster	July 28,1894	June 13,1895
Bartley	No. 228	Bartley	Red Willow	November 23,1894	June 13,1895
Comet	No. 229	Ceresco	Saunders	December 5,1894	June 13,1895
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	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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
James A. Tulleys	No. 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	December 26,1907	June 10,1908
George W. Lininger	No. 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 26,1908	June 10,1908
Oasis	No. 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 14,1909	June 8,1910
Olive Branch	No. 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September 20,1909	June 8,1910
Wallace	No. 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln	February 25,1911	June 4,1912
Florence	No. 281	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 17,1913	June 4,1913
Seneca	No. 284	Theford.....	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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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

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	Ohiowa 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
McCook, September 16, 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	
Meridian 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	
St. Johns No. 25	Omaha with John J. Mercer No. 290
Omaha, March 6, 1998	
Fairmont No. 48	Fairmont with Geneva No. 79
Geneva, May 14, 1998	
Ionic No. 87	Niobrara with Bloomfield No. 218
Bloomfield, November 11, 1998	
Tecumseh No. 17	Tecumseh with Pawnee No. 23
Pawnee City, December 23, 1998	
Sutherland No. 299	Sutherland with Platte Valley No. 32
North Platte, February 15, 1999	
Gilead No. 233	Butte with Atkinson No. 164
Atkinson, March 17, 1999	
Mt. Nebo No. 125	Genoa with Cedar River No. 89
Fullerton, April 7, 1999	
Auburn No. 124	Auburn with Nemaha Valley No. 4
Brownville, June 23, 1999	
Sioux No. 277	Harrison with Mitchell No. 263
Mitchell, December 2, 1999	

**LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORIES
OTHER THAN NEBRASKA**

Summit No. 7	Parkville, Colorado - Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8	Gold Hill, Colorado - Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U.:D.:	Central City, Colorado - Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannack City, U.:D.:	Bannack City, Idaho - Instituted April 1863 or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U.:D.:	United States Army - Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U.:D.:	Nevada City, Idaho - Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28	South Pass City, Wyoming - Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874

EXTINCT LODGES

NAME AND LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 – Decatur.....	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 – Columbus.....	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 – Nebraska City.....	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 – Arago.....	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 – Ashland.....	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 – Rock Bluff.....	July 16, 1884
Macoy No. 22 – Plattsmouth.....	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 – Lafayette Pct. (later Grant).....	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 – Palmyra.....	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 – Salem.....	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 – Columbus.....	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 – 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
Mullen Lodge No. 282 – Mullen.....	December 17, 1998
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 – Lincoln.....	September 10, 1993
St. John the Baptist Lodge of Research No. 330 – Geneva.....	June 3, 1998

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

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Nebraska #1	William A. Schwiesow, Jr.*	A.L. Aasgaard	Cary L. Manson	Jack F. Duffield
Western Star #2	Edward L. Reed	-	Ronald J. Mahoney	David A. Wetrosky
Capitol #3	Terry M. Theis	Michael R. Frecks*	Michael J. McCall	Raymond L. Bally*
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Omadi #5	Kent B. Broyhill	-	-	Chris T. Knudsen*
Plattsmouth #6	David L. Petersen	Rodney J. Edmonds	Philip J. Post	Jay H. Speck
Falls City #9	Mickey D. Koso	Darrel D. Koso	-	-
Solomon #10	Russell G. Christensen	Roland W. Husk	-	-
Covert #11	Ronald L. Hawkins	Thomas A. Brazer	Kevin L. Reynolds	Lawrence J. Zwart*
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Fremont #15	Dean F. Skokan	-	-	Donald J. Launer*
Lincoln #19	Bruce T. Anderson	-	-	-
Washington #21	Brian K. Sandall*	-	-	Gary D. Finn*
Pawnee #23	-	-	-	-
Beatrice #26	Kelly R. Kuhl	Kevin W. Smith	Bryan D. Herbst*	Paul J. Redwine, Jr.
Jordan #27	Larry L. Merchen	-	-	-
Blue River #30	Gary L. Brhel	-	Melvin R. Giles	-
Tekamah #31	Allen J. Fleischman	-	Dennis Fleischman	-
Platte Valley #32	Paul R. Befort	Douglas L. Hoffman	Glenn R. Mulholland	-
Ashlar #33	-	David A. Zlomke	-	-
Acacia #34	-	-	-	Harold R. Ladehoff
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Papillion #39	Anthony E. Hargan	Paul J. Schroeder	Thomas G. Mitchell*	Dale H. Wulff*
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No. Light #41	-	-	Thomas J. Kingsley*	-
Hebron #43	Gordon Fleming	-	-	-
Harvard #44	Bruce W. Schwenk	-	Larry K. Keasling*	Steve E. Carriker*
Rob Morris #46	Thomas S. Stewart	Steven C. Rider	Robert J. Meyer	John G. Haerberle
Evening Star #49	-	-	-	Don C. Bottorf
Hastings #50	Raleigh D. White	Monte R. Bloyd	Steven D. Spilinek	W. Glen Jorgenson
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Lancaster #54	Dwight L. Johns	Keith M. Garrison	-	Michael D. Rauscher
Mosaic #55	David L. Sieler	-	Brett A. Rugg	-
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Mt. Moriah #57	-	-	-	Herbert M. Pickerill
Wahoo #59	Marvin R. Lillie	Harold D. Chadwell	Donald C. Cerny*	Robert C. Larson*
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Aurora #68	-	-	-	-
Hooper #72	Richard H. Magill	-	Kevin R. Larson*	-
Friend #73	-	-	Thomas W. Weber*	Marvin H. Kraus
Frank Welch #75	James A. Bricker	-	Robert Goodwin*	Malvin M. Minshall
Nelson #77	-	-	-	-
Albion #78	-	-	-	John S. Williams
Geneva #79	Daniel L. Scarborough	Charles H. Weintz	Dennis L. Kimbrough	Max H. Miller
Composite #81	-	William D. Potter*	Gregory A. Whitmore*	Daniel L. Potter
St. Paul #82	Walter L. Vargason*	Paul R. Swanson	-	Wesley E. Stevens*
Corinthian #83	Alvin G. Sundell	Alfred D. Brown*	Robert G. Berns*	Robert A. Jones*
Cedar River #89	Wayne A. Andreasen	-	-	-
Oakland #91	Gerald F. Sieck	Norman E. Case	Don A. Johnson	-
Bennett #94	-	-	-	-
Garfield #95	Rob R. Prouty*	-	-	-
Utica #96	-	-	-	Loren L. McNeil*
Euclid #97	Gerald A. Stohlmann	Kevin R. Kelly	-	Willie C. Kunz
Republican #98	-	-	-	-
Waterloo #102	Willis A. Brown	Michael G. Brannon	E. Rocky Ognissanti	Charles V. Greenfield
Ord #103	-	-	-	-
Wymore #104	B. Dean Marples	Lynn D. Morris*	David L. Thoman*	-
Porter #106	Kenneth A. Bills	Dennis E. McClary*	George L. McFadden*	-
Table Rock #108	-	-	-	Lloyd F. Vrtiska
Pomegranate #110	Ronald D. Grebe*	-	-	-

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Wisner #114	-	-	-	-
North Bend #119	Steven E. Grueber	Don D. Ball*	Scott H. Eveland	David G. Otte
Wayne #120	-	-	-	-
Superior #121	-	-	-	-
Stromsburg #126	Marlon R. Buzek*	-	-	Timm O. Waller*
Minden #127	-	Tim J. Burke*	Roland E. Christensen*	Gerald D. Sorensen*
Guide Rock #128	Timothy A. Cole*	-	Lester R. Montgomery*	Richard L. Ely
Scribner #132	Harry H. Hummel	-	Paul R. Morris*	Harold C. Mueksch
Solar #134	-	-	-	-
McCook #135	Lloyd V. Myers*	D. Sidney Stewart	Stephen J. Harrison	Marshall D. Grant
Long Pine #136	-	Gary R. Wolfe	-	Richard H. Gable*
Crescent #143	-	-	-	-
Jachin #146	Scott G. Brendel	Kent A. Waltemath	Curtis G. Lindstrom*	Bruce G. Raddatz
Custer #148	-	-	-	-
Lily #154	-	Tregan P. Albers	Dan J. Fisher	-
Samaritan #158	-	-	-	-
Ogalalla #159	-	-	-	-
Trestle Board #162	-	-	-	Bruce A. Petzoldt*
Atkinson #164	-	-	-	James A. Widtfeldt
Barneston #165	-	-	-	-
Elwood #167	-	-	-	Steven E. Koenig*
Mason City #170	Louis J. Hagan	-	-	-
Robert Burns #173	George M. Sutton*	-	-	-
Culbertson #174	-	-	-	-
Hay Springs #177	-	-	-	-
Justice #180	Wilmer W. Seybold*	-	Paul M. Erdman	-
Alliance #183	Guy E. Hielscher*	Emil A. Schadwinkel	Harold D. Nelson*	Roscoe W. Bills*
Bee Hive #184	Vitas Vasiliauskas	Larry R. Hulsebus*	-	Daniel B. Nodean*
Minnekadusa #192	-	-	-	-
Highland #194	Eugene T. Hogan	-	-	Norman E. DeVries
Arcana #195	-	James O. Smith	-	-
Purity #198	Byron Hust	Thomas W. Elder	Donivan W. Norman*	William M. Rouze*
Blazing Star #200	Donald L. Christen	Larry E. Gaukel	-	-

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Scottsbluff #201	Clifford W. Miller*		Dennis R. Kramer*	Charles W. Shrader*
Plainview #204	Bruce D. Curtiss*	Gene A. Thomsen*	Dick Hemmingsen	Gale R. Retzlaff
Golden Fleece #205	Berton Terry Akeson, Jr.*	-	-	Robert A. Hayes
Parian #207	-	-	--	-
Canopy #209	-	-	Raymond K. Althouse	-
East Lincoln #210	Scott L. Dietrick	Ray E. Brown	-	Monte D. Dietrick
Cement #211	-	-	-	-
Palisade #216	-	-	-	Viron E. Baxter
Bloomfield #218	-	-	-	-
Relief #219	-	-	-	-
Magnolia #220	Devin J. Rowland*	-	James K. Iverson*	Harold D. Lewin
Wood Lake #221	Michael R. Young*	-	Henry J. Beel*	Rodney J. Palmer*
Landmark #222	-	-	-	-
Silver Cord #224	-	Brian K. Murphy	-	-
North Star #227	Sean M. Bohac	-	-	Steve B. Wetzel
Bartley #228	Charles A. Gufford*	Philip L. Chesley	Leon W. Wright*	Gary A. Newcomb*
Comet #229	Charles W. Leypoldt	Gerald J. Caha	James F. Hunter III	Gerald R. Brodd
Zion #234	-	-	-	Merlyn D. Shepherd*
Golden Rule #236	-	Jerry Schroeder	-	-
Friendship #239	-	Thomas G. Nuss	Edwin C. Weber	-
Geo. Armstrong #241	T. Richard Eriksen	-	-	Theodore D. Eriksen
Laurel #248	-	-	-	-
G. Washington #250	Tracy L. Evans	-	-	Allen D. Johnson
Wausa #251	-	-	-	-
Hickman #256	Ray V. Schwarz	Norman L. Slama	Keith L. Will	-
Mitchell #263	Marion T. McWilliams	-	Eric L. Underhill*	Richard H. Cooper
Franklin #264	-	-	-	-
Robt. Furnas #265	Mark Gwin	Larry D. Fausnaugh*	William R. Selby*	Richard H. Cooper
J. A. Tulleys #267	Thomas C. Neill	Ross L. Gibbons	-	-
G.W. Lininger #268	Steven C. Smith I	Gary W. Bunnell	Henry N. Carnaby	Ronald D. Stites
Oasis #271	-	-	-	-
Olive Branch #274	Ronald L. Brunton	-	Jerome O. Vavra	-
Wallace #279	Joseph D. Chrisman*	Raymond C. Jameson*	Dennis R. Correll*	Eric J. Chrisman*
Florence #281	Stephen L. Ourecky	George H. Ingraham*	Robert D. Whipple, Jr.	Doyle E. Berg

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Seneca #284	-	-	-	-
Camp Clarke #285	-	-	-	-
Oshkosh #286	-	-	-	-
Union #287	Paul J. Hegert	-	-	-
Omaha #288	David M. Wipfler	David L. Peterson*	Fred M. Guss*	Maynard Tatelman
Lotus #289	-	-	-	Dale R. Link
John J. Mercer #290	John J. Wonder	John C. Hoagland*	Phillip F. Harris	-
Diamond #291	-	-	-	-
Monument #293	Robert J. Gardner	-	-	-
Kimball #294	Patrick A. Dunegan*	Kenneth D. Kleinholz	-	Ronald E. Evelyn*
Cotner #297	Dennis R. Adkins	Russell G. Reno	Walter S. Dodge	Dietrick P. Frye
Liberty #300	Daniel R. Foreman	-	Terry S. Williams*	Bruce A. Watkins
Mizpah #302	Pete C. Lowder*	Adam R. Lowder*	Steven J. Taylor*	Craig R. Crawford
Newman Grove #305	-	-	-	-
Perkins #308	-	-	-	-
Victory #310	Ronald R. King	Gale Bevington*	Gregg Kava	-
Polk #311	-	-	-	-
Craftsmen #314	Dennis H. Brydl	Byrl A. Shear, Jr.	Robert E. Marks	James P. Heinke*
Mid-West #317	Donald R. Field	Patrick G. Yates	Richard L. Hill*	Arthur S. Dye
College View #320	-	-	-	-
Lebanon #323	Michael S. Mohr	Paul W. Mohr	-	-
Cairo #324	James R. Ford	-	-	-
Bellevue #325	Dwight A. Beaton	Charles E. Sohm	David W. Bridges	Arlen L. Stiefvater*
Centennial #326	Brian W. Schamber	Fred J. Ripley	John L. Waner	Philip O. Edwards
Shiloh #327	John T. Maxell	Dale W. Nelson*	John J. Beaver*	Paul D. Rutherford
Miloma #328	Joseph C. Binge	Charles F. Binge	Barry P. Higgins*	Donald L. Miller*

* Denotes proxy

GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
W. H. Hargrove	11/12/1998	Alabama		
Wayne G. Coleman	3/30/1982	Alaska	John T. Parsons, 39, 268	1/3/2001
Vartan Barceghian	1984	Argentina	Reginald S. Kuhn, 19	12/4/1995
Donald E. White	10/21/1997	Arizona	Robert E. Kyes, 36	9/3/1976
Marty D. Byers	8/11/1996	Arkansas	Dennis Brydl, 314	12/12/2000
Gordon Ross Mallam	6/16/1974	Australia, New S. Wales	Robert C. Thackery, 180	12/23/1990
W. T. Neale	2/29/1960	Australia, Queensland		
G. T. Brice		Australia, South Aust.	Charles W. Goodwin, 290	5/4/1985
Leighton Gordon Scott	7/5/1985	Australia, Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	9/8/1960
Peter Alexander Potheary	5/27/1994	Australia, Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 174	11/15/1979
K. H. Worth	1987	Australia, Western Aust.	Charles E. House, 52	1/13/1992
Hugo Barber	3/22/1951	Austria	Randolph R. Eatmon, 294	12/31/1989
Alfonso Reyes	8/13/1963	Belgium	James R. Erixon, 268	2/9/1999
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	9/19/1936	Bolivia	Jack D. Nichols, 265	
		Brazil, Acre		
		Brazil, Amazonas-Gloman	Robert L. Carter, Jr., 314, 210	3/13/1996
.....		Brazil, Bahia	Jay H. Speck, 6	12/4/1995
Adolpho Porta	1/4/1988	Brazil, Brazilia	Albert G. Bates, 1	6/4/1971
Aderlou F. Andrade	1/4/1988	Brazil, Ceara	Clay W. Kennedy, 4	2/10/1989
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/1973	Brazil, Goais	Fernando E. Siores, 55	12/23/1990
Oscar de Paula Assis	8/1/1969	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	
Jose Cesario Horta	9/21/1949	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	Norris L. Rusmisell, 46	12/20/1989
Luthgard Nobre	6/26/1974	Brazil, Minas Gerais	James Ross, 82	
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/1968	Brazil, Para	Leslie Smith, 198	12/23/1990
Antonio Filho	10/6/1999	Brazil, Paraiba	Scott Osler, 198	4/18/1994
Tutumoto Sato	3/7/1968	Brazil, Parana	Steve Pitman, 50	
		Brazil, Pernambuco	Daniel Spearow, 26	4/18/1994
Paulo Roberto Curi	10/17/1989	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Virgil L. Tubach, 54	2/10/1989
		Brazil, Rio Grande do Norte	Keith Leibhart, 148	8/13/1999
Jose W K Neto	9/10/1992	Brazil, Rio Grande Do Sul	Marvin Colson, 228	1/15/1993
		Brazil, Rondonia	Duard O. Dempster, 291	
		Brazil, Roraima	Richard H. Cooper, 263, 265	
Sidnei Luiz Saut	12/1/1991	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	7/1/1974
Jose de Vittis Silva	11/14/1951	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Charles W. Amidon, 281, 327	6/7/1977
Sadi Paulo Castiel Gitz	5/29/1992	Brazil, Sergipe	Will Medow, 55	6/10/1992
Jose M. Ferrieira de Santana	6/22/1992	Brazil, Tocantins	Gordon L. Carley, 75	6/10/1992
Harold Loewenthal	4/23/1969	California	Eugene C. Sibley, 314	6/11/1976
Cecil D. Holmes	8/6/1989	Canada, Alberta	Steven A. Green, 54	11/6/1995
Barney R. Peatt	12/30/1986	Canada, British Columbia	Kent A. Talich, 75	4/19/1994
A. G. Brock	7/20/1993	Canada, Manitoba	Michael J. Tye, 46	12/31/1989
Morley G. McKay	6/10/2000	Canada, New Brunswick	Kenneth C. Jackson, Jr., 210	11/14/1995
Kevin M. Kelly		Canada, Newfoundland And Labrador	Jay H. Speck, 6	11/17/1999
Robert G. Wands	2/20/1998	Canada, Ontario	Paul R. Eveland, 119	2/16/1982
A. Ennis Small	1982	Canada, Pr. Edward Island	Philip O. Edwards, 326	12/26/2000
Maurice A. Kelso	9/10/1997	Canada, Quebec	Viron E. Baxter, 216	11/4/1980
Edward L. Lee	3/11/1987	Canada, Saskatchewan	Bruce L. Bump, 158	1/1/1984
Rigoberto Jamett Maureira	8/27/1994	Chile	Ben D. Fussell, 79	6/4/1971
Dawson Kwauk	6/26/1980	China	Robert O. Rhodes, 96	
Jose Maria Serna	7/31/1951	Colombia, Barranquilla	Robert J. Prokop, 64	
Rafael F. Moreno		Colombia, Bogota	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	8/7/1969
Jacque N. Hampton	4/9/1980	Colorado	Steven F. Mattoon, 75	10/16/1997
Douglas A. Gray	1/15/1994	Connecticut	Byron Lane, 201	10/19/1992

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Carlos Miranda	10/22/1968	Costa Rica	Les R. Seiler, 50	2000
V. H. F. E. Garcia	11/5/1952	Cuba	John F. Dale, 126	12/14/1989
Zdenek Kirshner	11/6/1999	Czech Republic	Jerry Bspalec, 37	8/17/1999
Leonard S. Strycharz	1/28/1971	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317	6/12/1987
Soren Nielsen	7/2/1990	Denmark	Frank Lawson, 1	12/21/1989
Richard E. Fletcher	11/25/1998	District of Columbia	Les R. Seiler, 50	
M. D. J. C. Navarro	8/25/1969	Dominican Republic	Keith E. Yocum, 75	
F. G. Araya	6/17/1953	Ecuador	Richard O. Cowles, 177	11/7/1978
Geoffrey S. H. Dicker	3/26/1994	England	Harry A. Spencer, 227, 184	12/2/1968
Heikki Aitola	12/31/1997	Finland	Eugene H. Kirchhoff, 210	12/27/1995
Wm. C. Mitchell	6/23/1970	Florida	John Lippert, 323	8/8/1966
Edward Jeanmonod	9/14/1954	France		
Marcel Ibinga Magwangu	5/3/1990	Gabon	Don E. Rasmussen, 135	2/10/1989
Wm. H. McDaniel	8/6/1989	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	8/3/1960
Wolfgang Durst	9/24/1975	Germany	Kevin L. Rittenburg, 229	10/24/1995
Andreas Rizopoulos	2/12/1989	Greece	Benjiman H. Harvey, 119	2/10/1989
Angel G. Guzman	8/13/1963	Guatemala	Roger L. Shillington, 180	6/8/1977
Bjarne Bjarnason	1/7/1953	Honduras	Willie C. Kunz, 97	
Dr. Robert Shiller	6/22/1992	Hungary	Don A. Mears, 3	7/25/1992
Steinare J. Ludvigsson	1/31/1994	Iceland	Rick D. Mouchka, 55	4/14/1993
Wiley F. Smith	8/6/1989	Idaho	Bevin B. Bump, 158	1/1/1984
Kenneth Smith		Illinois	William C. Conway, 195	12/23/1990
Gaur Singhania	12/28/2000	India	William G. Hurst, 54	9/17/1977
Herbert A. Newman	12/4/1974	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	6/12/1987
		Iran (in exile)	Noel J. Lindquist, 1	6/4/1971
John E.V. Smith	9/22/2000	Ireland	Robert E. Comer, 239	10/10/1977
Shlomo Sapir	8/28/1997	Israel	Leo Hill, 210	2/10/1989
Giancarlo Boero	5/1/1986	Italy	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	12/23/1990
Yasuhiko Ide		Japan	Robert Driewer, 75	6/3/1994
Conrad Johnson	7/14/1991	Kansas	James F. Brown, Jr, 54	2/4/2001
O. J. Hyde	7/31/1972	Kentucky	Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39	6/12/1987
Clifford A. Bradley	8/6/1989	Louisiana	Thomas W. Tye, 46	1/1/1984
Rene Gregorius	8/17/1971	Luxembourg	Thomas W. Tye, II, 46	12/31/1989
William H. Sorrell, Jr.	12/31/1997	Maryland	W. Glen Jorgenson, 50	1/8/2001
Charles A. Lukas, Jr.	8/6/1989	Massachusetts	Arthur R. Sharp, 54	12/31/1989
Juan L. Arocha	10/23/1950	Mexico, Nuevo Leon	Del D. Hamilton, 256	12/4/1995
German Barrera	8/27/1970	Mexico, Tamaulipas	Norman L. Coe, 46	12/31/1989
		Mexico, Valle de Mexico	Dean T. Dinklage, 114	
Carlos Marban	10/26/1995	Mexico, York Grand Lodge	Gary Martin, 46	12/31/1989
Tom R. Esply	1985	Michigan	Don L. Jelinek, 54, 289	
Frederick B. Vihovde	8/6/1989	Minnesota	Donald L. Pohlman, 41	2/10/1989
Thomas L. Packer		Mississippi	Michael Stuhr, 327	12/27/1999
William R. Robbins	7/23/1963	Missouri	Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210	6/30/1994
Ludvik H. Jun	8/18/1988	Montana	V. Kaye Ramsey, 290	12/31/1989
A. Th. ten Houten	7/27/1994	Netherlands	William R. Zalman, 201	12/23/1990
Franklin L. Coonley	8/18/1989	Nevada	Monte K. Olmstead, 290	12/10/1996
Ellis W. Howard	6/14/1962	New Hampshire	William Keller, 250	4/14/1980
Thomas P. Zinkevich, Jr.	7/26/1995	New Jersey	John M. McHenry, 19	11/6/1985
Al Hejnal		New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	7/1/1974
John W. Emmerson		New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	6/14/1973
		Nicaragua	Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327	
Ray H. Early, Jr.	3/18/1996	North Carolina	Cullen Pilker, 39	3/24/1997
Calvin E. Rustad	9/7/1955	North Dakota	Ted McNeese, 210	12/15/1995
Erik Johnsen	4/5/1992	Norway		2/10/1989
E. L. Galbraith	4/23/1969	Ohio	Robert A. Metcalf, 210	12/23/1990
John David Wagner	8/11/1996	Oklahoma	Frederick E. Forsee, 288	
Joseph C. Willhoft	1985	Oregon	Michael Birnstihl, 314	12/13/1999
REPRESENTATIVE	APPOINTED	GRAND	REPRESENTATIVE	APPOINTED

FROM		JURISDICTION	TO	
Elias S. Mizrachi	1/13/1953	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	7/28/1965
		Paraguay	Wayne A. Andreasen, 89	
Carlos Pena	9/1/1972	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 224	6/4/1971
Antonia Espinosa		Philippines	Dr. Charles M. Godwin, 210	1/25/1996
Luis C. Ferreier de Matos	11/12/1998	Portugal	Fran L. Crowe, 56	
Billy Watkins	12/23/1993	Puerto Rico	Herman O. Hansen, 3	6/4/1971
Edward T. Hudson	8/11/1978	Rhode Island	Paul C. Bulling, Jr., 229	3/18/1996
George M. Preston	11/10/1992	Scotland	John M. Weidner, Sr., 33, 75	1/15/1992
Armand Agbogba	11/16/1998	Senegal, West Africa		
A. Rhodie	8/18/1989	South Africa	Delmar Jones, 46	12/31/1989
Rhoden D. Batson	7/6/1971	South Carolina	Sanford H. Nelson, 210	2/22/1996
Walter Covey	6/20/1991	South Dakota	U. Wesley Fox, 192	7/6/1972
		Spain		
Karl Gustav Thurffjell	5/15/91	Sweden	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	6/12/1987
Frederick J. Pruefer	6/21/1978	Switzerland	Dean Taylor, 59	12/23/1990
M. D. Manning	9/14/1981	Tennessee	George A. Iverson, 15	4/28/1977
T.E. "Gene" Carnes	12/28/2000	Texas	Philip A. Lorenzen, 10, 327	5/20/1992
Attila Atli	12/29/1971	Turkey	Dale W. Anderson, 158	1/15/1992
		Uruguay	Roy L. Kiser, 143	8/5/1992
		Venezuela	Paul A. Canady, 323	6/12/1987
Wendall H. Chaffee	5/16/1962	Vermont	Steven W. Olson, 229	5/2/1985
Ronny Lester Lewis	10/31/1997	Virginia	Lawrence Zwart, 11	12/4/1991
Kenneth K. Kershner	12/3/1993	Washington	H. Gene Gustafson, 33	6/10/1983
Pascal Kinda	10/6/1999	West Africa, Burkina Faso		
J. K. Ferguson	9/28/1961	West Virginia	Gary W. Radil, 268	12/31/1989
Lawrence L. Myers	1/5/1992	Wisconsin	Harold Hultman, 39	6/12/1974

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Description -	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents – Unrestricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		449	449
<i>Bonds</i>			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 5.625%, 2-15-06	25,000	23,377	25,586
U.S. Treasury SEC Stripped INT PMT, 0%, 2-15-12	111,000	49,859	61,112
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 7.125%, 2-15-23	50,000	57,063	59,578
FNMA NTS Unsecured, 7.25%, 1-15-10	25,000	24,304	27,141
FHLB Ser CV14 Bonds Unsecured, 6.045%, 5-12-14	50,000	46,393	49,188
FNMA Benchmark Notes, 7.125%, 1-15-30	50,000	51,000	55,813
General Foods Corp., 6%, 6-15-01	50,000	46,381	49,537
Ford Capital Note, 9.875%, 5-15-02	50,000	51,463	52,180
International Paper Company, Shelf 2, 9.4%, 6-1-02	50,000	49,850	51,568
Texas Utilities Electric, 8.0%, 6-1-02	50,000	49,658	50,985
Worldcom Inc., 6.25%, 8-15-03	50,000	48,253	48,830
AT & T Corp., 6.75%, 4-1-04	50,000	49,632	49,288
Public Service Electric & Gas Co., 6.5%, 5-1-04	50,000	46,231	49,765
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-08	50,000	46,451	48,291
Union Electric Company 1 st Mortgage, 6.75%, 5-1-08	50,000	49,054	49,985
Lilly Eli & Co., 6.57%, 1-1-16	50,000	51,312	50,320
Southtrust Bank NA, 6.125%, 1-9-28	50,000	<u>46,504</u>	<u>46,042</u>
TOTAL BONDS		<u>786,785</u>	<u>825,209</u>
<i>Common Stocks</i>			
Unassigned:			
525 Elan Corporation		26,828	24,577
400 Viacom, Inc.		22,303	18,700
Banks/Finance:			
500 Spdr Trust Unit Ser 1		73,848	65,594
Communication:			
625 Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises		27,461	21,875
350 Level 3 Communications, Inc.		29,291	11,484
1,100 Lucent Technologies, Inc.		24,002	14,850
1,700 RCN Corporation		36,100	10,731
775 Sprint Corporation (FON Group)		27,906	15,742
550 Sprint Corporation (PCS Group)		30,598	11,241
750 Worldcom Inc.		28,922	10,547
Construction/Materials:			
1,100 Pall Corporation		21,976	23,444
Electric Equip/Appliances:			
300 Emerson Electric Co.		16,866	23,644
Electronics:			
450 Sungard Data Systems, Inc.		21,199	21,206
Food:			
600 Performance Food Group Co.		20,063	30,760
Household Products/Furniture:			
525 Colgate Palmolive Co.		22,976	33,889

Insurance:		
200 American General Corp.	8,837	16,300
500 Nationwide Financial Services	21,263	23,750
Miscellaneous:		
550 National Data	21,275	20,144
Packaging/Containers:		
550 Avery Dennison Corp.	33,686	30,181
Petroleum/Energy:		
500 Houston Exploration Company	11,941	19,063
700 Unocal Corporation	24,751	27,081
Pharmaceutical/Health Care:		
400 Abbott Labs	15,258	19,375
200 Bristol Myers Squibb Co.	7,419	14,788
550 Pharmacia Corporation	30,952	33,550
Printing/Publishing:		
550 Houghton Mifflin Co.	23,774	25,506
Utilities:		
650 Burlington Res Inc.	24,115	32,825
300 El Paso Energy Corporation	17,786	21,488
Multi-Industry:		
300 Corning, Inc.	24,630	15,844
625 Honeywell International, Inc.	22,328	29,570
Misc. Manufacturing:		
450 Tyco International, Ltd.	24,739	24,975
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	<u>743,093</u>	<u>692,724</u>
TOTAL FUND	<u>1,530,325</u>	<u>1,518,382</u>

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	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		66,631	66,631
<i>Bonds</i>			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 5.875%, 2-15-04	25,000	24,128	25,508
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.25%, 5-15-04	25,000	25,914	26,610
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.5%, 8-15-05	25,000	24,901	26,438
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.625%, 5-15-07	25,000	25,001	26,969
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6%, 8-15-09	50,000	47,930	52,782
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 7.25%, 5-15-16	25,000	28,117	29,430
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Co., 7.065%, 7-18-12	25,000	25,000	24,820
FHLB Ser CV14 Bonds, 6.045%, 5-12-14	25,000	23,197	24,594
Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn., 7.125%, 1-15-30	25,000	25,500	27,906
Ford Capital, 9.875%, 5-15-02	25,000	24,866	26,090
Texas Utilities Electric, 8.0%, 6-1-02	25,000	24,829	25,493
Southern California Edison, 5.875%, 9-1-04	30,000	25,344	23,506
Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone, 5.25%, 5-1-05	25,000	21,336	23,852
Citizens Utilities, 7.6%, 6-1-06	25,000	25,000	24,247
Florida Power Corp., 6.875%, 2-1-08	25,000	26,433	25,272
Dell Computer Corp., 6.875%, 2-1-08	25,000	24,230	24,145
Merrill Lynch & Co, 6%, 2-17-09	25,000	24,393	23,662
Halliburton Company, 6.75%, 2-1-27	25,000	<u>24,325</u>	<u>25,316</u>
TOTAL BONDS		<u>470,444</u>	<u>486,640</u>
<i>Common Stocks</i>			
Unassigned:			
375 Elan Corp.		19,163	17,555
300 Viacom, Inc.		16,727	14,025
Banks/Finance:			
400 Spdr Trust Unit Ser. 1		59,078	52,475
Communication:			
475 Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises		20,870	16,625
275 Level 3 Communications, Inc		23,014	9,023
800 Lucent Technologies, Inc.		17,456	10,800
1,300 RCN Corporation		28,100	8,206
575 Sprint Corp. (FON Group)		20,704	11,680
400 Sprint Corp. (PCS Group)		22,253	8,175
550 Worldcom, Inc.		21,209	7,734
Construction/Materials:			
900 Pall Corp.		17,980	19,181
Electric Equip/Appliances:			
100 Emerson Electric Company		5,356	7,881
Electronics:			
350 Sungard Data Systems, Inc.		16,488	16,494
Food:			
500 Performance Food Group Co.		16,719	25,633
Household Products/Furniture:			
400 Colgate Palmolive Co.		16,785	25,820

Insurance:		
100 American General Corp.	1,366	8,150
400 Nationwide Financial Services	17,561	19,000
Miscellaneous:		
450 National Data	17,407	16,481
Packaging/Containers:		
425 Avery Dennison Corp.	25,971	23,322
Petroleum/Energy:		
400 Houston Exploration Company	9,553	15,250
550 Unocal Corporation	22,062	21,278
Pharmaceutical/Health Care:		
300 Abbott Labs	11,443	14,531
200 Bristol Myers Squibb Co.	3,130	14,788
400 Pharmacia Corporation	22,510	24,400
Printing/Publishing:		
400 Houghton Mifflin Co.	17,290	18,550
Utilities:		
450 Burlington Res, Inc.	16,695	22,725
300 El Paso Energy Corporation	17,786	21,488
Multi-Industry:		
200 Corning, Inc.	16,420	10,563
475 Honeywell International, Inc.	16,969	22,473
Misc. Manufacturing:		
325 Tyco International, Ltd.	17,867	18,038
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	<u>555,932</u>	<u>522,344</u>
TOTAL FUND	<u>1,093,007</u>	<u>1,075,615</u>

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